



Ararat Rural City

MINUTES

UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 08 November 2022

Held in the Shire Offices, Ararat
(Livestreamed)

Commenced at 6.13pm

Council:

Cr Jo Armstrong
Cr Gwenda Allgood
Cr Rob Armstrong
Cr Peter Beales
Cr Henry Burridge
Cr Bob Sanders
Cr Bill Waterston

A recording of this meeting is being made for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the minutes of the Council Meeting.

The recording is being streamed live via Facebook, to improve transparency between council and the community and give more people the opportunity to view what decisions are being made. You do not require a Facebook account to watch the live broadcast, simply enter www.facebook.com/araratruralcitycouncil into your address bar.

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PRESENT:

Cr Jo Armstrong (Mayor), Cr Gwenda Allgood, Cr Rob Armstrong, Cr Henry Burridge, Cr Bob Sanders, Cr Bill Waterston, Mr Tim Harrison, Chief Executive Officer, Chandra Willmott, Governance & Risk Lead, and Josie Frawley, Executive Assistant.

SECTION 1 – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 LIVE STREAMING

Council is keen to engage with members of the community and live streams the formal Council Meetings to make them accessible. The stream is available to view on Council's Facebook page from 6pm and on Council's website following the Council Meeting.

1.2 TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/OPENING PRAYER/COUNCILLORS PLEDGE

Traditional acknowledgement- CR R ARMSTRONG

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Opening Prayer- CR J ARMSTRONG

Almighty God, we humbly ask you to help us, as elected Councillors of the Ararat Rural City Council. Guide our deliberations. Prosper what is your will for us, to your honour and glory and for the welfare and benefit of the people whom we serve in the Ararat Rural City.

Councillors Pledge- CR BURRIDGE

We will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions invested in us under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of our skill and judgement.

1.3 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION (if required)

That the apology of Cr be accepted.

**MOVED CR SANDERS
SECONDED CR WATERSTON**

That the apology of Cr Beales be accepted.

CARRIED 4734/22

1.4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A Councillor who has a conflict of interest in a matter being considered at a *Council meeting* at which he or she:

- 1 is present must disclose that conflict of interest by explaining the nature of the conflict of interest to those present at the *Council meeting* immediately before the matter is considered; or
- 2 intends to be present must disclose that conflict of interest by providing to the *Chief Executive Officer* before the *Council meeting* commences a written notice:
 - (a) advising of the conflict of interest;
 - (b) explaining the nature of the conflict of interest; and
 - (c) detailing, if the nature of the conflict of interest involves a Councillor's relationship with or a gift from another person, the:
 - name of the other person;
 - nature of the relationship with that other person or the date of receipt, value and type of gift received from the other person; and
 - nature of that other person's interest in the matter,

and then immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting announcing to those present that he or she has a conflict of interest and that a written notice has been given to the *Chief Executive Officer* under this sub-Rule.

The Councillor must, in either event, leave the *Council meeting* immediately after giving the explanation or making the announcement (as the case may be) and not return to the meeting until after the matter has been disposed of.

There were no Conflict of Interests received.

SECTION 2 – CLOSE SESSION (CONFIDENTIAL)

In accordance with section 66(2)(a), 3(1) *Confidential Information* (a) of the Local Government Act 2020, the following agenda items are listed for consideration in the confidential section:

- Item 2.1- Contract No. 677- Construction of McLellan Street, Ararat
- Item 2.2- Contract No. F05/2022- Supply and Delivery of new Bobcat

6:17 PM CLOSURE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The Open Council Meeting will now be closed, but members of the public are welcome to rejoin the Council Meeting following the recommencement of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be closed to members of the public pursuant to section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider confidential reports.

**MOVED CR SANDERS
SECONDED CR BURRIDGE**

That the meeting be closed to members of the public pursuant to section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider confidential reports.

CARRIED 4735/22

6:28 PM OPEN COUNCIL MEETING RECOMMENCEMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Open Council Meeting recommence.

**MOVED CR SANDERS
SECONDED CR R ARMSTRONG**

That the Open Council Meeting recommence.

CARRIED 4736/22

Gallery invited to return to Council Chamber.

LIFTING OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Confidentiality of the report and decision in relation to 2.1 and 2.2 not be lifted on adoption of the motion.

**MOVED CR R ARMSTRONG
SECONDED CR WATERSTON**

That the Confidentiality of the report and decision in relation to 2.1 and 2.2 not be lifted on adoption of the motion.

CARRIED 4737/22

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT PAGES 6185 TO 6189 INCLUDING PAGES 478 TO 484 OF THE CLOSED SESSION ARE CONFIRMED AND ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

MAYOR – CR JO ARMSTRONG

Meeting closed at 6:28pm.