



Southern Grampians
SHIRE COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

Council Meeting
13 July 2022

Held in Council Chambers,
5 Market Place Hamilton,
at 5:30pm.

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The Meeting opened at 5:30pm

1. Present

Councillors

Cr David Robertson, Deputy Mayor
Cr Albert Calvano
Cr Helen Henry
Cr Greg McAdam
Cr Katrina Rainsford

Officers

Mr Tony Doyle, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Belinda Johnson, Acting Director Community and Corporate Services
Ms Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure
Mr Andrew Goodsell, Director Planning and Development

2. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor, Cr Robertson read the acknowledgement of country:

“Our meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Gunditjmarra, Tjap Wurrung and Bunganditj people.

I would like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.”

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3. Prayer

Cr Calvano led the meeting in a prayer.

“Almighty god, we humbly beseech thee to vouchsafe thy blessing upon this council.

Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of thy glory and the true welfare of the people of the Southern Grampians shire.”

4. Apologies

Cr Bruach Colliton, Mayor
Cr Mary-Ann Brown

5. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

That the Minutes of the Unscheduled Meeting held on 22 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Henry
SECONDED: Cr McAdam

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

That the Minutes of the Unscheduled Meeting held on 22 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

6. Declaration of Interest

7. Questions on Notice

There are no Questions on Notice listed on tonight's agenda.

8. Public Deputations

There are no Public Deputations listed on tonight's agenda.

9. Informal Meetings of Councillors

The Southern Grampians Shire Council Governance Rules require that records of Informal Meetings of Councillors that meet the following criteria:

If there is a meeting of Councillors that:

- a) took place for the purpose of discussing the business of Council or briefing Councillors;
- b) is attended by at least one member of Council staff; and
- c) is not a Council meeting, Delegated Committee meeting or Community Asset Committee meeting;

be tabled at the next convenient Council meeting and recorded in the minutes of that Council meeting.

An Informal Meeting of Councillors record was kept for:

- 8 June 2022
- 15 June 2022
- 22 June 2022

This agenda was prepared on 6 July 2022. Any Informal Meeting of Councillors between that date and the date of tonight's Meeting will appear in the agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Informal Meeting of Councillors

ASSEMBLY DETAILS	
Title:	Briefing Session
Date:	8 June 2022
Location:	MJ Hynes Auditorium
Councillors in Attendance:	Cr Bruach Colliton, Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown Cr Albert Calvano Cr Helen Henry Cr Greg McAdam Cr Katrina Rainsford
Council Staff in Attendance:	Tony Doyle, Chief Executive Officer Evelyn Arnold, Director Community and Corporate Services Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure Andrew Goodsell, Director Planning and Development Belinda Johnson, Manager Finance Susannah Milne, Manager Community and Leisure Services Alison Quade, Manager Community Relations
External Presenters:	Jo Cross

The Informal Meeting commenced at 12:30pm.

MATTERS CONSIDERED		CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED
1	Councillor Only Meeting	Nil
2	Matters Raised by Councillors	Nil
3	Probity and Fraud Training	Nil
4	Budget and Asset Plan 2022-2023 Engagement Feedback	Nil
5	Terms of Reference Lake Hamilton Advisory Committee	Nil
6	VAGO Fraud Control over Local Government Grants	Nil

The Informal Meeting concluded at 5:00pm.

Southern Grampians Shire Council
 Informal Meeting of Councillors

ASSEMBLY DETAILS	
Title:	Briefing Session
Date:	15 June 2022
Location:	MJ Hynes Auditorium
Councillors in Attendance:	Cr Bruach Colliton, Mayor Cr David Robertson, Deputy Mayor Cr Albert Calvano Cr Helen Henry Cr Greg McAdam
Council Staff in Attendance:	Tony Doyle, Chief Executive Officer Evelyn Arnold, Director Community and Corporate Services Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure Andrew Goodsell, Director Planning and Development Belinda Johnson, Manager Finance
External Presenters:	Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Trail Committee

The Informal Meeting commenced at 2:00pm.

MATTERS CONSIDERED		CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED
1	Hamilton Coleraine Rail Trail	Nil
2	Hearing Feedback relating to Budget, LTFP and Asset Plan	Nil

The Informal Meeting concluded at 5:00pm.

Southern Grampians Shire Council
Informal Meeting of Councillors

ASSEMBLY DETAILS	
Title:	Briefing Session
Date:	22 June 2022
Location:	MJ Hynes Auditorium
Councillors in Attendance:	Cr Bruach Colliton, Mayor Cr David Robertson, Deputy Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown Cr Albert Calvano Cr Helen Henry Cr Greg McAdam
Council Staff in Attendance:	Tony Doyle, Chief Executive Officer Belinda Johnson, Acting Director Community and Corporate Services Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure Andrew Goodsell, Director Planning and Development

The Informal Meeting commenced at 3:30pm.

MATTERS CONSIDERED		CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED
1	Councillor and CEO Only Meeting	Nil
2	Matters Raised by Councillors	Nil
3	Insurance Tender Award	Nil

The Informal Meeting concluded at 5:15pm.

10. Notices of Motion

10.1 Notice of Motion #5/22

Cr Henry

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 13 July 2022

MOTION

That Council;

Note that the State government has introduced legislation that dissolves the regional waste management groups effective from 1 July 2022.

Recognises the benefits of regional collaboration between local governments including for delivering effective services, achieving efficiencies of scale, sharing expertise, advocating for better policy and legislation, education and procurement.

Notes that the WRRGs have provided an effective mechanism for regional collaboration between councils and -

- Appoints _____ as councillor representative on recycling and waste matters including for the purposes of:
 - Meeting with other councils in the Barwon South West region to consider recycling and waste matters and provide advice to councils in the region.
 - Appointing a chair of the regional advisory group on recycling and waste, who would represent the region in a state-wide advisory group, including electing a state-wide chair.
 - Developing a proposal for governance (including a Terms of Reference) of regional coordination between the councils, for consideration by Council at a future date
 - Calling on the state government to support regional collaboration by providing the secretariat function via RV.

Background

On commencement of Recycling Victoria (RV), the Waste and Resource Recovery Groups (WRRGs) will be dissolved, and relevant functions will be transferred to Recycling Victoria. The Recycling Victoria Authority is set to commence from 1 July 2022 and the State Government have yet to provide any concrete detail as to an ongoing mechanism that would serve a similar function after June 30, 2022. It has been my experience as the Chair of the Barwon South West WRRG, that these groups have provided an important structure for regional collaboration between local governments including for delivering effective services, achieving efficiencies of scale, sharing expertise, advocating for better policy and legislation, education and procurement.

The Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change in her second reading speech said: *"I intend to establish a local government advisory committee to advise the Head on the new functions, how these arrangements impact and can benefit councils, and how the set up*

of Recycling Victoria can ensure effective relationships with local governments across the State.”

We believe that the Forum is ideally positioned to support and advise the State Government as part of its design of regulatory and implementation measures associated with the Bill. We also believe it ensures effective relationships with local governments are fostered across the state and inform policy decisions that affect Councils in waste and resource recovery.

We would like to formalise the Forum so that beyond the 1 July 2022 there continues to be a structure for ongoing collaboration for Councils on a regional and state-wide level. In order to facilitate this, we are proposing that each Council endorses the following motion and appoints a representative to participate.

Officers Comments

Southern Grampians Shire has been a member of the former Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Forum. This Forum has ensured Officer connection with the waste and recovery industry, respective state government agencies and up to date knowledge particularly during the current change process led by the state government.

The Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Forum has demonstrated capacity and capabilities of the member agencies to collaborate, plan and deliver on a range of initiatives and strategies that contribute to waste reduction and recovery.

This proposal for the continued collaboration between the local government authorities on a regional and state wide basis is supported to ensure the Southern Grampians Shire and the region is engaged in the future direction of state wide waste management and resource recovery.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Henry
SECONDED: Cr Rainsford

That Council;

Note that the State government has introduced legislation that dissolves the regional waste management groups effective from 1 July 2022.

Recognises the benefits of regional collaboration between local governments including for delivering effective services, achieving efficiencies of scale, sharing expertise, advocating for better policy and legislation, education and procurement.

Notes that the WRRGs have provided an effective mechanism for regional collaboration between councils and -

- **Appoints Cr Helen Henry as councillor representative for Southern Grampians Shire Council on recycling and waste matters including for the purposes of:**
 - **Meeting with other councils in the Barwon South West region to consider recycling and waste matters and provide advice to councils in the region.**
 - **Appointing a chair of the regional advisory group on recycling and waste, who would represent the region in a state-wide advisory group, including electing a state-wide chair.**
 - **Developing a proposal for governance (including a Terms of Reference) of regional coordination between the councils, for consideration by Council at a future date**
 - **Calling on the state government to support regional collaboration by providing the secretariat function via RV.**

CARRIED

11. Delegated Reports

Reports on external Committees and Representative Bodies for which Councillors have been appointed as a representative by Council.

11.1 BARWON SOUTH WEST WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY GROUP

Cr Henry reported on her attendance at the Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group Meeting.

11.2 HAMILTON REGIONAL LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Cr McAdam reported on his attendance at the Hamilton Regional Livestock Committee Meeting.

12. Mayors and Councillors Reports

Address from the Mayor and Councillors in relation to matters of civic leadership and community representation, including acknowledgement of community groups and individuals, information arising from internal Committees, advocacy on behalf of constituents and other topics of significance.

13. Confidential Matters

RECOMMENDATION

That the following items be considered in Closed Council as specified in section 66(2)(a) and referenced in section 3(1), Confidential Information (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released as per the Local Government Act 2020.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Henry
SECONDED: Cr Rainsford

That the following items be considered in Closed Council as specified in section 66(2)(a) and referenced in section 3(1), Confidential Information (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released as per the Local Government Act 2020.

CARRIED

13.1 Insurance Tender Award

14. Close of Meeting

This concludes the business of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 6:00pm

Confirmed by resolution 10 August 2022

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Chairman