



CONFIRMED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 22 August 2023

6:00pm

Meeting held in person

Community Room 1, Community Hub, Maryborough

and livestreamed on the internet.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors:

Grace La Vella (Mayor)

Liesbeth Long

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

Anna de Villiers

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer Lucy Roffey

General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning Matthew Irving

General Manager Community Wellbeing Emma Little

Manager Community Services Veronica Hutcheson

Confirmed at the Council Meeting on 26 September 2023

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1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The Mayor commenced the meeting at 6pm, welcoming all present, with an Acknowledgement of Country and the Council Prayer.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Grace La Vella (Mayor)

Anna De Villiers

Liesbeth Long

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

Geoff Lovett

Officers

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1. APOLOGIES

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To present for confirmation the following:

5.1 Minutes of the Council Meeting 25/07/2023

The Minutes were confirmed.

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5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil.

6. PETITIONS

Nil.

8. OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 Property Leasing and Licensing Review

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the Property Occupancy Policy review and proposed update and changes to the policy for public consultation.

The purpose of the Property Occupancy Policy is to comply with all Legislation associated with Property, Leasing and Licensing and ensure that Council has transparent processes in relation to its leasing and licensing practices.

MOTION

That Council;

1. endorse the Draft Property Leasing and Licensing Policy 2023 as attached for public consultation;
2. that the feedback period close at 5pm 20 September 2023; and
3. That a final Property Leasing and Licensing Policy 2023, taking into consideration public feedback, be considered for adoption at the Council Meeting Scheduled for 24 October 2023.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr De Villiers

CARRIED

Cr Murphy and Cr De Villiers spoke to the motion.

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8.2 Governance Rules Review

The report presents an update to the Governance Rules (2023 Review) for Council consideration and endorsement for a period of public exhibition and feedback..

MOTION

That Council;

1. endorse the attached Draft Governance Rules (2023 Review) to be released for public exhibition and feedback;
2. the feedback period close at 5pm on 20 September 2023; and
3. Any feedback be considered, and a final Governance Rules (2023 Review) be brought back to Council for consideration at its meeting scheduled 24 October 2023.

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Long

CARRIED

Cr Meddows-Taylor and Cr Long spoke to the motion.

8.3 Procurement Policy 2023

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the updated Procurement Policy for adoption following an extensive review and consultation process.

MOTION

That Council repeal the current Procurement Policy and adopt the attached updated Procurement Policy in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr Sproull

Carried

Cr Lovett and Cr Sproull spoke to the motion.

Cr Sproull directed a question to the CEO seeking to understand how this policy has strengthened environmental sustainability– CEO responded to the question outlining the actions underway to improve environmental sustainability through procurement.

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8.4 Council Plan Action Plan Q4.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the status of the projects identified in the 2022-23 Action Plan.

MOTION

That Council note as detailed in the report an update on the status of the projects identified in the 2022-23 Action Plan Q4.

Moved: Cr Long

Seconded: Cr Sproull

Carried

Cr Long and Cr Meddows-Taylor spoke to the motion.

8.5 Central Goldfields Art Gallery Strategic Plan 2023-2026.

The Central Goldfields Art Gallery Draft Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026 was presented to Council at its meeting on 2 May 2023 and was subsequently placed on public exhibition for community feedback from 15 May to 11 June 2023.

The purpose of this report is to:

- Present the results of community feedback;
- Recommend Council's adoption of the Plan.

MOTION

That Council;

1. note the community feedback received in response to the Draft Central Goldfields Art Gallery Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026 and the resulting changes made to the plan.
2. adopt the Central Goldfields Art Gallery Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr Sproull

Carried

Cr Lovett, Cr Sproull, Cr Meddows-Taylor, Cr Murphy and Mayor La Vella spoke to the motion.

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8.6 Disposal or Sale of Council Assets and Land Policy Update

The report presents to Council an update on the Disposal or Sale of Council Assets and Land Policy being updated to reflect changes to the Local Government Act 2020

MOTION

That Council;

1. endorse the Draft Sale of Council Assets and Land Policy 2023 as attached for public consultation;
2. that the feedback period close at 5pm 20 September 2023; and
3. That a final Sale of Council Assets and Land Policy 2023, taking into consideration public feedback, be considered for adoption at the Council Meeting Scheduled for 24 October 2023.

Moved: Councillor De Villiers

Seconded: Councillor Murphy

Carried

Cr De Villiers spoke to the motion.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

11. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

11.1 Aged Care Reform Review

MOTION

That Council close the meeting to members of the public pursuant to Section 66 (2) of the Local Government Act 2020, to consider the Aged Care Reform Report relating to;

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- (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;
- (b) Personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

Moved: Cr Meddows Taylor

Seconded: Cr Murphy

Carried

12. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed to the public at 6:33pm.