



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY MEETING

NOTE: Wellington Shire Council are unable to publish a recording of this Council meeting due to technical issues experienced during the Council meeting.

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 2 November 2022

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cr Ian Bye
Cr Carolyn Crossley
Cr Marcus McKenzie
Cr Gayle Maher
Cr Scott Rossetti
Cr Carmel Ripper
Cr Garry Stephens
Cr John Tatterson
Cr Jill Wood

OFFICERS PRESENT

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer
Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services
Brent McAlister, General Manager Development
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment
Denise Teo, Coordinator Governance and Council Business
Hayley Furlong, Governance and Council Business Officer
Kimberley Salleh, Acting Coordinator Communications and Media

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Clem Gillings, General Manager Community and Culture

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1. APOLOGIES

NIL

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

2.1. APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY CHAIR

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE

To appoint the Chief Executive Officer as temporary chair for the Council meeting, prior to the election of the Mayor.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer be appointed as the Temporary Chair for this Council Meeting, prior to the election of the Mayor.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That the Chief Executive Officer be appointed as the Temporary Chair for this Council Meeting, prior to the election of the Mayor.

CARRIED

2.2. DETERMINATION OF MAYORAL AND DEPUTY MAYORAL TERM

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE

To determine whether the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral term is for one or two years.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

Prior to calling for a Councillor to move the Recommendation, the Chair reiterated that Councillors have a choice of a one or two year term, as detailed in the report. The Chair also noted that historically, Council has elected the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a period of one year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council elects the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a term of 1 year(s).

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council elects the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a term of 1 year(s).

CARRIED

2.3. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURPOSE

For Council to elect a Councillor to be the Mayor, at this meeting, that is open to the public.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY NIL

The Chair called for nominations for Mayor
Councillor Tatterson nominated Councillor Bye
The Chair confirmed that Councillor Bye accepts the nomination
Councillor Bye confirmed that he accepts the nomination
The Chair called for further nominations
No further nominations were received
The Chair declared Councillor Bye as Mayor, unopposed

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Councillor Ian Bye be elected as the Mayor of the Wellington Shire Council for a term concluding as close as reasonably practicable to the first Ordinary Council meeting in November, per the Mayoral term as determined by Council resolution; and***
- 2. This election supersedes the term of the previous Mayor.***

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That:

- 1. Councillor Ian Bye be elected as the Mayor of the Wellington Shire Council for a term concluding as close as reasonably practicable to the first Ordinary Council meeting in November, per the Mayoral term as determined by Council resolution; and***
- 2. This election supersedes the term of the previous Mayor.***

CARRIED

2.4. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE

For Council to elect a Councillor to be the Deputy Mayor, at this meeting, that is open to the public.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor
Councillor Crossley nominated Councillor Tatterson
The Mayor confirmed that Councillor Tatterson accepts the nomination
Councillor Tatterson confirmed that he accepts the nomination
The Mayor called for further nominations
No further nominations were received
The Mayor declared Councillor Tatterson as Deputy Mayor, unopposed

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Councillor John Tatterson be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Wellington Shire Council for a term concluding as close as reasonably practicable to the first Ordinary Council meeting in November, per the Mayoral term as determined by Council resolution; and***
- 2. This election supersedes the term of the previous Deputy Mayor.***

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That:

- 1. Councillor John Tatterson be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Wellington Shire Council for a term concluding as close as reasonably practicable to the first Ordinary Council meeting in November, per the Mayoral term as determined by Council resolution; and***
- 2. This election supersedes the term of the previous Deputy Mayor.***

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

NIL

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

4.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 October 2022.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 October 2022.

COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 October 2022.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

6. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

NIL

7. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

8. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

8.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

9. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR BYE thanked the Victorian Sculpture Prize for holding its 2022 event in Sale from 28 October to 1 November and congratulated them on such a successful event. He highlighted what a great event it was, showcasing works from artists both local and from around Victoria and providing an opportunity for visitors to not only visit the exhibition but also take in everything Sale has to offer.

COUNCILLOR BYE also acknowledged the Fulham Correctional Centre 25th anniversary dinner held on 28 October 2022, celebrating its time in the region. He extended congratulations to current CEO of the GEO Group, Natalie Greenfield, and all of the staff at the centre who have made it a safe place for the inmates to not only serve their time but to also learn to prepare themselves for reintegration into the community and a brighter future.

Finally, Councillor Bye noted that a feature of the Melbourne Cup tour that recently saw the Cup visit Maffra and Seaspray was a nomination for a barrier in which the area was able to nominate a charity that the prize would go to. Unfortunately, Wellington was unsuccessful and he extended a congratulations to the winning region and charity of choice, noting what a great initiative this was.

10. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

10.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

11. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

12. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 10 October 2022 to 23 October 2022.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 10 October 2022 to 23 October 2022.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 10 October 2022 to 23 October 2022.

CARRIED

12.2. ADOPTION OF 2023 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To adopt the 2023 Council meeting dates and times as attached and publish the 2023 Council meeting dates and times on Council's website.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the 2023 Council meeting dates and times as attached; and*
- 2. Publish the 2023 Council meeting dates and times on Council's website.*

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the 2023 Council meeting dates and times as attached; and*
- 2. Publish the 2023 Council meeting dates and times on Council's website.*

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

13.1. ASPHALT RESHEETING OF URBAN STREETS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for the asphalt resheeting of urban streets.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report of the Council Meeting Agenda for Contract 2023-021 Asphalt Resheeting of Urban Streets; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Contract 2023-021 Asphalt Resheeting of Urban Streets and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 11 October 2022 because it relates to the following grounds: (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report of the Council Meeting Agenda for Contract 2023-021 Asphalt Resheeting of Urban Streets; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Contract 2023-021 Asphalt Resheeting of Urban Streets and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 11 October 2022 because it relates to the following grounds: (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Cranes Asphaltting and Bitumen Sealing Pty Ltd

13.2. ABELS AND BOYLE ROAD SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME - FINAL CERTIFICATE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for consideration the final cost certificate for the Abels Road and Boyle Road Longford Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2004.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Final Cost Certificate for the Abels Road and Boyle Road Longford Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2004; and*
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to prepare the final apportionment amounts due from property owners for the Abels Road and Boyle Road Longford Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2004 based on the total levy amount of \$61,200.*

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Final Cost Certificate for the Abels Road and Boyle Road Longford Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2004; and*
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to prepare the final apportionment amounts due from property owners for the Abels Road and Boyle Road Longford Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2004 based on the total levy amount of \$61,200.*

CARRIED

13.3. ROAD DISCONTINUANCE 100 - 112 GRANT STREET, YARRAM - SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE HEARING REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE

The objective of this report is for Council to receive and consider the report from the Submissions Committee hearing for the proposed road discontinuance at the side and rear of 110 – 112 Grant Street in Yarram.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and consider the report from the Submissions Committee in relation to the Road Discontinuance at the side and rear of 110 – 112 Grant Street, Yarram; and***
- 2. Having regard to the written objections opposing the proposed Road Discontinuance and the Submission Committee finding that the proposed Road Discontinuance at the side and rear of 110 – 112 Grant Street, Yarram has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989, Council determines that the objections should not stop the road discontinuance being considered for adoption; and***
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer write to the submitters and objectors and advise them of Council's decision in relation to this matter; and***
- 4. The information contained in the confidential attachments Grant Street, Yarram Submission Committee Report, Objection 1, Objection 2 and Objection 3 are designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 20 September 2022 because they relate to the following grounds: (f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020.***

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That:

- 1. Council receive and consider the report from the Submissions Committee in relation to the Road Discontinuance at the side and rear of 110 – 112 Grant Street, Yarram; and***
- 2. Having regard to the written objections opposing the proposed Road Discontinuance and the Submission Committee finding that the proposed Road Discontinuance at the side and rear of 110 – 112 Grant Street, Yarram has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989, Council determines that the objections should not stop the road discontinuance being considered for adoption; and***
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer write to the submitters and objectors and advise them of Council's decision in relation to this matter; and***

- 4. The information contained in the confidential attachments Grant Street, Yarram Submission Committee Report, Objection 1, Objection 2 and Objection 3 are designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 20 September 2022 because they relate to the following grounds: (f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020.**

CARRIED

13.4. CONTRACT 2022-089 CONCRETE WORKS PANEL TENDER

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for the Concrete Works Panel Tender 2022–089.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and consider this report and all attachments pertaining to this report; and**
- 2. Council accept the Schedule of Rates for Concrete Works for a two-year term with two extension options of twelve months to be made available solely at Council's discretion as outlined in the Confidential Attachment and as submitted by:**
 - G & M Concreting**
 - Cassidy Concreting**
 - Gippsland Direction Drilling and Trenching**
 - Gippsland Solid Plastering**
 - GBM Contractors (Vic) Pty Ltd**
 - Cranes Asphaltting and Bitumen Pty Ltd**
- 3. The information contained in the confidential attachment Contract Concrete Works Panel Tender 2022-089 and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 12 October 2022 because it relates to the following grounds: (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this**

recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That:

- 1. Council receive and consider this report and all attachments pertaining to this report; and**
- 2. Council accept the Schedule of Rates for Concrete Works for a two-year term with two extension options of twelve months to be made available solely at Council's discretion as outlined in the Confidential Attachment and as submitted by:**
 - G & M Concreting**
 - Cassidy Concreting**
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 - Cranes Asphaltting and Bitumen Pty Ltd**
- 3. The information contained in the confidential attachment Contract Concrete Works Panel Tender 2022-089 and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 12 October 2022 because it relates to the following grounds: (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;
be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.**

CARRIED

13.5. GOLF COURSE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for the reconstruction and sealing of Golf Course Road, Heyfield.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report of the Council Meeting Agenda for Contract 2023-007 Golf Course Road Reconstruction and Sealing; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Contract 2023-007 Golf Course Road Reconstruction and Sealing and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 10 October 2022 because it relates to the following grounds: (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report of the Council Meeting Agenda for Contract 2023-007 Golf Course Road Reconstruction and Sealing; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Contract 2023-007 Golf Course Road Reconstruction and Sealing and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 10 October 2022 because it relates to the following grounds: (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Whelans Group Investments Pty Ltd

13.6. DELEGATED AUTHORITY JAMIESON LICOLA LANDSLIP RECTIFICATION /DARGO HIGH PLAINS ROAD SLIP RECTIFICATION

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider delegating authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts for the following works;

Rehabilitation of the Jamieson-Licola Road and Target Creek Floodways following several landslips with funding being to be sourced from Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Included in the project is the upgrade of several floodways and major culverts located on Target Creek Road located North of Licola as budgeted for in the 22-23 Capital Works Program; and Dargo High Plains Road Rectification Works at 13 separate locations with funding to be sourced from Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements; and

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract for tender 2023-024 Jamieson-Licola Road Landslip and Target Creek Floodways subject to;***
 - Confirmation of support funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements being confirmed from the Department of Justice and Community Safety, Emergency Management Victoria for the approved works on the Jamieson-Licola Road. and;***
 - The tendered price being within budget for the Target Creek Floodway works.***
- and;***
- 2. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract for tender 2023-028 Dargo-High Plains Road Rectification Works subject to;***
 - Confirmation of support funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements being confirmed from the Department of Justice and Community Safety, Emergency Management Victoria for the approved works on the Dargo High Plains Road.***
- and;***
- 3. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to adjust budgets where necessary in accordance with approved Disaster Recovery funding, and;***
- 4. The Chief Executive Officer provide details to Council of the contracts awarded under this delegation.***

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That:

- 1. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract for tender 2023-024 Jamieson-Licola Road Landslip and Target Creek Floodways subject to;***

- **Confirmation of support funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements being confirmed from the Department of Justice and Community Safety, Emergency Management Victoria for the approved works on the Jamieson-Licola Road. and;**
- **The tendered price being within budget for the Target Creek Floodway works.**

and;

2. **Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract for tender 2023-028 Dargo-High Plains Road Rectification Works subject to;**

- **Confirmation of support funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements being confirmed from the Department of Justice and Community Safety, Emergency Management Victoria for the approved works on the Dargo High Plains Road.**

and;

3. **Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to adjust budgets where necessary in accordance with approved Disaster Recovery funding, and;**
4. **The Chief Executive Officer provide details to Council of the contracts awarded under this delegation.**

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

14.1. ENDORSEMENT OF THE SALE AND DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to finalise the Sale and District Feasibility Study addressing ageing early years and community infrastructure and to recommend the next steps.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

ROBYN SZALANDA, SALE: addressed Council on behalf of Kath Foley Childcare Centre, noting that further engagement has been confirmed and has requested copies of any minutes recorded during this session. The CEO has confirmed that this will indeed be the case and a copy also circulated to all Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receives and endorses the attached Sale and District Feasibility Study along with its key findings and recommended priority actions;***
- 2. The Sale and District Feasibility Study be made available to the relevant stakeholders in order to facilitate further engagement on the implementation of the priority actions; and***
- 3. Council acknowledges subsequent reports will be presented, when needed, to future Ordinary Council Meetings as individual elements of the priority actions are further developed.***

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That:

- 1. Council receives and endorses the attached Sale and District Feasibility Study along with its key findings and recommended priority actions;***
- 2. The Sale and District Feasibility Study be made available to the relevant stakeholders in order to facilitate further engagement on the implementation of the priority actions; and***
- 3. Council acknowledges subsequent reports will be presented, when needed, to future Ordinary Council Meetings as individual elements of the priority actions are further developed.***

CARRIED

15. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

Gallery comments are an opportunity for members of the public to raise any particular matter they wish. This allows those in the gallery to speak directly to Councillors but is not a forum designed for open discussion or debate. We will listen respectfully to what you have to say and make the commitment that if your query requires a written response, we will advise you that a response will be forthcoming, and a copy of that response will be circulated to all Councillors.

This is not a forum for members of the public to lodge complaints against individuals, including Councillors and staff, particularly as that individual gets no public right of reply to any matter raised. We take complaints seriously, and in line with the guidance from the Victorian Ombudsman and the local Government Inspectorate, we request that any specific complaint against an individual be put in writing. This way, your concern can be properly dealt with while ensuring fairness to all parties concerned.

If you wish to speak, we remind you that this part of the meeting is being recorded and broadcast on our website. Council's official Minutes will record that you have spoken to Council and the subject you spoke to Council about but will not record specific comments. We ask you to state your name in full, where you are from, and you have three minutes.

ONLINE COMMENTS -

KEVIN O'DONNELL, SALE: What steps is Council taking to enforce its regulations re picking up dog excrement? I am sick of seeing some dog owners flout the laws.

The CEO noted that a response has been provided to Mr O'Donnell and a copy circulated to all Councillors. The response to Mr O'Donnell included references to legislation, policies and procedures relating to how Council handles these circumstances as well as how it assists pet owners in understanding their obligations and responsibilities.

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS - NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 3:51pm

The live streaming of this Council meeting will now come to a close.

16. IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider matters under Section 66(5)(b) as defined by Section 3(1) being:

f) Personal information

CARRIED

IN CLOSED SESSION

Details redacted.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council move into open session and ratify the decision made in closed session.

CARRIED