



Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 28 November 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 28 November 2023, at Council
Chambers,
Mortlake Council Offices, 1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake Vic
commencing at 2:00 pm.

Present

Councillors	Cr Ian Smith (Mayor)
	Cr Karen Foster (Deputy Mayor),
	Cr Jim Doukas
	Cr Damian Gleeson
	Cr Jordan Lockett
	Cr Daniel Meade
	Cr James Purcell

Officers	Brett Davis, Chief Executive Officer
	Edith Farrell, Director Assets & Community
	Ed Small, Director Corporate & Governance Services
	Jodie McNamara, Director Environment, Economy & 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 Mayor read the following:

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

None at this meeting.

1.5 Declarations of Conflict Interest

No declarations made at this meeting

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-133

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr James Purcell seconded

- 1. That the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Monday 23 October be accepted and confirmed as correct.**
- 2. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24 October be accepted and confirmed as correct.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

1.7 Public Participation

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Cr James Purcell moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that standing Orders be suspended in order to hear public participants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Public participants

1. Mr Colin Supple
2. Mr Peter Thorburn

Cr James Purcell moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that standing Orders be resumed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2 Officers Reports

Recording timestamp:29.08

2.1 Monthly Finance Report - October 2023

Overview: The purpose of the report is to inform the Council of the financial performance and position of the Council. This section provides a snapshot of some key financial indicators of our financial performance as at the end of the reporting period. It focuses on monitoring our operating performance, capital expenditure progress and the ready availability of/access to cash resources. It also provides a forecast of the year-end result.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-134

Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that Council receive and note the Monthly Financial Report October 2023 incorporating the mini budget review

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Recording timestamp:44.33

2.2 Budget 2024-2025 Timetable and Community Consultation Process

Overview: To provide Councillors with an overview of the 2024-2025 annual budget timetable and community consultation process.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-135

Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council note the 2024-2025 Budget Timetable and Community Consultation process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Recording timestamp:50.53

2.3 Audit and Risk Committee - Councillor Membership

Overview: The report considers Councillor representation on the Audit and Risk Committee.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-136

Cr Daniel Meade moved, Cr James Purcell seconded that Council appoint Cr Foster and Cr Gleeson to the Audit and Risk Committee until 30 September 2024

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Recording timestamp:52.51

2.4 News and Social Media Policy

Overview: The news and social media policy aims to ensure a coordinated approach to interacting with news and social media

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-137

Cr Daniel Meade moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that Council note the News and Social Media Policy and seek community feedback for 28 days before adopting the updated Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Recording timestamp:56.18

2.5 Business Facade Improvement Program

Overview: This report recommends that Council approve the applications for the Business Façade Improvement grant for the 2023/24 application round. The eligible applications are outlined below.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approves funding of \$31,317.52 to support the 17 eligible applications for the 2023/24 Business Façade Improvement Program.

Bennings Boutique	\$1,000.00
Mt Shadwell Hotel (Café next door to hotel)	\$5,000.00
Home Grown Port Fairy	\$1,350.00
E L & J L Hughes (Trading as Mortlake Post Plus)	\$5,000.00
Seacombe House	\$1,000.00
Morgan and Co	\$2,400.00
Noodledoof Brewing Co	\$5,000.00
Aberlea Inc	\$2,750.00
The Stump Hotel	\$5,000.00
Koroit Hotel	\$5,000.00
Moody's Plumbing	\$792.00

Ashpat PL	\$5,000.00
Higher State Co	\$5,000.00
Koroit Post Office	\$5,000.00
South West Makers Association	\$1,934.00
William Klebous	\$5,000.00
Mortlake Deli Fresh Cafe and Food Store - Peter Thulborn Family Trust	\$5,000.00

Cr Meade proposed an alternate motion

Cr Purcell foreshadowed the original motion

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-138

Cr Daniel Meade moved, Cr Jim Doukas seconded that Council approves funding of \$31,317.52 and seeks a variation of \$14,601.98 bringing the total allocation to \$45,919.50 to support the 17 eligible applications for the 2023/24 Business Façade Improvement Program.

Business	Funding Requested	75% of Funding Request
Bennings Boutique	\$1,000	\$750.00
Mt Shadwell Hotel (Café next door to hotel)	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
Home Grown Port Fairy	\$1,350.00	\$1,012.50
E L & J L Hughes (Trading as Mortlake Post Plus)	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
Seacombe House	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
Morgan and Co	\$2,400.00	\$1,800.00
Noodledoof Brewing Co	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
Aberlea Inc	\$2,750.00	\$2,062.50
The Stump Hotel	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
Koroit Hotel	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
Moody's Plumbing	\$792.00	\$594.00

Ashpat PL	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
Higher State Co	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
Koroit Post Office	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
South West Makers Association	\$1,934.00	\$1,450.50
William Klebous	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
Mortlake Deli Fresh Cafe and Food Store	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
TOTAL:	\$61,226	\$45,919.50

CARRIED 6 / 1

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

Recording timestamp: 1.08.27

2.6 Stock Underpass Fund Applications - Swans Lane Allansford & Gordons Lane Ellerslie

Overview: This report is for Council to consider two applications, each requesting \$10,000 funding from Councils Stock Underpass Fund. The proposed underpasses would be constructed under Swans Lane at Allansford, and Gordons Lane at Ellerslie.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-139

Cr Daniel Meade moved, Cr Damian Gleeson seconded that Council endorse an allocation of \$10,000 each for the two applicants Anniedale Farms and Ballangeich Run. as contributions towards the installation of their respective stock underpasses from the Financial Year 2023/2024 budget allocation, subject to private funding being secured.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Recording timestamp: 1.12.35

2.7 Stock Underpass Fund Application - Terang-Framlingham Road, The Sisters

Overview: This report pertains to an application for \$10,000 funding from Councils Stock Underpass Fund. The proposed underpass would be constructed under the Terang-Framlingham Road at The Sisters.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-140

Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Daniel Meade seconded that Council endorse the allocation of \$10,000 to E&S Kenna in accordance with the application attached, as a contribution towards the installation of a stock underpass from the Financial Year 2023/2024 budget allocation, subject to other private funding being secured.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Recording timestamp: 1.17.06

2.8 State of the Assets

Overview: Following the adoption of Councils Asset Plan 2022 (AP22) and supporting Asset Management Plans (AMPs) in June 2022, this State of Assets Report provides Council with a progress update on the achievements against and observations on the implementation of AP22 and AMPs, and recommendations for improved asset management processes across all asset classes of the organisation.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-141

Cr Damian Gleeson moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council adopt the 2023 State of the Assets Report .

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Recording timestamp: 1.24.47

2.9 2022-23 Community Asset Annual Report

Overview: The Local Government Act 2020 s47 (6) stipulates that an annual performance and activities report will be presented to Council advising on the status of each Community

Asset Committee. Council has five (5) Community Asset Committees (CAC), all of whom have met regularly since the transition to CAC's in October 2020.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-142

Cr Daniel Meade moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council note and receive this annual report in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Local Government Act 2020 in relation to the activities and performance of Community Asset Committees, under which members have been given a delegation under a Terms of Reference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Recording timestamp: 1.30.22

2.10 Bushfire Preparedness

Overview: 2023-24 Fire Danger Period and Property Inspections

This report provides Councillors with an outline of activities undertaken by and with Council to prepare for the upcoming bushfire season, which commenced on 20 November 2023.

Resolution ID: OCM 2023-143

Cr Damian Gleeson moved, Cr Daniel Meade seconded That Council note and receive the report of activities undertaken by Council in preparation for the upcoming 2023-24 bushfire season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

3 Councillors' Items

Recording timestamp: 1.35.00

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 14 October 2023 and 17 November 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.

No Councillor Notice of Motion has been received for this meeting Agenda.

Recording timestamp: 1.43.23

3.3 General Matters

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

Cr Lockett gave a shout out to the Port Fairy and Koroit shows. Noted they were amazing events, very well attended.

Cr Lockett also noted the 16 Days of Activism against gendered violence running 25 November - 10 December, and highlighted the alarming statistics in Australia, and raised the question on what society and Moyne are doing to act against this.

Cr Foster -thanked Cr Lockett for the remarks on the 16 Days of Activism.

Noted the opening of Koroit BBQ area on the weekend - a fabulous area for the community. Acknowledgement extended to Koroit Lions and Koroit Rail Trail Committee for the work they have done.

Cr Doukas noted the Purnim Big Bash, a huge success despite the wet conditions. Noted there were players present from all over Victoria, some of whom complemented the high standard of the oval - a credit to credit to the Shire and Purnim. Reiterated the need for change rooms at the Purnim Recreation Reserve.

Also suggested that Council give recognition to high achieving sportswomen from the region who have had recent international success.

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 October to 20 November 2023.

5 CEO Activities Report

Council noted the report item CEO Activities Report - November 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.

The following is a list of confidential Items.

6.1 - Supply and Loading of Road Making Materials Contract No. MS953

6.2 - Evaluation Report - CEO Employment Matters

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr James Purcell seconded that the meeting be closed in order to consider confidential items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

7 Close Meeting

The Council Meeting Tuesday 28 November 2023 was declared closed at 4:13 pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 19 December 2023

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Cr Ian Smith, Mayor