



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

# MINUTES

## Council Meeting

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**6.00pm Tuesday 10 September 2024**

**VENUE:**  
**The Well**  
**19 Heales Street, Smythesdale**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
6.00pm Tuesday 22 October 2024

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE THE WELL, 19 HEALES STREET, SMYTHESDALE  
ON TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Brett Cunningham (Mayor), Cr Gavin Gamble, Cr Helena Kirby, Cr Les Rowe, Cr Owen Sharkey, Cr Ian Getsom, Cr Clayton Whitfield

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Shane Walden (CEO), Phil Josipovic (Director Infrastructure and Environment), Lynnere Gray (Director Corporate Services), Emma Wheatland (Acting Director Community, Planning & Growth)

## **1 OPENING DECLARATION**

We the Councillors of Golden Plains Shire declare that we will undertake, on every occasion, to carry out our duties in the best interest of the community and that our conduct shall maintain the standards of the code of good governance so that we may faithfully represent and uphold the trust placed in this Council by the people of Golden Plains Shire

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Golden Plains Shire spans the Traditional lands of the Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar Peoples.

Council acknowledges them as the Traditional Owners and Custodians and pays its respects to both Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar Elders past, present and emerging.

Council extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who are part of Golden Plains Shire.

## **3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting and the minutes of the Confidential Meeting held on 27 August 2024 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## **5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The following public question was submitted by Richard Kerr. The answer was provided by Lynnere Gray, Director Corporate Services.

**Question**

How are the Golden Plains Shire rates arrived at. Does the valuer visit the properties or is it computer generated?

**Answer**

Valuations are governed by the Valuation of Land Act 1960. The Act is governed by the Victorian Valuer General. The valuation process involves four stages and is a mass valuation process. The valuation processes include a number of physical and aerial inspections, review of land data, all sales data plus other processes. For further information please contact the Valuer Generals Office.

The following public question was submitted by Richard Kerr. The answer was provided by Lynnere Gray, Director Corporate Services.

**Question**

How can it keep going up when land prices have fallen in the last year. In most cases the rates have risen by at least 40%. How can you justify these rises?

**Answer**

The overall rates revenue pool has increased in line with the Rate Cap as determined by the Local Government Minister. How this is allocated is determined in line with Councils Rating Strategy and the Capital Improved Values determined in accordance with the valuations provided by the Victorian Valuer General. The cents per dollar across all rating categories have reduced compared to 2023/24. There have been valuation movements both positive and negative across the Shire.

## **7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **7.1 DELEGATES REPORT & INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS RECORDS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At each Council meeting, Councillors have the opportunity to update their colleagues and the community about attendances at various Delegated Boards/Committees/Meetings that they attended on behalf of the Council and can acknowledge significant community events or Council functions / engagement opportunities that they have attended over the past two weeks. This report contains records of informal meetings of Councillors as defined under Rule 1 of Chapter 5 of Council's Governance Rules.

#### **MANDATORY BOARDS / COMMITTEES / MEETINGS**

- Audit Committee
- G21 - Board of Directors
- Ballarat Regional Alliance of Councils
- Peri Urban Group of Rural Councils
- CEO Review Committee
- Municipal Association of Victoria
- Geelong Regional Library Corporation
- Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine Board
- Golden Plains Emergency Management Committee
- Council Meeting, Strategic Briefing, Councillor Briefing and Portfolio Meetings

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / EVENTS**

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council receive and note the Delegates Report and Informal Meetings of Councillors for the past two weeks.

**CARRIED**

#### **EN BLOC RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That the following items be resolved en bloc and that the recommendations in each item be adopted:

- 7.2 – Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes – 13 August 2024
- 7.3 – Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report (February and May 2024)

**CARRIED**

## **7.4 OPEN SPACE STRATEGY**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council requires a public Open Space Strategy (Strategy) to provide the strategic direction for the ongoing provision and function of public open space/s. A Strategy would also be the strategic justification required to inform an amendment to the Golden Plains Planning Scheme (Scheme) to allow for planning decisions requesting either a Public Open Space (POS) monetary or land contribution beyond the current default 5% where necessary.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council direct the CEO to identify Council and external funding opportunities and initiate the preparation of an Open Space Strategy.

**CARRIED**

## **7.5 AUTHORISATION OF PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C105GPLA - REZONING ORMOND STREET, BANNOCKBURN**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

An application has been made on behalf of the landowners of 5, 20, 25 & 30 Ormond Street (the owners), Bannockburn to rezone their land from farming zone to residential. The Ormond Street Precinct has been identified within the township boundary of Bannockburn for many decades, is identified in the Bannockburn Growth Plan to be zoned for residential use and is adjacent to land zoned General Residential Zone 1 known as the Willowbrae estate.

This report outlines the strategic justification to rezone the land from Farming Zone to General Residential Zone.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council:

1. Support the preparation and exhibition of Planning Scheme Amendment C105gpla to the Golden Plains Planning Scheme to rezone the land known as 5, 20, 25 & 30 Ormond Street, Bannockburn from Farming Zone to General Residential Zone 1, and apply the Development Plan Overlay Schedule 19; and
2. Request the Minister for Planning to authorise the preparation and exhibition of Amendment C105gpla.

**CARRIED**

## 8 NOTICES OF MOTION

### MOTION OF MOTION – DEVELOPER COUNCILLOR CONTACT REGISTER

I, Councillor Gavin Gamble, give notice of my intention to move at the Scheduled Meeting of Council to be held on 10 September 2024 that:

#### MOTION

That Council prepare a report for future Council consideration relating to a Developer-Councillor Contact Register, the report should include the following:

- The merit (or otherwise) of implementing a Developer-Councillor Contact Register for serving Golden Plains Shire Council councillors,
- Benchmarking of select other Victorian Councils with working registers,
- Details on the relationship of a proposed Developer-Councillor Contact Register to the State Government Local Government Reform, Local Government Inspectorate requirements and the Sandon Report recommendations, and
- How a Developer-Councillor Contact Register process would address privacy concerns.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

**This motion was carried.**

#### A division was called.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Gamble, Helena Kirby, Brett Cunningham and Clayton Whitfield

Against: Crs Les Rowe, Owen Sharkey and Ian Getsom

**CARRIED 4/3**

## 9 PETITIONS

Nil

## 10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 7.08pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 22 October 2024.**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**