

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 8 June 2022

**Venue: Civic Centre (Council Meeting Room)
13 Mair Street, Benalla**

The *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020* enables councils to hold meetings electronically. This measure is intended to ensure the safety of members of the public, Councillors and Council staff.

Members of the public were encouraged to watch the live broadcast of the meeting at **www.benalla.vic.gov.au**

In accordance with Governance Rule 6.4 an audio recording was made of the proceedings of the meeting.

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Minutes

Chair	Councillor Bernie Hearn (Mayor)	
Councillors	Councillor Danny Claridge	
	Councillor Peter Davis	
	Councillor Don Firth	
	Councillor Punarji Hewa Gunaratne	
	Councillor Justin King	
In attendance	Councillor Gail O'Brien	
	Dom Testoni	Chief Executive Officer
	Robert Barber	General Manager Corporate
	Janine McMaster	Manager People and Performance
	Jessica Beaton	Governance Coordinator

The Council Meeting opened at 5.30pm.

Opening and Acknowledgment of Country

The chair recited the following Acknowledgement of Country.

We, the Benalla Rural City Council, acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and to Elders from other communities who may be here today.

Statement of Commitment

The Councillors recited the following Statement of Commitment:

*I declare,
that as a Councillor of Benalla Rural City
I will undertake on every occasion
to carry out my duties in the best interests of the community
and that my conduct shall maintain the standards of our Councillor Code of Conduct
so that I may faithfully represent
and uphold the trust placed in the Council
by the people of Benalla and District.*



Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Punarji Hewa Gunarante and Councillor Justin King.

Cr Davis / Cr O'Brien:

That the apologies be accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Carried

1. Public Question Time

No questions were submitted to the meeting.

2. Urgent Business

No urgent business was submitted to the meeting.



3. Confidential Business

It is proposed that the following item be considered in confidential business pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020* as it contains private commercial information that would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage if released:

3.1 Tender for Contract CM22.015 Provision of Insurance Broking and Risk Management Services 2022-2025

Cr Firth / Cr Davis:

That the meeting be closed to the public for the consideration of the confidential business item noted above pursuant to Sections 3(1) and Section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Carried



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4. Reopening of the meeting to the public

Cr Claridge / Cr O'Brien:

That the meeting be reopened to the public.

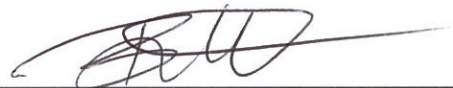
Carried

Closure of the meeting

The Council Meeting closed at 5.42pm.

Confirmed this twenty ninth day of June 2022.

Signed:



Chair – Cr Bernie Hearn (Mayor)