



## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday 23 July 2024

6pm

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

### **Membership**

Liesbeth Long (Mayor)

Grace La Vella

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

Anna de Villier

Confirmed at the Council Meeting  
on 20 August 2024

## Commencement of Meeting and Welcome

### PRESENT:

#### Councillors:

Liesbeth Long (Mayor)  
Grace La Vella  
Geoff Lovett  
Chris Meddows-Taylor  
Gerard Murphy

#### Officers

Chief Executive Officer Lucy Roffey  
General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning Amber Ricks  
General Manager Corporate Performance Mick Smith  
Manager Governance Property Risk Cecilia Connellan

### Apologies

Cr Anna de Villier Cr Wayne Sproull

General Manager Community Wellbeing Emma Little

### Leave of Absence

Nil

### Conflict 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 25 June 2024.

5.2 Confidential Minutes from Special Council Meeting dated 1 July 2024

**Moved: Cr La Vella Seconded CR Meddows-Taylor**

**Carried**

## Officer Reports

### 8.1 Council Plan Action Plan Report Q4

The report provides Council with an update on the status of the actions identified in the Council Plan Annual Action Plan 2023-24, for the quarter ending 30 June 2024.

#### MOTION

That Council note the Council Plan Annual Action Plan 2023-2024 Progress Report for Quarter Four.

**Moved: Cr Lovett**

**Seconded: Cr Murphy**

**Carried**

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

### 8.2 Community Satisfaction Survey Results 2024

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider and receive the Community Satisfaction Survey Results for 2024

#### MOTION

That Council note the Community Satisfaction Survey Results for 2024.

**Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor**

**Seconded: Cr Murphy**

**Carried**

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

### 8.3 Draft Local Laws 2025 - Public Consultation

The purpose of this report is to recommend release the draft General Local Law 2025 for public consultation and community feedback.

The proposed Local Law 2025 incorporates changes that respond to; identified community issues, feedback received on the current Local Law (2015) and a Councillor workshop held in April 2024. A legal review of these changes has been completed.

The Local Government Act 2020 (2020 Act) empowers council to make local laws, but how they are made, and their application has been amended to improve the relevance and effectiveness of local laws.

The release of the draft will validate the community impact for the proposed changes and provide confidence on the suitability of the proposed changes

#### MOTION

That Council resolves to release the draft General Local Law 2025 for public consultation and community feedback for a four-week public period, from the 5<sup>th</sup> of August to the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2024.

**Moved: Cr La Vella Seconded: Cr Meddows-Taylor**

**Carried**

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

## 8.4 Draft Central Goldfields Event Strategy

The purpose of this report is to provide a report to Council on Draft Central Goldfields Events Strategy (2024-2028) and outline the process to go out for community consultation.

Feedback gathered from this consultation will be considered in finalising the strategy. Once the strategy incorporates community input, it will be presented to Council for adoption at a future Council Meeting.

### MOTION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Central Goldfields Events Strategy (2024-2028) for community consultation
2. Make the Draft Central Goldfields Events Strategy (2024-2028) available for community feedback on Council's Engage website

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

**Carried**

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

## 8.5 PAYROLL SERVICES CONTRACT G1871- 2023

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award Contract G1871-2023 following an EOI and evaluation process for Payroll Outsourcing and Processing Services.

### MOTION

That Council:

1. Award contract G1871- 2023 Payroll Outsourcing and Processing Services to Elmo Software for the provision of the ELMO payroll software and Paysstantial Pty Ltd for the payroll processing for a total estimated total cost of \$499,218 (Ex GST) over a four-year term.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to formally execute the contract and agreements.

**Moved: Cr Murphy Seconded: Cr Lovett**

**Carried**

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

## 8.6 PREVENTION OF FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY REVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an updated policy in relation to Prevention of Fraud and Corruption, noting a review by the Audit and Risk Committee at the June 2024 meeting, has already been undertaken.

### MOTION

That Council:

1. Notes the Audit & Risk Committee review of the updated policy and the rigorous

legislative requirements on occasions of alleged or actual fraud or corruption 2. Adopts the updated Prevention of Fraud and Corruption policy

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

**Carried**

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

### **8.7 Central Goldfields Early Childhood Education Workforce Plan 2024-2029**

This report seeks Council endorsement of the Central Goldfields Early Childhood Education Workforce Plan 2024 - 2029.

The Plan contains workforce planning and analysis undertaken to support the implementation of Victorian Government Best Start, Best Life Reforms.

These reforms include ongoing expansion of 3-year-old kinder, 30 hours of pre-prep for 4-year-olds, and the creation of Government owned and run Early Learning and Care Centres.

#### **MOTION**

That Council:

1. acknowledge the significant work already undertaken by the sector to meet 15 hours of kinder provision for every 3-year-old in Central Goldfields, and the additional workforce required to meet 30 hours pre-prep and new State-run Early Learning and Care Centre.
2. endorse the attached Central Goldfields Early Childhood Education Workforce Plan 2024 -2029.
3. Write to the Victorian Minister for Children to pursue a partnered approach that includes additional funds required to implement the Plan.

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

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Meddow-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 meeting closed**

6.47pm