



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 5th of August to the 29th 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 Payssential 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