



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

18 June 2024

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 18 June 2024

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cr Ian Bye
Cr Carolyn Crossley
Cr Gayle Maher
Cr Garry Stephens
Cr Jill Wood
Cr John Tattersson
Cr Marcus McKenzie

OFFICERS PRESENT

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer
Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services
Andrew Pomeroy, General Manager Development
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment
Clemence Gillings, General Manager Community and Culture
Kim Salleh, Manager Communications and Media
Catie Thomson, Governance Officer

APOLOGIES

Cr Carmel Ripper
Cr Scott Rossetti

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1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI
COUNCILLOR RIPPER

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 4 June 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 June 2024.

COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 June 2024.

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 MAHER acknowledged and extended a whole hearted congratulations to two local women who have received the Lifesaving Victoria's "Outstanding Women in Lifesaving" awards for exceptional contributions and achievements in life saving, drowning prevention and emergency services. Amanda Castle was honoured as a senior leader and Bridget Brown as an emerging leader. Both have been significant in their contributions to their Seaspray Surf Life Saving Club and the community and are a great reflection of people we want to see in our communities with the volunteering and hard work being done.

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE acknowledged the late John Leslie and had the honour of meeting the trustee of The John Leslie Foundation Trust and seeing the latest contribution that has been made under the guidance of the trust. Along with Wellington Shire Council's David Harper (Manager Natural Environment and Parks), Chris Hastie (General Manager Built and Natural Environment) and David Morcom (Chief Executive Officer), Councillor McKenzie met with Helene Booth, Brian (Barney) Castles, Diedre Relph, Katy Drey and Daryl Page at the Flooding Creek Linear Reserve. The reserve is now nearing completion and was developed from wasteland some years ago and is like an oasis situated close to the CBD of Sale with over 5000 planted trees, walking tracks and seating.

Councillor McKenzie spoke of his appreciation for how much the late John Leslie loved the community of Wellington which, in turn, has greatly benefited Wellington. The late John Leslie led a full and productive life, having served as a Mayor, Army Captain, successful retailer, community leader, arts patron, government advisor, philanthropist, recipient of the keys to the City of Sale and a gentleman, a 'renaissance man'.

Councillor McKenzie thanked the trustee of John Leslie, acknowledging it was a day where he was proud to represent his fellow councillors, council staff and senior management.

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

10.1 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT - MAY 2024

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR IAN BYE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.

CARRIED

11. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT - MAY 2024

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

CARRIED

12.2 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE

For Council to approve the appointment of an Acting Mayor for the scheduled 2 July 2024 Council Meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY
NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the temporary appointment of COUNCILLOR STEPHENS as Acting Mayor for the scheduled 2 July 2024 Council Meeting.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That Council approve the temporary appointment of COUNCILLOR STEPHENS as Acting Mayor for the scheduled 2 July 2024 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 27 May 2024 to 9 June 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY
NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 27 May 2024 to 9 June 2024.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 27 May 2024 to 9 June 2024.

CARRIED

13.2 PROGRESS OF 2021-25 COUNCIL PLAN AND HEALTHY WELLINGTON QUARTER 3, 2023/24

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To provide Council and the community with the Quarter 3, 2023/24 progress update towards achievement of our Council Plan 2021 – 2025.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the attached update on progress of the 2021-25 Council Plan for Quarter 3, 2023/24.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council receive and note the attached update on progress of the 2021-25 Council Plan for Quarter 3, 2023/24.

CARRIED

13.3 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 29 May 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the Minutes in Brief of the Audit & Risk Committee 29 May 2024 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 29 May 2024; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 29 May 2024 attachment was designated confidential under the definition of Confidential Information in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the Chief Executive Officer on 4 June 2024 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.***

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the Minutes in Brief of the Audit & Risk Committee 29 May 2024 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 29 May 2024; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 29 May 2024 attachment was designated confidential under the definition of Confidential Information in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the Chief Executive Officer on 4 June 2024 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.***

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1 MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - APRIL 2024

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 April 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 April 2024 and 30 April 2024.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 April 2024 and 30 April 2024.

CARRIED

15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

15.1. PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

For Council to receive the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 14 May 2024 and to consider the recommendations from that meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 14 May 2024;*
- 2. The un-named lane between 78 and 80 Macalister Street, Sale, be named Temperance Lane and the proposed name be advertised and, if no objections received within 30 days, then the name be registered with Geographic Names Victoria; and*
- 3. The trafficable section of the un-named road off Austins Road, Woodside, be named Blue Wren Lane; and*
 - i) A letter be sent to adjoining property owners and it be advertised that the trafficable section of the un-named road off Austins Road, Woodside, be named Blue Wren Lane, and if no objections are received within 30 days, then the name be registered with Geographic Names Victoria; and*
 - ii) The Woodside Primary School be thanked for its previous contribution to the approved name list.*

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 14 May 2024;*
- 2. The un-named lane between 78 and 80 Macalister Street, Sale, be named Temperance Lane and the proposed name be advertised and, if no objections received within 30 days, then the name be registered with Geographic Names Victoria; and*
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 - ii) The Woodside Primary School be thanked for its previous contribution to the approved name list.*

CARRIED

15.2. QUARTERLY CAPITAL REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update and to note changes to the Capital Works Program made between 29 February and 5 June 2024 for the 2023/2024 financial year.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note changes to the 2023/2024 Adopted Capital Works Budget of \$3,647,861 made since the end of February 2024, resulting in an Adjusted Capital Works Budget of \$55,327,376 as shown in Attachment 15.2.1, which also includes projects that have been deferred or cancelled for reasons as shown.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That Council note changes to the 2023/2024 Adopted Capital Works Budget of \$3,647,861 made since the end of February 2024, resulting in an Adjusted Capital Works Budget of \$55,327,376 as shown in Attachment 15.2.1, which also includes projects that have been deferred or cancelled for reasons as shown.

CARRIED

16. 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

1. Email received from **CAROLYN BOWDEN, WOODSIDE BEACH** regarding questions on burning off, the Permits Process and Parameters for the residential area of Woodside Beach:

The email from Carolyn Bowden refers to questions about burning off in the residential zone of Woodside Beach, the granting of permits, approvals process, neighbour notifications, obligations and permit parameters.

A response will be provided to Carolyn Bowden and copied to Councillors.

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

The live streaming of this Council meeting will now come to a close at 5.25pm.

17. IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That the meeting be closed to the public to consider confidential information pursuant to section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 and defined in section 3(1) as involving personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

CARRIED

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

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

CARRIED

Meeting declared closed at 5.26pm.