



Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 23 May 2023

Council Chambers, Mortlake Council Offices
1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake Vic



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**Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
of Moyne Shire Council held on Tuesday 23 May 2023, at Council Chambers,
Mortlake Council Offices, 1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake Vic
commencing at 2:00 pm.**

Present

Councillors	Karen Foster (Mayor), Jim Doukas, Damian Gleeson, Jordan Lockett, Daniel Meade (Deputy Mayor), James Purcell, Ian Smith
Officers	Brett Davis, Chief Executive Officer Edith Farrell, Director Infrastructure and Environment Peter Brown, Acting Director Community & Corporate Services Jodie McNamara, Director Economy and Place

1 Procedural

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor read the following statement:

We begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

1.2 Prayer

The Deputy Mayor read the Prayer:

Almighty God, we humbly beseech your blessing on the Council, direct and prosper its deliberations for the welfare of the people of the Moyne Shire. Amen.

1.3 Live streaming of Council Meetings

The Mayor read the following statement:

Please note that today's meeting is being live streamed and can be viewed by the general public via Council's Facebook page, and later uploaded to Council's website. By participating in and addressing those present at the meeting, you consent to any

information you disclose (including any personal information or sensitive information) being recorded and uploaded to the website.

1.4. Apologies

No apologies for this meeting.

1.5 Declarations of Conflict Interest

No declarations made at this meeting

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-50

Cr James Purcell moved, Cr Ian Smith seconded

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26 April be accepted and confirmed as correct.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

1.7 Public Participation

No public participants at this meeting

2 Officers Reports

2.1 Draft Budget 2023-2024

Overview: This report submits the proposed Draft Council Budget for the 2023-2024 year. The Budget has been workshopped by Council and is presented in the Model Budget format that is mandated for local government.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-51

Cr James Purcell moved, Cr Jim Doukas seconded

That the Budget annexed to this resolution be the Budget for 2023-2024 prepared by Council for the purpose of Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020 and that Council:

- a) **Give Public Notice of the Budget 2023-24 and invite submissions for a period of 21 days from such public notice;**
- b) **that Council considers any submissions on a proposal (or proposals) contained in such Budget;**
- c) **that Council considers a motion to adopt such Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2023.**

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For	Against
	Cr Karen Foster
	Cr Damian Gleeson
Cr Jim Doukas	Cr Jordan Lockett
Cr James Purcell	Cr Daniel Meade
	Cr Ian Smith

Cr Lockett foreshadowed the original motion

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-52

Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Damian Gleeson seconded

That the Budget annexed to this resolution be the Budget for 2023-2024 prepared by Council for the purpose of Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020 and that Council:

- a) **Give Public Notice of the Budget 2023-24 and invite submissions for a period of 14 days from such public notice;**
- b) **that Council considers any submissions on a proposal (or proposals) contained in such Budget;**

- c) that Council considers a motion to adopt such Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.2 Monthly Financial Performance Report April 2023

Overview: The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the financial performance and position of the Council. It provides a snapshot of some key financial indicators and monitors performance against year-to-date (YTD) actuals. Explanations of significant variations are provided.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-53

Cr Daniel Meade moved, Cr Damian Gleeson seconded

- 1. That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report April 2023.**
- 2. That Council approves the variations as listed under Section 7 Budget Variations for the current month.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.3 FY 2022-2023 CAF Final Rounds Assessment Report

Overview: This report presents a list of grant applications for the final Round 3 \$5,001 - \$30,000 funding under the FY 2022-2023 Community Assistance Fund (CAF) for endorsement by Council.

The report also requests that the historically accrued, Council endorsed carry forward unspent funds be made available for use to meet an over commitment of community applications.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-54

Cr Daniel Meade moved, Cr Damian Gleeson seconded

- 1. That Council endorse the use of \$31,493 from the historically accrued carry forward funds for the FY 2022-2023 Community Assistance Fund project commitments.**
- 2. That Council approve applications to the final Round 3 FY 2022-2023 \$5,001-\$30,000 Community Assistance Fund category, allocating \$71,545 to the following projects:**

Garvoc and District Residents Group	\$6,649
Mortlake Bowls Club	\$15,000
Friends of St Brigids	\$14,803
Panmure Football Netball Club	\$6,520
Mortlake Golf Club	\$15,000
Northern Raiders Cricket Club	\$13,573
Total	\$71,545

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.4 Business Façade Improvement 2022-23 Report

Overview: This report provides Council with a summary of the outcomes of the Business Façade Improvement Program for the 2022/23 funding year.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-55

Cr Daniel Meade moved, Cr Ian Smith seconded

That Council note the Business Façade Improvement Programme outcomes report for the 2022/2023 funding year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.5 East Beach Redevelopment - Community Consultation and Concept Design Review

Overview: The East Beach Redevelopment – Community Consultation and Concept Design Review report presents a summary of the key feedback and commentary collated from a program of community engagement on the concept designs. The report outlines the proposed design responses (changes and retentions) for the 2023 Concept Plan based on the feedback received.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-56

Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Damian Gleeson seconded

That Council adopts the updated May 2023 Concept Design Plans for Stage 1 (funded) and future Stage 2 of the East Beach Redevelopment Project, which will enable the project to progress to detailed design phase.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.6 Parliament of Victoria Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee inquiry into the impact of road safety

Overview: Moynes Shire Council plays an important role in the promotion of road safety and has prepared a submission to the Parliament of Victoria Legislative Assembly *Economy and Infrastructure Committee* inquiry into the impact of road safety behaviours on vulnerable road users.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-57

Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Daniel Meade seconded

That Council notes the submission which has been provided in response to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.7 Plaques and Memorials Policy

Overview: The Acknowledgement of Community Contribution Policy (the Policy) is due for review (May 2023). The Policy has been updated and is presented to Council to consider prior to seeking community feedback.

In addition, a request was received for a commemorative plaque (see attachment 2) having the names of those who lost their lives as a result of the Ash Wednesday Fires 1983 to be placed on the memorial at Panmure. It is timely for Council to consider this request as part of this report.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-58

Cr Jim Doukas moved; Cr Ian Smith seconded that:

- 1. Council endorses the updated Plaques and Memorials Policy (formerly the Acknowledgement of Community Contribution Policy) in principle and to seek community feedback for 28 days before adopting the updated Policy.**
- 2. Council requests the Director Infrastructure and Environment to liaise with the requestors for a suitable commemorative plaque to be erected at the Panmure Memorial to commemorate those who lost their lives as a result of the Ash Wednesday fires 1983.**
- 3. The request for a commemorative plaque at the memorial in Panmure is requested to be approved subject to verification and final wording before being installed.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

3 Councillors' Items

3.1 Mayor and Councillor Activities

Overview: The report provides information to Council in regard to the Councillors' attendance at briefings, forum and other meetings, between 15 April and 17 May 2023

Mayor Activities

Council noted the report item Mayor Activities.

Councillor Activities

Council noted the report item Councillor Activities.

3.2 Councillor Notice of Motion

Overview: A Councillor may lodge a notice of motion on any matter the Councillor wants to be considered.

Notice of motion submitted by Cr Daniel Meade

That Moyne Shire Councillors:-

- 1. Express disappointment in relation to the lack of communication and engagement of ratepayers, community and Moyne Shire Council by the windfarm proponent RE Futures for the Garvoc Windfarm for the planning application recently lodged with the Department of Transport and Planning; and**
- 2. That the Mayor express such disappointment in writing to Ministers D'Ambrosio, Kilkenny and RE Futures on behalf of Moyne Shire Council and its ratepayers and communities.**
- 3. Seek a meeting with Minister Ambrosio and Minister Kilkenny.**

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-59

Cr Daniel Meade moved and Cr Ian Smith seconded that Moyne Shire Councillors:-

- 1. Express disappointment in relation to the lack of communication and engagement of ratepayers, community and Moyne Shire Council by the windfarm proponent RE Futures for the Garvoc Windfarm for the planning application recently lodged with the Department of Transport and Planning; and**

2. That the Mayor express such disappointment in writing to Ministers D'Ambrosio, Kilkenney and RE Futures on behalf of Moyne Shire Council and its ratepayers and communities.

3. Seek a meeting with Minister Ambrosio and Minister Kilkenney.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

3.3 General Matters

Overview: General Matters gives Councillors the opportunity to report on positive and good news items from around the Shire.

Cr Jordan Lockett noted some recent and upcoming events:

On Wednesday 17 May Moyne raised the rainbow flag in support of IDAHOBIT Day, and 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert' played at the Reardon Theatre in Port Fairy.

Congratulations extended to Moyne for the events which took place across the Shire.

On Saturday 27 May a community information event to be held on Seismic Blasting.

Note made of National Sorry Day on Saturday 27 May and National Reconciliation Week 28 May to 3 June. In recognition a screening of 'The Crossing' to be shown at Reardon Theatre Port Fairy on Sunday 28 May.

Cr Jim Doukas noted National Volunteer week 17 - 23 May, giving acknowledgement that the Visitor Information Centre volunteers were taken on a day trip to express appreciation for their contribution, noting it as one of the best Visitor Information Centres in Victoria.

Cr Doukas urged that a more extensive recognition be considered for Volunteers across the Shire for the hard work they do, noting that many festivals and events could not operate without them. Cr Doukas noted the rainbow flag was flown to mark IDAHOBIT and a community event had been organised. He requested that Council make acknowledgement of volunteers a higher priority in future.

3.4 Urgent Business

Overview: A Councillor may raise an urgent matter for consideration at a Council Meeting if the Councillors considers that the matter is extremely urgent and it was not possible for the matter to have been included in the agenda notice for the meeting.

No urgent business recorded for this meeting.

4 CEO Meeting Schedule

Council noted the report item CEO Meeting Schedule 21 April to 20 May 2023.

5 CEO Activities Report - May 2023

Council noted the report item CEO Activities Report - May 2023.

6 Confidential Items

Overview: Under section 3 of the Act, the council may consider report items in closed business if they contain certain information which is defined to be confidential information because premature or improper release may cause harm to the Council or to a person or persons.

Confidential Information remains confidential unless it can lawfully be released and the Council has determined that it should be publicly available.

No confidential items

7 Close Meeting

The Council Meeting Tuesday 23 May 2023 was declared closed at 3:28 pm.

Confirmed this 27 June 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "KF", written over a dotted line.

Mayor, Cr Karen Foster

