



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 324 COMMERCIAL STREET WEST, MOUNT GAMBIER**

ON MONDAY 1 JULY 2019 AT 5.30PM

ATTENDANCE

Elected Members

Mayor Richard Sage
Cr KA Boston
Cr MJ Dukalskis
Cr JL Elliott
Cr BR Kuhl
Cr SE Little
Cr SB Mann
Cr JA Reis

Council Officers

JF Fetherstonhaugh, Acting Chief Executive Officer
AA Schutz, Works Manager
IJ Fritsch, Airport Manager
KM Gilmore, Governance Officer
JA O’Hehir, Executive Assistant

Other Attendees

Sandra Morello – The Border Watch
Chris Edmonds, Principal Mount Gambier High School
Sam Leane, Assistant Principal – Junior School Mount Gambier High School
Callena Rawlings, Entrepreneurial Learning Advisor Mount Gambier High School
Mount Gambier High School students
Sandy Johnson

APOLOGIES

Cr BJ Bain

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

On 18 March 2019 Cr Clayfield was approved a leave of absence from 23 June 2019 until 1 September 2019, inclusive.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

19081 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Moved Cr Dukalskis that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Monday 24 June 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.
Seconded Cr Elliott CARRIED

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19082 - PRESENTATIONS / DEPUTATIONS

1. Presentation by Mount Gambier High School – Beef Ledger - Beef Legends - [4.65.1/4] Item 6.1

Mr Chris Edmonds, Principal Mount Gambier High School, Mr Sam Leane, Assistant Principal – Junior School Mount Gambier High School and Ms Callena Rawlings, Entrepreneurial Learning Advisor Mount Gambier High School along with students from Mount Gambier High School presented to Council regarding the Beef Ledger - Beef Legends Project.

Moved Cr Reis that Council thank Mr Chris Edmonds, Principal Mount Gambier High School and students from Mount Gambier High School for providing Council with a presentation regarding the Beef Ledger – Beef Legends Project.

Seconded Cr Boston

CARRIED

19083 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES (AND RECOMMENDATIONS)

1. Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Strategy Committee Minutes – Monday 24 June 2019 - [16.14.1/3] Item 8.1

Council was provided with the minutes and recommendations from the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Strategy Committee meeting of Monday 24 June 2019.

Moved Cr Kuhl that:

1. Council receive and note the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Strategy Committee Minutes for the meeting held Monday 24 June 2019.
2. Council endorse the appointment of Mr John Kain and Mr Barry Stafford as Members of the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Strategy Committee to the conclusion of this Council term of November 2022.
3. The membership within the Terms of Reference of the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Strategy Committee be altered to three (3) representatives from the Combined Agents

Seconded Cr Boston

CARRIED

2. Non-Confidential Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee – Meeting Held Wednesday 19 June 2019 - [9.14.1/3] Item 8.2

Council was provided with the non-confidential minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting of Wednesday 19 June 2019.

Moved Cr Elliott that Council receive the non-confidential Planning and Development Committee Minutes for the meeting held Wednesday 19 June 2019.

Seconded Cr Little

CARRIED

MINUTES SILENCE

Mayor Sage requested a minutes silence in recognition of the passing of Lyn Graney an Elected Member with District Council of Port MacDonnell and the District Council of Grant from August 1995 to December 1999.

19084 - NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Solid Waste Levy - [5.3.2/30] Item 9.1

Council considered the Notice of Motion submitted by Cr Little regarding the solid waste levy.

Moved Cr Little that:

1. Write to the Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) regarding the 40% increase of the Solid Waste Levy by the State Government, requesting that the issue be taken up through the South Australian Region Organisation of Councils (SAROC); and
2. Write to the Minister for Environment and Water, the Hon David Speirs MP, regarding the 40% increase of the Solid Waste Levy by the State Government, to express Council's frustration at the lack of notice and significant increase in the levy and asking for the State Government's justification of the increase, in light of the fact that the State Government is at the same time, attempting to pressure Council's to cap their annual rate increase. A copy of this letter will also be forwarded to the South Australian Premier, the Hon Steven Marshall MP, the South Australian Treasurer, Mr Rob Lucas MLC, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, the Hon Stephan Knoll MP; and the Member for Mount Gambier, Mr Troy Bell;

Seconded Cr Kuhl

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

19085 – ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1. Declaration of Rates - [7.11.2/4] Item 10.1.1

Council considered a final resolution necessary to formally declare the rates to be charged for 2019-2020.

Moved Cr Dukalskis that the following resolution be adopted to complete the declaration of rates and charges:

Maximum Increase

Pursuant to Section 153(3) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council determines that there will be no maximum increase fixed in the general rate to be charged on any rateable land within its area that constitutes the principal place of residence of a principal ratepayer.

Seconded Cr Little

CARRIED

19086 – CORRESPONDENCE

1. Open Letter regarding Oil and Gas Exploration in South Australia – [3.89.1/1] Item 11.1

Council considered correspondence from Margaret Hender (writing on behalf of Fossil Free SA) inviting local councils and climate/environment groups to co-sign an Open Letter to the Premier.

Moved Cr Reis that this matter be adjourned to a future meeting.

Seconded Cr Mann

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2. Letter to Minister for Trade, Tourism & Investment - [7.31.3/1] Item 11.2
Council noted the outgoing and incoming correspondence regarding financial support for halls.
3. Fox Baiting - [1.3.2/4] Item 11.3
Mayor Sage invited Sandy Johnson to provide further information regarding fox baiting. Mayor Sage to follow up this issue with Sandy Johnson with a possible report back to Council.

Council received and noted outgoing and incoming correspondence regarding fox baiting.
4. South Australian Little Corella Management Strategy – [1.3.2/5] Item 11.4
Council was provided with correspondence relating to the South Australian Little Corella Management Strategy.

19087 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

1. Confidential Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held Wednesday 19 June 2019 - [9.14.1/3] Item 12.1.1
 1. Moved Cr Elliott that:
 1. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public, except JF Fetherstonhaugh (Acting Chief Executive Officer), AA Schutz (Works Manager), KM Gilmore (Governance Officer) and JA O’Hehir (Executive Assistant) be excluded from attendance at the meeting Agenda Item 12.1 – Confidential Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held Wednesday 19 June 2019 concerning Rural Living and Township Zone Boundaries Review and Master Plan.
 2. The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3)(m) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information relating to a proposed amendment to a Development Plan under the Development Act 1993 before a Development Plan Amendment proposal relating to the amendment is released for public consultation under that Act. (Note: This may also apply to a proposed amendment of the Planning and Design Code under the new Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016).
 3. In addition, the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The public interest in public access to the meeting has been balanced against the public interest in the continued non-disclosure of the information. The benefit to the public at large resulting from withholding the information outweighs the benefit to it of disclosure of the information. The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because such disclosure to the public may compromise the processes and outcomes associated with a proposed amendment to the Council’s Development Plan before being released for public consultation

Seconded Cr Boston

CARRIED

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6.23pm Sandra Morello and Sandy Johnson vacated the meeting.

2. Moved Cr Little that:

3. Moved Cr Little that:

1. Having considered Agenda Item 12.1 - Confidential Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held Wednesday 19 June 2019 concerning Rural Living and Township Zone Boundaries Review and Master Plan in confidence under section 90(2) and (3)(m) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Planning and Development Committee, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act orders that the documents and minutes relevant to the Agenda Item be retained in confidence until the Council resolves to release the draft Rural Living and Township Zone Boundaries Review and Master Plan as a public document, and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.
2. The Council delegates to the Acting Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the power, at his discretion, to revoke the order made by Council under Section 91(7) and (9) of the Act at part (1) of this resolution at any time prior to the expiration of the period of the order specified therein

Seconded Cr Reis

CARRIED

2. Mount Gambier Regional Airport Upgrade - [14.65.1/6] Item 12.2.1

1. Moved Cr Mann that:

1. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public, except JF Fetherstonhaugh, Acting Chief Executive Officer, AA Schutz, Works Manager, IJ Fritsch, Airport Manager, KM Gilmore, Governance Officer and JA O’Hehir, Executive Assistant, be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 12.2.1 – Mount Gambier Regional Airport Upgrade.

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2. The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3)(j) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information the disclosure of which would divulge information provided on a confidential basis to Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.
3. In addition, the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The public interest in public access to the meeting has been balanced against the public interest in the continued non-disclosure of the information. The benefit to the public at large resulting from withholding the information outweighs the benefit to it of disclosure of the information. The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because is required comply with the funding agreement terms of the Building Better Regions Fund.

Seconded Cr Little

CARRIED

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3. Moved Cr Little that:

1. Having considered Agenda Item 12.2.1 – Mount Gambier Regional Airport Upgrade in confidence under section 90(2) and (3)(j) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act orders that the report and minutes relevant to Agenda Item 12.2.1 – Mount Gambier Regional Airport Upgrade be retained in confidence until the media release has been made public.
2. Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the power, at his discretion, to revoke the order made by Council under Section 91(7) and (9) of the Act at part (1) of this resolution at any time prior to the expiration of the period of the order specified therein.

Seconded Cr Elliott

CARRIED

Meeting closed at 6.44pm

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