



## **CONFIRMED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday 16 September 2024

6:00pm

Meeting held in person

Town Hall, 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

**Minutes confirmed at the Council Meeting on 22 October 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

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

#### **Officers:**

Interim Chief Executive Officer Sally Jones

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

## **1. Apologies**

Anna de Villiers

## **2. Leaves of Absence**

## **3. Conflicts of Interest**

Item 12 - Interim Chief Executive Officer Sally Jones

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes from previous Council Meetings**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

**5.1** Minutes from previous Council Meeting dated 20 August 2024.

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

**Carried**

## 5. Minutes of Delegated and Advisory Committees

Nil

## 6. Petitions

Nil

## 8. Officer Reports

### 8.1 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS 2023/2024

#### SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to brief Councillors on the draft Financial and Performance Statements and Governance and Management Checklist for 2023-2024, to seek in-principal approval for the Statements.

The report to Council will also request for two Councillors on behalf of Council to certify the Statements in their final form.

#### **MOTION**

That council:

- 1) gives its approval in principle to the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement for the 2023/2024 financial year.
- 2) Nominates and authorises two Councillors to certify the Financial and Performance Statements in their final form on behalf of, and with the full authority of the Council.
- 3) Due to administrative error reduce Cr La Vella cost by \$1045 and allocate to correct Councillors

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

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Murphy

Revisit this motion:

### **MOTION**

That council:

- 1) Nominates and authorises the Mayor Cr Long and Cr Murphy to certify the Financial and Performance Statements in their final form on behalf of, and with the full authority of the Council.

**Moved:** Cr Murphy

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

## **8.2 CARISBROOK INDEPENDENT LEVEE REVIEW UPDATE**

### **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council receives the Carisbrook Independent Levee Review report prepared by Mr Fred Spain of NSW Public works and notes the DRAFT Carisbrook Levee Review Implementation Plan.

This report also recommends that Council acknowledge the commitment and contributions made by community members of the Carisbrook Levee Review Reference Group, supports the implementation of short-term actions in the DRAFT Carisbrook Levee Review Implementation Plan, and that further consultation with key technical experts and partner agencies is undertaken by Mr Fred Spain to finalise the Independent Review.

### **MOTION**

That Council:

1. receives the report prepared by Mr Fred Spain of NSW Public Works;
2. acknowledges the commitment and contributions made by community members of the Carisbrook Levee Review Reference Group;
3. notes the DRAFT Carisbrook Levee Review Implementation Plan;
4. supports officers to partner with the community and relevant agencies to commence implementation of the short-term actions in the DRAFT Carisbrook Levee Review Implementation Plan;
5. notes that Entura and the Department of Environment, Energy, Climate Action were not interviewed as part of the independent review process,
6. notes that Entura, Water Technology, the North Central Catchment Management Authority and the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action were not provided with the opportunity to respond to the assumptions and findings of the report prior to it being publicised;

7. supports officers to instruct Mr Fred Spain of NSW Public Works to put the assumptions and recommendations in the report to Entura, Water Technology, the North Central Catchment Management Authority and the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action for response and to make any necessary updates to the report as a result of that consultation; and
8. Supports officers to instruct Mr Fred Spain of NSW Public Works to update the report to directly address the key questions of the Reference Group in the original scope of the review.

**Moved:** Cr Sproull

**Seconded:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Carried**

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

### **8.3 CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS LOCAL AREA ACTION PLAN – A SUB-PLAN OF THE BENDIGO REGIONAL TOURISM DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the results from the public consultation process undertaken for the Central Goldfields Local Area Action Plan (LAAP) which is a sub- plan of the Bendigo Regional Tourism Destination Management Plan, and to present the LAAP for endorsement.

#### **MOTION**

That Council:

- 1) notes the results of the public consultation process for the Central Goldfields Local Area Action Plan
- 2) Endorses the Central Goldfields Local Area Action Plan – a sub plan of the Bendigo Regional Tourism Destination Management Plan

**Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

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

### **8.4 Central Goldfields Events Strategy 2024-2028**

#### **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the results from public consultation

process undertaken for the draft Central Goldfields Events Strategy (2024-2028) and to provide the final Strategy for adoption.

**MOTION**

That Council;

- 1) notes the submissions received during the consultation period
- 2) Adopts the Central Goldfields Events Strategy (2024-2028)

**Moved:** Cr La Vella

**Seconded:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Carried**

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

**8.5 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of the 2024-2025 Community Grants Program and to present a recommendation for recipient awarding of grant funding.

**MOTION**

That Council approves the recommendations for the awarding of funds for the 2024-2025 Community Grants Program.

**Moved:** Cr Lovett

**Seconded:** Cr Sproull

**Carried**

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

**8.6 CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS FOOD SYSTEMS ROADMAP**

**SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the final version of the Central Goldfields Food Systems Roadmap.

**MOTION**

That Council endorse the final version of the Central Goldfields Food Systems Roadmap.

**Moved:** Cr Sproull

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

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

**8.7 GROWING REGIONS FUND – ROUND TWO DELEDIO RECREATION RESERVE PAVILLION PROJECT.**

**SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council support an application to the Federal Governments' Growing Regions Fund Round Two for the Deledio Recreation Reserve Pavilion project.

**MOTION**

That Council:

1. Supports an application to the Federal Governments' Growing Regions – Round Two fund for the Deledio Recreation Reserve Pavilion project, and
2. Commits a co-contribution of \$500K in future borrowings as supported in the adopted 2024/25 Annual Budget.

**Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Seconded:** Cr Lovett

**Carried**

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

**8.8 MARYBOROUGH LEARNING HUB - REGIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDY HUBS APPLICATION**

**SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement for an application to the recently opened 2024 application round of the Federal Government's Regional University Study Hubs (RUSH) program.

**MOTION**

That Council endorse the submission of an application to the Federal Government's Regional University Study Hubs (RUSH) program for funding to establish and operate a Maryborough Learning Hub.

**Moved:** Cr Sproull

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

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

**8.9 CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE COUNCIL REFLECT RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2024-2025**

**SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the 'Reflect' Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for consideration of adoption.

**MOTION**

That Council adopts the Central Goldfields Shire Council Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2025.

**Moved:** Cr Sproull

**Seconded:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Sproull, Cr Meddow-Tyalor

**8.10 Annual Action Plan 2024/2025**

**SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the final Draft Council Plan Annual Action Plan 2024-25 for endorsement.

**MOTION**

That council adopt the Council Plan Annual Action Plan 2024-25

**Moved:** Cr La Vella

**Seconded:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Carried**

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



## 8.11S5 INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION FROM COUNCIL TO CEO UPDATE

### SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council that the updated S5 Instrument of Delegation under which Council delegates its powers under various Acts to the CEO, be adopted.

#### MOTION

In the exercise of the power conferred by s 11(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), Central Goldfields Shire Council (Council) resolves that:

1. there be delegated to the person holding the position, or acting in or performing the duties, of Chief Executive Officer the powers, duties and functions set out in the attached *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer*, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument;
2. the instrument comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made and is to be signed by the Council's Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor;
3. on the coming into force of the instrument all previous delegations to the Chief Executive Officer are revoked; and
4. the duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

**Moved:** Cr Lovett

**Seconded:** Cr Murphy

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Lovett

## 8.12 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 and feedback received from community consultation.

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 adopt the Risk Management Policy.

**Moved:** Cr Murphy

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Murphy,

**Council Reports and General Business****Notices of Motion****10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION, NUMBER 14- CR CHRIS MEDDOWS TAYLOR****Commonwealth Housing Support Program**

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;

10.1.1 Note that;

10.1.1.1 The Australian Government's \$1.5 billion Housing Support Program (HSP) is one of a range of measures designed to help achieve the National Housing Accord's target of building 1.2 million new, well-located homes over 5 years from 1 July 2024;

10.1.1.2 In this context local government councils are critical partners in achieving additional housing goals, and in the case of this Council note that housing development is a key element in Council plans and strategies;

10.1.1.3 Accordingly, the opportunity to apply for enabling infrastructure grants of up to \$45 million is especially welcome;

10.1.1.4 This significant opportunity presented in the recent round was however, limited by a tight application deadline and delivery and completion timeframe, which restricted the ability to develop some broader proposals where partnerships were involved requiring longer lead times both for submissions of applications and a delivery and completion timeframes – a town sewerage scheme is an example of this.

10.1.1.5 The substantial national housing shortage challenges are likely to take many years to resolve;

10.1.1.6 There is a real need for these grants offered to local government councils through the Commonwealth Housing Support Program to continue for a number of years with broadened application and implementation and delivery timeframes to enable high value projects which are more complex to be submitted and considered;

10.1.1.7 Ideally state housing support grant programs would be aligned with

Commonwealth offerings to maximise the effective partnership of the three levels of government working together to deliver important and much needed additional housing – an opportunity which would lend itself to consideration by National Cabinet.

10.1.2 resolve to write to the Commonwealth Minister for Housing The Hon Clare O’Neil MP accordingly with copies to:

- 10.1.2.1 Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, The Hon Catherine King MP
- 10.1.2.2 The Federal Member for the Mallee, Dr Anne Webster MP
- 10.1.2.3 The Victorian Minister for Housing, The Hon Harriet Shing MP
- 10.1.2.4 The Victorian Minister for Regional Development, The Hon Gayle Tierney MP
- 10.1.2.5 The Victorian Member for Ripon, Martha Haylett MP.

10.1.3 Seek engagement and enrolment of the appropriate peak local government bodies in support of this.

**Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Seconded:** Cr Murphy

**Carried**

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

## 10.2 NOTICE OF MOTION, NUMBER 15 - CR LOVETT

### Installation of Commemorative Brass Plaques at Maryborough Town Hall.

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 two brass plaques be placed at the entrance to the Maryborough Town Hall.

- 1) To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the naming of Maryborough, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2004
- 2) To commemorate the 150 Anniversary of the proclamation of the Borough of Maryborough, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007

Each Plaque to record the names of the five sitting Councillors

**Moved:** Cr Lovett

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Lovett

**Urgent Business**

Nil

**Confidential Business**

**MOTION**

That Council Close the meeting to the public in accordance with section 3(f)(h) and 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider confidential information.

**Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

**MOTION**

That Council reopen the meeting to the public in accordance with section 3(f)(h) and 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider confidential information.

**Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

**Meeting Closed**

The meeting closed at 7.37PM