



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021, COMMENCING AT 6.00 P.M.

Chair: Chris Raeburn (Mayor) (Honeysuckle Creek Ward)

Councillors: David Andrews (Lake Nagambie Ward)
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)

Municipal Monitor: Janet Dore

Officers: 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

Councillor Hourigan declared a Material Conflict of Interest under Section 128 of the Local Government Act 2020 for Item 5.5.1 due to the possibility of adverse impacts on her business in relation to the draft Council Plan action relating to exploring free camping options (Cr Hourigan also advised that after she excluded herself from the meeting, she would not be returning to the meeting)

Councillor Hourigan left the meeting at 6.02 p.m.

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5.5 GOVERNANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

5.5.1 Draft Community Vision, 2021-25 Council Plan and 2021/22–2030/31 Financial Plan

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

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 eight months through the Share Strathbogie initiative. In accordance with the Council resolution from 31 August 2021, the Draft plans were released for public comment for a period of 28 days.

Direct email notification of the Community Panel members, Action Groups, the two Chambers of Commerce, key stakeholders and State government/government agency partners and the Taungurung Land and Water Council was given to seek broad input into our draft plans. The Share Strathbogie portal was used to ensure public comment was as simple and effective as possible.

The draft Community Vision and Council Plan was sent to the Secretary of the Department of Health, along with the required checklist, as Council was required to seek their approval for the integration of the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan into the Council Plan.

Thirteen (13) submissions were received in response. Four (4) were from community or business groups, three (3) from health and water authorities and six (6) were from individuals. All submissions have been acknowledged and a further letter will be sent communicating the response to the suggestions in their submission.

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5.5.1 Draft Community Vision, 2021-25 Council Plan and 2021/22–2030/31 Financial Plan (cont.)

None of the submissions related to the Financial Plan and so this document is forwarded to Council for adoption unaltered from the consultation version. There have been several changes to the draft Council Plan in response to community feedback, which are summarised as follows:

- Provision of an embedded link to the Share Strathbogie website where people can view all of the feedback and data received by Council through the deliberative engagement process
- Change to the icon identifying content that was community led to a gender neutral image
- Inclusion of an action relating to supporting advocacy for a mountain bike track at Balmattum Hill
- Inclusion of a number of actions in relation to public health and wellbeing focussing on family violence, mental health and the requirement to prepare an annual plan on public health and wellbeing initiatives.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Council Plan 2021-25 (incorporating the Community Vision and Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and 2121/811 – 2030/31 Financial Plan, to provide feedback to submitters regarding Council's response to the suggestions they raise and to distribute copies of the adopted plans to submitters, government authorities and other key partners.

MOVED: COUNCILLOR MURRAY HAYES-BINKS
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BINKS

That Council:

1. ***Having read and considered the written submissions received, adopt the amended 2021-25 Council Plan, incorporating the Community Vision and Public Health and Wellbeing Plan components, 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.***
2. ***Noting that no submissions were made in relation to Financial Plan during the public consultation period, adopt the 2021/22 – 2030/31 Financial Plan, which was 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.***

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5.5.1 Draft Community Vision, 2021-25 Council Plan and 2021/22–2030/31 Financial Plan (cont.)

3. ***Communicate the adoption of the Community Vision, 2021-25 Council Plan and 2021/22 to 2030/31 Financial Plan through the following means:***
 - a) *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 adopted documents to key authorities and partners (such as the Taungurung Land and Water Council); and*
 - e) *providing a copy of the adopted documents to the members of the Community Panel.*
4. ***Provides written feedback to submitters thanking them for their contribution to the process and outlining Council's response to their comments and suggestions.***
5. ***Notes the approval of the 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 from the Deputy Secretary of Public Health issued on 1 October 2021.***

COUNCILLOR MURRAY MOVED AN AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION –

6. ***Advocate to VicRoads for the installation of school zone flashing lights to all schools across the Shire.***

07-20/21 **CARRIED**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.23 P.M.

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the meeting


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Chair


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Date