

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2022

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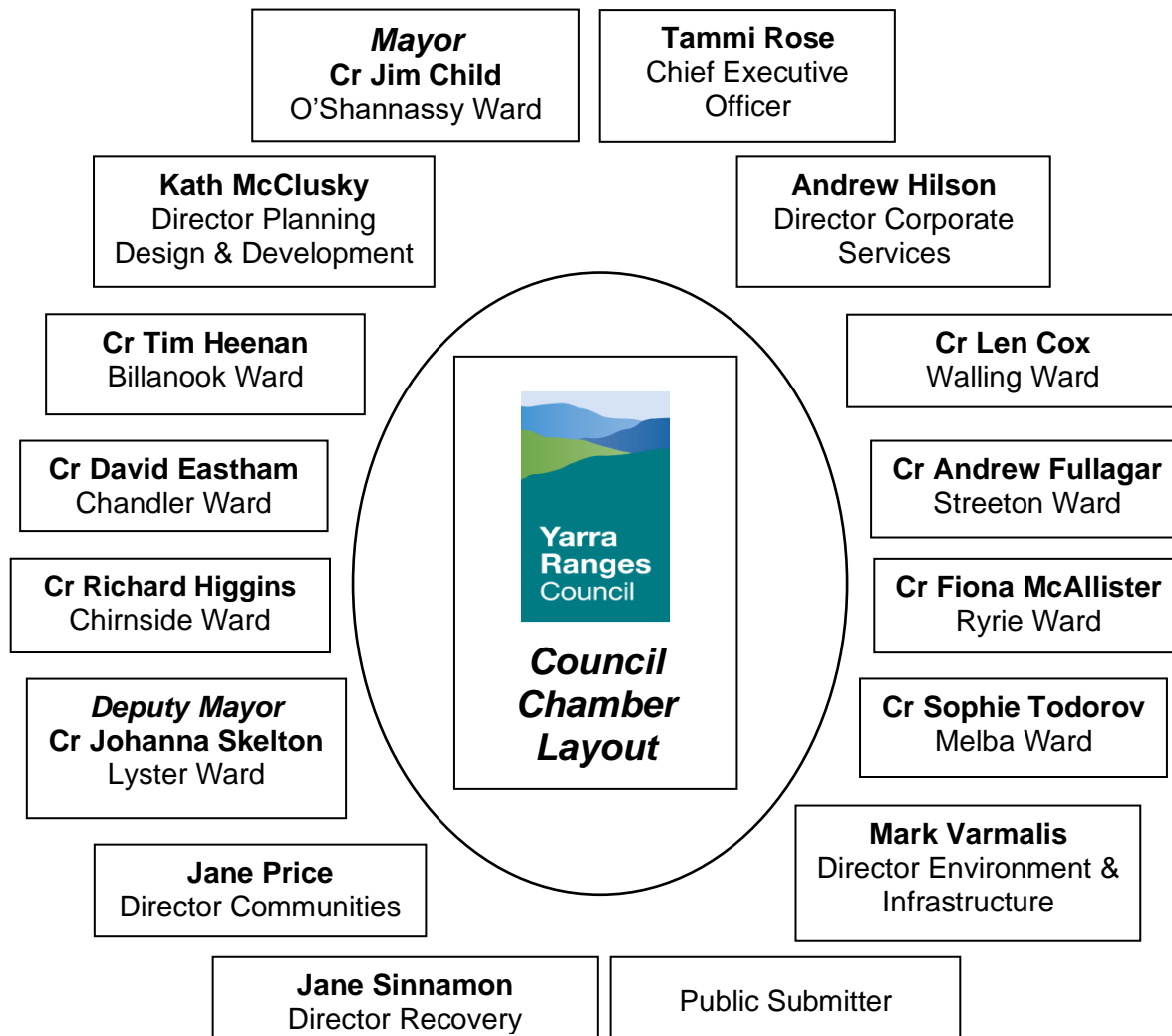
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YARRA RANGES COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE 556TH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

1. COUNCIL MEETING OPENED

Cr Jim Child (Mayor) declared the meeting open, read the Acknowledgement of Country, and welcomed all present.

2. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors

Jim Child, O'Shannassy (Mayor)
Len Cox, Walling
Andrew Fullagar, Streeton
Sophie Todorov, Melba
Johanna Skelton, Lyster (Deputy Mayor)
Richard Higgins, Chirnside
David Eastham, Chandler
Tim Heenan, Billanook

Officers

Tammi Rose, Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Hilson, Director Corporate Services
Mark Varmalis, Director Environment & Infrastructure
Jane Price, Director Communities
Kath McClusky, Director Planning Design & Development
Jane Sinnamon, Director Recovery

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An apology for this meeting was received from Councillor Fiona McAllister.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Mayor moved an amendment to the minutes in accordance with sub-Rule 68.1(c) of Council's Governance Rules. The amendment clarified an error in the officer response to a Question to Council and the correct response was read out in full.

Moved: Cr Child

Seconded: Cr Heenan

That the amended Minutes of the Council Meeting held 22 March 2022, as circulated, be confirmed.

The motion was Carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Chapter 7 Rule 4 of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest made for this meeting.

6. QUESTIONS AND SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Chapter 3 Rules 57 and 59 of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Submissions from the Public listed on the agenda for this meeting.

Questions for Council

Ms Sue Thompson, Resident of Kilsyth, asked:

Why did council approve the enlarged crossover for 62 Castella St, Lilydale to be placed on the south side of the site and also the drainage pit in the nature strip next to the drive within a metre of a tree planted in Jun 1900? Surely council staff have an obligation to do all they can to protect Lilydale's historic street trees.

Mark Varmalis, Director Environment & Infrastructure responded:

Thank you for your question Ms Thompson,

The driveway crossing for 62 Castella Street was approved as part of a planning application for redevelopment of the property. In considering the application, Council's planning team sought advice from an arborist in relation to the protection of the English Elm tree adjacent the driveway.

Previously a gravel driveway existed for the property and this has been upgraded to a concrete driveway that matches the alignment of the existing driveway crossing through the kerb and channel. There has been no apparent widening of the driveway compared to

historic images in Google Street View. The two drainage pits either side of the driveway existed prior to the works and were not involved in the planning application.

The planning permit for the development required tree protection measures, including tree protection fencing and construction method to be carried out as part of the works. Staff involved in supervising the construction of the crossover checked that excavation works were minimised and the existing footpath was raised to further protect the tree. Other aspects of the planning permit are being further investigated to ensure that works were undertaken appropriately.

7. BUSINESS PAPER

CORPORATE SERVICES

7.1 CT6965 - State Purchase Contract for the Provision of Banking and Financial Services

SUMMARY

Yarra Ranges Council's banking services are supplied under a State Purchase Contract (SPC) for Banking and Financial Services, which expired on 30 September 2021. Westpac Banking Corporation was the single provider of these services under this contract.

The State Government, through the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF), has undertaken a competitive tender process for a new SPC for Banking and Financial Services.

At the conclusion of this process, it was announced that a three-bank panel had been appointed with the new SPC coming into effect on 1 October 2021 for an initial period of five (5) years, with options to extend by two (2) periods of two (2) years each.

Participating councils (including Yarra Ranges) were then provided the opportunity to evaluate the panel providers and their related product offerings and pricing to determine if they wished to transition any of their current arrangements to a new provider. This transition period was for a period of six (6) months through to 31 March 2022.

Yarra Ranges Council's evaluation panel determined that while some savings were identified if some services were transferred from Westpac, the costs and related disruptions associated with a transition to a new bank would far exceed any transactional savings and would not provide value for money.

The evaluation panel therefore recommended that Yarra Ranges Council continue its banking services relationship with Westpac.

Moved: Cr Skelton

Seconded: Cr Eastham

That

1. *Council notes the recommendation to maintain Council's banking services with Westpac Banking Corporation via the State Government Purchase Contract SPC SS-08-2020 for Banking and Financial Services for the estimated total cost of \$894,584.61 (exclusive of GST) and inclusive of all available extension options.*
2. *The Director of Corporate Services be delegated authority to extend the contract term on the terms set out in the Contract.*
3. *The contract documents be signed.*
4. *The confidential attachments to this report remain confidential indefinitely as they relate to matters specified under section 3(1) (g)(i), (g)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

The motion was Carried unanimously.

ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

7.2 Benton Road, Elamo Road & Nagoondie Lane, Healesville - Campbell Road, Crosley Street & Pilmer Road, Healesville Intent to Levy a Special Charge

SUMMARY

This Intent to Levy a Special Charge Report involves the below road improvement projects, with each project being treated as an individual special charge scheme:

- Benton Road, Elamo Road & Nagoondie Lane, Healesville; and
- Campbell Road, Crosley Street & Pilmer Road, Healesville.

When referred to collectively, they are known in this report as “The Subject Roads”.

As part of its 2019 budgetary process, the Federal Government announced a nine-year, \$150 Million funding initiative for Yarra Ranges Council to seal roads within the Dandenong Ranges and surrounding areas. This funding program has been named the Roads for the Community Initiative.

At its meeting on 24 September 2019 Council endorsed a list of roads to be constructed using this funding to be facilitated by means of Special Charge Schemes. The Subject Roads were included on this list of roads.

This report recommends affected landowners be notified of Council’s Intent to Levy a Special Charge for the construction of The Subject Roads.

Moved: Cr Heenan

Seconded: Cr Todorov

That

1. *The affected landowners be advised of Council’s intent to declare a special charge (“the special charge”) at its meeting scheduled for 14 June 2022, or should this meeting not proceed then the next available Council meeting, for the purpose of defraying expenses associated with proposed improvement works in:*
 - (a) *Benton Road, Elamo Road & Nagoondie Lane, Healesville.*
 - (b) *Campbell Road, Crosley Street & Pilmer Road, Healesville.*
2. *Subject to any variation of a scheme under Section 166 of the Local Government Act 1989, the amount to be levied under the scheme exclusive of interest payable under Section 172 of the Local Government Act 1989 will be:*
 - (a) *Benton Road, Elamo Road & Nagoondie Lane, Healesville. In total \$478,975 (“the amount to be paid”); comprising of \$416,500 for the cost of works and \$62,475 for financing cost.*
 - (b) *Campbell Road, Crosley Street & Pilmer Road, Healesville. In total \$273,700 (“the amount to be paid”); comprising of \$238,000 for the cost of works and*

\$35,700 for financing cost.

- (c) *On each date specified under Section 167 of the Local Government Act 1989 as being the date on which the whole of rates and charges (other than special rates and charges) is due ("the due date") the amount represented by the formula: X/Y where X represents the amount to be paid and Y represents the number of due dates during the period which the scheme will remain in force.*
3. *In accordance with Section 163 (3) of the Local Government Act 1989 Council specifies that the special charge:*
- (a) *Is proposed to be declared for the land in the "designated areas" shown on the attached plans.*
- (b) *Will be payable in respect of all rateable land within the designated areas.*
- (c) *Will be assessed and levied as set out in this resolution.*
- (d) *Will remain in force for the period commencing on 1 July 2023 and concluding on 30 June 2033.*
4. *In accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 1989 the special charge is also proposed to be declared in respect of land within the designated areas which is not rateable land and is not Crown land.*
5. *It is recorded that assessment of the special charge is calculated on the following basis:*
- (a) *\$7,000 per development unit.*
- (b) *Plus financing cost of 3% per annum.*
- (c) *100% on a development unit basis as follows.*
- (i) *Special benefit where a dwelling or building is permitted.*
- (ii) *The degree of special benefit having regard to the use or future use of the land.*
6. *The amount assessed, based on the assessment factors, is set out in the attached schedule of costs per property for each scheme.*
7. *If works do not commence within 12 months of declaration of each special charge scheme, the financing cost rate applicable to landowners repaying the special charge over 10 years be reviewed, based on number of assessments involved, interest rate movements and the quantum of the project.*
8. *Should the financing cost rate change after review, a further report be submitted to Council at the time of commencing works to confirm the financing cost rate that shall apply to the proposed special charge, and those persons liable to pay the special charge over a 10 year period be notified of the revised financing rate.*
9. *In accordance with section 167 (4) of the Local Government Act 1989, landowners be*

offered an option to repay their charge as a lump sum payment. For landowners to undertake this option, full payment is to be made by 15 February 2024, and the proportion of the cost to finance the scheme attributable to the property is to be deducted from the total charge.

- 10. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to give public notice of the intent to declare the special charge in accordance with Section 163 (1A) and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 in The Star Mail newspapers and on Council's Internet Website.*
- 11. If required a consultation meeting with appropriate Council Officers, be arranged to discuss any submissions received relating to the Special Charge.*
- 12. If submissions are made:*
 - (a) Those submissions be considered, and any person (or their representative as specified in their submission) who has requested to be heard in support of their submission be heard, by a meeting of Council scheduled for 14 June 2022, or should this meeting not proceed then the next available meeting.*
 - (b) Those persons making submissions be advised copies of their submissions will be made available at the Council meeting held when their submission is considered.*
- 13. If no submissions are made, the matter be reported to Council at the meeting scheduled for 14 June 2022, or should this meeting not proceed then the next available meeting.*
- 14. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised and directed to seek payment of and recover the special charge with any interest thereof.*

The motion was Carried unanimously.

7.3 Alpine Street, Cecil Street & Glenbrook Road, Warburton and Boronia Road, Parts Sylvan Avenue & Unity Court, Warburton Intent to Levy a Special Charge

SUMMARY

This Intent to Levy a Special Charge Report involves the below road improvement projects, with each project being treated as an individual special charge scheme:

- Alpine Street, Cecil Street and Glenbrook Road, Warburton; and
- Boronia Road, parts Sylvan Avenue and Unity Court, Warburton.

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This report recommends affected landowners be notified of Council’s Intent to Levy a Special Charge for the construction of The Subject Roads.

Moved: Cr Skelton

Seconded: Cr Heenan

That

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 - (a) *Alpine Street, Cecil Street and Glenbrook Road, Warburton.*
 - (b) *Boronia Road, parts Sylvan Avenue and Unity Court, Warburton.*
2. *Subject to any variation of a scheme under Section 166 of the Local Government Act 1989, the amount to be levied under the scheme exclusive of interest payable under Section 172 of the Local Government Act 1989 will be:*
 - (a) *Alpine Street, Cecil Street and Glenbrook Road, Warburton. In total \$301,875 (“the amount to be paid”); comprising of \$262,500 for the cost of works and \$39,375 for financing cost.*
 - (b) *Boronia Road, parts Sylvan Avenue and Unity Court, Warburton. In total \$161,000 (“the amount to be paid”); comprising of \$140,000 for the cost of works and \$21,000 for financing cost.*

- (c) *On each date specified under Section 167 of the Local Government Act 1989 as being the date on which the whole of rates and charges (other than special rates and charges) is due ("the due date") the amount represented by the formula: X/Y where X represents the amount to be paid and Y represents the number of due dates during the period which the scheme will remain in force.*
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proportion of the cost to finance the scheme attributable to the property is to be deducted from the total charge.

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 - (b) *Those persons making submissions be advised copies of their submissions will be made available at the Council meeting held when their submission is considered.*
13. *If no submissions are made, the matter be reported to Council at the meeting scheduled for 14 June 2022, or should this meeting not proceed then the next available meeting.*
14. *The Chief Executive Officer be authorised and directed to seek payment of and recover the special charge with any interest thereof.*

The motion was Carried unanimously.

7.4 Lease to Telstra Corporation - 1661 Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek

SUMMARY

On 1 February 2022, Council gave notice of its intention to lease Council owned property at 1661 Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek (adjacent to Dixons Creek Recreation Reserve), to Telstra Corporation Limited (Telstra) for continued use as a telecommunication tower and associated equipment building.

The notice of intention, undertaken pursuant to section 115(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and in line with Council's Community Engagement Policy, invited the public to make written submissions in relation to the proposed lease.

At the submission closing date on 1 March 2022, no submissions had been received.

The proposed lease, with a term of ten (10) years and an option for two (2) further terms of five (5) years, is a renewal of the current 9 year and 364 day lease held by Telstra which is set to expire on 29 June 2022. The new lease would commence at the expiry of the current arrangement.

The lease area contains an existing telecommunications facility, which includes a telecommunications tower and brick equipment building, both of which are owned by Telstra. The total land area of the proposed lease is approximately 799m².

Due to no public submissions having been received, it is recommended that Council proceed to execute the aforementioned lease.

Moved: Cr Eastham

Seconded: Cr Higgins

That Council, having undertaken a community engagement process pursuant to section 115(4) of the Local Government Act 2020, and having received no submissions in relation to the matter, resolves to:

- 1. Lease the property at 1661 Melba Highway, Dixons Creek (adjacent Dixons Creek Recreation Reserve) to Telstra Corporation Limited for a term of ten (10) years, with an option for two further terms of five (5) years, for continued use as a telecommunication tower and associated equipment building.*
- 2. Authorise the Executive Officer, Property & Facilities Management to sign the lease documents.*

The motion was Carried unanimously.

RECOVERY

7.5 Municipal Recovery Plan update

The Municipal Recovery Plan provides a framework for the actions Yarra Ranges Council, in partnership with the State Government, other agencies, community groups and community members, hope to undertake to guide the delivery of storm and pandemic recovery initiatives.

Through these initiatives, Council will support the mitigation of impacts and assist the community in its recovery from the ramifications of both the 9 June storm and the COVID pandemic.

The Municipal Recovery Plan is the primary advocacy document for funding and support. Many of the proposed actions identified in the Action Plan are reliant on financial support from the State and Federal Governments, which has not yet been secured. As more clarity is gained about the likely level of support, the Action Plan will be updated to reflect secured funding.

This update has responded to new data coming from the second Storm and Pandemic Recovery Survey, updated expenditure data as well as an update on the Community Recovery Committees. A more significant review of the Recovery Plan will be provided in the middle of the year, by which time a number of announcements are expected to have been made giving a strong sense of the overall level of funding the recovery will receive, what scope is possible in the coming years and the focus areas for the four Regional Community Recovery Committees.

This update highlights the diversity of recovery initiatives which have the collective aim of assisting local businesses and the Yarra Ranges community in its recovery from the pandemic and the June storm event.

Moved: Cr Fullagar
Seconded: Cr Skelton

That Council notes

- 1. Updates to the Municipal Recovery Plan which contains the most current data on impacts from the pandemic and June storm event.*
- 2. Recovery activities undertaken over recent months.*

The motion was Carried unanimously.

8. COUNCILLOR MOTIONS

In accordance with Chapter 3, Division 4, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Councillor motions listed on the agenda for this meeting.

9. ITEMS RAISED THROUGH THE CHAIR

9.1 York Road Development - Community Consultation

Cr Heenan attended a drop in session, organised by Major Road Projects Victoria, focusing on a major upgrade to York Road, Mt Evelyn. Cr Heenan was frustrated to hear that 10k notices were sent within 24-48 hours of the session which resulted in low attendance, noting that a third session is due to be held 24 April 2022, and encouraged the local community to attend.

Cr Heenan highlighted that there is great frustration amongst the local community who experience the traffic congestion on a daily basis. It was noted that the plan will be developed over 2022 with community feedback to be gathered early in the piece. Cr Heenan advised that he will advocate for more time to produce a formal submission to ensure the local sentiment is heard on this substantial project.

The Mayor agreed with the sentiment of Cr Heenan and the importance of the community who play an important role in providing feedback on this project.

10. PETITIONS

In accordance with Chapter 3 Rule 60 of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Petitions received for this meeting.

11. DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING

In accordance with Clause 87 of Meeting Procedures and Use of Common Seal Local Law 2015 as prescribed by Section 14(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Documents for Signing and Sealing received for this meeting.

12. INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCILLORS

Chapter 8, Rule 1, of the Governance Rules requires that records of informal meetings of Councillors must be kept and that the Chief Executive Officer must ensure that a summary of the matters discussed at the meeting tabled at the next convenient Council meeting and recorded in the Minutes of that Council meeting.

An 'informal meeting of Councillors' is defined in the Governance Rules as a meeting of Councillors that:

- is scheduled or planned for the purpose of discussing the business of Council or briefing Councillors;
- is attended by at least one member of Council staff; and
- is not a Council meeting, Delegated Committee meeting or Community Asset Committee meeting.

The records for informal meetings of Councillors are attached to the report

Moved: Cr Cox

Seconded: Cr Heenan

That the following records of the informal meetings of Councillors, copies of which are attached to the report, be received and noted

1. 10 March 2022 - Valley Recovery Committee [↓](#)
2. 15 March 2022 - Council Briefing [↓](#)
3. 15 March 2022 - Council Forum [↓](#)
4. 16 March 2022 - Disability Advisory Committee [↓](#)

The motion was Carried unanimously.

10 March 2022 - Valley Recovery Committee

Informal meeting of Councillors

Public Record



Meeting Name:	Regional Community Recovery Committee Meeting - Valley	
Date:	10 March 2022	Start Time: 4.00pm Finish Time: 5.30pm
Venue:	Via Zoom	
Attendees:	Councillors:	Cr Fiona McAllister
	Other attendees:	Leigh Harry, Jillian Edwards, Alison Gommers, Maree Rothwell, Shona Rimmer, Bruce Argyle & Denise Stevens
	CEO/Directors:	N/A
	Officers:	Tracey Reid (YRC), Kristal Johnson (YRC), Trish Madden (CEF)
Apologies	Kathleen Holton, Michelle Zwagerman, Karina Hogan, Caroline Evans & Cr Fiona McAllister	
Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest:	Nil	
Matter/s Discussed:	1.1	Small working groups reported. They will come together soon to put it all into engagement plan template
	1.2	More clarification about the grant-making process was discussed with Trish Madden form Community Enterprise Foundation
	1.3	Next meeting will take place on the 14 th April 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Completed By:	Kristal Johnson	

15 March 2022 - Council Briefing

Informal meeting of Councillors

Public Record



Meeting Name:	Council Briefing		
Date:	15 March 2022	Start Time: 6.04pm	Finish Time: 6.15pm
Venue:	Mooroolbark Community Centre		
Attendees:	Councillors:	Andrew Fullagar, Jim Child, David Eastham (from 6.12pm), Tim Heenan, Fiona McAllister, Johanna Skelton & Sophie Todorov	
	CEO/Directors:	Tammi Rose, Mark Varmalis	
	Via Zoom:	Andrew Hilson, Nathan Islip	
	Officers:	Andrea Jeffrey, Peter Smith & Sarah Candeland	
Apologies	Kath McClusky & Jane Sinnamon		
Matter/s Discussed:	This briefing covered the following items of business to be considered at the 22 March 2022 Council Meeting		
	7.1	Rate Recovery and Financial Hardship Policy	
	7.2	EOI6105 6810 Menzies Road, Menzies Creek - Road Improvement Works Special Charge Scheme	
	7.3	CT6856 Fuel & Associated Products	
Declarations of Interest:	Nil		
Completed By:	Sarah Candeland		

15 March 2022 - Council Forum

Informal meeting of Councillors

Public Record



Meeting Name:	Council Forum		
Date:	15 March 2022	Start Time: 7.00pm	Finish Time: 8.34pm
Venue:	Mooroolbark Community Centre		
Attendees:	Councillors:	Andrew Fullagar, Jim Child, Len Cox, David Eastham, Tim Heenan, Richard Higgins, Fiona McAllister, Johanna Skelton & Sophie Todorov	
	CEO/Directors:	Tammi Rose, Mark Varmalis, Jane Price	
	Via Zoom:	Andrew Hilson, Nathan Islip	
	Officers:	Andrea Jeffreys, Peter Smith & Sarah Candeland	
	Via Zoom:	Ben Champion, Alison Fowler, Tracey Varley, Allison Southwell, Amanda Kern, Corinne Bowen, Craig Sutherland & Phil Murton	
Apologies	Kath McClusky & Jane Sinnamon		
Declarations of Interest:	Nil		
Matter/s Discussed:	1.1	Actions and Agreements Records - 22 February 2022 and 1 March 2022	
	1.2	27-33 Old Hereford Road, Mount Evelyn - Planning Scheme Amendment Request	
	1.3	54 Anderson Street, Lilydale and 13 Green Street, Healesville - Consideration of Purchase	
	1.4	Investigation - Vegetation Removal - 2-12 Monbulk Road BELGRAVE	
	2.1	Municipal Recovery Plan Update	
	2.2	Contract Approvals and Variations February 2022	
	2.3	Indicative Forum & Council Meeting Schedule	
	2.4	Mayor & CEO Updates	
Completed By:	Sarah Candeland		

16 March 2022 - Disability Advisory Committee

Informal meeting of Councillors

Public Record



Meeting Name:	Yarra Ranges Council Disability Advisory Committee	
Date:	16 March 2022	Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 3.00pm
Venue:	via Zoom	
Attendees:	<p>Councillors: Len Cox</p> <p>Other attendees: June Smith, Cliff Wise, Michelle McDonald, James Wood, Lesley Grimes, Hilary Mellis, Shek Kho, Kerry Kift & David Glazebrook</p> <p>CEO/Directors: Nil</p> <p>Officers: Amanda May, Scott Spargo Kristie Davis, Amanda Smith, Paula Newman, Alison Fowler, Cathi Walker & Corinne Bowen</p>	
Apologies	Richard Higgins, Chelsea Brooks, Michelle Mulholland, Amanda Davern, Marnie Ellis & Isha Scott	
Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest:	None	
Matter/s Discussed:	1.1	NDIS updates from members
	1.2	Development of Council's Biodiversity Plan
	1.3	Melba Support Services presentation
	1.4	Monbulk Urban Design Framework
	1.5	DAC Annual Report 2021 DAC Recruitment 2022
	1.6	Yarra Ranges Council Housing Strategy consultation
	1.7	Disability Inclusion Officer update
	1.8	Member updates
Completed By:	Amanda May	

13. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Cr Fullagar chaired:

- the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee meeting held 7 April 2022 via videoconference. Cr Fullagar spoke of the highlights from the meeting namely, discussion around Councils new Housing Strategy, Energy and Solar update and the strong support for the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO) and the bio diversity sub-committee who are preparing recommendations to contribute to Council's diversity plan. Cr Fullagar was pleased to be able to attend the meeting.

Cr Heenan attended:

- the opening of a new accommodation facility for the Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery in Mt Evelyn held on Saturday 2 April 2022. Cr Heenan thanked the Mayor, who was also in attendance, for the opportunity to speak at such a joyous occasion and was pleased to see the community supporting the Monastery.

Cr Cox attended:

- a memorial service for Di Moore who sadly passed last December in Ballarat. The service was organised by friends and was a fitting tribute to the kind of person she was. The service was also attended by Councillors Heenan McAllister and Child.

Cr Eastham attended:

- a Burrinja board meeting and was impressed at the level of support from the community who have rallied behind the facility after such challenging times. Cr Eastham noted that Burrinja will be partnering with Vic Health to initiate a social enterprise and is inspired to see what will come of this.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020

There were no confidential items listed on the agenda for this meeting.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 26 April 2022 commencing at 7.00pm, via videoconference.

16. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at: 7.40pm.

Confirmed this day, Tuesday 26 April 2022.

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Cr Jim Child

Mayor