

OFFICIAL

Council Meeting

Minutes

26 May 2021 at 6:30pm

**Council Chamber, Town Hall, Sturt Street,
Ballarat**



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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 Cr Daniel Moloney
Cr Ben Taylor
Cr Samantha McIntosh
Cr Belinda Coates
Cr Mark Harris
Cr Des Hudson
Cr Peter Eddy
Cr Tracey Hargreaves

Mr Evan King- Chief Executive Officer
Ms Bridget Wetherall - Director Infrastructure and Environment
Mr Matthew Wilson - Director Community Wellbeing
Mr Stephen Bigarelli - Acting Director Corporate Services
Ms Natalie Robertson - Director Development and Growth
Mr Cameron Montgomery - Executive Manager Governance and Risk
Ms Sarah Anstis - Statutory Compliance Office
Ms Sophie Constable - Administration Officer Statutory Compliance

2.2 Apologies

Cr Amy Johnson

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RESOLUTION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting on 28 April 2021 and 5 May 2021 as circulated be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Des Hudson
Seconded: Cr Mark Harris

CARRIED
(R87/21)

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Move a condolence motion for Frances 'Frank' Sheehan.

Moved: Cr Daniel Moloney
Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

CARRIED
(R88/21)

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

QT20/21 - Christina Sadowski

Question

The number and scope of questions asked tonight reflects the significant layers of concern raised by many residents about the proposed works to Council. A copy of a petition on change.org, which has 361 signatures and many detailed comments, has been provided to Councillors and the CEO. Within this context, is the Council prepared to delay the implementation of the project while it engages in meaningful and transparent consultation with not only residents, but also heritage experts? We respectfully request Council resolve to request a reconsideration of this matter and put the works on hold, until these actions are undertaken and considered.

Answer

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer responded that Councillors and Officers have heard loud and clear and understand the concerns of residents in Soldiers Hill around proposed works. A lot of these works were designed and developed in 2015-2018 as part of a broader parking plan. A lot of time has obviously passed since then as there was an expectation at the time when works started that there would be a level of consultation street by street. I commit to the Soldiers Hill Group that no works will commence yet and that a consultation session will occur next Tuesday to have a conversation with effected land owners around the area regarding works needed and what is detailed in the current proposal, information regarding tree protection, what the community sees as appropriate works etc. No works will commence until this community consultation is held next Tuesday. We are absolutely willing to converse with heritage advisors/experts after first speaking with effected land owners for appropriate action on Tuesday to identify the best way forward.

QT21/21 - Ben Mountford

Question

Could Council please advise how the proposed Soldiers Hill Road Works are expected to impact on the heritage overlay for the area? What considerations have been put in place in relation to the area's heritage streetscapes in framing these plans?

Answer

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer responded that he is happy to involve a heritage conversation as part of the process. As explained in the previous question, it is important to have a conversation with the effect landowners around the proposed works and the most appropriate treatment going forward and then involve heritage advisors after that point.

QT22/21 - Sophie Welton

Question

The officers' report to Council on this matter states that the State Government funding agreement was for \$2 million for the provision of 1000 car parking spaces within 500m of the Gov Hub site. Both Ligar Street and Clarendon Streets are more than 500m from the Gov Hub site. Some residents have been advised that Council is using additional money tagged

as roadworks. Firstly, are the proposed works in breach of the State Government Funding Agreement? Secondly, can the public be provided with transparent information about the exact details of this funding agreement and additional funding sources and details if relevant?

Answer

Natalie Robertson, Director of Development and Growth responded that in some respects this question would have to be taken on notice as the scope of the proposal that did go out to tender had an agreement from RDV that does recognise Clarendon Street, so it does deserve to be part of the conversation because we may otherwise have to revisit it with RDV if we had to rescope.

QT23/21 - Sandy Gray**Question**

Given a global focus on the loss of agricultural land, what is the Council's view on running transmission lines across some of Australia, if not the world's, most productive agricultural land? Should we not be protecting it rather than locking it up?

Answer

Natalie Robertson, Director of Development and Growth responded that Council Officers recognise that there is a need for renewable energy to be transmitted into the electricity network and it must be balanced against potential adverse impacts particularly for the municipalities prime agricultural land. Council is providing input into EES regardless of tonight's resolution which considers potential impacts on agricultural land in detail and will inform the method of transmission and location of a final route.

QT23/21 - Sandy Gray**Question**

Given the reduction in property values in the proximity of the transmission lines, how will Council re-value these properties?

Answer

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer responded that the Valuer General values properties in the municipality. The valuation of property is based on sale in area, so if sales in the area start to indicate that the transmission lines have impacted the value of properties in the area, then that will be taken into account. In regards to first question, after being intimately involved in this project from day one through my role as Chief Executive Officer at Hepburn Shire Council and now Chief Executive Officer at City of Ballarat Council, I have spoken to many of the proposed effected farmers in the shire who have some really real concerns around their ability to be able to farm that land. I am also involved in a whole range of groups around this issue. I meet with AusNet every fortnight, we have Council Officers in a technical working group, and we are proposing to put a submission into the EES process. I understand that this process creates an enormous amount of anxiety for farmers in these current proposed groups, which are obviously still being refined to reach a more specific route in the end. I can reassure effected community members that we are advocating on behalf of community and impacts it would have on a regular basis. The proposed officer recommendation is to form opinion on it, and which then guides officers to do the specific work from there.

RESOLUTION

Cr Ben Taylor left the meeting at 6:56pm.

Moved: Cr Mark Harris
Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

CARRIED
(R89/21)

QT24/21 - Glen Jones

Question

1. The Ballarat 2040 report states you want to “Improve the visitor experience by upgrading key access corridors”. However, the transmission lines may cross the Sunraysia Highway, Midland Highway, Creswick Road, Ballarat-Maryborough Road, and potentially the Western Highway twice. Can Council please detail how this will not impact local tourism businesses that depend on these key entrances to the region and what it says about the validity of the metrics in the report?

Answer

1. Natalie Robertson, Director Development and Growth responded that as indicated this project is not owned by City of Ballarat but we recognise and acknowledge the project and the potential significant impact on the community, particularly for farmers and businesses agricultural and alike.

As a stakeholder, we have been involved in the process since 2019 as a way of informing ourselves in relation to the project. Through being part of a Council advisory group, and a technical reference group, we have tried to understand the process to enable us advocate for community and ask for consideration of these matters. We hope the outcome of a submission to the EES allows us to advocate for potential impacts including biodiversity, habitat, culture, safety, roads and transport, catchment values, hydrology and the socioeconomic impacts that further effect our community including tourism.

QT24/21 - Glen Jones

Question

Council has known about the transmission lines since 2019, but as a local agri-tourism business and small scale producer in Waubra, part of the proposed corridor, I only found out about the project on state-wide ABC radio in Oct 2020. Can Council please explain why we were not properly informed about the project impact and how you plan to provide information and support to land and business owners who will be impacted ongoing?

Answer

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer responded that it is one of the criticisms of the process that was done some time ago at the time the area they were looking at was so wide many community members did not get involved and put submissions in because it was a high level statutory technical process which unfortunately because of this technical nature it failed to achieve the amount of community consultation it needs. Once the opinion is formed by Council

tonight, this will then provide opportunity to Council officers to do a lot more communication on this project. We are working very closely with Hepburn Shire Council, Moorabool Shire Council and Melton Council in an alliance to support one another in the EES process. This will make sure that residents are aware and can then form community consultation groups to provide advocacy and input into the process. Council can then feed the community concerns to AusNet.

QT25/21 - Shane Carey**Question**

Moorabool, Hepburn and Melton Shires all have dedicated pages within their council websites explaining the project, the likely implications for the region and the actions undertaken by the council to represent the feelings of their communities. Please explain how the City of Ballarat intends to communicate their position, perspectives and relevant actions with respect to this project and the implications for communities?

Answer

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer responded that Councils opinion formed from the report tonight will provide instruction to officers, then we can set up webpage for information. It is a very complex area and the more information we can provide for the community to understand the impacts and create channels of information that we can pass on to AusNet will help greatly in forming and advocating for a way forward.

QT25/21 - Shane Carey**Question**

In September last year, Council responded to a series of questions submitted to Council question time. In this, Council stated they had requested AusNet provide clear information on how the preferred route would be determined, particularly with respect to the perception that a preferred route had already been selected. Please describe what information Council has been provided with respect to the selection criteria for a preferred route?

Answer

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer responded that Council has no more information than the community has at the moment. One of the key points of setting up meetings between Shire CEO's and AusNet was to ensure that we got information before it was being released to community so we could inform our Councillors so they can answer community questions. It is one of the key discussion items on a fortnightly basis with AusNet around providing adequate information to the community to understand the process of narrowing a route down to a direct route in the end. We continue to put input then provide to Councillors as soon as we get it. If the proposed recommendation is passed tonight, we can supply that information to the community via our website when we receive it.

QT26/21 - Chris Findlay**Question**

One of the proposed routes passes within a short distance of the Mt Blowhard Primary School. Can the Council please describe the efforts and undertakings they have made in ensuring both Council and the local school community and Mt Blowhard community residents understand the implications for this educational asset, along with the greater economic, social, and health (general and mental) aspects associated with the construction of these high voltage power lines?

Answer

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer responded that the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project report on tonight's agenda has an officer recommendation to urge AusNet to seriously look at undergrounding the transmission line in key strategic areas and use existing roads and existing easements to construct those lines. Part of that is ensuring safety for those communities, we are advocating for that on a regular basis for localised issues such as this with Mount Blowhard Primary School.

QT26/21 - Chris Findlay**Question**

In March 2020, the Victorian Government passed new laws legislating the disclosure of material facts for all properties purchased or leased in Victoria. Material facts include anything that may reasonably affect the property including large infrastructure projects. Can the Council please describe the role they have in assisting both property purchasers and vendors in understanding and disclosing the material impact of projects such as the WVTNP?

Answer

Natalie Robertson, Director of Development and Growth responded that through Council there are several mechanisms that may identify this if you are purchasing a property that is subject to a planning permit requirement it may be identified, if a project is official announced and officially received it may be identified in a response to planning controls. The second mechanism is when you seek property information requests through a building process. This can also be found when seeking property information on the land data website where most information is attained under the legislation.

RESOLUTION:

That Council extends public question time in accordance with section 3.7.1 of the City of Ballarat Governance Rules at 7:12pm.

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh
Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

CARRIED
(R90/21)

QT27/21 - Sharon Clark**Question**

In relation to the discussions you indicate commenced with DELWP following 11 December 2019 Council resolution, was there ever a formal written request for authorisation to exhibit an amendment? If so could you please provide me with a copy of the request. Presuming a formal request was made, could you please provide me with a copy of the Department's response or any written correspondence from DELWP in relation to the authorisation request or future strategic planning for Miners Rest.

Answer

Natalie Robertson, Director of Development and Growth responded and apologised that there had been no response and ensured a formal written response would be provided. She advised discussions were held with DELWP and review of the practice planning notes were referred to by DELWP at that time. In late 2019, DELWP indicated that an authorisation to prepare and exhibit a planning scheme would not be forthcoming from the Minister. A DELWP practice note gave guidance to Council that any township plans should be incorporated into a municipality wide consideration of our housing/residences and how we are going to deal with our local townships. The intent for us to start the process of creating a housing strategy which will be informed from the documentation we received from the Miners Rest Township plan. The action plan can be used as advocacy document for the community and doesn't need to be within the planning scheme to action that. We do recognise the frustration from the community however the pushback that will come from DELWP and going to the Minister will come back to what work has been done to substantiate that the township of Miners Rest requires any of the actions out of the action plan. An analysis of our residential needs would need to be done for each township which provides a broad understanding of communities – what we deliver for Miners Rest if it were to be done singularly may ultimately not be good outcome municipality wide.

QT27/21 - Sharon Clark**Question**

Assuming that Council has never sought the authorisation for the amendment, and DELWP has not responded, can you advise whether the Council has ever considered a further report either privately or publicly as to why the resolution of 19 December 2019 has not been acted upon.

Answer

Natalie Robertson, Director of Development and Growth responded that there is an upcoming report coming to Council which includes a 'my say' space/page that asks for input regarding the housing strategy. The findings of that 'my say' page for the community will be included in the report to Council including understanding of other housing plans and incorporation into the housing strategy. Through a resolution from Council, we can then proceed to the next steps which will bring us towards the development of a whole municipality wide amendment that considers individual townships within the strategy.

QT27/21 - Katherine Myers**Question**

AEMO is the proponent of the project, while AusNet is the planner and builder. Can the Council please describe what contact they have had, or plan to have, with AEMO regarding the appropriateness of the selected route and technology for this district?

Answer

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer responded that he has met with AEMO was in his previous role with Hepburn Shire Council where which he raised concerns regarding the process for consultation and the statutory requirement for it but there needed to be a broader education in their process on how to engage communities. AEMO is proponent who does the work and sets up the project whereas AusNet is just contracted to deliver a solution that AEMO determines most appropriate and cost effective for users of electricity. Once Council forms a position after tonight's transmission report, that will give officers direction and an ability to continue raising those concerns with AEMO. To make it clear, City of Ballarat has not yet had any contact with AEMO and will not until resolution is made then officers can advocate on behalf of the community.

QT28/21 - Miriam Robinson**Question**

We note that the City of Ballarat has a heading of 'Sustainability' in the Budget and have confirmed that 'sustainability' is defined fairly broadly to include things like building maintenance and food safety inspections. What proportion of the budget is being spent to lower carbon emissions and restore habitat as a percentage of the 'sustainability' category and overall?

Answer

Stephen Bigarelli, Acting Director Corporate Services responded that as we are currently in submission phase with the draft budget, we would like to take this as a submission we can come back to you after taking it on notice and come back with a breakdown answer in relation to the question.

QT29/21 - Joe Boin**Question**

I note that the draft budget makes relatively minor mention of action on Climate Change, as if there is plenty of time to act. The Council declared a Climate Emergency in late 2018. This implies urgency. A true indication of a commitment to remedy the emergency is to spend money on it. Will the Council put its money where its mouth is, and spend real dollars on climate change mitigation? The clock is ticking.

Answer:

Bridget Wetherall, Director Infrastructure and Environment responded that the 2021/22 draft budget has allocated both capital and operating budget for actions that will help irradiate climate change. For example, we have two million dollars for LED street lighting, five hundred

thousand dollars to go towards tree planting, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to further develop a materials recovery business case which helps reduce greenhouse gases and methane coming from landfill, ten thousand dollars to facilitate development of a community net zero plan. We also have some money in our capital works plan that's key in investing in lowering carbon transportation options. In addition to that funds in our operational budget, which is primarily staff time, lots of carbon reduction initiatives, staff are working on power purchase agreement, sustainability opportunities in our capital works program, and general investment in energy efficiency.

QT29/21 - Joe Boin**Question**

Will the Council change its commitment to fixing non-urgent problems like the Bridge Mall? \$15million plus is a large amount to spend on this worthy but non-urgent project. Australia is looking for Climate leadership, and Ballarat has an opportunity to step up. Will the Council reallocate significant funds to face the climate emergency urgently?

Answer:

Mayor, Cr Daniel Moloney responded that the motion of Council gives clear direction around that project and there has been a lot of time, money commitment to it including consultants who are about to be reengaged for the next stage. There has also been a consultation process that has gone for the past 2-3 years. Ultimately Council can make resolutions to revoke any project but there would be no further plans at this point to change the direction of the Bridge Mall project. That doesn't mean that we can't think of other ways we can look at bettering our climate response.

QT30/21 - Sean Simpson**Question**

Representing elders' rural clients marketing commodities and adding value WVNTTP, the proposed Council advocacy use of existing easements, transmissions underground. Can Council please expand on the advocacy, does it include funds or resources or both?

Answer:

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer added that once tonight's report is endorsed that will provide direction to officers, we are already committing a reasonable amount of officer time with CEO fortnightly meetings with AusNet, officers as members on the technical reference group. We are committed to making a submission to the EAS process. We are also working very closely with other Shire Councils in an alliance. In terms of funds specifically allocated, that cannot be determined until an opinion is formed from the officer report tonight.

QT31/21 - Judith Scollo**Question:**

I haven't had a response regarding the heritage protection on my Miners Cottage which was last renovated 2003. I spoke to Natalie Robertson 18 months ago who was going to get back to me, but no one will respond, and no one has attended the property.

Answer:

Natalie Robertson, Director of Development and Growth responded that she recalls a long amicable conversation, however there was a heritage advisor and strategic planner who went to your property and the advice was that we can help you but there would have to be a formal application made to either redevelop or demolish the property.

RESOLUTION:

That Council extends public question time in accordance with section 3.7.1 of the City of Ballarat Governance Rules at 7:42pm.

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh
Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

CARRIED
(R91/21)

QT32/21 - Robert Allan**Question**

Will Council take immediate action in regard to plan and rescind or amend motion 12 August 2020?

Answer

Mayor, Cr Daniel Moloney noted that Chief Executive Officer, Evan King mentioned earlier in the meeting that all works would be paused until community consultation on Tuesday night, then further consultation with heritage advisors would be arranged. It is too early to rescind a motion when the process of community consultation hasn't started.

QT32/21 - Robert Allan**Question**

Why seal road aprons in Soldiers Hill with heat absorbent product at critical time of climate emergency?

Answer

Natalie Robertson, Director of Development and Growth responded that the intent of sealing in long run is to create longevity for trees when considering the tree protection zones. In terms of the asphalt although it may seem a lot it is actually quite minor asphalt in scheme of things, we always endeavor to use products that have a context to sustainability. We will be able to follow this up in a more technical sense on Tuesday at the community consultation.

QT33/21 - Suzanne Johnson**Question**

How is Council justifying paving parking spaces into heritage spaces in Soldiers Hill? It is clear that this is being done to include parking spaces for the GovHub which the Council has committed to providing 1000 parking spaces for. However, paving over existing parking does not increase the parking capacity of Soldiers Hill, there are no additional car parks being added for the GovHub why are you spend money doing something that is not going to fulfil your contractual obligations for parking and is going to impacting heritage precinct?

Answer

Natalie Robertson, Director of Development and Growth responded that in 2015-2018 with no consideration for GovHub or input from RDV, Council implemented a car parking action plan which identified the CBD/Health district which extended to about 110 blocks. The intent was to look at streets to improve longevity for our tree canopy's and essentially tidy up our streets. One of the other key components was to formalise parking in our CBD streets. Having adopted that plan and agreeing that over a period 5 years, Council would embark on upgrades to streets. Within 6 months, a commitment of 2 million dollars was received to provide 1000 carparks in proximity to GovHub – that was the original concept. Council itself decided that a 500m was a reasonable radius to considered which would spend the final RDV funds resolved in action plan.

QT33/21 - Suzanne Johnson**Question**

Would money be better spent for the GovHub car parking commitment for new carpark facility to be built closer to GovHub away from where it is impacting Soldiers Hill residents?

Answer

Mayor, Cr Daniel Moloney responded that it is significantly more expensive to build a brand new car parking facility than to upgrade existing carparks. Director of Development and Growth Natalie Robertson responded that in the formalisation of parking space in Soldiers Hill, actually did increase the total number of car parks. There will be documents shared on Tuesday to show the increase of parking through the formalisation of parking space in Soldiers Hill. Council are committed to using these funds because they are State Government funds for this specific project. Council do not have the opportunity explore other means or options with these funds.

QT34/21 - Fedrika Pevorik**Question**

What is the reason for Council to accept an interim decision from state government to replace the Lydiard St Gates with modern boom gates as recently announced?

Answer

Mayor, Cr Daniel Moloney responded that we have to be clear that Council do not make any formal decisions in relation to the Lydiard Street Gates, we can represent and advocate accordingly. There was a motion of Council late last year where Council recognised the heritage significance of those gates and our preference would be for those gates to be reinstated unless V/Line were able to make a safety case to prove otherwise. As they are ultimately under the direction of Department of Transport who will have to at some point go through a Heritage Victoria application process even for an interim decision where which Council can make a submission and advocate for the original gates to be reinstated.

Mr Mayor noted that 16 additional questions were submitted in writing and suggest that we respond to the questions in writing.

Cr McIntosh suggested that the Soldiers Hill questions be presented at the community engagement session on Tuesday.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

7.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Division: Executive Unit
Director: Evan King
Author/Position: Evan King– Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

1. The CEO's Operational Report highlights issues and outcomes affecting the organisation's performance as it delivers services and implements the Council's strategies and policy decisions.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Receive and note the CEO's Operational Report.

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh
Seconded: Cr Belinda Coates

CARRIED
(R92/21)

8. OFFICER REPORTS

8.1. WESTERN VICTORIA TRANSMISSION NETWORK PROJECT

Division: Development and Growth
Director: Natalie Robertson
Author/Position: Fiona Gray – Executive Manager Catalyst Projects

Glen Jones, Chris Stephens, Kevin Mahar and Katherine Myers made public representations.

PURPOSE

1. To determine a Council position on the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. Fully supports renewable energy and the need for its transmission into the electricity network;
2. Advocates for the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project Environmental Effects Statement process to properly consider underground methods of power transmission and use underground options wherever possible;
3. Advocates for the transmission line route to use existing road, rail and electricity easements wherever possible.

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh

Seconded: Cr Mark Harris

CARRIED

(R93/21)

8.2. TRAVELLER EXPERIENCE PLAN

Division: Community Wellbeing
Director: Matthew Wilson
Author/Position: Jeff Johnson – Executive Manager Arts and Tourism

Dr Elisa Zentveld made a public representation.

PURPOSE

1. Prior to the development of this Traveller Experience Plan 2021 – 2030 (TEP), there has not been a co-designed strategy or agreed framework that has addressed all areas of the visitor economy, both supply side and demand side. This TEP will provide recommendations for both product and industry development and marketing/branding initiatives to help grow Ballarat's tourism offering in a sustainable manner and to deliver benefits to local tourism businesses and the wider local community. It will integrate both demand (the visitor or consumer needs) and supply (the product or experience) requirements.
2. The TEP will deliver an industry wide collaborative plan to celebrate the true personality of Ballarat and thereby assist visitors to experience Ballarat like a local whilst enjoying the experiences within the visitor economy sector.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. **Adopt the Traveller Experience Plan 2021 – 2030.**
2. **Note the development of the Visitor Economy Recovery Strategy 2021 – 2024, and the revision currently underway on the Events Strategy 2018 – 2028, which form the supporting documents to the Traveller Experience Plan 2021–2030.**

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh
Seconded: Cr Daniel Moloney

CARRIED
(R94/21)

8.3. PUBLIC ARTS POLICY

Division: Community Wellbeing
Director: Matthew Wilson
Author/Position: Kate Gerritsen – Public Art Coordinator

PURPOSE

1. To provide Council with a new Public Art Policy (2021).
2. To request the Public Art Policy (2021) be adopted by Council.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. **Adopt the Public Art Policy (2021).**

Moved: Cr Belinda Coates
Seconded: Cr Samantha McIntosh

CARRIED
(R95/21)

8.4. QUARTERLY COUNCIL PLAN

Division: Executive Unit
Director: Evan King
Author/Position: Matthew Swards - Integrated Strategic Planning Manager

PURPOSE

1. To present Council's quarterly performance progress update against the Council Plan 2017-2021.
2. To give Councillors and the community confidence Council is on track to meet its published commitments.
3. Regular reporting to Councillors and the community is a key principle of transparency and good governance.

RESOLUTION:**That Council:**

1. **Note the Council Plan 2017-2021 progress report for the third quarter of the 2020-21 financial year.**

Moved: Cr Peter Eddy
Seconded: Cr Belinda Coates

CARRIED
(R96/21)

8.5. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT - PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2021

Division: Corporate Services
Director: Stephen Bigarelli
Author/Position: Stephen Bigarelli – Acting Director Corporate Services

PURPOSE

1. This report sets out the 3rd Quarter financial results for the 2020/2021 financial year for the City of Ballarat for the period ending 31 March 2021. The report highlights financial matters for the quarter.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. **Receive the 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the 2020/21 financial year and note the financial matters contained within the report.**

Moved: Cr Mark Harris
Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

CARRIED
(R97/21)

8.6. CONTRACTS APPROVAL DELEGATED COMMITTEE MINUTES - 24 FEBRUARY AND 10 MARCH 2021

Division: Corporate Services
Director: Stephen Bigarelli
Author/Position: Lorraine Sendall – Executive Assistant Director Corporate Services

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Council with copies of minutes of Council's Contracts Approval Delegated Committee in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference. At the meetings of these Committees held on 24 February, 2021, 10 March, 2021, 7 April and 21 April, 2021 twelve contracts were approved by the Committee. This report provides a copy of the minutes of these meetings as well as detailing summary information in relation to these Contracts.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. Note, as per the *Local Government Act 2020* Section 66 that this matter is designated confidential.
2. Receive the Contracts Approval Delegated Committee minutes of the meeting held on 24 February, 2021, 10 March 2021, 7 April and 21 April 2021.

Moved: Cr Mark Harris

Seconded: Cr Tracey Hargreaves

CARRIED

(R98/21)

8.7. S11A INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987)

Division: Executive Unit
Director: Evan King
Author/Position Sarah Anstis - Statutory Compliance Officer

PURPOSE

1. The report is to revoke the S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* for Stephanie Durant and Vanessa O'Shea.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. **Revoke the S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (*Planning and Environment Act 1987*) for Stephanie Durant (R181/20).**
2. **Revoke the S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (*Planning and Environment Act 1987*) for Vanessa O'Shea (R181/20).**

Moved: Cr Des Hudson
Seconded: Cr Mark Harris

CARRIED
(R99/21)

8.8. OUTSTANDING QUESTION TIME ITEMS

Division: Executive Unit
Director: Evan King
Author/Position: Sarah Anstis - Statutory Compliance Officer

PURPOSE

1. This report provides Council with an update of responses to questions taken on notice and outstanding unanswered questions from public question time.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. Endorse the Outstanding Question Time report.

Moved: Cr Mark Harris
Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

CARRIED
(R100/21)

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/COUNCILLORS**RESOLUTION:****That Council:**

Note and table the joint letter submitted by residents in Soldiers Hill with 361 signatures in relation to the proposed car parking scheme in Soldiers Hill.

Moved: Cr Daniel Moloney**CARRIED****Seconded: Cr Belinda Coates****(R101/21)****GB18/21 - Cr Belinda Coates**

Cr Belinda Coates requested leave of absence for 9 June 2021 Unscheduled Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION:

That a leave of absence be granted for Cr Belinda Coates for 9 June 2021 Council Meeting.

Moved: Cr Belinda Coates**CARRIED****Seconded: Cr Mark Harris****(R102/21)**

Cr Belinda Coates request for some advice from officers around any future briefings planned for the establishment of an Integrated Transport Advisory Committee.

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer responded that an Integrated Transport Strategy is proposed to come to an upcoming briefing and establishing an Integrated Transport Advisory Committee could be considered then.

Cr Belinda Coates extended acknowledgement of City of Ballarat's involvement and community involvement in the IDAHOBIT events and activities and also thanked the Mayor for acknowledging National Sorry Day today and the start of Reconciliation Week.

GB19/21 - Cr Des Hudson

Cr Des Hudson advised that he recently met with a group of about 50 residents that reside in Edgewood Court and Meadow Court both off Wiltshire Lane in Delacombe. Cr Hudson was accompanied by one of our Traffic Engineers as the residents expressed concern with the traffic flow that is increasing along Wiltshire Lane. The residents are having difficulty in making a right hand turn out of Edgewood Court to proceed North on Wiltshire Lane. They do have an option to going left around the roundabout at Delacombe Town Centre but as that is

proposed to become traffic signals that option will be taken away from them. Some years ago, Council actually closed off the entry that came to the service road via Greenhalghs Road, and some of the residents are advocating that if that was re-established they could drive to Greenhalghs Road and then go left around the roundabout onto Wiltshire Lane from there. Their frustration is largely aimed at Regional Roads and VicRoads in their lack of genuine consultation with multiple versions of plans that seem to keep changing. The residents would like Council to advocate with Regional Roads and Vic Roads for some more consultation with community and some updated plans to be made available.

Mayor, Cr Daniel responded that the Chief Executive Officer and himself are due to meet with the Department of Transport in the next few weeks so this concern will be raised with them in the coming weeks to advocate for those effected residents.

GB20/21 - Cr Daniel Moloney

Mayor, Cr Daniel Moloney noted that the Chief Executive Officer, Director Natalie Robertson and himself had recently meet with the Trustees of the Prisoners of War Memorial which is based in the South Botanical Gardens. There is a long history of uncertainty around an interpretative center to support the significant work that the Trustees group has done to establish this nationally significant memorial.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

A future report to Council in relation to consideration for an amenity or interpretive center for the Trustees of Prisoners of War Memorial in the South Gardens.

Moved: Cr Daniel Moloney

Seconded: Cr Peter Eddy

CARRIED

(R103/21)

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. SECTION 66 (IN CAMERA)

Nil

13. CLOSE

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:26pm.

Confirmed this day of 2021.

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Mayor