



CONFIRMED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 27 February 2024

6:00pm

Meeting held in person

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

Confirmed at the Council Meeting
scheduled on 26 March 2024

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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

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

Officers

Acting Chief Executive Officer Emma Little

General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning Matthew Irving

General Manager Corporate Performance Mick Smith

2. APOLOGIES

Chief Executive Officer Lucy Roffey

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Murphy declared a conflict of interest in Items 8.10 and 8.11 due to his role as a Director of Unified Community Sports and Leisure which operates the Maryborough Leisure Centre under contract with Council.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

- Minutes of the Council Meeting dated 23/01/2024

Moved: Cr La Vella

Seconded: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Carried

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil.

7. PETITIONS

Nil.

8. OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the financial performance for the year to date and how it is tracking against the adopted budget, noting any material differences.

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Receives and notes the attached Finance Report for the period to 31 December 2023.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Lovett

Carried

Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Murphy.

8.2 FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

The purpose of this report is to brief Councillors on the status of Flood Recovery works and associated funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. That Council Received and notes the Flood Recovery Update report noting the reduction in spend on DRFA works.

Moved: Cr de Villiers

Seconded: Cr Sproull

Carried

Crs who spoke to the matter: Crs de Villiers, Sproull

8.3 FINANCE FORECAST REVIEW REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the 2023-24 financial forecast and how it compares against the adopted budget, noting any material differences.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. That Council Receives and notes the attached Financial Forecast Report for the period to 30 June 2024.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

Carried

Crs who spoke to the matter: Cr Murphy

8.4 TINY TOWNS FUND

The purpose of this report is to inform the Councillors on the Tiny Towns Fund (TTF), and the approach taken in making applications to the Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Notes the applications made to the Tiny Towns Fund,
2. Notes the support offered to community groups,
3. Commits the required co-contribution in any successful applications to Councils 2024/25 budget.

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr La Vella

Carried

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

8.5 TULLAROOP CREEK CARISBROOK ADVISORY GROUP

The purpose of this report is to consider the set up and endorsement of a terms of reference for the Tullaroop Creek, Carisbrook Advisory Group, in response to an action within the Waterway Management Plan for Carisbrook.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Approves the Tullaroop Creek, Carisbrook Advisory Group Terms of Reference;
2. Appoint a Cr de Villiers to take on role as Chairperson for the group; and
3. Commence the process to recruit members for establishment of the group.

Moved: Cr de Villiers

Seconded: Cr La Vella

Carried

Crs who spoke to the matter: Crs de Villiers, La Vella

8.6 CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE COUNCIL DOMESTIC WASTEWATER PLAN (2023-28)

The purpose of this report is to consider adoption of the Central Goldfields Shire Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) 2023-2028.

The draft DWMP has been finalised following a period of community engagement and is ready for adoption to guide and support the management of domestic wastewater across the Central Goldfields Shire.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Adopt the Central Goldfields Shire Council Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) 2023-2028.

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Sproull

Carried

Crs who spoke to the matter: Crs Meddows-Taylor, Sproull

8.7 S11A INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council that the S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for the Manager of Statutory Planning, the Coordinator of Statutory Planning and the Statutory Planner which allows them to fully discharge their duties and responsibilities under that Act.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. approve the S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for the Manager of Statutory Planning, the Coordinator of Statutory Planning and the Statutory Planner under the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

Carried

Crs who spoke to the matter: Cr Lovett

8.8 CHAIRPERSON CEO EMPLOYMENT MATTERS COMMITTEE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council the outcome of the Request for Quotation G1850-2023Q for the Provision of an Independent Chairperson for the CEO Employment Matters Committee procurement process.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Awards the Contract G1850-2023Q Independent Chairperson for the Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters Committee to Wenzler Family Trust trading as Sal Corp Pty Ltd for the contract sum of \$18,000 (exclusive of GST) for the 4 years term.
2. Appoint Ms Christine Mileham of Wenzler Family Trust trading as Sal Corp Pty Ltd as an independent chairperson of the CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee.
3. Notes that the initial term of the Contract G1850-2023Q is 2 years and the Contract G18502-2023Q may be extended for another 2 years at the sole discretion of the Council.
4. Authorises the General Manager Corporate Performance to do all things necessary to execute the Contract G1850-2023Q on behalf of the Council.

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Carried

Crs who spoke to the matter: Crs Lovett, Meddows-Taylor

8.9 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN QUARTER TWO

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 31 January 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the Council Plan Annual Action Plan 2023-24 Progress Report for Quarter two.

Moved: Cr de Villiers

Seconded: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Carried

Crs who spoke to the matter: Crs de Villiers, Meddows-Taylor.

Cr Murphy left the chamber at 6:38pm due to a declared conflict of interest in item 8.10.

8.10 DO 071-23 APPLICATION TO ALLOW THE SALE OF LIQUOR (BOTTLE SHOP) 111 BURKE STREET, MARYBOROUGH

The purpose of this report is to consider a planning permit application received by Council for D071/23.

Public notice of the application has been given and twelve objections were received. In addition, a petition objecting to the proposal, which includes 653 signatures, has also been received.

It is noted that all individual objectors also signed the petition.

The petition is live and can still receive signatures, however, the 653 noted above is the number of persons who signed when it was put forward as an objection.

This application has been assessed against the Central Goldfields Planning Scheme and it is considered that the proposed development is appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council having caused notice of planning permit application no. D71/23 to be given under section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Central Goldfields planning Scheme, and having considered all the matters generally required, resolves to provide a notice of decision of refusal for Planning Application to Allow the Sale of Liquor (Bottle Shop) D071-23 111 Burke St Maryborough on the following statement of grounds:

1. When considering Clause 52.27 of the Central Goldfield Shire Planning

Scheme the cumulative impact of the existing and proposed licenced premises is likely to impact negatively on the surrounding area.

2. When considering Clause 71.02-3 of the Central Goldfield Shire Planning Scheme to require integrated decision making there is no net community benefit or evidence that the social needs of the community have been met when balancing conflicting objectives that further proliferates the number of liquor licences in the area.
3. There is statistical evidence of disadvantage within the shire and an unacceptable level of alcohol and drug related problems within families in comparison to the rest of Victoria to permit the increase in the number of liquor licences in the area.

Moved: Cr Sproull

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

Carried

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

8.11 MARYBOROUGH OUTDOOR POOL SEASON EXTENSION PROPOSAL

The purpose of this report is to present a proposal to extend the 2023/2024 outdoor pool season until 1st April in response to the current closure of the Maryborough 50 metre outdoor pool and the temporary closure of the 25-metre indoor pool at the Maryborough Leisure Sports Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve a variation to Contract G1083-16 Management of Maryborough Sports & Leisure Centre and Swimming Pools to extend the operation of the Dunolly and Talbot outdoor pools until 1 April 2024.

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr La Vella

Carried

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

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 7:10pm.