

# Planning and Development Committee

## **Minutes**

Date: Wednesday 22 June 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

Adrian Gasperoni

Manager Assets and Infrastructure

**Greg Robertson** 

Manager Facilities and Information Technology

Nilesh Singh

Manager Development

Ashley Bishop

**Asset Management Coordinator** 

Wayne Rich

**Compliance Coordinator** 

Jessica Beaton

Governance Coordinator

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

#### **Acknowledgment 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 Justin King has requested a leave of absence from 20 June to 28 June 2022.

#### Cr Davis / Cr Hearn:

That the apology/ies 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 Hearn / Cr Davis:

That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

#### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed to the meeting.



#### **Business**

#### 1. Public Question Time

There were no questions submitted to the meeting.

#### 2. Planning And Building Approvals – May 2022

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

Cr Hearn / Cr O'Brien:

That the report be noted.

Carried

#### 3. Petition: Declare Churchill Reserve an Off-leash Area

The report discussed the community consultation following receipt of a petition to declare Churchill Reserve as an area where dogs may be exercised off-leash.

It is noted that the following people made submissions on the item:

- Jo Cooper spoke against the proposal to declare Churchill Reserve as an area where dogs may be exercised off-leash.
- Darryl Mauger spoke in support of the proposal to declare Churchill Reserve as an area where dogs may be exercised off-leash.

#### Cr Davis / Cr O'Brien

That an extension of three minutes be given to Darryl Mauger.

Carried

#### Cr Hearn / Cr O'Brien:

- 1. That the report be noted.
- 2. That the option of a designated fenced dogs-off-leash area within or in proximity of Churchill Reserve be investigated and reported back to the Council.

Carried

#### 4. Benalla Airport - Intention to Lease Land



The report finalised the matter of intention to lease land to Luke Anthony Bourne for the development of aircraft hangarage at the Benalla Airport.

#### Cr Davis / Cr O'Brien:

- 1. That in accordance with Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, a lease agreement be entered into with Luke Anthony Bourne for Hangar sites 13 and 28 at the Benalla Airport, Samaria Road, Benalla for a term of five years commencing 1 July 2022 with an option for four further terms of five years.
- 2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute lease documentation on behalf of the Council.

Carried

#### 5. Benalla Rural City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032

The report considered the outcome of the *Benalla Rural City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032* public exhibition.

#### Cr Davis / Cr O'Brien:

That the Benalla Rural City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032 be adopted.

Carried

#### 6. Draft Waste Services Policy

The report presented for consideration the draft Waste Services Policy.

#### Cr Firth / Cr Davis:

That the Planning and Development Committee, acting under its delegated authority of the Council, resolve:

- That the draft Waste Services Policy be endorsed for public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.
- That the draft Waste Services Policy community consultation program seek feedback on fortnightly refuse collection in rural areas.

Carried

#### **Closure of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 6.41pm.

Confirmed this twenty seventh day of July 2022

Signed:

Cr Danny Claridge - Chair