

Finance and Planning Committee

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 7 December 2022

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

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Chair	Councillor Danny Claridge	
Councillors	Councillor Peter Davis	
	Councillor Don Firth	
	Councillor Bernie Hearn (Mayor)	
	Councillor Punarji Hewa Gunaratne	
	Councillor Justin King	
	Councillor Gail O'Brien	
In attendance	Dom Testoni	Chief Executive Officer
	Robert Barber	General Manager Corporate
	Jane Archbold	Manager Community
	Adrian Gasperoni	Manager Assets and Infrastructure
	Courtney Naughton	Manager Economic Development and Sustainability
	Nilesh Singh	Manager Development
	Jessica Beaton	Governance Coordinator

The committee meeting commenced at 6pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

The chair recited the following acknowledgment 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.



Apologies

It is noted that Councillor Peter Davis and Councillor Gail O'Brien are on an approved leave of absence.

An apology was received from Cr Justin King.

Cr Hearn / Cr Gunaratne:

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

Carried

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were circulated to Councillors and posted on the Council website www.benalla.vic.gov.au pending confirmation at the meeting.

Cr Firth / Cr Gunarante:

That the Minutes of the Finance and Operations Committee Meeting and the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9 November 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate records of the meetings.

Carried

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed to the committee.



Business

A motion was made to alter the order of business on the Agenda.

Cr Hearn / Cr Gunarante:

That items 3 and 6 as listed on the agenda be considered before item 1 on the agenda.

Carried.

3. Annual Grant Program Guidelines

6. Waste Reduction Working Group

Cr Hearn / Cr Gunarante:

That the debate on item 3 *Annual Grant Program Guidelines* and item 6 *Waste Reduction Working Group* be deferred until the Council Meeting on 14 December 2022 to allow for more Councillors to be present when the items are discussed.

Carried

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1. Planning And Building Approvals – October 2022

The report detailed planning permit applications and building approvals for October 2022.

Cr Hearn / Cr Firth:**That the report be noted.****Carried****2. 2022/2023 Community Sponsorship Program**

The report presented funding applications under the 2022/23 Community Sponsorship Program.

Cr Hearn / Cr Gunarante:**That a \$500 grant from the 2022/2023 Community Sponsorship Program be allocated to Benalla Theatre Company Inc.****Carried****4. Economic Development and Sustainability Department Activity Report For The Quarter Ended 30 September 2022**

The report presented the activity of the Economic Development and Sustainability Department for the quarter ending 30 September 2022.

Cr Firth / Cr Hearn:**That the report be noted.****Carried**

5. Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre Transfer Station Fees

The report discusses the proposed Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre transfer station charges.

Cr Hearn / Cr Firth:

That the Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre transfer station charges below be adopted:

- **General waste: \$82.00 1m³, \$62.00 3/4m³, \$41.00 1/2m³ and \$21.00 1/4m³**
- **Organic green waste: \$19.00 1m³, \$14.00 3/4m³, \$9.50 1/2m³ and \$5.00 1/4m³**
- **Processed timber: \$23.50 1m³**
- **Contaminated fill: \$115.00 1m³**
- **Concrete/bricks: \$71.50 1m³**
- **Clean fill: \$50.00 1m³.**

Carried

7. Proposed discontinuance of roads abutting 3 Nelson Road, Winton North

The report sought the Council's approval for the Chief Executive Officer to commence the statutory procedures to consider discontinuing the government roads abutting 3 Nelson Road, Winton North and publicly advertise and invite public submissions on the proposal.

Cr Hearn / Cr Gunarante:

That Council's Chief Executive Officer, acting under clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)*:

- 1. Directs that the required statutory procedures be commenced to discontinue the government roads abutting 3 Nelson Road, Winton North.**
- 2. Directs that, under sections 207A and 223 of the Act, public notice of the proposed discontinuance be given in the *Benalla Ensign*.**
- 3. Gives public notice, as required, under sections 207A and 223 of the Act that if the Road is discontinued, the Road will vest in the Crown and it is proposed that the Crown will lease the Road to the adjoining owner.**
- 4. That the Finance and Planning Committee consider any submissions received pursuant to section 223 of the Act at its meeting on Wednesday 1 February 2023.**

Carried

8. Audit and Risk Committee

The report presents for consideration independent membership and chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Cr Hearn / Cr Gunarante:

- 1. That Rita Ruyters be appointed as an Audit and Rick Committee Independent Member until 31 December 2025.**
- 2. That Cameron Gray be appointed Audit and Risk Committee Chairperson until 31 December 2023.**
- 3. That expressions of interest for the vacant Audit and Risk Committee Independent Member position be invited.**
- 4. That the Mayor write to John Stapleton acknowledging his contribution to Audit and Risk Committee.**

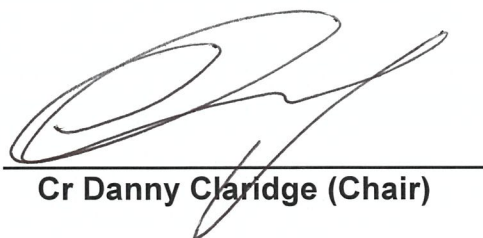
Carried

Closure of Meeting

The committee meeting closed at 6.34pm

Confirmed this first day of February 2023.

Signed:



Cr Danny Claridge (Chair)