

MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

3:00PM, Tuesday 18 April 2023

Studio 1, Riverlinks Eastbank

COUNCILLORS

Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)

Cr Anthony Brophy (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Dinny Adem

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Ben Ladson

Cr Sam Spinks

Cr Fern Summer

VISION

GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE

A thriving economy in the foodbowl of Victoria with excellent lifestyles, innovative agriculture a diverse community and abundant opportunities

Values

Values reflect what we feel is important. Organisations may have core values that reflect what is important in the organisation. These values may be guiding principles of behaviour for all members in the organisation.

Respect first, always

We are attentive, listen to others and consider all points of view in our decision making.

Take ownership

We take pride in honouring our promises and exceeding expectations, and are transparent with and accountable for our actions.

Courageously lead

We lead with integrity, and stand up and stand by what is in the best interests of the Greater Shepparton community.

Working together

We work collaboratively to create higher quality outcomes that are more efficient, thoughtful, effective and responsive. We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

Continually innovate

We are open to new ideas and creatively seek solutions that encourage us to do our best for our community.

Start the celebration

As ambassadors for our people and place, we proudly celebrate the strengths and achievements of Council and the Greater Shepparton community.

**M I N U T E S
FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR
CR SHANE SALI
MAYOR**

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Risk Level Matrix Legend

Note: A number of reports in this agenda include a section on “risk management implications”. The following table shows the legend to the codes used in the reports.

Likelihood	Consequences				
	Negligible (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Extreme (5)
Almost Certain (5) Would be expected to occur in most circumstances (daily/weekly)	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME
Likely (4) Could probably occur in most circumstances (i.e. Monthly)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
Possible (3) Reasonable probability that it could occur (i.e. over 12 months)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
Unlikely (2) It is not expected to occur (i.e. 2-5 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Rare (1) May occur only in exceptional circumstances (i.e. within 10 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH

Extreme Intolerable – Immediate action is required to mitigate this risk to an acceptable level. Event/Project/Activity is not to proceed without authorisation

High Intolerable – Attention is needed to treat risk.

Medium Variable – May be willing to accept the risk in conjunction with monitoring and controls

Low Tolerable – Managed by routine procedures

PRESENT:

- Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)**
- Cr Anthony Brophy (Deputy Mayor)**
- Cr Seema Abdullah**
- Cr Dinny Adem**
- Cr Geoffrey Dobson**
- Cr Ben Ladson**
- Cr Sam Spinks**
- Cr Fern Summer**

Officers:

Peter Harriott	Chief Executive Officer
Louise Mitchell	Director Community
Chris Teitzel	Director Corporate Services
Kelli Halden	Acting Director Infrastructure
Geraldine Christou	Director Sustainable Development
Jennah Ahmet	Official Minute Taker
Molly Willmott	Deputy Minute Taker

1 Welcome to Country

The Welcome to Country was not provided due to the absence of Cr James.

2 Acknowledgement

We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton, we pay our respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.

3 Privacy Notice

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however as a visitor in the public gallery, it is assumed that your consent is given in the event that your image is broadcast to the public. It is also assumed that your consent is given to the use and disclosure of any information that you share at the meeting (including personal or sensitive information) to any person who accesses those recordings or Minutes.

4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the decisions contained in these Minutes gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. These principles are as follows:

1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
5. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;
6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5 Apologies

Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Ladson

That the apology from Cr Greg James be noted and a leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

In accordance with section 130 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 Councillors are required to disclose any "conflict of interest" in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

Nil Received.

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the minutes of the 21 March 2023 Council Meeting and 11 April 2023 Additional Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

8 Public Question Time

Nil Received.

9 Deputations and Petitions

Nil Received.

10 Community Directorate

10.1 Toolamba and District Community Plan

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Abdullah

That the Council receive and note the *Toolamba and District Community Plan 2023-2027*, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11 Corporate Services Directorate

11.1 March 2023 Monthly Financial Report

Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Ladson

That the Council receive and note the March 2023 Monthly Financial Report, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.2 2022/2023 Quarter 3 Forecast Review

**Moved by Cr Ladson
Seconded by Cr Abdullah**

That the Council receive and note the revised forecasts identified by the 2022/2023 Quarter 3 Forecast Review, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.3 2023/2024 Draft Budget

**Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Adem**

That the Council

- 1. Endorse the 2023/2024 Draft Budget as presented for the purposes of section 94 of *The Local Government Act 2020* as attached;**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice on the preparation of the 2023/2024 Draft Budget and stipulate that persons may make a written submission that must be received by no later than 5:00pm, Thursday 18 May 2023; and**
- 3. hold an Additional Council Meeting at a date to be determined to hear any person wishing to be heard in support of their written submission on any proposal contained in the 2023/2024 Draft Budget.**

CARRIED

11.4 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - March 2023

**Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Adem**

That the Council:

- 1. note the contracts awarded under delegation pursuant to a formal tender process for the reporting period; and**
- 2. note the requests for tender advertised but not yet awarded.**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12 Infrastructure Directorate

12.1 Skate Park Audit

Moved by Cr Ladson
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the Council note the results of the audit conducted on Council owned skate parks.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12.2 Bike Jumps Update

**Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Ladson**

That the Council note the report on bike jumps.

Cr Adem moved an amendment to the motion

The proposed amendment was accepted by Cr Summer and Cr Ladson

That the Council note the initial report on bike jumps.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

13 Sustainable Development Directorate

13.1 Adoption of Amendment C242gshe to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme

Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the Council

1. note that Amendment C242gshe to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme received 12 submissions;
2. note the Delegate's Report for Amendment C242gshe, which outlines Council officers' responses to the concerns raised in submissions, as attached;
3. adopt Amendment C242gshe to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme with post-exhibition changes in accordance with Section 29 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987; and
4. submit Amendment C242gshe to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme to the Minister for Planning for approval in accordance with Section 31 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

13.2 Kialla, Mooroopna, Shepparton North, and Shepparton South Community Infrastructure Needs Assessments

**Moved by Cr Abdullah
Seconded by Cr Spinks**

That the Council adopt:

- 1. The Kialla Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment March 2023, as attached.**
- 2. The Mooroopna Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment March 2023, as attached.**
- 3. The Shepparton North Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment March 2023, as attached.**
- 4. The Shepparton South Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment March 2023, as attached.**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

14 Confidential Management Reports

14.1 Designation of Confidentiality of Information - Reports

The following report and attachments have been designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer under Governance Rule 107 and in accordance with the definition of Confidential Information in the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act).

- Item 14.3 Greater Shepparton Cultural Heritage Awards 2023

These documents contain information, which is consistent with the Local Government Act 2020, definition of 'Council Business information, being information that would prejudice the Councils position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.'

14.2 Close Meeting to Members of the Public

**Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Spinks**

That pursuant to section 66(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, resolve that the Council meeting be closed to members of the public for consideration of the following confidential item:

- **Item 14.3 Greater Shepparton Cultural Heritage Awards 2023**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 4:20pm

The meeting was reopened to members of the public at 4:24pm



15 Documents for Signing and Sealing

Nil Received.

16 Councillor Reports

16.1 Councillor Activities

16.1.1 Councillor Activities - March 2023

Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council receive and note the summary of the Councillor's Community Interactions and Informal Meetings of Councillor's.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

16.2 Council Committee Reports

Nil Received.

17 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission

17.1 Notice of Motion 4/2023 Avenue of Flags

Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council:

1. provide a report to seek endorsement of that recognition, by way of an Avenue of Flags in an appropriate location within the municipality.
2. the report should include the financial implications, together with a plan to seek assistance from embassies representing the nominated countries, the Victorian Multicultural Agencies, Indigenous Agencies, The Victorian State Government and the Federal Government; and
3. the report be placed before Council on or before the September 2023 Scheduled Council Meeting.

Cr Adem moved amendment to the motion

The proposed amendment was accepted by Cr Dobson and Cr Brophy

That the Council:

1. provide a report to seek endorsement of the recognition of Indigenous, migrant and refugee communities by way of an Avenue of Flags in an appropriate location within the municipality.
2. the report should include the financial implications, together with a plan to seek assistance from embassies representing the nominated countries, the Victorian Multicultural Agencies, Indigenous Agencies, The Victorian State Government and the Federal Government; and
3. the report be placed before Council on or before the September 2023 Scheduled Council Meeting.

CARRIED

17.2 Notice of Motion 5/2023 CEO Remuneration Committee

Peter Harriott left the meeting at 4:48pm for transparency reasons

**Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Ladson**

That the Council:

- **prepare an officer report that outlines the risks and benefits of reviewing the CEO Remuneration Policy, with a view of disbanding the CEO Remuneration Committee and;**
- **identifies alternative means of assessing the performance of the CEO, including options for full Councillor involvement during all considerations and the omission of external representation.**

The motion was put and carried

Cr Ladson called for a division

For: Cr Brophy, Cr Sali, Cr Summer

Against: Cr Ladson, Cr Spinks, Cr Adem, Cr Dobson, Cr Abdullah

The motion was put and lost

Peter Harriott returned to the meeting at 5:01pm

18 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda

Nil Received.

19 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 5:01pm.