



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD IN THE MEETING ROOMS AT GIPPSLAND
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, TRARALGON
AT 6:00PM ON 03 APRIL 2023
CM589**

PRESENT:

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| Councillors: | Cr Kellie O'Callaghan, Mayor | East Ward |
| | Cr Dan Clancey, Deputy Mayor | East Ward |
| | Cr Darren Howe | East Ward |
| | Cr Dale Harriman | East Ward |
| | Cr Tracie Lund | Central Ward |
| | Cr Graeme Middlemiss | Central Ward |
| | Cr Melissa Ferguson | South Ward |
| | Cr Brad Law | West Ward |
| | Cr Sharon Gibson | West Ward |
| Officers: | Nathan Kearsley | A/Chief Executive Officer |
| | Georgia Hills | General Manager Community Health & Wellbeing |
| | Jody Riordan | General Manager Regional City Planning & Assets |
| | Tim Ellis | General Manager Regional City Strategy & Transition |
| | James Rouse | Executive Manager Commonwealth Games |
| | William Macpherson | A/General Manager Organisational Performance |
| | Hanna Steevens | Manager Governance |
| | Peter Schulz | Coordinator Council Business |
| | Kaitlyn Boram | Governance Officer |

Apologies: Steven Piasente

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Resolutions in this minutes document should be read in conjunction with the published agenda for the 03 April 2023 Council Meeting.

COUNCILLOR AND PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

PLEASE NOTE

The Victorian Government's *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020* has introduced into the Local Government Act 2020 new mechanisms that allow for virtual Council Meetings to ensure local government decision-making can continue during the coronavirus pandemic.

Pursuant to section 394 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, a Councillor may attend this Council Meeting remotely by electronic means of communication; and

Pursuant to section 395 of the *Local Government Act 2020* this Council Meeting may be closed to the attendance by members of the public by making available access to a live stream of the Meeting on the Council's internet site.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

The Mayor read the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

2. THE PRAYER

The Mayor read the opening prayer.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Lund

That Council confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 March 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Howe declared a material interest in Item 9.5 – Councillor Professional Development Request

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Public Questions on Notice

In Accordance with the Council Meeting Policy, members of the public can lodge a question on notice before 12 noon on the Friday before the day of the Council meeting in order for the question to be answered at the meeting. There was one public question on notice.

Public Question on Notice

From: Audrey Naismith

Topic: SMART City

Question: Is Latrobe City Council planning to implement SMART City?

Response:

There are different definitions/interpretations for smart cities, and revolve around the use of information and communication technologies to increase operational efficiency and share information; some features are referenced against international standards for sustainable cities and communities. Our Council Plan is built around five strategic themes, with the themes of Smart, Sustainable and Connected closely aligning to SMART city features. Council has implemented a number of technologies and initiatives including increasing the municipality's public Wi-Fi network to approximately 220 access points, public facing GIS (geographical information systems) information, and trials of car park and storm water sensors.

Public Speakers

Members of the public who registered before 12 noon were invited to speak to an item on the agenda. There was one public speaker.

- Bev Excell, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, spoke to Item 14.1

STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

7. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 7.1 03 April 2023

Regional City Planning and Assets

RELEASE DRAFT PUBLIC TOILET PLAN 2023-2033 FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Howe

That Council:

1. Releases the *DRAFT* Public Toilet Plan 2023-2033 for public consultation; and
2. Is provided a future report detailing submissions received regarding the *DRAFT* Public Toilet Plan 2023-2033.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. DRAFT Public Toilet Plan 2023-2033

STATUTORY PLANNING

8. STATUTORY PLANNING

Agenda Item: 8.1

Agenda Item: Amendment C138 (Rezoning North of Baldwin Road, Traralgon) - Consideration of Submissions

Sponsor: General Manager, Regional City Planning and Assets

MOTION

Moved: Cr Harriman

Seconded: Cr Howe

That Council:

1. **Having formally considered all written submissions received to Amendment C138, endorses the officer's response to the issues outlined in Attachment 2;**
2. **Adopts Amendment C138 with post exhibition changes, as outlined in Attachment 3 and 4, in accordance with section 29 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.**
3. **Submits adopted Amendment C138 together with the prescribed information to the Minister for Planning for approval, in accordance with section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*; and.**
4. **Advises those persons who made written submissions to Amendment C138 of Council's decision**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Submissions
2. Summary of Submissions
3. Amendment Documents (Published Separately)
4. Post Exhibition Changes Table

CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

9. CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 9.1 03 April 2023

Organisational Performance

DRAFT 2023/24 BUDGET - PRELIMINARY APPROVAL & PUBLIC EXHIBITION

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Law

That Council

1. **endorses the draft 2023/24 Budget (including proposed fees and charges) annexed to this report as being the budget prepared by Council for the purposes of section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, and gives public notice:**
 - a. **the draft 2023/24 Budget will be made available for inspection at Council Headquarters, Service Centres and on Council's website in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy;**
 - b. **inviting public comment via written submissions from 4 April 2023 until 5pm Friday 5 May 2023, with any person who wishes to be heard in support of a written submission being entitled to appear before a meeting of Council on Monday 15 May 2023;**
 - c. **of Council's intention to adopt the 2023/24 Budget at a meeting of Council to be held on Monday 5 June 2023.**
2. **requests a review of the *Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025* including the current differential rating position for retirement villages, with the review to be presented to Council prior to 31 December 2023.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Draft 2023/24 Budget

FUNDING APPLICATION TO COUNTRY FOOTBALL NETBALL PROGRAM

MOTION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Howe

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the application submitted for the Gaskin Park – Oval 2 Surface Upgrade to Sport and Recreation Victoria’s Country Football Netball Program; and**
- 2. Allocates \$100,000 (plus GST) from either the 2022/23 full year forecast surplus position or existing cash reserve accounts as Council’s contribution towards the Gaskin Park – Oval 2 Drainage Upgrade project.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

Agenda Item: 9.3

Agenda Item: Petition for No B-Double Trucks to be Allowed in Residential Traralgon

Sponsor: General Manager, Regional City Planning and Assets

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Clancey

That Council:

- 1. In accordance with the Governance Rules, refers the petition requesting No B-Double Trucks to be Allowed in Residential Traralgon to the General Manager Regional City Planning and Assets for assessment and analysis;**
- 2. Requests a report is prepared for the 01 May 2023 Council Meeting detailing (but not limited to) the implications, issues and options surrounding the matters raised in the petition; and**
- 3. Advises the head petitioners in writing of this decision in relation to the petition**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Petition Submissions (Published Separately)

This attachment is designated as confidential under subsection (f) of the definition of confidential information contained in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it relates to personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. Petition submissions contain personal details of signatories.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPLACEMENT COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Law

That Council:

- 1. Appoints Councillor Howe to the Audit and Risk Committee for the 2023 year; and**
- 2. Notifies the Audit and Risk Committee of the appointment.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUEST

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Lund

That Council approves the request from Cr Darren Howe for advance payment of the MAV facilitated AICD - Company Directors Course to the value of \$7,699 including GST in accordance with clause 6.3(1) of the Councillors and Delegated Committee Members Expenses, Resources and Support Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

URGENT BUSINESS

10. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil reports

REPORTS FOR NOTING

11. REPORTS FOR NOTING

Item Number 11.1

03 April 2023

Regional City Strategy & Transition

PRESENTATION OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES - 2 MARCH 2023

MOTION

Moved: Cr Law

Seconded: Cr Middlemiss

That Council receives and notes the attached Audit and Risk Committee Minutes for the 2 March Meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 2 March 2023

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Item Number 12.1

03 April 2023

Regional City Strategy & Transition

QUESTION ON NOTICE - COUNCIL MEETING 06 MARCH 2023

The following provides a response to a question that was taken on notice at the Council Meeting held on 06 March 2023 in relation to Item 7.1 – Traralgon Flood Recovery Project Funding.

Question

What is the impact of this decision on the funding or grants already obtained by the Traralgon Men's Shed?

Response

Officers contacted the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH), the Department responsible for the Men's Shed grant that the Traralgon Men's Shed (TMS) has obtained and were advised that as long as there continues to be progression to provide a written commitment from Council regarding an allocation of land and a lease between Latrobe City Council and Traralgon Men's Shed, the funds will be secure. Generally, there is an expectation to deliver a completed project within two years of the funding submission approval, but there are instances when this can be extended if progression of the project can be demonstrated.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Clancey

That Council receives and notes the response to the question taken on notice at the Council Meeting held on 06 March 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 2023/04 INVESTIGATING OPTIONS TO DEVELOP A 'FLYING OF FLAGS' POLICY

Cr Melissa Ferguson

MOTION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Harriman

That Council request a report be presented at an upcoming Council Meeting investigating options to develop a 'Flying of Flags' policy as a way to recognise and celebrate Latrobe City's culturally diverse community such as undertaking a flag raising of the Republic of Ireland's Flag on St Patricks Day. The scope of the report would include an examination of the implications of implementation of a policy including at a minimum resourcing, legislation and communications

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

ITEMS FOR TABLING

14. ITEMS FOR TABLING

Item Number 14.1 03 April 2023

Regional City Strategy & Transition

TABLING OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL SELF- ASSESSMENT

MOTION

Moved: Cr Law

Seconded: Cr Middlemiss

That Council receive and note the following reports prepared by the Audit and Risk Committee:

- 1. Bi-Annual Report; and**
- 2. Annual Self-Assessment.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

- 1. Audit and Risk Committee Bi-Annual Report - H2 2022**
- 2. Audit and Risk Committee Annual Self-Assessment 2022**

15. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Gibson acknowledged the passing of Mr Tony Buhagiar

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Councillor Ferguson acknowledged the passing of Ms Jean Quick

Councillor Harriman acknowledged Our Kinda Country Club holding their 11th fundraiser for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Councillor Harriman acknowledged the Traralgon Netball Association and the success of their recent tournament.

Councillor O'Callaghan acknowledged the passing of Mr Douglas "Doug" Timmins

**MEETING CLOSED TO
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INFORMATION**

16. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020* enables Council to close the meeting to the public to consider *confidential information* as defined in that Act.

Nil reports

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.12pm.