



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 25 June 2024

6:00pm

Meeting held in person and remote

Community Room 1, Community Hub, Maryborough, Hybrid and livestreamed on the internet.

### MEMBERSHIP

Councillors:

Liesbeth Long (Mayor)  
Grace La Vella  
Geoff Lovett  
Chris Meddows-Taylor  
Gerard Murphy  
Wayne Sproull  
Anna de Villiers

Confirmed at the Council Meeting  
on 23 July 2024

## 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:

Liesbeth Long (Mayor)

Grace La Vella

Anna De Villiers (Remote)

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

#### Officers

Chief Executive Officer Lucy Roffey

General Manager Community Wellbeing Emma Little

General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning Amber Ricks

General Manager Corporate Performance Mick Smith

Manager Governance Property and Risk Cecilia Connellan

Bill Millard

## 2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

## 3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## 4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 5. Confirmation of Minutes from previous Council Meetings

### MOTION

That Council confirm the following Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting:

- **5.1** Minutes from previous Council Meeting dated 28 May 2024.

Moved: Cr La Vella

Seconded: Cr Meddows- Taylor

**Carried**

## 6. Minutes of Delegated and Advisory Committees

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the following Minutes from the 4 March 2024 Council Meeting:

- 6.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Confirmed Minutes 4 March 2024

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Carried**

## 7. Petitions

### 7.1 PETITION TO PROVIDE MORE DISABILITY PARKING BAYS and ERECT "CLINIC PATIENTS ONLY" SIGNS NEAR THE DOCTORS CLINIC IN NEIL STREET SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to present a petition for consideration requesting more disability bays and the erection of "Clinic Patients only" signs near the Doctors Clinic in Neil Street.

### MOTION

That Council:

- 1) accept the submitted petition as prescribed by the Governance Rules
- 2) thank the petitioner submitter and those who signed the petition
- 3) Acknowledge the completed additional Disabled Parking Bays that have been installed in the Maryborough Medical Precinct.

Moved: Cr Sproull

Seconded: Cr Murphy

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Sproull

## **8. Officer Reports**

### **8.1 CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET 2024/25**

#### **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to update Council with the finalised Budget for the 2024/25 financial year, noting some small changes between the draft and finalised budget.

#### **MOTION**

That Council:

1. thanks all submitters for providing feedback on the draft 2024/25 budget and notes responses have been included in this report.
2. notes that the 2024/25 Budget has been prepared in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020; and
3. Having considered all the submissions received on the draft 2024/25 Budget, pursuant to Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020 adopts the 2024/25 Budget in Attachment 1.

**Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor**

**Seconded: Cr Murphy**

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Meddows-Taylor, Cr Murphy, Cr La Vella

### **8.2 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY**

#### **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider community feedback on the Financial Sustainability Strategy and adopt the Strategy for implementation.

#### **MOTION**

That Council:

1. adopt the Financial Sustainability Strategy;
2. submit a copy of the Financial Sustainability Strategy to the Legislative Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Service delivery as Council's submission to that inquiry; and
3. Commence the preparation of an application to the Essential Services Commission

for a rate cap variation to enable compliance with the Minister for Local Government Service Rates and Charges Guidelines for the 2025/26 financial year in relation to waste charges.

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr Sproull

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Lovett, Cr Sproull, Cr Meddows-Taylor

### **8.3 MEMORIALS POLICY REVIEW AFTER COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

#### **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the community engagement feedback received for the updated Memorials Policy.

Providing an opportunity for the public to provide feedback on policies, allows Council to align policies with current community needs and requirements and provides a transparent and cohesive message to the community.

The purpose of updating and reviewing Policies within the specified timeframe is to ensure Council is current with their Policies and Procedures and remains in compliance and up to date with the Local Government Act 2020 and legislative requirements.

#### **MOTION**

That Council:

1. Note that no formal Community Feedback received during the Community Engagement Period
2. Adopt the reviewed and updated Memorials Policy

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr La Vella

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Lovett, Cr La Vella, Cr Murphy

### **8.4 ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the results from the public consultation process undertaken regarding its Draft Road Management Plan 2024 and provide the final Road Management Plan 2024 for adoption.

#### **MOTION**

That Council:

- 1) notes the submissions received during the consultation period
- 2) Adopts the Road Management Plan 2024.

**Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor**  
**Seconded: Cr Murphy**

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Meddows-Taylor, Cr Murphy, Cr La Vella

## **8.5 FAIR ACCESS POLICY DRAFT**

### **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the Draft Fair Access Policy and Action Plan to Council for consideration and adoption for the purposes of public consultation.

### **MOTION**

That Council adopt the Draft Fair Access Policy and Action Plan for the purposes of public consideration.

**Moved: Cr Sproull**  
**Seconded: Cr La Vella**

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Sproull, Cr La Vella

## **8.6 FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF BRISTOL HILL TOWER**

### **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the request from the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to become the Committee of Management for the Bristol Hill Tower and surrounds.

### **MOTION**

Alternative motion to the recommendation.

That Council

1. takes over the management of Bristol Hill tower precinct the area to include sealed access roads, sealed car park, the memorial tower and the grassed area it sits upon.
2. Agrees to hold further discussion work though the finer details in relation to the management of the historic cemetery and surrounds in the forefront of the tower knoll and car park

**Moved: Cr La Vella**  
**Seconded: Cr Lovett**

For: Cr Lovett, Cr La Vella , Cr De Villers, Cr Murphy  
Against: Cr Sproull, Cr Meddows Taylor, Cr Long

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr La Vella, Cr De Villers, Cr Lovett, Cr Murphy, Cr Meddow-Taylor

### **8.7 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE'S BIENNIAL REPORT TO COUNCIL JUNE 2024 SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

As required under Section 54(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, an Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) report must be prepared and presented to Council on the outcomes of the Committee meetings on a biennial basis.

This report from the Committee covers the six months to 31 May 2024.

#### **MOTION**

That Council receive and note the Audit and Risk Committee's Biennial report to Council for the six months to 31 May 2024.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Lovett

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Murphy

### **8.8 CARISBROOK LEVEE INDEPENDENT REVIEW**

#### **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider and endorse the Terms of Reference for the Carisbrook Levee Independent Review Reference Group.

#### **MOTION**

That Council:

4. endorse the Terms of Reference for the Carisbrook Levee Independent Review Reference Group; and
5. Thank the members of the Carisbrook Levee Independent Review Reference Group for their work to date in drafting these Terms of Reference and preparing a scope of works for the Independent Reviewer.

Moved: Cr Sproull S

Seconded: Cr Meddows Taylor

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Sproull, Cr Meddows-Taylor Cr Murphy,

### **9. Councillor Reports and General Business**

Nil

### **10. Notices of Motion**

Nil

**11. Urgent Business**

Nil

**12. Confidential Business**

Nil

**13. Meeting Closure**

The meeting closed at 7.08PM