

Council Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 7 September 2022

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

The Council Meeting was live streamed and recorded. Members of the public were encouraged to watch the live broadcast of the meeting at www.benalla.vic.gov.au

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

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Chair	Councillor Bernie Hearn (Mayor)	
Councillors	Councillor Danny Claridge	
	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
	Jessica Beaton	Governance Coordinator

The Council Meeting opened at 5.30pm.

1. Opening and Acknowledgment of Country

The chair 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.

2. 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.



3. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed to the meeting.

4. Apologies

No apologies were submitted to the Council Meeting.

5. 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 Davis / Cr King:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 August 2022 and Wednesday 31 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate records of the meetings.

Carried

6. Public Question Time

No questions were submitted to the Council Meeting.



7. Petitions

No petitions were submitted to the Council Meeting.

8. Record of Committees

8.1 Recommendations from Delegated Committees

The recommendations of the Finance and Operations Committee meeting held on Wednesday 24 August 2022 and the recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 31 August 2022 were provided to Councillors.

Cr Claridge / Cr Firth:

- 1. That the recommendations of the Finance and Operations Committee meeting held on Wednesday 24 August 2022 be adopted.**
- 2. That the recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 31 August 2022 be adopted.**

Carried



8.2 Assemblies of Councillors, Advisory and External Committees

Under Council's *Governance Rules 2020* the Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written record of the Assemblies of Councillors at a scheduled Council Meeting.

The record of Assemblies of Councillors since the report presented at the meeting on 3 August 2022 was presented.

Copies of the Minutes from the following meetings were provided to councillors under separate cover.

July 2022

13 July 2022	Assembly of Councillors - Business Review
20 July 2022	Benalla Festival Advisory Committee
26 July 2022	Audit and Risk Committee
27 July 2022	Assembly of Councillors
29 July 2022	Australia Day Advisory Committee

Cr Gunarante / Cr Davis:

That the report be noted.

Carried



Officer Reports

9.1 Authorisation of Signing and Sealing of Documents

No documents were submitted for signing and sealing.

9.2 Waste Services Policy Review

The report presented for consideration and adoption the *Waste Services Policy*.

Cr Claridge / Cr Davis:

That standing orders be suspended to allow for discussion on the Item.

Carried

Cr Claridge / Cr Davis:

That standing orders resume.

Carried

Cr King / Cr Claridge:

- 1. That the *Waste Services Policy* be adopted.**
- 2. That the *Waste Services Policy* be reviewed in September 2026.**
- 3. That a report on the establishment of a Waste Reduction Working Group be presented to the December 2022 Planning and Development Committee meeting.**
- 4. That Waste Reduction Working Group investigate a cloth nappy rebate initiative and report back to the Council in due course.**

Carried



9.4 Economic Development and Sustainability Department Activity Report For The Quarter Ended 30 June 2022

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

Cr Firth / Cr Davis:

That the report be noted.

Carried

9.5 Mayor and Councillors' Attendance at Committees and Civic Functions

The Mayor and Councillors attendance at meetings and events from the period 25 July 2022 to 27 August 2022 were provided to Councillors for consideration.

It is noted that Councillor Gail O'Brien was not in attendance at the Tomorrow Today Whole of Community Early Years Forum on Monday 22 August 2022.

Cr Davis / Cr King:

That the report be noted.

Carried

9.6 Council Actions Pending

Council Actions Pending were provided to Councillors.

Cr King / Cr Gunaratne:

That the report be noted.

Carried



10. Reports by Councillors

No reports from councillors were presented to the Council Meeting.

11. Notices of Motion

No notices of motion were submitted to the Council Meeting.

12. Notices of Rescission Motion

No notices of rescission motion were submitted to the Council Meeting.

13. Urgent Business

No urgent business was present to the meeting.

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14. Confidential Business

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

14.1 Chief Executive Officer Contract of Employment

14.2 Confidential Reports by Councillors

14.3 Confidential Council Actions Pending

Cr Davis / Cr Claridge:

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



15. Reopening of the meeting to the public

Cr Davis / Cr Gunarante:

That the meeting be reopened to the public.

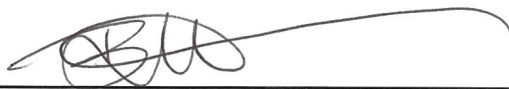
Carried

16. Closure of the meeting

The Council Meeting closed at 6.28pm.

Confirmed this twelfth day of October 2022.

Signed:



Chair – Cr Bernie Hearn (Mayor)