

Additional Council Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 3 April 2024

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

In accordance with Rule 6.4 of the *Governance Rules 2020* an audio recording was made of the proceedings.

The meeting was not livestreamed due to the small number of agenda items.

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Councillors

- Councillor Danny Claridge (Mayor)
- Councillor Peter Davis
- Councillor Don Firth
- Councillor Bernie Hearn
- 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
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

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

Cr Davis / Cr O'Brien:
That the apologies be accepted.

Carried

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.

Governance Matters

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

Recording of Council Meetings

In accordance with the *Governance Rules 2020* the Council meeting was audio recorded.

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

1. Officer Reports

There were no officer reports presented to the additional Council Meeting.

2. Urgent Business

The Chief Executive Officer submitted the following item as it was determined as a matter of urgency.

- 3.2 Tender for Contract CMP24.081 Removal of Fallen Trees and Vegetation, Various Roads in the Warrenbayne, Lima, and Swanpool Areas Dec-23 Storm Event.

Cr O'Brien / Cr Hearn:

That the Tender for Contract CMP24.081 Removal of Fallen Trees and Vegetation, Various Roads in the Warrenbayne, Lima, and Swanpool Areas Dec-23 Storm Event be admitted to the meeting and considered under item 3 Confidential Business.

Carried

The item was confidential in nature and was considered under item 3 Confidential Business.

3. Confidential Business

It was proposed that the following items be considered in confidential business pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020* as they contain personal information or private commercial information that would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about a person, their personal affairs or expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking if released:

- 3.1 Tender for Contract CMP23.014 – Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) Acceptance and Processing Services
- 3.2 Tender for Contract CMP24.081 Removal of Fallen Trees and Vegetation, Various Roads in the Warrenbayne, Lima, and Swanpool Areas Dec-23 Storm Event.

Cr Hearn / Cr Firth:

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

4. Reopening of the meeting to the public

Cr Hearn / Cr O'Brien:

That the meeting be reopened to the public.

Carried

Closure of the meeting

The Council Meeting closed at 5.59pm

The Minutes were confirmed on the twenty fourth day of April 2024.

Signed: _____
Mayor Cr Danny Claridge