

Finance and Planning Committee

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 10 April 2024

**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 Cr Bernie Hearn

Councillors Councillor Danny Claridge (Mayor)
Councillor Peter Davis
Councillor Don Firth
Councillor Punarji Hewa Gunaratne
Councillor Justin King
Councillor Gail O'Brien

In attendance Dom Testoni Chief Executive Officer
Robert Barber General Manager Corporate
Nilesh Singh Manager Development
Keith Biglin Project Manager
Joel Ingham Planning Coordinator
Jess Pendergast Governance Coordinator

Opening and Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair opened the meeting at 5.39pm 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

This Committee 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 *Governance Rules 2020* the meeting was audio recorded and made available for public access, with the exception of matters identified as confidential items in the agenda.

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

See item 3 and 4.

Confirmation of the previous Meeting Minutes

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

Cr Davis / Cr Firth:

That the Minutes of the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

Business**1. Development of the land for restricted retail premises, create and alter access to a road in a Transport Zone 2 and a reduction in car parking requirements at 203-209 Bridge Street East, Benalla**

The report presented a planning permit issued for the development of the land for restricted retail premises at 203-209 Bridge Street East, Benalla.

Cr Firth / Cr Claridge:
That the report be noted.

Carried

2. Building and Planning Approvals – February 2024

The report detailed planning permit applications and building approvals for February 2024.

Cr Davis / Cr Claridge:
That the report be noted.

Carried

Councillor Justin King declared a material conflict of interest in the following item and left the meeting at 5.55pm.

3. Benalla Indoor Recreation Centre Redevelopment Project – Consideration of Submissions

The report considered submissions received on the *Benalla Indoor Recreation Centre (BIRC) Redevelopment project*.

A report on the *Benalla Indoor Recreation Centre Redevelopment Project* will be presented to the Council at its meeting on 24 April 2024.

Cr Claridge / Cr Firth:

- 1. That the report be noted.**
- 2. That the submissions be taken into consideration to determine the location of the redevelopment of the Benalla Indoor Recreation Centre.**

Carried

Councillor Justin King returned to the meeting at 6.08pm.

Councillor Gail O'Brien declared a general conflict of interest in the following item and left the meeting at 6.09pm.

4. 2023/2024 Major Events Funding

The report presented funding applications for the 2023/24 Major Event Funding Program.

Cr King / Cr Davis:

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

That a \$2,000 grant from the 2023/24 Major Event Funding program be allocated to the Benalla Bowls Club.

Carried

A division of the vote was called.

Votes recorded in favour for the motion:

Councillor Danny Claridge

Councillor Peter Davis

Councillor Don Firth

Councillor Bernie Hearn

Councillor Justin King

Votes recorded against the motion:

Councillor Punarji Hewa Gunaratne abstained from the vote.

Councillor Gail O'Brien returned to the meeting at 6.13pm.

5. Local Government Performance Reporting Framework – Report Of Operations For Half-Year Ending 31 December 2023

The report presented half-year service performance indicator results under the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

Cr Davis / Cr O'Brien:
That the report be noted.

Carried

6. Urgent Business

No urgent business was submitted to the meeting.

Closure of Meeting

The Finance and Planning Committee meeting closed at 6.20pm

Confirmed this fifteenth day of May 2024.

Signed: _____
Cr Bernie Hearn (Chair)