

Strathbogie Shire Council

**Council Meeting
Minutes / Decisions**

Tuesday 5 May 2026

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

5 May 2026 at 4:00 pm

A Meeting was held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre and livestreamed on Council's website

<https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/council/our-council/council-meetings-and-minutes/>

Councillors

Mayor Cr Scott Jeffery
Deputy Mayor Claire Ewart-Kennedy
Cr Laura Binks
Cr Greg Carlson
Cr Vicki Halsall
Cr Clark Holloway
Cr Fiona Stevens

Officers

Rachelle Quattrocchi	Chief Executive Officer
Amanda Tingay	Director People and Governance
Vaughn Notting	Director Sustainable Infrastructure
Rachael Frampton	Director Community and Planning
Sharon Rainsbury	Executive Manager Communications, Advocacy and Customer Service
Kerry Lynch	Governance Officer

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Meeting Procedure

1 Welcome

Councillors Vision

We will be a Councillor group that delivers valuable outcomes for our community through teamwork characterised by:

- respectful debate
- collaboration, and
- the commitment to being inclusive and transparent.

Councillor Values

- Respect
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Responsiveness

2 Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the places we live, work and play. We recognise and respect the enduring relationship they have with their lands and waters, and we pay respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

Today we are meeting on the lands of the Taungurung peoples of the Eastern Kulin nation.

3 Privacy Notice

This public meeting is being streamed live via our website ([Council Meetings and Minutes | Strathbogie Shire](#)) and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes/Decisions 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/Decisions.

4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the recommendations contained in this Agenda give 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 are 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/Leave of Absence

Nil

6 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Nil

7 Public Question Time

Public Question Time

Questions for the Ordinary Council Meeting can be submitted to be read, and responded to, by the Chair, or a member of Council staff nominated by the Chair, during the Public Question Time. Questions must be submitted 30 hours prior to the Council meeting, by emailing info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au.

Public Question Time will be conducted as per Rule 35 of Strathbogie Shire Council's Governance Rules. The required [form](#) for completion and lodgement, and associated [Procedural Guidelines](#), can be found on Council's website at www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au.

As the questions are a permanent public record and to meet the requirements of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*, only the initials of the person asking the question will be used in the Minutes of the meeting, together with a Council reference number.

8 Officer Reports

8.1 Corporate

8.1.1 Draft 2026-27 Budget and Draft 2026-27 Fees and Charges

AUTHOR Chief Financial Officer

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director People and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the requirements of sections 94 and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020* Council has prepared a draft budget and fees and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

The draft budget and fees and charges have been developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* financial management principles in accordance with section 101(1)(a).

The 2026-27 Budget represents year two of Strathbogie Shire Council's four-year Council Plan 2025–2029 and sets out how Council will responsibly allocate resources to deliver on community priorities while responding to the significant and ongoing impacts of the January 2026 Longwood Berrys Lane Bushfire.

This Budget reflects Council's commitment to delivering on its strategic priorities of Connect, Sustain and Deliver — supporting a resilient, connected and thriving community while navigating the challenges of recovery and a constrained financial environment.

It should be noted that currently general rates, municipal charges service rates/charges and special charges/rates are to be declared under Part 8 of the *Local Government Act 1989* as these provisions are not included in the *Local Government Act 2020*.

The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed the draft 2026-27 Budget and draft 2026-27 Fees and Charges at their meeting held on 24 April 2026 and provided feedback, most of which has been incorporated in the draft budget.

Consultation will be undertaken on the draft Budget and Draft Fees and Charges through a 21-day consultation period in accordance with the Community Engagement Policy commencing 6 May 2026.

Written submissions will be accepted, and submitters may present verbally at a dedicated Council meeting to consider the budget. Council will also use Share Strathbogie to gather feedback on the draft 2026-27 Draft Budget and Fees and Charges.

Submission close on 27 May 2026 and will be considered by Council at a proposed Additional Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 9 June 2026.

MOVED: Cr Gregory Carlson
SECONDED: Cr Claire Ewart-Kennedy

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the draft 2026-2027 Budget and draft 2026-2027 Fees and Charges prepared for the purposes of sections 93, 94 and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020***
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial changes to the draft 2026-2027 Budget and draft 2026-2027 Fees and Charges, if required**
- 3. Seek formal written submissions on the draft 2026-2027 Budget and draft 2026-2027 Fees and Charges for a period of 21 days commencing 6 May 2026 and closing at 11:59pm on 27 May 2026**
- 4. Will consider and hear (if requested) any formal written submissions on the draft 2026-2027 Budget and draft 2026-2027 Fees and Charges at an Additional Council Meeting proposed to be held at 4pm on Tuesday 9 June 2026 in the Euroa Community Conference Centre.**

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CARRIED

8.1.2 Draft Council Plan - Annual Action Plan 2026-2027

AUTHOR Director People and Governance

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director People and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adopted on 17 June 2025, the 2025–2029 Council Plan is Council’s overarching strategic plan that guides Council’s direction for the four-year period. It guides Council’s work to meet community aspirations, directs resource allocation, and sets up a system to track progress and results.

The Council Plan supported by an Annual Action Plan outlines the specific actions Council will undertake each financial year to deliver the strategies, major initiatives and initiatives set out in the Council Plan 2025–2029. The Council Plan is guided by the Community Vision 2035, which reflects the community’s long-term aspirations.

Actions are clearly defined, measurable, and allocated to a responsible Directorate for delivery within the relevant financial year. Some actions may span multiple years; in these cases, they will be carried forward and refined in subsequent Annual Action Plans.

All actions align with one or more major initiatives or initiatives in the Council Plan, with progress reported to Council every six months, and final outcomes published in the Annual Report.

The draft 2026–2027 (year two) Annual Action Plan contains a total of 33 actions.

It is recommended that the draft 2026–2027 Annual Council Plan Action Plan (year two actions, 1 July 2026–30 June 2027) be released for community feedback alongside the draft 2026–2027 Budget, with a 21-day submission period closing 27 May 2026.

MOVED: Cr Clark Holloway
SECONDED: Cr Claire Ewart-Kennedy

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the draft Council Plan Annual Action Plan 2026-2027 (year two actions 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027) for the purpose of seeking community feedback, with the closure day for receipt of submission being 27 May 2026**
- 2. Will consider and hear (if requested) any formal submissions on the draft Council Action Plan 2026-2027 at an additional Council Meeting proposed to be held on Tuesday 9 June 2026 in the Euroa Community Conference Centre.**

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9 Next Meeting

The next meeting of Strathbogie Shire Council will be held on 19 May 2026 commencing at 4:00 pm.

10 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.34 pm.

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Chair

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Date