



MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT COBRAM
CIVIC CENTRE, PUNT ROAD COBRAM,
WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020

The meeting commenced at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT Councillor Libro Mustica (Mayor)
Councillor Peter Lawless (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Ed Cox
Councillor John Beitzel
Councillor Kevin Bourke
Councillor Wendy Buck
Councillor Gary Cleveland
Councillor Peter Mansfield
Councillor Marie Martin

IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Henderson Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Close General Manager Infrastructure
Simon Rennie General Manager Corporate
Sally Rice General Manager Community

RECORDING

Consistent with section 72 of our Meeting Procedures Local Law, Council officers have been authorised to record the public session of this meeting using an audio recording device.

1. CALLING TO ORDER – CEO

2. PRAYER

Almighty God we humbly ask you to guide our deliberations for the welfare and benefit of the Moira Shire and its people whom we serve.

Amen

Read by the Mayor.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Moira Shire Council, would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

Read by the Mayor.

4. APOLOGIES & REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. DECLARATION UNDER ACTS, REGULATIONS, CODES OR LOCAL LAWS

Nil

6. DECLARATION OF ANY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION:

CRS GARY CLEVELAND / ED COX

"That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18 December 2019, as prepared, be confirmed."

(CARRIED)

8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- Cr Bourke reported on road works undertaken by Regional Roads Victoria in Nathalia and the need for works to be done at the Katie Walsh's Bridge Road and Barmah - Shepparton Road intersection and the recent Andrew's Labour Government announcements regarding the fourth bin and a proposed increase in the EPA levy.
- Cr Martin reported on her attendance at the Grainstore colouring book launch, a Victorian parliamentary inquiry into "Tackling Climate Change", Howie Marshall Retrospective at the Barmah Heritage Centre and the Numurkah Community Planning Day.
- Cr Buck questioned the timeframe for Moira Shire Council for the fourth bin plus the container deposit scheme and landfill levy.
- Cr Cleveland reported on his attendance at the Goulburn Valley Library Board meeting and the launch of the Tatura Library community fundraising event.
- Cr Lawless reported on his attendance at a joint Mayor and Deputy meeting for Moira. Campaspe, Strathbogie and Shepparton Councils, recreation reserve meetings at Lake Rowan and JC Lowe Oval and an Indigenous flag raising ceremony in Tungamah.

FILE NO: 1
1. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

ITEM NO: 9.1.1

MOIRA SHIRE AND MOLOCHIO RELATIONSHIP

Executive Summary

Council has received an invitation from the Mayor of Molochio to enter into a twinning relationship between Molochio and Moira Shire Council, in particular the Cobram area.

The twinning proposal seeks to establish a program of exchange to promote friendship and collaboration between the communities that will support the exchange of students for educational, cultural, social and recreation activities. The ability to foster tourist, economic or professional exchanges may also be possible.

The proposal seeks to bolster Moira's existing relationship with Molochio through the creation of a committee to progress possible activities and exchanges; however, the proposal is formal in language and documentation, and does not immediately commit Council to further activities.

It is proposed to seek expressions of interest from the community to establish a committee or reference group to facilitate the twinning relationship.

MOTION

CRS ED COX / GARY CLEVELAND

That Council;

1. Accept the invitation to establish a twinning relationship between the municipality of Molochio, Italy, and Moira Shire Council.
2. Seek expressions of interest to form a '*cultural, educational and social exchange friends of group*' to determine community participation and interest from individuals, community groups and education facilities in support of the twinning relationship with Molochio

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: F17/620
4. A WELL RUN COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 9.2.1

COUNCIL PLAN 2017 - 2021 HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT

Executive Summary

This report provides an update on Council's progress in delivering the 2017-2021 Council Plan priorities for the period 1 July to 31 December 2019.

The report demonstrates council's progress against the key objectives of a great place to live, a thriving local economy, a clean green environment, and a well-run council.

MOTION

CRS ED COX / PETER LAWLESS

That Council note the progress achieved towards the 2017 - 2021 Council Plan performance indicators.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: F13/877
4. A WELL RUN COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 9.2.2

NAMING OF WYATT ROAD, COBRAM

Executive Summary

Council has the authority and responsibility to name roads and geographic features using the principles and procedures of the Naming rules for places in Victoria - Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016 (the naming rules).

Council has received a request from a resident to rename the north section of Wyatt Road, Cobram. The resident has submitted the proposed name of 'Bush Lane' for this section of road.

A flood levee physically divides this road into two sections; therefore renaming the north section of this road is necessary.

There are 10 properties adjoining Wyatt Road. Three of these properties are located on the north section of the road which will be directly impacted by the name change.

Council lodged a request for In-Principle support for the proposed change with the Office of Geographic. The Registrar endorsed this proposed change on 14 January 2020 so we can now proceed with consultation with the adjoining property owners and wider community.

MOTION

CRS ED COX / PETER LAWLESS

That Council:

1. Adopt Bush Lane as the interim name for the north section of Wyatt Road, Cobram off Pullar Road, Cobram.
2. Place advertisements in local papers seeking comments on the proposed name within 30 days.
3. Write to owners of properties adjoining this road seeking comments within 30 days, and
4. Adopt the interim name if no objections received and submit to the Office of Geographic Names.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: F13/3135
4. A WELL RUN COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 9.2.3

LGPRF 2019/20 HALF YEARLY REPORT

Executive Summary

This report details Council's progress towards the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) for the first six months of 2019/20.

The LGPRF requires a half-yearly response to 52 performance indicators to measure Council's financial and non-financial performance.

The attachment to this report provides Council's response to each indicator and confirms that Council continues to perform strongly in all operational areas.

MOTION

CRS PETER LAWLESS / KEVIN BOURKE

That Council note the progress towards the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: F13/503
4. A WELL RUN COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 9.2.4

ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

Executive Summary

This report details the Assembly of Councillors for December 2019 and January 2020. This report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the section 80A of the Local Government Act 1989.

MOTION

CRS WENDY BUCK / KEVIN BOURKE

That Council receive and note the Record of Assemblies of Councillors with an amendment made to show Cr Lawless absent from the Community Safety Meeting.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: F20/20
2. A THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY

ITEM NO: 9.3.1

QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY HOST TREE REMOVAL

Executive Summary

The GMV Regional Fruit Fly Project protects:

- over 455,000 tonnes of fruit and vegetables, susceptible to fruit fly, that generate \$777 million of annual regional production, (44% of total Victorian production)
- \$300 million in export growth and 441 additional jobs in the GMV over the next three years.

The Goulburn Murray Valley regional fruit fly project (FF Project) is a partnership between Agriculture Victoria (contributing \$2.4million), Fruit Growers Victoria, Cobram and District Fruit Growers Association, Lions International District 201V6 and Campaspe, Shepparton, Strathbogie, Berrigan and Moira Councils.

An Action Plan has been developed to outline all the activities to be undertaken as part of the FF Project. The FF Project has identified host trees in urban areas as a high risk for spreading QFF. Consequently, removal of QFF host trees from public and private land is a key item in the State Government (via AgVic) endorsed Action Plan.

The FF Project has worked with industry and the community to manage and/or replace QFF host trees. To date the project has reduced QFF populations by 60% since June 2017, by employing the following activities:

In line with the Action Plan the next priority is to remove and replace 450 Queensland Fruit Fly QFF host trees in urban areas across Moira Shire.

AgVic has provided \$80,000 to remove QFF host plants from Council nature strips across the Shire. The removal of host trees will focus on locations closest to horticultural areas. A range of Prunus varieties and other fruit bearing host plants are targeted for removal. This funding must be used, acquitted and reported by 30 May 2020, or it will be lost.

In addition, it is proposed to plant a further 80 trees currently missing from urban streets.

MOTION

CRS PETER LAWLESS / ED COX

That Council notes:

1. The removal and replacement of approximately 450 Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) host trees from Shire land, in priority locations close to horticultural areas.
2. The re-allocation of \$123,000 from the current (2019/20) budget, to fund the replacement of removed and missing street trees to suitable species.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: 17/02/2020
3. A CLEAN GREEN ENVIRONMENT

ITEM NO: 9.3.2

LITTLE CORELLAS IN MOIRA

Executive Summary

Council is aware, through direct observation and reports received that abundant Little Corella (Corella) populations are present in many towns across Moira Shire. In high populations Corellas can be very destructive. Corellas can cause significant damage to community infrastructure including lighting fixtures and sports playing fields as well as private and natural assets.

Corellas are native birds and protected in Victoria under the Wildlife Act 1975.

Over a number of years Moira Shire has been working with communities to repair damage to public infrastructure caused by Corellas. Council has also offered general advice and assistance about management methods that can be effective in deterring Corella populations from causing damage. Recently Council provided financial support to undertake a cull of Corellas that were causing damage to the Recreation Reserve at Numurkah. However, this approach has not proven to be successful over the longer term. Council is seeking support from the State to help our community's manage Little Corella populations. This would ideally include financial assistance, improved sharing of information, research to evaluate the success of various management options and declaring Little Corellas as unprotected wildlife in certain circumstances.

MOTION

CRS JOHN BEITZEL / KEVIN BOURKE

That Council seek support from local members of parliament to advocate on behalf of local communities for assistance managing Little Corella populations.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: C057/19
4. A WELL RUN COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 9.4.1

C057/19 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF EIGHT 4 X 4 UTILITIES

Executive Summary

Moira Shire Council invited submissions from suitably qualified companies for the supply and delivery of (8) 4x4 Utilities.

Moira Shire Council reserved the right to award contracts for each of the vehicles to a single supplier or multiple suppliers.

After consideration of the tender submissions, the evaluation panel recommends that contract C057/19 be awarded to De Maria Motors Pty Ltd.

MOTION

CRS PETER LAWLESS / ED COX

That Council:

1. Award contract C057/19 – Supply and Delivery of Eight 4 x 4 Utilities to De Maria Motors Pty Ltd.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract documents.

(CARRIED)

9. ACTION OFFICERS LIST

NIL

FILE NO: 1
1. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

ITEM NO: 11.1

NOTICE OF MOTION - CR PETER MANSFIELD

TAKE NOTICE that at the Council Meeting to be held on 26 February 2020, it is my intention to move the following motion:

Cr Peter Mansfield

Date: 7 February 2020

MOTION

CRS PETER MANSFIELD / KEVIN BOURKE

That Councillors be briefed on all community grant applications after an initial assessment

(CARRIED)

10. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

NIL

11. COUNCIL SEAL

NIL

FILE NO: VARIOUS

ITEM NO: 14

URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

FILE NO: VARIOUS

ITEM NO: 15

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

Questions were raised in relation to:

- Timelines for the First Right of Refusal (FROR) for the former Yarrawonga Primary School Site.
- A public meeting regarding the FROR.
- When was the Echelon Planning Report commissioned in relation to Ritchie Road Cobram.

Cr Mustica declared a conflict of interest in relation to the subject matter of the question and left the meeting at 6:52 PM, Deputy Mayor Cr Lawless took the Chair.

The CEO responded to the question outlining past strategic planning work on this site.

Cr Libro Mustica return to the Meeting and the Chair at 6:53 PM.

- Construction of a footpath in Dillon Street Cobram.
- The purchase of the eight utilities.
- Usage of table microphones.
- Wards versus un-subdivided shires.
- Yarrawonga becoming a shire in its own right.
- Council's Asset Management Plan.

FILE NO: VARIOUS

ITEM NO: 16

MEETING ADJOURNMENT**MOTION**

CRS KEVIN BOURKE / PETER LAWLESS

That the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes.

(CARRIED)

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

MOTION

CRS GARY CLEVELAND / PETER LAWLESS

That the meeting be resumed.

(CARRIED)

The meeting resumed at 7:15 PM with Cr Martin not present in the chamber.

MOTION

CRS PETER LAWLESS / GARY CLEVELAND

That pursuant to Sections 89(2) (b) of the Local Government Act, 1989, this meeting of Council be closed to members of the public in order for Council to discuss personnel and contractual matters which the Council considers would prejudice the Council or any person.

(CARRIED)

Cr Martin entered the meeting at 7:17 PM.

MOTION

CRS ED COX / GARY CLEVELAND

That pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council resolve to resume the Ordinary meeting in open session.

(CARRIED)

MOTION

CRS GARY CLEVELAND / PETER LAWLESS

That the recommendations of the "Closed" Meeting of Council be adopted.

(CARRIED)

12. CLOSE OF MEETING:7:20 PM