



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES/DECISIONS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGRIE  
SHIRE COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 31 AUGUST 2021,  
COMMENCING AT 6.00 P.M.

<b>Chair:</b>	Chris Raeburn (Mayor)	(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)
<b>Councillors:</b>	Laura Binks	(Mount Wombat Ward)
	Reg Dickinson	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Sally Hayes-Burke	(Seven Creeks Ward)
	Kristy Hourigan	(Seven Creeks Ward)
	Paul Murray	(Hughes Creek Ward)
<b>Officers:</b>	Julie Salomon	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
	David Roff	Director, Corporate Operations (DCO)
	Amanda Tingay	Director, Community and Planning (DCP)
	Dawn Bray	Executive Manager, Governance and Customer Service (EMGCS)
	Kristin Favaloro	Executive Manager, Communications and Engagement (EMCE)

**BUSINESS**

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners  
*'I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present'*
3. Apologies  
Nil
4. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest  
Cr Hourigan declared a Material Conflict of Interest under section 128 of the Local Government Act 2020 given the possibility of adverse impacts on her business in relation to the draft Council Plan action relating to exploring free camping options
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## 5. REPORTS

*Cr Hourigan left the meeting at 6.02 p.m. due to a material conflict of interest, as declared, prior to the commencement of discussion and consideration of this item*

### 5.5 Governance and Customer Service

#### 5.5.1 Draft Community Vision, 2021-2025 Council Plan and 2021/22-2030/31 Financial Plan

Author: Executive Manager Governance & Customer Service

Responsible Executive: Executive Manager Governance & Customer Service,  
Director Corporate Operations

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires Council to prepare and adopt a Community Vision, Financial Plan and Council Plan as part of a new integrated strategic planning framework. The three documents must be adopted by Council by 31 October 2021.

The Community Vision must look at least 10 years into the future and essentially describes how the Shire will look and feel like to live, work and visit. We have chosen to adopt a 19-year timeframe, so our vision has a timeframe of 2040.

The Financial Plan identifies how Council's human and financial resources will be allocated over a 10-year period to support the achievement of the Vision.

The Council Plan has a four-year lifespan and is the driving strategic document for the organisation and the Council alike. It sets out the objectives, strategies and actions to be implemented as a means of working towards the Community Vision. The Plan must also include the performance measures we will use to measure our success.

All three strategic documents have been developed in accordance with Council's Engagement Policy. To this end, Council has undertaken a variety of deliberative engagement processes over the past six months through the Share Strathbogie initiative, which resulted in over 1000 pieces of community feedback through:

- Councillors and Executive members attending markets in several towns
- Workshops at community halls
- Feedback through our Share Strathbogie community engagement online portal
- Three all-day workshops with a Community Panel, being a representative sample of our community, set with the objective of developing the Community Vision and goals for the Council Plan.

Importantly, the engagement level for the Community Panel's vision was set at 'empower', which means that the final decision is in the hands of the Panel and the vision cannot be amended by Council.

To ensure there is strong alignment between the Community Vision, the vision has been integrated into the Council Plan. Further, the goals set by the Community Panel have also been included, along with a number of actions that reflect the priorities we heard through our deliberative engagement process.



5.5.1 Draft Community Vision, 2021-2025 Council Plan and 2021/22-2030/31 Financial Plan (cont.)

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* (PH & W Act) provides an opportunity for Council to integrate a public health and wellbeing plan into the Council Plan, subject to meeting legislative requirements and guidance provided by the Department of Health. For the first time, our Council Plan integrates the two documents to provide a deeper strategic focus for our integrated strategic planning framework. However, the Secretary of the Department of Health must provide Council with approval for this integration to occur; Council is required to provide a copy of the draft plan to the Secretary for approval of our approach.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement for the draft Community Vision, Council Plan and Financial Plan to be distributed for community comment for a period of 28 days and for the Plan to be sent to the Department of Health for their consideration. The level of engagement set for this exercise is 'Involve'.

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR HAYES-BURKE**  
**SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MURRAY**

***That Council:***

1. ***Endorse the draft 2021-25 Council Plan, incorporating the Community Vision, which has been prepared in accordance with:***
  - a) ***sections 88 and 90 of the Local Government Act 2020; and***
  - b) ***the strategic planning principles, service performance principles and community engagement principles outlined in the Local Government Act 2020***
  - c) ***sections 26 and 27 of the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2008***
  - d) ***Council's Engagement Policy***

***for the purpose of seeking community feedback for a period of 28 days.***

2. ***Endorse the draft 2021/22 – 2030/31 Financial Plan, prepared in accordance with:***
  - a) ***section 91 of the Local Government Act 2020***
  - b) ***the financial management principles, service performance principles and community engagement principles of the Local Government Act 2020***
  - c) ***Council's Engagement Policy***

***for the purpose of seeking community feedback for a period of 28 days.***



5.5.1 Draft Community Vision, 2021-2025 Council Plan and 2021/22-2030/31 Financial Plan (cont.)

3. ***Seek public comment on the Community Vision, 2021-25 Council Plan and 2021/22 to 2030/31 Financial Plan through the following means:***
  - a) *feedback through the Share Strathbogie website;*
  - b) *public notices in locally circulating newspapers;*
  - c) *notices on our social media pages and website;*
  - d) *providing a copy of the draft documents to key authorities and partners (such as the Taungurung Land and Water Council); and*
  - e) *providing a copy of the draft documents to the members of the Community Panel.*
4. ***Provide a copy of the draft 2021-25 Council Plan to the Secretary of the Department of Health to seek an exemption under section 27(3) of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 from preparing a separate public health and wellbeing plan by incorporating the requisite health and wellbeing elements into the Council Plan.***

EM-06-20/21 **CARRIED**

***Cr Hourigan returned to the meeting at 6.12 p.m.***

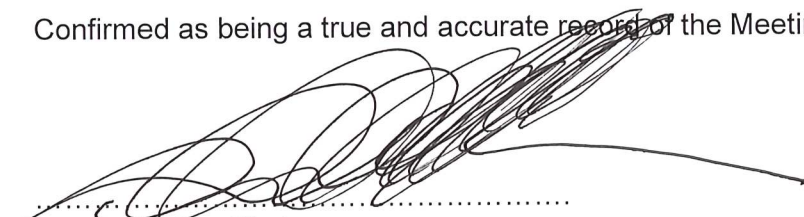


## 6. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

***THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.13 P.M.***

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting



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Chair

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Date