



Ararat Rural City

MINUTES

UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 14 June 2022

Held in the Council Chambers, Shire Offices
(Livestreamed)

Commenced at 6.01pm

Council:

Cr Jo Armstrong (Mayor)

Cr Gwenda Allgood

Cr Rob Armstrong

Cr Peter Beales

Cr Henry Burridge

Cr Bob Sanders

Cr Bill Waterston

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SECTION 1 – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

As per the guidelines issued by the Minister for Local Government, from 2 November 2020 to 26 April 2021 (the prescribed period) Councils do not need to provide for members of the public to physically attend meetings. Providing public access to livestreamed events satisfies the public attendance test during the prescribed period.

1.1 LIVE STREAMING

Council is keen to engage with members of the community and now live streams the formal Council Meetings to make them accessible. The stream will be available to view on Ararat Rural City 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 SANDERS

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 R 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 WATERSTON

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

1.3 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION

That the apology of Cr Henry Burrridge be accepted.

MOVED CR SANDERS

SECONDED CR WATERSTON

That the apology of Cr Henry Burrridge and Cr Peter Beales be accepted

CARRIED 4635/22

1.5 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 Declaration of Conflict of Interests received.

SECTION 2 – CLOSE SESSION (CONFIDENTIAL)

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

- Item 2.1- Contract No. 681

6:05PM 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 WATERSTON

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 4636/22

6:18PM OPEN COUNCIL MEETING RECOMMENCEMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Open Council Meeting recommence.

MOVED CR R ARMSTRONG
SECONDED CR WATERSTON

That the Open Council Meeting recommence.

CARRIED 4638/22

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 Item 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 Confidential Agenda not be lifted.

MOVED CR SANDERS
SECONDED CR ALLGOOD

That the Confidentiality of:

- 1 The report in relation to Item 2.1 Confidential Agenda not be lifted; and
- 2 The decision in relation to Item 2.1 Confidential Agenda be lifted.

CARRIED 4639/22

2.1 CONTRACT NO. 681 – THE ARADALE SOLUTION – ECONOMIC & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

MOVED CR SANDERS
SECONDED CR ALLGOOD

That:

- 1 Council award the contract for the provision of the Aradale Solution – Economic & Social Development Strategy (Contract No. 681) to Tract Consultants for the contract amount of \$596,907 excluding GST;
- 2 The Chief Executive Officer and Mayor sign and seal the contract deed; and
- 3 The confidentiality of the report not be lifted and decision be lifted.

CARRIED 4637/22

Items 2.2 & 2.3 have been withdrawn from the June 14 2022 Unscheduled Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 6:19pm

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT PAGES 4773 TO 4777 INCLUDING PAGES 411 TO 415 OF THE CLOSED SESSION ARE CONFIRMED AND ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

MAYOR – CR JO ARMSTRONG