



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL AND VIA
AUDIO-VISUAL LINK
AT 6.00PM ON 05 DECEMBER 2022
CM585

PRESENT:

Councillors:	Cr Kellie O'Callaghan, Mayor	East Ward
	Cr Dan Clancey, Deputy Mayor	East Ward
	Cr Darren Howe	East Ward
	Cr Graeme Middlemiss	Central Ward
	Cr Brad Law	West Ward
Officers:	Steven Piasente	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
	Kendrea Pope	Acting Executive Manager Office of the CEO
	Nathan Kearsley	General Manager Organisational Performance
	Peter Schulz	Coordinator Council Business
Kaitlyn Boram	Governance Officer	
Apologies:	Cr Melissa Ferguson	South Ward
	Cr Sharon Gibson	West Ward
	Cr Dale Harriman	East Ward
	Cr Tracie Lund	Central Ward

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Resolutions in this minutes document should be read in conjunction with the published agenda for the 05 December 2022 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

Cr Ferguson, Cr Gibson, Cr Harriman, Cr Lund

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Cr Middlemiss

Seconded: Cr Law

That Council confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 November 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cr O'Callaghan declared a general interest in Item 16.1

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 questions on notice.

From: Robert & Denise Mackay

Topic: Fencing of the Crinigan Bushland Reserve, Morwell

Question: **Who maintains the Crinigan Road Reserve and why are the Council taking our gates off us after 48 years as we have maintained this area the whole time we have lived here?**

Response: Thank you for raising this question.

Who maintains the Crinigan Bushland Reserve?

The Crinigan Bushland Reserve is wholly owned by Latrobe City Council and supervised by a Community Asset Committee.

The Crinigan Bushland Reserve Community Asset Committee are responsible for organising mowing/slashing and weed control of the fire break on behalf of Latrobe City Council.

Why is Council removing gates?

There are 42 properties that back onto the reserve along Crinigan Road. Seventeen of these properties have the rear portion of their properties extended into the reserve by way of a former leasehold arrangement (which expired in 2010).

Council is taking action to reinstate the reserve boundary with the construction of suitable fencing, where required.

The removal of direct access as part of the construction of new fencing responds to a range of concerns including:

- rubbish dumping within reserve from adjoining properties accessing the reserve,
- pest weed migration/ garden waste disposal into reserve,
- motor bikes entering the reserve from directly from private property,
- fire risk

I am advised that Council Officers have spoken with Mrs Mackay on a number of occasions and note that her preference for the boundary fence to be constructed with hardwood palings has been taken into account.

Public Speakers

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

There were two public speakers:

- Lorraine Bull - Latrobe Valley Sustainability Group speaking to Item 7.1
- Dan Caffrey - Latrobe Valley Sustainability Group speaking to Item 7.1

STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

7. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 7.1

05 December 2022

Regional City Planning & Assets

PETITION REPORT: REVIEW OF LCC POSITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

MOTION

Moved: Cr Clancey

Seconded: Cr Law

That Council:

1. **Notes the petition.**
2. **Advises the head petitioner that:**
 - a) **Council's review of its position on Climate Change has been undertaken, in part, through its engagement with community during the development of a Community Vision, the subsequent preparation of the Council Plan and accompanying Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.**
 - b) **Council's detailed response and proposed actions in response to Climate Change will be provided during the exhibition of the draft Sustainability Action Plan in 2023**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

1. Review of LCC Position on Climate Change and its impacts - Paper Petition (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. The petition contains personal information

2. Review of LCC Position on Climate Change and its impacts - Online Petition (Published Separately)

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NEW ENERGY PROJECTS INVESTMENT

MOTION

Moved: Cr Middlemiss

Seconded: Cr Clancey

That Council:

- 1. Approves the allocation of \$3.95M from cash holdings to fund the delivery of the following New Energy Projects;**
 - Solar power generation installations up to the value of \$1.70M**
 - Street Lighting Upgrades to LED up to the value of \$2.25M**
- 2. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to award contracts and approve expenditure up to the value of \$3.95M associated with the New Energy Projects.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

THE CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HUB ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Clancey


Seconded: Cr Middlemiss

That Council:

- 1. Dissolve the Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee; and**
- 2. Send letters of appreciation to remaining serving members of the Committee**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1.  The Churchill and District Community HUB Advisory Committee - Terms Of Reference

STATUTORY PLANNING

8. STATUTORY PLANNING

Nil reports

CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

9. CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 9.1

05 December 2022

Chief Executive Office

PROPOSED 2023 SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING DATES

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Law

That Council adopts and gives public notice of the following Council Meetings for 2023, commencing at 6.00p.m. to be held in the Nambur Wariga Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, 141 Commercial Road, Morwell, in a hybrid format or, where permissible and appropriate, by means of audio-visual link:

- 06 February 2023
- 06 March 2023
- 03 April 2023
- 01 May 2023
- 05 June 2023
- 03 July 2023
- 07 August 2023
- 04 September 2023
- 02 October 2023
- 06 November 2023
- 13 November 2023 (Mayoral Election)
- 04 December 2023

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1.  Draft 2023 Council Meeting Calendar

URGENT BUSINESS

10. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

REPORTS FOR NOTING

11. REPORTS FOR NOTING

Nil reports

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil reports

NOTICES OF MOTION

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil reports

ITEMS FOR TABLING

14. ITEMS FOR TABLING

Nil reports

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

15. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cr Clancey acknowledged all of the candidates in the recent Victorian State Election

Cr Middlemiss acknowledged the success of the International Rose Garden Festival and everyone involved in its organisation.

**MEETING CLOSED TO
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CONFIDENTIAL
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.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Law

Seconded: Cr Middlemiss

That Council pursuant to section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) close the Council Meeting to the public to consider the following items containing confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Act:

16.1 Australia Day Awards

This item is confidential as it contains confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a) (section 3(1)(h)). Confidential Australia Day Awards.

16.2 Three year old kindergarten Infrastructure

This item is confidential as it contains information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition (section 3(1)(k)). Offer of funding that has not yet been signed off by the Minister.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting closed to the public at 6.27pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.31pm.

I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.

Mayor: _____

Date: _____