

MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

3:00PM, Tuesday 28 May 2024

In the Council Boardroom

COUNCILLORS

Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)

Cr Sam Spinks (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Dinny Adem

Cr Anthony Brophy

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Ben Ladson

Cr Fern Summer

VISION

GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE

A thriving economy in the foodbowl of Victoria with excellent lifestyles, innovative agriculture a diverse community and abundant opportunities

Values

Values reflect what we feel is important. Organisations may have core values that reflect what is important in the organisation. These values may be guiding principles of behaviour for all members in the organisation.

Respect first, always

We are attentive, listen to others and consider all points of view in our decision making.

Take ownership

We take pride in honouring our promises and exceeding expectations, and are transparent with and accountable for our actions.

Courageously lead

We lead with integrity, and stand up and stand by what is in the best interests of the Greater Shepparton community.

Working together

We work collaboratively to create higher quality outcomes that are more efficient, thoughtful, effective and responsive. We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

Continually innovate

We are open to new ideas and creatively seek solutions that encourage us to do our best for our community.

Start the celebration

As ambassadors for our people and place, we proudly celebrate the strengths and achievements of Council and the Greater Shepparton community.

**MINUTES
FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR
CR SHANE SALI
MAYOR**

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Risk Level Matrix Legend

Note: A number of reports in this agenda include a section on “risk management implications”. The following table shows the legend to the codes used in the reports.

Risk Matrix			Consequence				
			Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
			1	2	3	4	5
Likelihood	Rare	1	LOW 1	LOW 2	LOW 3	LOW 4	MEDIUM 5
	Unlikely	2	LOW 2	LOW 4	MEDIUM 6	MEDIUM 8	HIGH 10
	Possible	3	LOW 3	MEDIUM 6	MEDIUM 9	HIGH 12	HIGH 15
	Likely	4	LOW 4	MEDIUM 8	HIGH 12	HIGH 16	EXTREME 20
	Almost Certain	5	MEDIUM 5	HIGH 10	HIGH 15	EXTREME 20	EXTREME 25

Low	1-4
Medium	5-9
High	10-16
Extreme	17-25

Extreme **Intolerable** – Immediate action is required to mitigate this risk to an acceptable level. Event/Project/Activity is not to proceed without authorisation.

High **Intolerable** – Attention is needed to treat risk.

Medium **Variable** – May be willing to accept the risk in conjunction with monitoring and controls.

Low **Tolerable** – Managed by routine procedures.

PRESENT:

- Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)**
- Cr Sam Spinks (Deputy Mayor)**
- Cr Seema Abdullah**
- Cr Dinny Adem**
- Cr Anthony Brophy**
- Cr Geoffrey Dobson**
- Cr Ben Ladson**
- Cr Fern Summer**

Officers:	Fiona Le Gassick	Chief Executive Officer
	Geraldine Christou	Director Sustainable Development
	Louise Mitchell	Director Community
	Chris Teitzel	Director Corporate Services
	Kelli Halden	Acting Director Infrastructure
	Rebecca Good	Manager Corporate Governance
	Molly Willmott	Official Minute Taker
	Janaka Samaranayake	Deputy Minute Taker

1 Welcome to Country

A Welcome to Country was not performed due to the apology of Cr James.

2 Acknowledgement

We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton, we pay our respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.

3 Privacy Notice

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however as a visitor in the public gallery, it is assumed that your consent is given in the event that your image is broadcast to the public. It is also assumed that your consent is given to the use and disclosure of any information that you share at the meeting (including personal or sensitive information) to any person who accesses those recordings or Minutes.

4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the decisions contained in these Minutes gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. These principles are as follows:

1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
5. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;
6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5 Apologies

Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the apology from Cr Greg James be noted and a leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

In accordance with section 130 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 Councillors are required to disclose any “conflict of interest” in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the Council:

1. Confirm the minutes of 23 April 2024 Scheduled Council Meeting with the following change:

Item 12.3: correct the reference to tenderer GVOSS with GOVSS.
2. Confirm the minutes of 7 May 2024 Additional Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

8 Public Question Time

Nil Received.

9 Deputations and Petitions

Nil Received.

10 Community Directorate

10.1 Creative City Grants Program - Round One 2023/2024

Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Abdullah

That the Council note the successful applicants awarded funding under delegated authority for Round One of the 2023/2024 Creative City Grants Program as follows:

Organisation	Amount Awarded
Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre	\$2,000
Splinter Contemporary Artists	\$4,690
Goulburn Valley Writers' Group Inc	\$1,200
Are Able Limited	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$10,390

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11 Corporate Services Directorate

11.1 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - April 2024

Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the Council:

1. note the contracts awarded under delegation pursuant to a formal tender process for the reporting period; and
2. note the requests for tender advertised but not yet awarded.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.2 Reserve Accounting Policy

Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Abdullah

That the Council:

1. adopt the Reserve Accounting Policy as attached; and
2. endorse the establishment of the following Reserves:

Statutory Reserves:

1. Cash in Lieu of Car Parking
2. Developer Contributions Fund
3. Recreational Land Contributions

Discretionary Reserves:

1. Waste Management
2. Strategic Land Sales & Acquisition
3. Defined Benefits Superannuation
4. Insurance Property Settlements

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.3 April 2024 Monthly Financial Report

**Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

That the Council note the April 2024 Monthly Financial Report, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12 Sustainable Development Directorate

12.1 Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee - Nomination of Community Representatives

Moved by Cr Ladson
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council appoint Robyn Slee as a community representative to the Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee for a term commencing on 1 June 2024 and concluding on 1 December 2025.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12.2 Economic Development, Visitor Economy & Major Events Strategy 2024 - 2028

**Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Ladson**

That the Council release the draft Economic Development, Visitor Economy, and Major Events Strategy 2024 - 2028 for public consultation pursuant to Council's Community Engagement Policy, as attached.

CARRIED

12.3 Sponsorship and Partnership Policy

**Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

That the Council adopt the Sponsorship and Partnership Policy, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12.4 Grant Distribution Policy

**Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Summer**

That the Council adopt the Grants Distribution Policy, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12.5 Lease of Land to Kids Under Cover to Realise a Village 21 Development - Lifting report from the Table

Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council resolves to lift the matter from the table.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12.6 Lease of Land to Kids Under Cover to Realise a Village 21 Development

**Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Adem**

That the Council, having previously undertaken a community engagement process in accordance with Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

- 1. revise the leasing term of Council-owned land at 20-22 Perrivale Drive, Shepparton to Kids Under Cover for a term of 20 years at a peppercorn rental (of \$1.00 per annum plus GST) to realise a Village 21; and**
- 2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into an Agreement for Lease with Kids Under Cover to realise a Village 21.**

CARRIED

13 Infrastructure Directorate

13.1 Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the council:

1. Dissolve the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee;
2. Acknowledge and thank all past Advisory Committee members; and
3. Note the formation of an Aerodrome user group following the dissolving of the committee

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

13.2 Revoking of Public Toilet Policy

**Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Ladson**

That the Council revoke the Public Toilet Policy.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

14 Confidential Management Reports

14.1 Designation of Confidentiality of Information - Report

The following report and seven listed attachments have been designated confidential under Governance Rule 108 and in accordance with the definition of *Confidential Information* in the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act).

- Intention to sell land GV Link – Completion of Local Government Act Processes

These documents contain information, which is consistent with the Local Government Act 2020, definition of 'Council Business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released'.

14.2 Close Meeting to Members of the Public

**Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Adem**

That pursuant to section 66(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, resolve that the Council Meeting be closed to members of the public for consideration of the following confidential item:

- **Intention to Sell Land GV Link – Completion of Local Government Act Processes.**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 4:21pm

The meeting was reopened to members of the public at 4:59pm



15 Documents for Signing and Sealing

Nil Received.

16 Councillor Reports

16.1 Councillor Activities

16.1.1 Councillor Activities - April 2024

Moved by Cr Ladson
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council receive and note the summary of the Councillors' Community Interactions and Informal Meetings of Councillors.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

16.1.2 Councillor Activities (Amended) - March 2024

**Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Adem**

That the Council receive and note the amended summary of the Councillors' Community Interactions and Informal Meetings of Councillors.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

17 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission

17.1 Notice of Motion 8/2024 - Community Feedback on the Fortnightly Collection of the Red Bin

Moved by Cr Ladson

Seconded by Cr Summer

1. Call for a Council Officer Report that seeks community feedback on the fortnightly collection of the landfill bin (red lid bin).
2. For the report to be completed and presented on the 16 July 2024 Council Briefing.

The motion was put.

The Mayor exercised their casting vote.

The motion was carried.

Cr Summer called for a Division.

Those voting in favour of the motion: Cr Sali, Cr Brophy, Cr Summer, Cr Ladson,
Cr Adem.

Those voting against the motion: Cr Abdullah, Cr Dobson, Cr Spinks.

The motion was put and carried.

18 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda

Nil Received.

19 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 5:40pm.