



Ordinary Council Meeting

3 April 2019

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat

MINUTES
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BALLARAT CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, STURT STREET, BALLARAT ON WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019 AT 7:00PM

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1. OPENING DECLARATION

Councillors: *"We, the Councillors of the City of Ballarat, declare that we will carry out our duties in the best interests of the community, and through collective leadership will maintain the highest standards of good governance."*

Mayor: *"I respectfully acknowledge the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung People, the traditional custodians of the land, and I would like to welcome members of the public in the gallery."*

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Present

Mayor Samantha McIntosh
 Cr Belinda Coates
 Cr Mark Harris
 Cr Amy Johnson
 Cr Daniel Moloney
 Cr Jim Rinaldi
 Cr Ben Taylor
 Cr Grant Tillett

Ms Justine Linley - Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Terry Demeo - Director Infrastructure and Environment
 Mr Neville Ivey - Director Community Development
 Mr Glenn Kallio - Director Business Services
 Ms Angelique Lush - Director Development and Planning
 Mr Cameron Gray - Director Innovation and Organisational Improvement
 Mr Cameron Montgomery - Executive Manager Safety, Risk and Compliance Services
 Ms Lisa Kendal - Manger Strategic Planning
 Ms Ali Evans - Administration Officer Statutory Compliance
 Ms Sarah Anstis - Administration Officer Statutory Compliance

2.2 Apologies

Cr Des Hudson

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting on 13 March 2019 as circulated be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Belinda Coates
Seconded: Cr Amy Johnson

CARRIED
(R72/19)

RESOLUTION:

That the apology be accepted.

Moved: Cr Daniel Moloney

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Jim Rinaldi

(R73/19)

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RESOLUTION:

That standing orders be suspended at 7:13pm for Zoey Hunt (Mt Clear College) & Loris Bayly (Clarendon College) to give a brief summary of their trip to Inagawa in November/December 2018 and for Mahiru Takahara and Maria Ellis to give a short speech each, thanking the City of Ballarat and to make a small presentation to Mayor McIntosh, on behalf of Mayor Fukuda of Inagawa.

Moved: Cr Mark Harris

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Jim Rinaldi

(R74/19)

RESOLUTION:

That the meeting be resumed at 7:31pm.

Moved: Cr Mark Harris

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Daniel Moloney

(R75/19)

RESOLUTION:

That the proceedings of this Ordinary meeting be recorded to enable testing of equipment.

Moved: Cr Belinda Coates

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Daniel Moloney

(R76/19)

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

QT11/19 - Gary Fitzgerald - Ballarat East

Question

Mr Fitzgerald mentioned that at the last Council Meeting he asked about the remaining money in the Civic Hall budget and asked why nothing was recorded in the minutes?

Answer

Ms Angelique Lush, Director Development and Planning outlined that she responded the next day and will follow up with Statutory Compliance regarding the minutes.

Cr Daniel Moloney advised that the response has been included as an attachment in this agenda.

QT12/19 - Gary Fitzgerald - Ballarat East

Question

Mr Fitzgerald asked why Royal South Street cannot use the refurbished Civic Hall and why is it not good enough for Royal South Street performances?

Answer

The Mayor advised that there are a number of items that were not able to be included in the first stage of the refurbishment of the Civic Hall as there were not sufficient funds to do so. These include a commercial kitchen, staging, lighting and more detailed sound works. These matters will be discussed by the Council as part of the budget process.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/COUNCILLORS

GB19/19 - Cr Belinda Coates

Cr Coates mentioned that she is the chair of Intercultural Advisory Committee and acknowledged Harmony Week from 15 to 24 March 2019. Cr Coates recognised City of Ballarat's Cultural Diversity team for organising the events. Cr Coates also acknowledged the community spirit shown in response to the recent Islamic events in New Zealand.

Cr Coates requested a briefing to discuss options around solar panels and the heritage building policy in relation to achieving our carbon neutrality policy.

Cr Coates mentioned she is the co-chair of the Koorie Engagement Action Group Advisory Committee and there have been questions regarding options for promotion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander events across the city.

GB20/19 - Cr Amy Johnson

Cr Johnson attended a two day Tourism Ballarat strategic workshop in Hepburn.

Cr Johnson attended the monthly Visit Ballarat Board Meeting in Creswick and will circulate the information to Councillors.

Cr Johnson agreed with Cr Coates' mention regarding Harmony Fest. Cr Johnson mentioned that it was fantastic event and she was able to speak on behalf of Council at the Sir Lanka South Community Hub.

Cr Johnson acknowledged the Committee for Ballarat Round Table Dinner at Civic Hall with Sir Bob Geldof as a guest speaker.

GB21/19 - Cr Grant Tillett

Cr Tillett and Cr Moloney attended a community meeting in Windermere with 50 locals present. Residents are requesting for upgrades for Dowling Road as it is becoming regularly used from the Saleyards.

Cr Tillett acknowledged the excellent work of the CFA volunteers with the fire the other night. The fire danger period is still on and Fire Authority and Emergency Victoria have stood down most helicopters, but we have serious need for them this time of the year. Can Council apply pressure on State Government to retain helicopters the until formal end of the fire danger period.

GB22/19 - Cr Daniel Moloney

Cr Moloney thanked the CFA and all the other agencies involved with the fire such as the police and ambulance. Council staff did an incredible job to facilitate a community briefing in Smythesdale and they door knocked on Sunday afternoon, it was well received.

Cr Moloney called for report to assembly in relation to Dowling Road to understand how much money has been used to maintain the road in the last two years and how much it would be to upgrade.

Cr Moloney acknowledged our Youth Council for 2019 and their work and mentioned that we have inspirational young people who want to have a say. Cr Moloney would love to see Officers consider Youth Council's feedback.

GB23/19 - Cr Ben Taylor

Cr Taylor mentioned that a Central Ward resident asked when the Bike Path for Sturt Street will be back on the agenda. Can a report come to briefing about what is being planned for the middle of Sturt Street?

GB24/19 - Cr Samantha McIntosh

Cr McIntosh acknowledged Harmony Fest and mentioned that it was an enormous number of events for us to host.

Cr McIntosh mentioned that Mr Barry Gamble from Cornwall visited and did scout work around the Gold Fields.

Cr McIntosh mentioned that Ballarat Foundation are undertaking a 'Dancing with the Stars' event for food security.

Cr McIntosh attended the Eureka Advisory Committee on the weekend with Cr Moloney and Cr Rinaldi.

Cr McIntosh echoed Cr Tillett's comments regarding the CFA and their great work and acknowledged that we need further conversations about the helicopters.

Cr McIntosh mentioned Wayne Rigg for his work conducted in Ballarat which was recognised internationally.

Cr McIntosh mentioned the official opening of the Historic Airport, Hut 48 on 28 March 2019.

RESOLUTION:

To accept Councillor reports.

Moved: Cr Grant Tillett

Seconded: Cr Belinda Coates

CARRIED

(R77/19)

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Division: Executive Unit
Director: Justine Linley
Author/Position: Justine Linley – Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION:**Council resolves to:**

1. Request the CEO to provide a CEO's Operational Report to each Council meeting.

Moved: Cr Ben Taylor

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Daniel Moloney

(R78/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Ballarat provides a broad range of services and is custodian of community assets in excess of \$2 billion. The operations of the organisation of the City of Ballarat are extensive and diverse.

In the preparation of reports for the consideration and determination by Councillors at a Council meeting the vast amount of daily work undertaken by the organisation is not often captured or reported on, other than in the formal reporting mechanisms required in the quarterly financial reports, quarterly Council Plan progress reports or the Annual Report.

It is therefore proposed that the CEO provide an Operational Report to each Ordinary Council meeting highlighting issues and outcomes affecting the performance of the organisation as it delivers services and implements the strategies and policy decisions of the Council.

9. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

9.1. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

Division: Business Services
Director: Glenn Kallio
Author/Position: Sarah Anstis - Administration Officer Statutory Compliance

RESOLUTION:

Council resolves to approve the report on Assemblies of Councillors as listed:

- 27 February 2019 Agenda Review Briefing
- 1 March 2019 Prosperity Portfolio Meeting – Economic Partnerships
- 5 March 2019 Ballarat Polocrosse – Australian National Championship
- 6 March 2019 Finance Committee
- 6 March 2019 Strategic Briefing
- 7 March 2019 Ballarat Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
- 12 March 2019 Community Development Councillor Portfolio Meeting
- 20 March 2019 Council Agenda Review Briefing

Moved: Cr Grant Tillett

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Daniel Moloney

(R79/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with copies of Assembly of Councillor Records as required under section 80A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

11.2. MINERS REST TOWNSHIP PLAN

Division: Development and Planning
Director: Angelique Lush
Author/Position: Lisa Kendal –Manager Strategic Planning

RESOLUTION:**Council resolves to:**

1. That Council defer consideration of the Miners Rest Township Plan and defer any referral to the Minister until the following has been provided:
 - a. The completion of the review of the planning controls masterplan for the Dowling Forest Equine precinct.
 - b. The examination of the draft proposal for the future use and rezoning of the former Boral quarry at Miners Rest.
 - c. The impact of any current or future options for the Ballarat Airport on surrounding land; and
 - d. The impact of any proposed Northern Growth Area as part of the current Growth Area Planning investigations being undertaken in conjunction with the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA).
2. That a progress report be provided on these matters to Council when major timeframes have been reached and by the end of June 2019.

Moved: Cr Grant Tillett

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Daniel Moloney

(R80/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To ensure future growth and development incorporates local values, Council has committed to undertake local area planning for the City of Ballarat's six townships including Learmonth, Cardigan Village, Burrumbeet, Warrenheip, Buninyong and Miners Rest.

Over the past 2 years months, Council officers have worked closely with the community to develop the Miners Rest Township Plan (the Township Plan). The Township Plan includes a long-term vision, objectives, strategies and an action plan for Miners Rest, and will help the community and the City of Ballarat manage change into the future.

This report recommends adoption of the *Miners Rest Township Plan* (March 2019 and *Miners Rest Township Plan - Background Information and Analysis Report* (March 2019), and recommends Council request the Minister for Planning to authorise a planning scheme amendment to introduce the Township Plan, associated local policy and Schedule 2 to the General Residential Zone (GRZ2) into the Ballarat Planning Scheme to give it effect.

The report notes the proposed draft local planning policy, framework plan and zone schedule will be subject to further refinements during the planning scheme amendment process.

This report also recommends Council note the Ballarat Airport Safeguarding Study and Noise Modelling Report (Kneebush Planning, July 2018), which provides guidance on planning controls and considerations relevant to the airport and surrounds.

This report also recommends Council rescind a Council resolution from 14 December 2011, Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment – Cummins Road and Lindsays Road, Miners Rest, to proceed with an amendment to rezone land.

This report also recommends Council proceed with reviewing the planning controls in the Dowling Forest Equine Precinct, including Special Use Zone – Schedule 13 (SUZ13) and Farming Zone Schedules A and B (FZA and FZB), and that a report be presented to Council by July 2019 including details of the proposed changes and next steps for implementation.

10. PETITIONS

Division: Business Services
Director: Glenn Kallio
Author/Position: Sarah Anstis – Administration Officer Statutory Compliance

RESOLUTION:

That the petition be received.

Moved: Cr Belinda Coates
Seconded: Cr Mark Harris

CARRIED
(R81/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

201 residents of the Ballarat area request that Council receive this petition which reads:

“We the undersigned residents call on the City of Ballarat to improve the Dowling Street Dog Park by approving and building a simple shelter at the park to provide year-round protection for the park’s many users against rain, heat, and UV rays.”

11. OFFICER REPORTS**11.1. ENDORSEMENT OF CITY OF BALLARAT CARBON NEUTRALITY & 100% RENEWABLES ACTION PLAN**

Division: Infrastructure and Environment
Director: Terry Demeo
Author/Position: Quenton Gay - Waste, Water & Energy Officer

Mr Patrick Hockey, Ms Mary Debrett, Mr Ian Rossiter, Mr John Campbell and Ms Therese Footner made public representations.

RESOLUTION:**Council resolves to:**

- 1. Endorse the draft Carbon Neutrality and 100% Renewables Action Plan.**
- 2. Refer explicit actions identified in the plan for budget consideration for the 2019/2020 financial year.**

Moved: Cr Belinda Coates

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Amy Johnson

(R82/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks endorsement of the City of Ballarat's Carbon Neutrality and 100% Renewables Action Plan 2019-2025. The Plan is for a zero emissions target by 2025. The Plan provides advice to Council how to support its community with emissions reduction initiatives and to capitalise on renewable energy opportunities. The draft Plan was developed in consultation with the Regional Sustainability Alliance Ballarat (RSAB), particularly the community support aspects. The Plan identifies a select number of key initiatives to focus attention on that have high impact and high level of certainty of success. The high priority items with a confirmed business case are estimated to cost \$5 million with an average Return on Investment of approximately 4 years and annual savings of more than \$1 million each year afterward. Additional savings are also likely from accessing Green Power (business case pending).

11.3. INTERIM HERITAGE PROTECTION - 113 LOFVEN STREET, NERRINA

Division: Development and Planning
Director: Angelique Lush
Author/Position: Vanessa O'Shea – Strategic Planner / Lisa Kendal – Manager
Strategic Planning

RESOLUTION:

Council resolves to:

1. Advise the Minister for Planning that the City of Ballarat has completed a heritage assessment of the shed and foundations (Former Eureka Lead Gold Sluicing Company's pump shed located at 113 and 135 Lofven Street, Nerrina VIC 3350) and the site has been identified to be of local heritage significance, based on the evidence detailed in the associated Heritage Citation (16 Feb 2019).
2. Request the Minister exercise his power of Ministerial intervention pursuant to section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, to apply an interim Heritage Overlay and associated provisions to the site identified at 113 and 135 Lofven Street, Nerrina until 3 September 2020.
3. Seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare a Planning Scheme Amendment to apply a permanent heritage control and associated provisions to the site identified for protection at 113 and 135 Lofven Street, Nerrina, pursuant to Section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, and to place the Amendment on exhibition pursuant to Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Grant Tillett

(R83/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In January 2019, the City of Ballarat was informed that partial demolition of a shed with potential heritage significance had taken place, located on the boundary of 113 and 135 Lofven Street, Nerrina.

A site visit determined that demolition of the western wall of the shed occurred and a Stop Work Order was issued to prevent further demolition of the shed whilst the heritage significance was investigated.

A professional archaeologist was engaged by the City of Ballarat to determine the heritage significance of the shed and surrounds. A Statement of Significance was prepared as part of the *Heritage Citation: Shed and foundations, 113 and 135 Lofven Street, Nerrina* which determined that the shed interior and exterior foundations and links between the shed to the sluice are of local level significance.

Interim heritage controls are required while an amendment for permanent heritage controls are being prepared and considered for a site identified for protection.

This report recommends to Council that a request be submitted to the Minister for Planning to implement interim heritage overlay controls on the site, and to seek authorisation to proceed with a planning scheme amendment to apply permanent heritage controls.

RESOLUTION:

That Council adjourn for a comfort break at 9:18pm.

**Moved: Cr Belinda Coates
Seconded: Cr Jim Rinaldi**

**CARRIED
(R84/19)**

RESOLUTION:

That Council resumes at 9:27pm.

**Moved: Cr Daniel Moloney
Seconded: Cr Ben Taylor**

**CARRIED
(R85/19)**

RESOLUTION:

That item number 11.8 International Travel - 15th World Congress of the Organisation of World Heritage Cities be brought forward.

**Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh
Seconded: Cr Daniel Moloney**

**CARRIED
(R86/19)**

11.8. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - 15TH WORLD CONGRESS OF THE ORGANISATION OF WORLD HERITAGE CITIES

Division: Innovation and Organisational Improvement
Director: Cameron Gray
Author/Position: Angelique Lush – Director Development and Planning

Mr Stuart Kelly made a public representation.

RESOLUTION:**Council resolves to:**

- 1. Note Ballarat’s leadership role with the 13 Local Governments of the Central Highlands Region to achieve recognition of the Central Victorian Goldfields as a UNESCO World Heritage site and use it as a platform leverage major long-term investment in local goldfields communities.**
- 2. Approve International Travel for the Mayor and Council Officer to attend the 15th World Congress of the Organisation of World Heritage Cities in Kraków, Poland.**
- 3. Explore funding and co-contribution opportunities from agencies locally and overseas to reduce the cost burden of the trip.**

Moved: Cr Jim Rinaldi

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Grant Tillett

(R87/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Cities of Ballarat and Bendigo are jointly leading the bid for UNESCO World Heritage Listing of the Central Victorian Goldfields on behalf of the 13 local government authorities which are the members of the Loddon-Campaspe and Central Highlands Regional Partnerships. All Councils in the group are committed to working together to advance the World Heritage Listing nomination bid and to grow jobs and the regional economy. World Heritage Listing is considered a major economic opportunity for local communities in this region, expected to unlock major new investment, local job creation, be a platform for addressing social disadvantage and leveraging local community pride for major social benefit. In this project, Ballarat and Bendigo are leading a coalition which represents close to half a million people spread over nearly 40,000 square kilometres, 17% of the state.

Comparative sites to the Victorian Goldfields that have achieved World Heritage Listing have seen major benefits for local communities, particularly in disadvantaged regions – both economically in terms of investment and job creation, and socially in terms of civic pride, local empowerment, and development of local skills and training. It is a major platform for renewal and the long-term prosperity of the Central Goldfields region.

A bid for international recognition of this region requires targeted international travel to advocate to key international decision-makers at UNESCO, form partnerships and relationships with those whom can help maximise future local benefits, and to position the 13-member Council's for short-term international visitation, trade and investment opportunities.

It is proposed that the Mayor and an Officer travel to Kraków, Poland to attend the 15th World Congress of the Organization of World Heritage Cities (2-5 June, 2019). The purpose of the trip is to participate in the congress and to promote the World Heritage serial listing of the Central Victorian Goldfields Region internationally, gain exposure to new global World Heritage networks, and advocate for membership of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network. An invitation would also be extended to invite representatives from City of Greater Bendigo to jointly participate.

The City of Ballarat *Councillor Expense and Entitlements Policy* requires that any Councillor or Officer seeking approval for any International Travel is approved by Council.

It is recommended that Council attend the congress and work with the Greater City of Bendigo to pursue the Central Victorian Goldfields Heritage Region Serial Listing project as part of the congress.

11.4. FRIENDS OF BOTANICAL GARDENS - MOU REVIEW

Division: Infrastructure and Environment
Director: Terry Demeo
Author/Position: Terry Demeo – Director Infrastructure and Environment

RESOLUTION:**Council resolves to:**

- 1. Note the request made by the Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens for an amendment to the recently approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU);**
- 2. Advise the Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens that the MoU as approved by Council in August 2018 for a five year period will remain unchanged; and**
- 3. Continue to work in cooperation with the volunteers, members and office holders of the Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens for the ongoing benefit of the gardens and community.**

Moved: Cr Grant Tillett
Seconded: Cr Mark Harris

CARRIED
(R88/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Ballarat recognises the important contribution made by the Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens (the Friends) towards the development of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens precinct. The City has a strong desire to maintain and enhance the ongoing partnership with the Friends for the mutual benefit of both organisations and the wider community.

The Council resolved at its meeting of 1 August 2018 to commit to a further MoU with the Friends following a number of months of revision and discussion, however the Friends group have subsequently requested a further amendment before they will sign the MoU.

The request for an amendment is specifically to add the words “on the other hand the City of Ballarat will advise the Friends in a timely manner of the release of any publicity relating to the Ballarat Botanical Gardens which may impact on any joint projects being undertaken between the Friends and the City of Ballarat”.

It is recommended that Council notes the request only and does not alter the recently approved MoU.

11.5. RURAL COUNCIL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Division: Innovation and Organisational Improvement
Director: Cameron Gray
Author/Position: Matthew Swards – Manager Business Improvement

RESOLUTION:

Council resolves to:

1. Note that the City of Ballarat is a participant in a grouping of councils that have made an application for funding under the Victorian Government Rural Councils Transformation Program (RCTP) for the following initiative, namely the '*Central Highlands Delivery of Regional Shared Services Project*', in conjunction with Ararat Rural City, Central Goldfields Shire, Golden Plains Shire, Hepburn Shire, Moorabool Shire, Pyrenees Shire with the City of Ballarat as the lead council;
2. Notes that for an RCTP application to be eligible for consideration, the following criteria must be met:
 - a. Submission of a joint business case by 31st March 2019.
 - b. Each council must pass an accompanying resolution committing to implement the business case, if approved for funding. The resolution must be lodged with Local Government Victoria by 30th April 2019;
3. Approve the submission of the business case as the lead council, noting that the submission will be lodged by 31st March 2019; and
4. Approve implementation of the projects and initiatives within the submitted business case by the City of Ballarat subject to the application being approved for RCTP funding.

Moved: Cr Ben Taylor

Seconded: Cr Belinda Coates

CARRIED

(R89/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Victorian Government through its Rural Councils Transformation Program has committed \$20 million of funding in the 2018-19 financial year for the implementation of large-scale transformation projects at a regional level. The program aims to improve the sustainability of rural and regional councils who would otherwise not be able to invest in large-scale transformative projects.

The City of Ballarat Council Plan 2017-2021, under the goal of accountability, specifies that Council will develop an action plan for the implementation of shared services with regional and rural councils.

The City of Ballarat is leading the submission of a transformative project with seven of the eight Central Highlands Councils Victoria members (Ballarat City Council, Ararat Rural City, Central Goldfields Shire, Golden Plains Shire, Hepburn Shire, Moorabool Shire and Pyrenees Shire).

The project will assist in the delivery of shared service models throughout the Central Highlands region underpinned by a new digital platform. The program will benefit our regional communities through improving the financial sustainability of its Councils by reducing duplication of service functions across the region and embedding savings into improving service delivery. Through collaboration and innovation, Councils will work together to redesign our services to meet our communities needs and expectations, and provide a new digital platform, focusing on the needs of our customers by being able to transact with Councils online at any time.

Delivering this project will deliver on the City of Ballarat Digital Services Strategy, by developing online services that are citizen centric and integrated from the customer's perspective, harnessing technology to enhance and support innovation within council business units, and achieve best value for ratepayers by focusing on cost efficiency and cost transparency.

A full business case has been developed in partnership with the participating Councils and consultants that the Victorian Government have contracted EY (previously known as Ernst and Young). The funding requested through the program is \$5.5 million and if successful the project will provide significant savings and service improvements.

11.6. ADOPTION OF REVISED CITY OF BALLARAT PROCUREMENT POLICY (V8)

Division: Business Services
Director: Glenn Kallio
Author/Position: Trevor Harris - Procurement Coordinator

RESOLUTION:

Council resolves to adopt the revised Procurement Policy (Version 8.0).

Moved: Cr Belinda Coates
Seconded: Cr Ben Taylor

CARRIED
(R90/19)

Cr Tillett requested that his opposition be recorded in minutes in accordance with Section 73.1 of the Meeting Procedure Local Law 2018.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to Section 186A (7) of the Local Government Act 1989: "At least once in each financial year, a Council must review the current procurement policy and may, in accordance with this section, amend the procurement policy"

A review of the City of Ballarat Procurement Policy and associated procedures has been undertaken and subsequent amendments made pursuant to the Local Government Act 1989.

It is recommended that the Council note the review and adopt the revised Procurement Policy (Version 8.0).

11.7. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - SHENZHEN SMART CITIES FORUM, NEXUS: NANJING-VICTORIA START UP SUMMIT AND VICTORIA-JIANGSU SISTER STATE ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT

Division: Innovation and Organisational Improvement
Director: Cameron Gray
Author/Position: Cameron Gray – Director Innovation and Organisational Improvement

RESOLUTION:**Council resolves to:**

- 1. Approve International Travel for the Deputy Mayor, or Councillor delegate, and a Council Officer to attend the Shenzhen Smart Cities Forum, NEXUS: Jiangsu-Victoria Start Up Summit and Victoria-Jiangsu sister state anniversary summit in the People's Republic of China.**
- 2. Invite two (2) business participants of StartUp Ballarat to also attend the NEXUS: Jiangsu-Victoria Start Up Summit.**
- 3. Continue to explore funding and co-contribution opportunities from agencies locally and overseas to reduce the cost of the delegation.**

Moved: Cr Ben Taylor

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Amy Johnson

(R91/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LaunchVic, the State Government's agency for business and industry development, together with the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, the Rt. Hon. Sally Capp, has been preparing for a senior delegation to China in May 2019.

An invitation has been received for the City of Ballarat to participate in this delegation and it is proposed that the Mayor, or Deputy Mayor, or a Councillor delegate, and the Director Innovation and Organisational Improvement, travel to the People's Republic of China to attend the Shenzhen Smart Cities Forum, NEXUS: Jiangsu-Victoria Start Up Summit and the Victoria-Jiangsu sister state anniversary events.

The City of Ballarat is a partner with Runway Ballarat, Commerce Ballarat, Federation University and LaunchVic in the implementation of the Ballarat StartUp business program.

As part of the funded project it is further proposed to offer two business participants from StartUp Ballarat the opportunity to participate in the NEXUS: Jiangsu-Victoria Start Up Summit, in addition to any businesses who are successful in gaining a position on the delegation as part of the Pitch activity currently underway in Ballarat, Geelong and Melbourne.

The cost of participation is approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000 covering 4 participants (Councillor, Officer, and two Ballarat-based businesses) and is to be funded from the Ballarat StartUp Business program.

Benefits to participation

There are a number of benefits from participating in the international component of the Ballarat StartUp program, namely:

- Unlock business opportunities for Ballarat businesses in China.
- Supporting Ballarat Business StartUps with the opportunity to compete for a total of A\$100,000 in prizes and investments, as well as the chance to pitch businesses and investment to Chinese venture capitalists.
- Position the City of Ballarat as a regional innovation leader and pursue the opportunity to host the NEXUS: Jiangsu-Victoria Start Up Summit in 2020 which would provide a positive economic return for the City calculated to be in the order of \$11,000 of direct tourism benefit as estimated by REMPLAN modeling.
- Support Ballarat entrepreneurs and technology businesses to access investment and export opportunities in the Chinese marketplace.
- Promote Ballarat as a destination for investment and visitation and an innovation and creative city leader.
- Strengthen the city-to-city relationships the City of Ballarat has with friendship cities in the Jiangsu Province including Yangzhou and Wuxim.
- Collaborate with the City of Melbourne to encourage and advance co-operation between Victorian local governments and deliver tangible outcomes that international engagement brings including networking, positioning and investment attraction.
- Costs of participating can be included as part of the LaunchVic funded project.

Costs to participation

The costs of this program can be included within the scope of the \$120,000 LaunchVic StartUp Ballarat project, which has been co-funded by the Victorian Government.

The proposed total cost for flights to China and related expenses is approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000 covering 4 participants (Councillor, Officer, and two Ballarat-based businesses).

It is expected that the hosts and collaborative partners will cover most costs associated with travel within China and accommodation as travel plans are finalised, should Council approve participation.

11.9. LIVE BROADCASTING

Division: Business Services
Director: Glenn Kallio
Author/Position: Cameron Montgomery – Executive Manger Safety, Risk and Compliance Services

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

Council resolves to:

1. **Proceed with live broadcasting commencing the first Ordinary Council meeting in May 2019, with the recording and publishing of Ordinary and Special Council meetings, excluding matters to be considered in camera, where meetings are conducted in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat.**

Moved: Cr Belinda Coates

Seconded: Cr Grant Tillett

Moved Cr Johnson, Seconded Cr Moloney,
 That the motion be amended with the inclusion of a second point namely:

2. Subject to this, if requested, Councillors are able to receive copies of their own recordings of speeches or responses to items in the chamber so that they can be used for use in their own social media or other mediums.

RESOLUTION:

Council resolves to:

1. **Proceed with live broadcasting commencing the first Ordinary Council meeting in May 2019, with the recording and publishing of Ordinary and Special Council meetings, excluding matters to be considered in camera, where meetings are conducted in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat.**
2. **Subject to this, if requested, Councillors are able to receive copies of their own recordings of speeches or responses to items in the chamber so that they can be used for use in their own social media or other mediums.**

Moved: Cr Amy Johnson
Seconded: Cr Daniel Moloney

CARRIED
(R92/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Ordinary meeting held on 12 September 2018, Council resolved (R257/18) to approve in principle to live broadcast Ordinary, Special and other Council meetings excluding matters to be considered in camera, where meetings are conducted in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Sturt Street; Ballarat and to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make the necessary arrangements in preparation to proceed.

Council Officers have arranged for equipment to be installed and following testing at two Ordinary Council meetings, 20 February 2019 and 13 March 2019 are seeking approval to proceed to live broadcast, record and publish Council meetings.

11.10. OUTSTANDING QUESTION TIME ITEMS

Division: Business Services
Director: Glenn Kallio
Author/Position: Sarah Anstis -Administration Officer Statutory Compliance

RESOLUTION:

That Council endorses the Outstanding Question Time report.

Moved: Cr Ben Taylor
Seconded: Cr Mark Harris

CARRIED
(R93/19)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Council with an update of response to questions taken on notice and outstanding unanswered questions from Council Question Time.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

14. SECTION 89 (IN CAMERA)

RESOLUTION:

That Council resolve, pursuant to Section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, that the meeting be closed to members of the public at 10:53 pm whilst the Council is dealing with the following matters;

Moved: Cr Mark Harris
Seconded: Cr Grant Tillett

CARRIED
(R94/19)

11.5. RURAL COUNCIL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Division: Innovation and Organisational Improvement
Director: Cameron Gray
Author/Position: Matthew Swards – Manager Business Improvement

(Personnel matters)

14.1. TENDER NO. 2018/19 - 80. EASTERN OVAL LIGHTING UPGRADE

Division: Development and Planning
Director: Angelique Lush
Author/Position: Trent Bursill - Project Manager

(Contractual matters)

RESOLUTION:

That Council move out of closed Council at 10:55 pm and adopt the resolutions made therein.

Moved: Cr Mark Harris
Seconded: Cr Daniel Moloney

CARRIED
(R96/19)
