



CONFIRMED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday

20 August 2024

6pm

Community Room 1, Community Hub, Maryborough 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

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

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

Anna de Villiers

Officers

Chief Executive Officer Lucy Roffey

General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning Amber Ricks

General Manager Community Wellbeing Emma Little

Acting General Manager Corporate Performance Philippa Spurling

Manager Governance Property and Risk Cecilia Connellan

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous 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 July 2024.

5.2 Confidential Minutes from Special Council Meeting dated 30 July 2024

(Provided under separate cover)

Moved Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded Cr La Vella

Carried

6. Minutes of Delegated and Advisory Committees

Nil

7. Petitions

Nil

8. Officer Reports

8.1 CONTRACT G1882-2023 ANNUAL SUPPLY – SUPPLY, DELIVER & LAY ASPHALT SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend Council award Contract G1882-2023 for the Annual supply – Supply, deliver & lay asphalt panel, following a public tender process. The contract is a panel contract and the anticipated spend under the contract is above the CEO's financial delegation, the contract is required to be awarded by Council.

MOTION

That Council;

1. award contract G1882-2023 Annual supply – Supply, deliver & lay asphalt panel to both Centre State Asphalt Pty Ltd and B.A Road Services Pty Ltd, for the term of four years with an optional 3-year extension if required.

2. Authorises the Chief Executive Office to formally execute the contract and approve spend up to \$1.2 million over the initial 4-year term of the contract.

Moved Cr Sproull

Seconded Cr Murphy

Carried

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Sproull,

8.2 SOCIAL & AFFORDABLE HOUSING CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Social & Affordable Housing Challenges and Opportunities paper, developed by Regional Housing Victoria in consultation with Council and a small community-based reference group.

The intention of the paper is to provide a simple and practical action plan to address the shortages of housing across the municipality that:

- Is clearly proportionate to Council's role and capacity
- Provides clarity for a set of responsibilities across Council
- Can be used as a tool to ensure progress is maintained and monitored

MOTION

That Council adopt the Social & Affordable Housing Challenges & Opportunities paper.

Moved: Cr De Villiers

Seconded Cr La Vella

Carried

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

8.3 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the reviewed, updated draft of the Risk Management Policy.

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. in accordance with Central Goldfields Shire Engagement Policy, make the Draft Risk Management Policy available to public comment
2. Receive comments/ submissions on the Draft Risk Management Policy from twenty-one August 2024 until Close of Business 4 September 2024.

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Lovett

Carried

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

8.4 STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK REPORT

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The report presents to Council, the Central Goldfields Shire council (CGSC) Risk Management Framework and report on the outcomes of the Risk Management Project

MOTION

That Council adopt the Strategic Risk Management Framework.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Lovett

Carried

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

8.5 ADOPTION OF FAIR ACCESS POLICY

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council, with the results from the public consultation process undertaken for the Draft Fair Access Policy and Action Plan and provide the final Fair Access Policy and Action Plan for adoption.

MOTION

That Council;

- 1) notes the submissions received during the consultation period
- 2) Adopt the Fair Access Policy

Moved: Cr Sproull

Seconded: Cr La Vella

Carried

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

8.6 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE TO MAV STATE COUNCIL

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Mayor Cr Liesbeth Long, be appointed as the substitute representative for the Municipal Association Victoria ("MAV") so that she can attend the MAV State Council meeting 23 August 2024 as nominated MAV representative, Cr Anna De Villiers and alternative substitute Cr Grace La Vella are unable to attend.

MOTION

That Council appoint Mayor Cr Liesbeth Long as Council's substitute representative for the Municipal Association of Victoria to attend MAV State Meeting 23 August 2024.

Moved: Cr La Vella

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

Carried

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr La Vella

8.7 SETTING COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2024

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the updated proposed and times for meetings of Council for the remaining of the 2024 calendar year.

MOTION

That Council:

Adopt the following proposed Council Meeting Dates for the remainder of 2024:

- Monday 16 September
- Tuesday 22 October
- Tuesday 19 November – Statutory Council Meeting
- Tuesday 26 November
- Tuesday 17 December

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr Murphy

Carried

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

8.8 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

Applications are now open for the second round of the Victorian Women's Public Art Program, which allows for land-owning organisations to apply for grants of up to \$200,000 to design and develop public art that honours Victorian Women.

Public art has been identified as a valuable opportunity to promote pride and celebrate local heritage for the benefit of the community and visitors.

Grants of this nature are generally highly competitive, and it should be noted that this is only the second time that the Victorian Women's Public Art Program has offered grants. There is no guarantee that this opportunity will be offered again.

Building on the multi-million-dollar tourism development that has taken place in the Shire over the last four years, including the award-winning Central Goldfields Art Gallery and Maryborough Railway Station, Officers propose to apply on the basis of honouring the 'Women of the Goldfields' - drawing a connection between Maryborough's two prominent heritage precincts and further celebrating our connection to the story of gold and our central location in the UNESCO World Heritage Bid area.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to apply for the program, by the submission deadline of 5pm, Friday 30 August 2024.

MOTION

That Council endorse an application to the Victorian Women's Public Art Program – honouring the 'Women of the Goldfields'

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Lovett

Carried

Called for a division

For - Cr Meddows-Taylor, Cr Lovett, Cr Sproull, Cr Murphy, Cr Long

Against - Cr La Vella, Cr de Villers

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Meddows-Taylor, Cr Lovett, Cr La Vella, Cr de Villiers, Cr Sproull, Cr Murphy

9. Councillor Reports and General Business

Nil

10. Notices of Motion

10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION, NUMBER 12- CR CHRIS MEDDOWS TAYLOR

The following motion was received as a notice of motion in accordance with Central Goldfields Shire Council Governance Rules: *S23 Councillors May Propose Notices of Motion* and *S24 Notice of Motion*.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Note that the Local Government Victoria website states that annual Community Satisfaction Surveys compiles community feedback on councils in the following key performance areas:

- i. council's overall performance
- ii. community consultation and engagement
- iii. customer service
- iv. overall council direction.

a) the survey is conducted by the Department of Government Services on behalf of participating councils. A minimum of four hundred local residents and ratepayers in each municipality over 18 years of age is selected at random.

b) the present widely used version was implemented in 2012.

c) Since this time there has been unprecedented changes in local government driven by an increasingly resource constrained environment including rate-capping, but with concurrent pressure to deliver a broad range of community infrastructure and benefits, working towards a longer-term community vision and financial plan, requiring the need to draw on a complex range of strategies, partnerships, and funding sources to achieve delivery.

2. Council resolve to write to the Minister for Local Government recommending that following Council elections, it would be timely to undertake a broadly based review of the Community Satisfaction Survey to ascertain if a survey focussed on random resident feedback is in itself the best way of measuring and assessing the strategic direction of a council, and the effectiveness of the planning, partnerships, initiatives and funding strategies which lead to achievement of the significant community outcomes needed, or if more strategically targeted and relevant feedback approaches would deliver better results, requiring changes to the present Community Satisfaction Survey model.

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded Cr Sproull

Carried

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

10.2 NOTICE OF MOTION, NUMBER 13- CR GEOFF LOVETT

The following motion was received as a notice of motion in accordance with Central Goldfields Shire Council Governance Rules: S23 *Councillors May Propose Notices of Motion* and S24 *Notice of Motion*.

MOTION That Council initiate the return of the Maryborough Mayor Chain, currently on loan to the Gold Museum of Ballarat
Moved: Cr Lovett Seconded: Cr La Vella
Carried

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

11. Urgent Business

12. Confidential Business

Other Business

MOTION That standing Orders be suspended to allow for the councillors to acknowledge and thank CEO Lucy Roffey for her Service to Central Goldfields Shire council Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor Seconded Cr La Vella
Carried

MOTION That standing order be resumed Moved: Cr La Vella Seconded: Cr Meddows-Taylor
Carried

13 Meeting Closure 7.17