



## **DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, 23 April 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  
on 28 May 2024

## **CONFIRMED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 23 April 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

Anna De Villiers

Geoff Lovett

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

##### **Officers**

Chief Executive Officer Lucy Roffey

General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning Matthew Irving

General Manager Community Wellbeing Emma Little

General Manager Corporate Performance Mick Smith

Acting General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor

### **3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

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### 4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

### 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 26/03/2024

**Moved:** Cr La Vella

**Seconded:** Cr Sproull

**Carried**

### 6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil.

### 7. PETITIONS

Nil.

### 8. OFFICER REPORTS

#### 8.1 QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT – MARCH 2024

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the attached Finance Report for the period to 31 March 2024.

**Moved:** Cr Murphy

**Seconded:** Cr Sproull

**Carried**

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Crs who spoke to the motion: Cr Murphy.

### 8.2 CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET 2024/25

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a draft Budget for the 2024/25 financial year and to open the community consultation period of four (4) weeks.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council;

1. receives and notes the attached Draft Budget for Central Goldfields Shire Council for the 2024/25 financial year.
2. notes an operating surplus of \$3.3m, and capital works program of \$13.7m, of which \$2.9m is considered carry forward projects.
3. in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, and Central Goldfields Shire's Engagement Policy, make the draft budget available for public comment.
4. display the proposed budget on the Shire's website
5. Receive comment/submissions on the proposed Budget until close of business on 24 May 2024.

**Moved:** Cr Lovett

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the matter: Crs Lovett, La Vella, Murphy

### 8.3 DRAFT FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider and endorse the Draft Financial Sustainability Strategy for community feedback in conjunction with the Annual Budget community engagement process.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council;

1. endorse the Draft Financial Sustainability Strategy for community feedback;

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2. make the Draft Financial Sustainability Strategy available for community feedback on Council's Engage Website and through the Annual Budget community engagement process ;
3. submit the Financial Sustainability Strategy to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability;
4. Consider the Financial Sustainability Strategy for adoption at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

**Moved:** Cr Sproull

**Seconded:** Cr Murphy

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the matter: Crs Sproull, Lovett.

### 8.4 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND MEMORIALS POLICY REVIEWS

The purpose of this report to provide Council with the reviewed and updated Community Engagement Policy and Memorials 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.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:-

1. endorse the updated Community Engagement Policy
2. Endorse the draft Memorials Policy for community feedback.

**Moved:** Cr Sproull

**Seconded:** Cr de Villiers

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the matter: Crs Sproull.

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### 8.5 PLAY OUR WAY FUND

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on the Federal Governments' Play Our Way Fund (POWF) and the proposal to submit an application under the program for works to upgrade the Deledio Recreation Reserve Pavilion.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council;

1. supports an application to the Federal Governments' Play Our Way Fund for \$2M for the Deledio Recreation Reserve Pavilion project, and
2. Approves a co-contribution up to \$500K through future borrowings for a successful application as part of the 2024/2025 Annual Budget.

**Moved:** Cr La Vella

**Seconded:** Cr de Villiers

**Carried**

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

### 8.6 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE TO MAV STATE COUNCIL

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 17 May 2024 as nominated MAV representative, Cr Anna De Villiers and alternative substitute Cr Grace La Vella are unable to attend.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council appoint Mayor Cr Liesbeth Long as Council's substitute representative for the Municipal Association of Victoria to attend MAV State Meeting 17 May 2024.

**Moved:** Cr Lovett

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the matter: Cr Lovett.

**8.7 APPOINTMENT OF PROXY REPRESENTATIVE TO CENTRAL VICTORIAN GREENHOUSE ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the CEO be appointed as the proxy representative for the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 financial year to attend meetings and vote during the Council Elections caretaker period from 12 noon Tuesday 24 September until 6pm Saturday 26 October 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council appoint the CEO as Council's proxy representative for the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 financial year.

**Moved:** Cr Sproull

**Seconded:** Cr Lovett

**Carried**

Crs who spoke to the matter: Cr Sproull.

**9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Long thanked Matthew Irving GMIAP who is leaving to take a position at Hobsons Bay, all the best and thanks.

Crs who spoke to the matter: Cr La Vella, Cr Murphy, Cr de Villiers, Cr Lovett, Cr Sproull.

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council discuss an item of confidential urgent business.

**Moved:** Cr Lovett

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council go in camera to discuss to discuss an item of confidential urgent business.

**Moved:** Cr Murphy

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

### 12. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

An item of urgent confidential business was discussed and minuted separately.

### 13. MEETING CLOSURE

### RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be reopened to the public.

**Moved:** Cr Murphy

**Seconded:** Cr La Vella

**Carried**

The meeting closed at 6:35pm.