



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY MEETING

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 4 July 2023

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cr Ian Bye (Mayor)
Cr John Tatterson (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Carmel Ripper
Cr Carolyn Crossley
Cr Garry Stephens (*online via MS Teams*)
Cr Gayle Maher
Cr Marcus McKenzie
Cr Scott Rossetti

OFFICERS PRESENT

Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services
Andrew Pomeroy, General Manager Development
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment/Acting
Chief Executive Officer
Clem Gillings, General Manager Community and Culture
Hayley Furlong, Governance and Council Business Officer
Kimberley Salleh, Coordinator Communications and Media

APOLOGIES

Cr Jill Wood

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer

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1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR WOOD

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: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 20 June 2023.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION
<i>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 20 June 2023.</i>
COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR MAHER
<i>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 20 June 2023.</i>
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

NIL

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 BYE attended an event on Monday 3 July 2023 celebrating NAIDOC Week - *For Our Elders*. He noted the performances by indigenous children along with hearing elders speak. Councillor Bye congratulated everyone on a great start to NAIDOC week.

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. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

11. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 12 June 2023 to 25 June 2023.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 12 June 2023 to 25 June 2023.

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 12 June 2023 to 25 June 2023.

CARRIED

11.2. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To receive and note the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 1 June 2023.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit & Risk Committee 1 June 2023 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 1 June 2023;***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 1 June 2023 of this Council meeting agenda and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Corporate Services on 19 June 2023 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 STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit & Risk Committee 1 June 2023 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 1 June 2023;**
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 1 June 2023 of this Council meeting agenda and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Corporate Services on 19 June 2023 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

11.3. 2021-2025 COUNCIL PLAN AND HEALTHY WELLINGTON PROGRESS UPDATE - QUARTER 3

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE

To provide Council and the community with the Quarter 3 progress update towards achievement of our Council Plan 2021 – 2025.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the attached update on progress of the 2021-25 Council Plan for Quarter 3.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council receive the attached update on progress of the 2021-25 Council Plan for Quarter 3.

CARRIED

12. 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 –

JOHN BUXTON, BUNDALAGUAH HALL COMMITTEE: Addressed concerns for road safety and access to the Hall on Sale-Maffra Road. Council have responded directly to Mr Buxton and Regional Roads Victoria.

ALAN HEYWOOD, SALE: Addressed some improvements he would like to see on Foster Street, Sale, between York Street, Sale and Guthridge Parade, Sale. Council will respond directly to Mr Heywood and circulate the response to Councillors.

NEIL BARRACLOUGH, MEERLIEU: Indicated that he will attend the Council Meeting and would like to discuss the closure of the Native Timber Industry.

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS –

VERONICA BARNES, ROSEDALE: addressed Council to discuss correspondence in relation to the removal of the prayer from the beginning of Council Meetings. Veronica noted her disappointment and hoped this could be revisited by Council. She provided an example of a prayer she felt was inclusive for all.

NEIL BARRACLOUGH, MEERLIEU: addressed Council to state his position on the closure of the Native Timber industry and the response from Wellington Shire Council. Neil shared his views on sustainable timber harvesting and his previous correspondence to Council on the matter. He noted his concerns for the Alpine Mountain Ash and the ability it has to fuel a mega fire. Neil discussed low intensity burning and the benefits of this.

GRAHAM JAMES, GELLIONDALE: addressed Council to discuss his concerns surrounding the Synergy Wind Farm and the effects it will have on the properties in the area. He expressed concerns that properties will become either inhabitable or bought out because of the wind farm and Graham requested support from Council on the matter.

Meeting declared closed at: 5:28pm

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

13. IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider matters under Section 66(5)(b) as defined by Section 3(1) being:

- a) Council business information***
- b) Security information***
- c) Land use planning information***
- d) Law enforcement information***
- e) Legal privileged information***
- f) Personal information***
- g) Private commercial information***
- h) Confidential meeting information***
- i) Internal arbitration information***
- j) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information***
- k) Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information***
- l) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989***

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR

That Council move into open session and ratify the decision made in closed session.