



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL
The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 16 March 2021

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cr Garry Stephens (Mayor)
Cr Scott Rossetti (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Ian Bye
Cr Carolyn Crossley
Cr Malcolm Hole
Cr Marcus McKenzie
Cr Gayle Maher
Cr John Tatterson
Cr Jill Wood

OFFICERS PRESENT

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer
Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services
Brent McAlister, General Manager Development
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment
Sharon Houlihan, General Manager Community and Culture
Denise Teo, Governance Officer
Wendy Reeves, Coordinator Communications and Media

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1. APOLOGIES

NIL

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 March 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 March 2021.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 March 2021.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

Councillor Hole moved to accept the late report '14.3 Nomination to National Timber Councils Association Executive Committee' and to deal with the report under this section.

COUNCILLOR HOLE/ COUNCILLOR BYE

CARRIED

Report Item 14.3 Nomination to National Timber Councils Association Executive Committee has been included at section 14 General Manager Development of these agenda minutes.

6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Stephens acknowledged the recent passing of Mr Lyndon Webb. He served as the CEO of Wellington Shire Council from 2001 to 2009. Lyndon made significant contributions to the Shire during his term as CEO. Major achievements included:

- immediately restructured Wellington Shire Council's Corporate Plan to provide a simple clear and achievable range of outcomes over the next three years
- ensured Budget is sustainable with an appropriate strategy that reduced Council's debt from \$22M to \$12M over five years
- implemented an effective lobbying campaign that has increased the council's profile with State and Federal Governments and secured outcomes such as relocation of the RAAF Officer Training College to East Sale
- implemented a range of consultation mechanisms to strengthen Council's relationship with the community
- established strong beneficial relationships with regional Councils, educational institutions such as TAFE, health institutions such as CGHS and many other organisations
- managed a \$60+M local government that has delivered capital works of up to \$35M per year
- changed the face of the area through delivery of landmark projects such as the Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre, Port of Sale, Aqua Energy and Rosedale Community Centre
- awarded the 2002 LGPro Innovation and Excellence Award for Webcasting of Council Meetings and Runner-up in the Federal Government's Local Government National Innovation and Excellence Awards for our joint Cultural Tourism project with neighbouring councils
- introduced e-Procurement and ensured a high level of IT competence across the staff of the Council
- achieved a high level of staff job satisfaction and vocational skill – e.g. all outdoor staff undertook Certificate II training in Civil Construction
- consistently achieved over \$40M in government grant funding over any three years.

9. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

9.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR GARRY STEPHENS

<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p><i>That the Mayor and Councillor Activity report be noted.</i></p> <p>COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR MAHER</p> <p><i>That the Mayor and Councillor Activity report be noted.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
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11. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p><i>That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.</i></p> <p>COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI</p> <p><i>That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

12.2. JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2021 COUNCIL PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE

For Council to receive and note the January and February 2021 Council Plan Highlights.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the January and February 2021 Council Plan Highlights as attached.

COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council receive and note the January and February 2021 Council Plan Highlights as attached.

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 22 February 2021 to 7 March 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 22 February 2021 to 7 March 2021.

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 22 February 2021 to 7 March 2021.

CARRIED

13.2. AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To receive and note the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 22 February 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit & Risk Committee 22 February 2021 (Attachment 13.2.1) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 22 February 2021 (Attachment 13.2.3);***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 22 February 2021 of this Council meeting agenda and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the Chief Executive Officer on 25 February 2021 because it relates to the following grounds: e) legal privileged information; and l) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020.***

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit & Risk Committee 22 February 2021 (Attachment 13.2.1) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 22 February 2021 (Attachment 13.2.3);***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 22 February 2021 of this Council meeting agenda and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the Chief Executive Officer on 25 February 2021 because it relates to the following grounds: e) legal privileged information; and l) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020.***

CARRIED

13.3. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

For Council to note and receive the minutes and endorse the actions of the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 2 March 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 2 March 2021 as attached; and***
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 2 March 2021 as detailed in the attached minutes.***

COUNCILLOR HOLE / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 2 March 2021 as attached; and***
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 2 March 2021 as detailed in the attached minutes.***

CARRIED

13.4. S11A INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987 ONLY) - RUSSELL SEARLE

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council's approval for the designated Council Officer responsible for administration and enforcement of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) to be appointed and authorised as an Authorised Officer under the Act.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 224 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) and the other legislation referred to in the attached S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (the instrument), resolve that:

- 1. Council Officer Russell Searle be appointed and authorised as set out in the instrument as provided at Attachment 1; and*
- 2. The instrument be signed and sealed by the Chief Executive Officer.*

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 224 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) and the other legislation referred to in the attached S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (the instrument), resolve that:

- 1. Council Officer Russell Searle be appointed and authorised as set out in the instrument as provided at Attachment 1; and*
- 2. The instrument be signed and sealed by the Chief Executive Officer.*

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. JANUARY 2021 PLANNING DECISIONS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING

PURPOSE

To provide a report to Council on recent planning permit trends and planning decisions made under delegation by Statutory Planners during the month of January 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 January and 31 January 2021.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 January and 31 January 2021.

CARRIED

Councillor Maher congratulated the Planning team on their recent award for Best Rural Municipality presented by Consulting Surveyors of Victoria.

14.2. QUARTERLY BUILDING REPORT OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

To provide a report to Council on building permits issued in the Wellington Shire, during the Quarter 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2020, for information.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2020.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2020.

CARRIED

14.3. NOMINATION TO NATIONAL TIMBER COUNCILS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

For Council to approve the nomination of Council Officer, Mark Coleman, to the National Timber Councils Association Executive Committee.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the nomination of Council Officer, Mark Coleman, to the National Timber Councils Association Executive Committee.

COUNCILLOR HOLE / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council approve the nomination of Council Officer, Mark Coleman, to the National Timber Councils Association Executive Committee.

CARRIED

15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

15.1. ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE

For Council to authorise the issue of a notice to amend the Road Management Plan, as attached, pursuant with Section 10 of the *Road Management (General) Regulations 2016*.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- 1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to issue a notice to amend the Road Management Plan, as attached, pursuant with Section 10 of the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016.*
- 2. Release the Draft Road Management Plan 2021, as attached, for public comment for a minimum period of 28 days.*

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council;

- 1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to issue a notice to amend the Road Management Plan, as attached, pursuant with Section 10 of the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016.*
- 2. Release the Draft Road Management Plan 2021, as attached, for public comment for a minimum period of 28 days.*

CARRIED

16. GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

16.1. QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

PURPOSE

For Council to note information regarding successful and unsuccessful applications received under the Quick Response Grant Scheme (QRGS) for the period November 2020 to February 2021 as at Attachment Quick Response Grants November 2020 to February 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note information regarding successful and unsuccessful applications received under the Quick Response Grant Scheme (QRGS) for the period November 2020 to February 2021 as at Attachment Quick Response Grants November 2020 to February 2021.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council note information regarding successful and unsuccessful applications received under the Quick Response Grant Scheme (QRGS) for the period November 2020 to February 2021 as at Attachment Quick Response Grants November 2020 to February 2021.

CARRIED

17. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

Gallery comments are an opportunity for members of the public to raise any particular matter they wish. This allows those in the gallery to speak directly to Councillors but is not a forum designed for open discussion or debate. We will listen respectfully to what you have to say and make the commitment that if your query requires a written response, we will advise you that a response will be forthcoming, and a copy of that response will be circulated to all Councillors.

This is not a forum for members of the public to lodge complaints against individuals, including Councillors and staff, particularly as that individual gets no public right of reply to any matter raised. We take complaints seriously, and in line with the guidance from the Victorian Ombudsman and the local Government Inspectorate, we request that any specific complaint against an individual be put in writing. This way, your concern can be properly dealt with while ensuring fairness to all parties concerned.

If you wish to speak, we remind you that this part of the meeting is being recorded and broadcast on our website. Council's official Minutes will record that you have spoken to Council and the subject you spoke to Council about but will not record specific comments. We ask you to state your name in full, where you are from, and you have three minutes.

ONLINE COMMENTS – NIL

GALLERY COMMENTS – NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 6:34pm

The live streaming of this Council meeting will now come to a close.