

# Finance and Planning Committee

## Minutes

**Date: Wednesday 14 June 2023**

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

In accordance with Rule 6.4 of the *Governance Rules 2020* the Committee meeting was lived streamed via the Council's website and an audio recording was made of the proceedings of the meeting.

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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  
Cathy Fitzpatrick Manager Finance  
Adrian Gasperoni Manager Assets and Infrastructure  
Nilesh Singh Manager Development  
Tom Arnold Community Development Coordinator  
Jess Pendergast Governance Coordinator

## Opening and Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair opened the meeting at 5.30pm and 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.*

## Apologies

No apologies were submitted to the meeting.



### **Governance Matters**

The Committee Meeting was conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Benalla Rural City Council Governance Rules 2020*.

### **Disclosures of Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were disclosed to the meeting.

### **Confirmation of the previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes have been circulated to Councillors and posted on the Council website [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au) pending confirmation at this meeting.

**Cr Davis / Cr King:**

**That the Minutes of the Finance and Planning Committee Meetings held on Wednesday 10 May and Wednesday 24 May 2023 be confirmed as true and accurate records of the meetings.**

**Carried**



**Business****1. Proposed 2023/24 Budget – Consideration of Submissions**

The report considered submissions received on the proposed *2023/24 Budget*.

The *2023/24 Budget* will be considered for adoption at the Council Meeting on 28 June 2023.

**Cr Hearn / Cr King:**

**That the report be noted.**

**Carried**

**2. Proposed Discontinuance of Roads at Flynnns Road and Lee Road Railway Crossings, Winton North**

The report sought the Council's authority to consider whether the government roads being the whole of the land contained in Crown folios volume 11782 folios 963 and 964 located at Flynnns Road and Lee Road railway crossings, Winton North should be discontinued.

**Cr Firth / Cr Davis:**

**That Council, acting under clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)*:**

- 1. Having following all the required statutory procedures pursuant to sections 207A and 223 of the Act, and being of the opinion that the government roads at Flynnns Road and Lee Road railway crossings, Winton North, being the land shown highlighted red on the locality plan attached to this report as Appendix 1 (Roads), are not reasonably required for public use for the reasons set out in this report, resolves that the Roads be discontinued.**
- 2. Directs that a notice pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(a) of Schedule 10 of the Act is to be published in the Victoria Government Gazette.**
- 3. Directs that any public rights or interests required to be created or saved over the Roads by any authority be done so and not be affected by the discontinuance of the Roads.**

**Carried**



### 3. Building and Planning Approvals – April and May 2023

The report detailed planning permit applications and building approvals for April and May 2023.

**Cr Davis / Cr Firth:**

**That the report be noted.**

**Carried**

### 4. 2022/2023 Quick Response Grants

The report presented funding applications for 2022/23 Quick Response Grants.

**Cr Davis / Cr Hearn:**

**That a \$500 grant from the 2022/2023 Quick Response Grant program be allocated to Goorambat and District Community Group.**



## 5. Urgent Business

An item was submitted for consideration under urgent business.

**Cr Davis / Cr King:**

**That the urgent business item be accepted.**

**Carried**

The Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 5.30pm will contain a report for the Sale of Land at Enterprise Park, Benalla in confidential business.

Due to the commercial in confidence information being provided it was proposed that the Council Meeting be held solely as a face-to-face meeting in accordance with section 3.3.6 of *Governance Rules 2020*.

In accordance with Rule 6.4 of the *Governance Rules 2020* the Council Meeting will still be lived streamed via the Council's website excluding confidential business.

**Cr Hearn / Cr King:**

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

**That the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 5.30pm be held solely as a face-to-face meeting in accordance with section 3.3.6 of *Governance Rules 2020*.**

**Carried**

## Closure of Meeting

The Finance and Planning Committee meeting closed at 5.57pm.

**Confirmed this Nineteenth day of July 2023.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cr Justin King (Acting Chair)**