



**Date:** Tuesday, 25 June 2019  
**Time:** 3pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Serpentine

# **MINUTES**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**25 June 2019**

**MINUTES OF LODDON SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SERPENTINE  
ON TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2019 AT 3PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Cheryl McKinnon (Mayor), Cr Neil Beattie, Cr Colleen Condliffe, Cr Geoff Curnow, Cr Gavan Holt

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Wendy Gladman (Director Community Wellbeing), Christine Coombes (Executive and Commercial Services Officer), Sharon Morrison (Director Corporate Services), Phil Pinyon (Chief Executive Officer), Glenn Harvey (A/Director Operations)

**1 OPENING PRAYER**

“Almighty God, we humbly ask you to bless this Council, direct and prosper its deliberations towards the true welfare of your people of the Shire of Loddon.”

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

“The Loddon Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are gathered and pays its respects to their Elders both past and present.”

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

**5 PREVIOUS MINUTES****5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****File Number:** 02/01/001**Author:** Lynne Habner, Manager Executive and Commercial Services**Authoriser:** Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council confirm:

1. The minutes of the Council Briefing of 28 May 2019
2. The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 May 2019
3. The minutes of the Council Forum of 11 June 2019

**REPORT**

Seeking approval of the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meetings.

**RESOLUTION 2019/118**

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That Council confirm:

1. The minutes of the Council Briefing of 28 May 2019
2. The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 May 2019
3. The minutes of the Council Forum of 11 June 2019

**CARRIED**

**6 REVIEW OF ACTION SHEET**

**6.1 REVIEW OF ACTIONS**

**File Number:** 02/01/002

**Author:** Lynne Habner, Manager Executive and Commercial Services

**Authoriser:** Sharon Morrison, A/Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Action sheet

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the action sheet.

**REPORT**

Refer attachment.

**RESOLUTION 2019/119**

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That Council receive and note the action sheet.

**CARRIED**

**7 MAYORAL REPORT****7.1 MAYORAL REPORT****File Number:** 02/01/001**Author:** Lynne Habner, Manager Executive and Commercial Services**Authoriser:** Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Mayoral Report

**REPORT**

The Mayor will present a report at the meeting.

**Cr McKinnon****North Central Goldfields Regional Library**

**Section 86 Committees:** East Loddon Community Centre Committee of Management, Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall Committee of Management, Pyramid Hill Swimming Pool Committee of Management, Serpentine Bowls and Tennis Pavilion and Reserve Committee of Management

**Nature Tourism Advisory Team****Other Council activities**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Activity</b>
30.5.19	Attended the 2 day MAV Rural and Regional Planning Conference in Ballarat
31.5.19	Vision of the Region Dinner, hosted by Community Leadership Loddon Murray, held in Bendigo
3.6.19	VFF meeting in Pyramid Hill which was well attended by farmers from right across the Shire.
4.6.19	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Goulburn Murray Region forum was held in Elmore and actions from the forum include a stocktake of land and water use data and land use mapping in the GMID. This will inform the development of a GM Region Prospectus to facilitate investment and development.
4.6.19	NCLLEN meeting in Charlton

5.6.19 – 6.6.19	MRGC meeting in Cobram with guests Luke Wilson, Cross Border Commissioner and Graeme Hannan, Executive Manager of GMW.
7.6.19	Loddon Campaspe Councils met in Daylesford. Rachel Lee, RDV, gave an update on some workshops coming up on Project Management and Business Case Development. Pick My Project will not run again. Mayor Margaret O'Rourke updated that the UNESCO City and Region of Gastronomy application has been selected as 1 of 2 in Australia to go to Paris for final selection. It encompasses the 9 Shires in the Region.
11.6.19	Council forum followed by Pyramid Hill hall meeting
12.6.19	LWMP Project task group meeting in Kerang facilitated by RMCG to renew the NCCMA Strategic Plan.
13.6.19	Regional Roads Victoria Strategy Development Workshop in Bendigo, also attended by Steven Phillips.
14.6.19	East Loddon Lions held their annual changeover dinner in Dingee.
16.6.19	Set off for Canberra to attend the NGA with 879 other attendees, including Mr Pinyon. Deputy PM Mr McCormack gave an address and the Mitiamo pipeline got a mention. Another highlight was dining under the wings of the Lancaster bomber at the War Memorial. I attended some interesting workshops such as drought management and affordable housing.
24.6.19	I attended the Strong Families Strong Children workshop in Serpentine and was extremely impressed by both the attendance and the level of commitment by all participants to improving outcomes for vulnerable children. Congratulations to Wendy Gladman on this achievement.

**RESOLUTION 2019/120**

Moved: Cr Cheryl McKinnon

Seconded: Cr Neil Beattie

That Council receive and note the Mayoral Report

**CARRIED**

**8 COUNCILLORS' REPORT****8.1 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

File Number: 02/01/001

Author: Lynne Habner, Manager Executive and Commercial Services

Authoriser: Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Councillors' reports

**REPORT**

Each Councillor will present a report at the meeting.

**Cr Beattie**

<b>Murray Darling Association</b>	
<b>Rail Freight Alliance</b>	
<b>GMW Connections Project:</b>	
<b>Section 86 Committees:</b> Boort Aerodrome Committee of Management, Boort Development Committee Inc., Boort Memorial Hall Committee of Management, Boort Park Committee of Management, Korong Vale Mechanics Hall Committee of Management, Korong Vale Sports Centre Committee of Management, Little Lake Boort Management Committee Inc., Yando Public Hall Committee of Management	
<b>Other Council activities</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Activity</b>
3.6.19	Tourism Development Committee meeting at BRIC
11.6.19	Forum Wedderburn
13.6.19	Meeting with GM Water
18.6.19	Meeting with leader prospects for Naturally Loddon opening day.

22.6.19	Attended Saturday Sports at Boort.
25.6.19	Council at Serpentine.

**Cr Condliffe**

<b>Calder Highway Improvement Committee</b>	
<b>Section 86 Committees:</b> Bridgewater on Loddon Development Committee of Management, Campbells Forest Hall Committee of Management, Inglewood Community Sports Centre Committee of Management, Inglewood Lions Community Elderly Persons Units Committee of Management, Inglewood Town Hall Hub Committee of Management, Jones Eucalyptus Distillery Site Committee of Management	
5.6.19	Inglewood Town Hall Hub Meeting
19.6.19	BOLD meeting Bridgewater
24.6.19	Jones Eucalyptus Distillery Site Committee of Management
<b>Australia Day Committee</b>	
<b>Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance</b>	
16/5/19: Meeting held in Kerang, we visited the solar farm as well.	
<b>Central Victoria Rural Women's Network</b>	
<b>Healthy Minds Network</b>	
19.6.19 Healthy Minds Network meeting Tarnagulla	
<b>Loddon Youth Committee</b>	
<b>Other Council activities</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Activity</b>
28.5.19	Inglewood and Districts Community Bendigo Bank
31.5.19	Vision of the Region Lead Loddon Murray Dinner held in Bendigo
3.6.19	Inglewood Community Resource Centre meeting
4.6.19	NCLLEN meeting Charlton
5.6.19	Dingee Bush Nursing Centre HR meeting



5.6.19	IDHS Community Engagement meeting
6.6.19	Kooyoora Womens Network meeting Inglewood
7.6.19	Women on Farms meeting Bridgewater
11.6.19	Council Forum Wedderburn
11.6.19	Inglewood Resource Centre meeting
12.6.19	St Arnaud Lions Club Change Over dinner
14.6.19	Men's Health Day Bridgewater
16.6.19	Official opening St Augustine Church Inglewood
20.6.19	Womens Health Loddon Mallee board meeting Bendigo
21.6.19	Victorian Local Government Womens Charter held in Melbourne
25.6.19	Council meeting Serpentine

### Cr Curnow

<b>Loddon Mallee Waste Resource Recovery Group</b>	
<b>Section 86 Committees:</b> Kingower Development and Tourism Committee	
<b>Municipal Emergency Management Plan Committee and Municipal Fire Management Plan Committee</b>	
<b>Other Council activities</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Activity</b>
31.5.19	MAV Emergency Management advisory meeting in Melbourne
3.6.19	Tarnagulla Community Centre Committee of Management meeting
4.6.19	Rheola Reserve Triennial meeting – new committee elected
8.6.19	Loddon Valley Winter Sports Day at Newbridge
11.6.19	Loddon Shire Council Forum at Wedderburn

15.6.19	Loddon Valley Winter Sports Day at Newbridge
20.6.19	Tarnagulla Community Centre - meeting with DELWP to sort Community Centre Resources
21.6.19	LMWRRG Board Meeting in Melbourne
24.6.19	Tarnagulla Community Centre Committee meeting
25.6.19	Loddon Shire Council meeting at Serpentine

**Cr Holt**

<b>Municipal Association of Victoria</b>	
<p><b>Section 86 Committees:</b> Donaldson Park Committee of Management, Wedderburn Community Centre Committee of Management, Wedderburn Engine Park Committee of Management, Wedderburn Mechanics Institute Hall Committee of Management, Wedderburn Tourism Committee of Management</p>	
<b>Audit Committee</b>	
<b>Other Council activities</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Activity</b>
29.5.19	Attended the triennial meeting of the Fentons Creek Hall Committee of Management where I chaired the election of office bearers
4.6.19	Chaired Redbacks Beyond 18 Project Steering Committee meeting which focussed on the way forward now that we have the Commonwealth Government announcement of a \$2.5M contribution to the project
6.6.19	With Alan Stobaus, Manager Community Support, visited the sports stadium being developed at Charlton to gather information costings and ideas for the Wedderburn project.
11.6.19	Attended Council Forum in Wedderburn
14.6.19	Attended Rural Councils Victoria Executive Committee meeting in Melbourne
24.6.19	Attended triennial meeting of the Logan Recreation Reserve Committee of Management where I chaired the election of office bearers.
24.6.19	Submitted to the RCV teleconference regarding the Local Government Bill

	2019 proposed reforms.
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**RESOLUTION 2019/121**

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council receive and note the Councillors' reports

**CARRIED**

## 9 DECISION REPORTS

### 9.1 MAY 2019 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING OVERVIEW

**File Number:** 06/02/003

**Author:** Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services

**Authoriser:** Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:**

1. Minutes of February 2019 Audit Committee Meeting
2. Review of Data Analytics (Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receives and notes this report on the May 2019 Audit Committee Meeting
2. receives and notes the confirmed minutes of the February 2019 Audit Committee meeting
3. endorses the performance improvement recommendations documented in the "Review of Data Analytics (Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable)"

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council was provided with a summary of the February 2019 Audit Committee Meeting at the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 February 2019.

#### BACKGROUND

The Audit Committee was created under Section 139 of the Local Government Act 1989, which states that "Council must establish an audit committee".

The committee is made up of four independent community members, and Cr Gavan Holt, as Council's representative. At the Statutory Meeting on 16 November 2018, it was decided that Councillor Beattie be the alternate Council representative in the event that Cr Holt is unable to attend the Audit Committee Meeting. Council's Chief Executive Officer and Director Corporate Services attend the meetings in an advisory capacity.

The primary objective of the Audit Committee is to assist Council in the effective conduct of its responsibilities for:

- the enhancement of the credibility and objectivity of internal and external financial reporting
- effective management of financial and other risks and the protection of Council assets
- compliance with laws and regulations as well as use of best practice guidelines
- the effectiveness of the internal audit function
- the provision of an effective means of communication between the external auditor, internal audit, management and the Council
- facilitating the organisation's ethical development
- maintaining a reliable system of internal controls.

In order to provide a structured approach and ensure that the Committee addresses each of its responsibilities, an annual calendar of actions and an internal audit review program are established each year, and these guide the activities of the Committee.

## ISSUES/DISCUSSION

The agenda for the May 2019 meeting included the following:

### Decision Reports

The minutes of the February 2019 Audit Committee meeting were endorsed.

The Audit Committee welcomed Mr Jarrah O'Shea as the new community member of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee nominated Mr Rod Baker to be the Chair of the Audit Committee for 2019. Mr Baker accepted the nomination and the Audit Committee recommended his appointment to Council with this being confirmed at the May Council meeting.

Ms Kathie Teasdale provided an overview of the external audit strategy while Mr Mark Holloway provided an overview of the process to develop the new internal audit strategy. Mr Holloway also provided an overview of the Review of Data Analytics (Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable) (attached) which identified six exceptions for accounts payable and no exceptions for accounts receivable. There were six management actions in response to the exceptions. Five of them had been completed before the Audit Committee meeting.

A revised version of the Charter for the Audit Committee was discussed. A number of changes have been suggested and a new draft of the Charter is the subject of a separate Council report.

The Audit Committee reviewed a draft of version 4 of the Loddon Performance Framework and recommended it to Council for adoption with the addition of indicators in relation to complaints. This recommendation is the subject of a separate Council report.

Version 4 of the Anti-fraud and corruption policy was also reviewed and the Audit Committee recommended that Council adopt the policy with one additional amendment – the inclusion of audit committee community members within the scope. This recommendation is the subject of a separate Council report.

### Compliance Reports

A number of compliance reports were considered and noted including:

- the Fraud Report for the February to March quarter – the CEO provided an update
- a review of major lawsuits facing council since February 2019 – the CEO provided an update
- overview of the 2019/20 budget
- review of outstanding audit recommendations (**attached**)
- items raised by Council that may impact the Audit Committee – none raised

### Information Reports

The Audit Committee also received the following information reports:

- Committee self-assessment of performance
- Monthly Finance Report
- Shell financial and performance statements – financial year ending 30 June 2019
- Update on service planning
- Ombudsman investigation of procurement
- Risks associated with acquitting grants
- VAGO report on the results of 2017-18 audits: Local Government
- IBAC review of integrity frameworks in six Victorian councils

The date of next audit committee meeting is 22 August 2019.

The next review will be HR Management and Payroll.

### **COST/BENEFITS**

There are costs associated with the Audit Committee and internal audit function. However, in most cases, actions resulting from audit reviews do not bear any new costs as they are undertaken by current staff.

The benefits that the internal audit function provides Council are:

- business improvement relating to the audit review areas
- standard policy and procedure documents which are developed through the action list
- improvement in knowledge management that will assist with succession planning over time
- a reduction in risk in areas relating to audit reviews.

### **RISK ANALYSIS**

The internal audit program has been created and is annually updated on a risk basis, ensuring that Council's program addresses the areas of highest risk or greatest concern to Audit Committee members and Council officers.

### **CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

Nil

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/122**

Moved: Cr Gavan Holt

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That Council:

1. receives and notes this report on the May 2019 Audit Committee Meeting
2. receives and notes the confirmed minutes of the February 2019 Audit Committee meeting
3. endorses the performance improvement recommendations documented in the "Review of Data Analytics (Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable)"

**CARRIED**

## 9.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER VERSION 7

**File Number:** 06/02/003  
**Author:** Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** 1. Audit Committee Charter version 7

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Audit Committee Charter version 7.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The Audit Committee Charter v6 was adopted by Council 27 February 2018.

### BACKGROUND

The Audit Committee Charter requires review annually.

### ISSUES/DISCUSSION

At the Audit Committee meeting on 14 February 2019, the Audit Committee considered a draft version 7 of the Audit Committee Charter. Discussions included:

- inclusion of provisions relating to attendance remotely (e.g. by Skype)
- inclusion of provisions relating to the involvement of the Audit Committee in the appointment of the internal auditors including tenure of the Internal Auditor

In preparing draft provisions, multiple sources were reviewed. The Audit Committees 'A Guide to Good Practice for Local Government' dated January 2011 (the Guide) was considered and twelve council Audit Committee Charters were reviewed.

Only the Guide made reference to attendance remotely by stating: "All audit committee members are expected to attend each meeting, in person or through teleconference or video conference."

Seven councils had no reference to the role of the audit committee in the appointment of the internal auditor. Five councils made reference to the involvement of the Audit Committee in the appointment of the internal auditor:

- **Knox City Council:** [Committee] to be represented on the Committee recommending the appointment of the Internal Auditor
- **Bayside City Council:** Chairperson...shall be part of the interview panel for short listed Internal Auditors as part of a procurement process
- **South Gippsland Shire Council:** The Chair will be consulted during the evaluation of any tender to appoint an Internal Auditor. The Audit Committee, following the tender evaluation, will receive a confidential briefing on the recommendation arising from the tender evaluation and provide advice regarding the recommendation to the Council, and if applicable, to the Council officer holding the financial delegation to award the Contract
- **Manningham Council:** Involvement of the Audit Committee in the appointment of an internal audit contractor will be through the Chair of the Audit Committee (or his/her nominee in the result of unavailability) being on the interview panel.

- **Horsham Rural City Council:** To recommend to Council the appointment of the internal auditors.

Version 7 of the Charter was revised to include draft provisions in relation to these issues.

Other minor changes were made and all changes have been made in the attached proposed Charter and can be identified by the tracked changes.

### **COST/BENEFITS**

There are no foreseeable costs associated with the proposed changes. The benefits of adopting the charter include: increased flexibility in attending meetings and consequent ability to have a quorum, and increased ownership of the internal audit process by the audit committee.

### **RISK ANALYSIS**

There is a risk that adopting the charter will result in fewer members attending meetings in person and associated communication challenges.

### **CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

The draft charter was reviewed by the audit committee.

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/123**

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council adopts the Audit Committee Charter version 7.

**CARRIED**



**9.3 LODDON PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK VERSION 4****File Number:** 06/02/003**Author:** Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Loddon Performance Framework version 4**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the Loddon Performance Framework version 4.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Version 3 of the Loddon Performance Framework (the framework) was adopted by Council on 22 May 2018.

**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the framework is to respond to the requirements of the section 131 of the Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 which require a performance reporting framework (item 16 of the Governance and Management Checklist) and reporting against the framework on a six monthly basis (item 20 of the Governance and Management Checklist).

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

This year some changes have been made to:

- paragraph 6.7.1 to help improve the readability of the paragraph
- appendix 1 and 2 to include more meaningful metrics available as Council's ability to capture and report metrics improves
- appendix 3 to reflect last year's Audit Committee decision to receive most indicators annually rather than six monthly
- inclusion of complaints indicators.

Following the Audit Committee meeting on 23 May 2019, an additional indicator was added in relation to complaints on the advice of management. Changes to the framework since version 3 are shown in tracked changes.

**COST/BENEFITS**

There are no costs associated with the endorsement of this framework other than staff time in reviewing the document and preparing reports. The benefits of reviewing the framework include raising awareness of monitoring and reporting, improving metrics as systems improve and maintaining good governance in the regular review of documentation.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

There is a risk that the framework creates a reporting burden for the organisation however this risk is offset by keeping the metrics meaningful, easily reportable and actionable.

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

The framework is reviewed by Council annually. The Audit Committee is provided with an opportunity to suggest changes to the framework.

**RESOLUTION 2019/124**

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council adopts the Loddon Performance Framework version 4.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2019****File Number:** 08/06/001**Author:** Deanne Caserta, Manager Financial Services**Authoriser:** Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** 1. Finance Report for period ending 31 May 2019**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 31 May 2019.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council is provided with Finance Reports on a monthly basis with the exception of when changes to the Council meeting timetable result in the Council meeting occurring before the completion of the end of month finance procedures.

**BACKGROUND**

The Finance Report for the period ended 31 May 2019 includes standard monthly information about budget variations, cash, investments, interest, debtors and creditors, and provides a comparison of year-to-date actual results to year-to-date budget (by dollars and percentage) and total revised budget (by percentage).

The information is in the format provided in the adopted 2018/19 Budget, and includes operating results, capital expenditure and funding sources.

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

**Budgeted Surplus** - Council's budgeted cash surplus remains at \$3.59M.

**Income Statement (revenue)** - Council's year to date (YTD) operating revenue is at 98% of YTD budget. Revenue brought to account for May was \$5.94 (\$869K last month). Capital grants are behind YTD budget with interest, reimbursements and user fees currently ahead of YTD budget.

**Income Statement (expenditure)** - Council's operating expenditure is at 88% of YTD budget. Payments for this month totalled just over \$2.73M, compared to \$3.38M last month. Labour is slightly behind budget at 97% (96% last month) and is expected to remain below budget and the 4% mandated cap for the remainder of the year. Materials and services and contractor payments are currently behind YTD budget with utilities currently ahead of YTD budget.

**Capital Works** - The revised budget for capital works is \$13.62M and is 54% complete in financial terms for the current financial year (46% last month). Asset types with major variations (10% or \$10K) include furniture and equipment, land and buildings, plant and equipment, roadworks, urban and road drainage, recreation leisure and community facilities and footpaths along with many projects underway or still to commence.

**Balance Sheet** - Council has a cash total of \$21.4M with \$2.2M in general accounts. Debtors are \$2.34M which is an increase of \$0.63M in the month primarily due invoices that have been raised for sundry debtors, offset by the receipt of rate instalment payments. Sundry debtors total \$1.75M, with invoices outstanding for 60 or more days relating to community wellbeing debtors and local community groups totalling approximately \$130K.

There were no supplementary valuations updated during May. The total rateable CIV at the end of May remains at \$2.16B.

**COST/BENEFITS**

The benefit to Council and the community is that accurate and regular financial reporting is being disclosed.

Provision of financial reports on at least a quarterly basis is a requirement of the Local Government Act.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

The provision of regular and accurate finance reports to Council minimises the risk of Council not delivering projects within the approved budget.

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

There has been considerable consultation internally with respective managers in understanding their budget responsibilities and keeping within budgetary constraints.

Consultation with ratepayers and authorities that act on behalf of ratepayers occurs when a change to a property is required by virtue of a sale.

External engagement with the community was undertaken during the submission period of the budget, and regular reporting provides a mechanism of monitoring the financial outcomes of Council against that expectation.

**RESOLUTION 2019/125**

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 31 May 2019.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 ADOPTION OF THE 2019/20 BUDGET****File Number:** 07/01/001**Author:** Deanne Caserta, Manager Financial Services**Authoriser:** Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services**Attachments:**

1. 2019/20 Budget
2. 2019/20 Fees and Charges

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council:
  - (a) having advertised the Draft Budget and having received no submissions, adopt the 2019/20 Budget.
  - (b) having advertised the Draft Fees and Charges Schedule and having received no submissions, adopt the 2019/20 Fees and Charges Schedule.
  - (c) update the Strategic Resource Plan in the Council Plan 2017-2021 to reflect figures included in the 2019/20 Budget.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council was presented with the 2019/20 Draft Budget at a Council Forum on Tuesday 9 April 2019. Council resolved to advertise the Draft Budget at a Council Meeting on Tuesday 23 April 2019.

**BACKGROUND**

The Draft Budget was placed on public display for 28 days from Monday 29 April 2019 until Friday 24 May 2019, in accordance with the requirements of Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act).

During this period, copies of the Draft Budget were made available for public inspection at the Wedderburn and Serpentine Council Offices, at post offices, neighbourhood houses and resource centres across the municipality, and on Council's website.

Advertisements were placed in the Bendigo Advertiser on Saturday 27 April 2019 and Saturday 4 May 2019 and in the Loddon Times on Tuesday 30 April 2019.

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

No submissions were received during the public display period.

Minor formatting changes have been made but no adjustments to the budgeted financials. Due to changes in the valuation cycle it is intended to remove the valuation reserve during the financial year. However, this reserve remains in the budget as it reflects current policy.

**COST/BENEFITS**

The benefits to Council and the community are that a consultative budget process complies with the Local Government Act 1989, and allows the community to provide feedback to Council on the budget's content.

The budget provides a measure for accurate planning, and ensures that Council can deliver services and projects included in the document.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

The risk to Council of not discussing and advertising the annual budget is that it will not comply with requirements under the Local Government Act 1989.

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

The Local Government Act 1989 requires that the Draft Budget be available for public comment from a period of 28 days after Council advertisement. After the lapsing of 28 days all submissions received must be provided to Council when deliberating on adoption of the 2019/20 Budget.

**RESOLUTION 2019/126**

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Gavan Holt

1. That Council:
  - (a) having advertised the Draft Budget and having received no submissions, adopt the 2019/20 Budget.
  - (b) having advertised the Draft Fees and Charges Schedule and having received no submissions, adopt the 2019/20 Fees and Charges Schedule.
  - (c) update the Strategic Resource Plan in the Council Plan 2017-2021 to reflect figures included in the 2019/20 Budget.

**CARRIED**

**9.6 RURAL COUNCIL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM****File Number:** 07/03/002**Author:** Peter Williams, Manager Information and Business Transformation**Authoriser:** Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to apply the seal to any documentation that is necessary to complete the transaction relating to the Funding Agreement applicable for the participation in the Rural Councils Corporate Collaboration, should the Rural Councils Transformation Program application be approved.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

At the Council Meeting on 26 March 2019, it was resolved that Council:

1. Notes that Loddon Shire Council is a participant in a grouping of councils that have made an application for funding under the Victorian Government Rural Councils Transformation Program (RCTP) for the following initiative:
  - (a) *Rural Councils Corporate Collaboration (RCCC)*, in conjunction with Buloke Shire Council, Central Goldfields Shire Council, Golden Plains Shire Council, Hindmarsh Shire Council, Pyrenees Shire Council, West Wimmera Shire Council, Yarriambiack Shire Council and Horsham Rural City Council (*lead council*)
2. Notes that for an RCTP application to be eligible for consideration, the following criteria must be met:
  - (a) Submission of a joint business case by 31 March 2019.
  - (b) Each council must pass an accompanying resolution committing to implement the business case, if approved for funding. The resolution must be lodged with Local Government Victoria by 30 April 2019.
3. Approves the submission of the business case by Horsham Rural City Council on behalf of Loddon Council.
4. Notes there will be a need to approve, at the April Council meeting, implementation of the project(s) / initiative(s) within the submitted business case by Loddon Shire Council, subject to the application being approved for RCTP funding.

At the Council Forum on 9 April 2019 Councillors were provided with a briefing pack outlining the business case for the RCTP application for funding, and advised of the submission of an addendum.

At the Council meeting on 23 April 2019 it was further resolved that Council:

1. Notes the resolutions relating to the Rural Council Transformation Program from the Council Meeting on 26 March 2019
2. Notes the submission of the Addendum (six-council scenario) to the business case

3. Approves implementation by Loddon Shire Council of the project(s) / initiative(s) within the submitted business case and addendum, subject to the application being approved for RCTP funding.

## BACKGROUND

Council has been advised of the timelines for the distribution of funding to the lead council (Horsham), should the business case be approved, and they are as follows:

- 14 June 2019 – Lead council advised by phone of the outcome of the RCTP Business Case
- 24 June 2019 – Funding Agreements signed by all councils
- 30 June 2019 – Funds distributed to the lead council.

## ISSUES/DISCUSSION

To ensure these dates can be met it is preferable for Council to pass a resolution authorising the Chief Executive Officer to apply the Council Seal to any documentation that is necessary to complete the transaction relating to the Funding Agreement applicable for the participation in the Rural Councils Corporate Collaboration, should the RCTP application be approved.

## COST/BENEFITS

It is intended that the initiative be fully funded by the RCTP funding. Should Council funds be required, Council will be informed. There are some funds available in the Information Technology (IT) Reserve which could be accessed. If a Council contribution is required which exceeds the IT Reserve, a report will be prepared for Council seeking additional funding for the initiative. It can be expected that a significant amount of the time of some staff will need to be invested in the implementation of the initiative.

The benefits of the initiative include:

- improved resourcing, asset and IT infrastructure management
- improved governance and data-driven decision making
- more efficient and streamlined back office support
- supporting a high performance organisational culture and capabilities

## RISK ANALYSIS

Authorising the use of the Council Seal is consistent with Local Law 1.

## CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Local Government Victoria has engaged and consulted with councils through the expression of interest and business case development stages of this program. Various staff within each council have been engaged in the provision and development of material to inform the scoping analysis, expression of interest and business case.

### RESOLUTION 2019/127

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow  
Seconded: Cr Neil Beattie

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to apply the seal to any documentation that is necessary to complete the transaction relating to the Funding Agreement applicable for the participation in the Rural Councils Corporate Collaboration, should the Rural Councils Transformation Program application be approved.

**CARRIED**



**9.7 WATER TRADING POLICY VERSION 1****File Number:** 18/01/001**Author:** Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Water Trading Policy version 1**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the Water Trading Policy version 1.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The Water Trading Policy was discussed at the Council forum on 11 June 2019.

**BACKGROUND**

Council's balance sheet for the period ending 30 June 2018 noted water rights totalling \$1.9 million. Water is a significant Council asset requiring clear guidelines for its management.

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

While some rules in relation to the trading of water are set out in the Water Act 1989, further guidance was needed by Council officers to assist in determining how and when water rights might be bought or sold, and in what circumstances water may be transferred. This policy seeks to provide Council staff with clear guidelines in relation to the trading of permanent and temporary water.

**COST/BENEFITS**

Any costs associated with the trade or transfer of water will need to be funded from the budget in accordance with the policy. The benefits of having a water trading policy are the establishment of clear expectations in the management of water.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

Without a policy it is more likely that there will be competing needs for water without any guidelines for setting priorities.

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

Councillors and staff have been engaged in the development of this policy.

**RESOLUTION 2019/128**

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That Council adopts the Water Trading Policy version 1.

**CARRIED**

**9.8 ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY****File Number:** 06/02/004**Author:** Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Anti-fraud and corruption policy version 4**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt version 4 of the Anti-fraud and corruption policy.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Version 3 of the Anti-fraud and corruption policy was adopted on 15 December 2015 and was due for review 15 December 2018.

**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the Anti-fraud and corruption policy is to provide a framework for preventing fraud and corruption.

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

Version 4 of the policy has been updated to include reference to:

- Councillors, audit committee community members and volunteers
- recent introduction of mandatory reporting requirements

**COST/BENEFITS**

There are minimal costs associated with the adoption of this policy. The benefits of updating the policy include maintaining good governance and addressing gaps in the previous version of the policy and capturing updates to legislation and contractual requirements since the adoption of the last version.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

The adoption of the policy aims to address risk associated with fraud and corruption.

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

The policy has been through the normal approval process including the Audit Committee prior to presenting to Council for adoption.

**RESOLUTION 2019/129**

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That Council adopt version 4 of the Anti-fraud and corruption policy.

**CARRIED**

**9.9 PROTECTED DISCLOSURE POLICY VERSION 1****File Number:** 18/01/001**Author:** Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Protected Disclosure Policy version 1**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the Protected Disclosure Policy version 1.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The Protected Disclosure Policy was discussed at the Council forum on 11 June 2019.

**BACKGROUND**

Council has previously had a protected disclosure procedure on its website. The procedure and the policy have been separated into two documents. Under Council's Strategic Policy and Procedure framework, the policy requires adoption by Council. The supporting procedure is able to be approved by the Management Executive Group. The approved policy will be placed on Council's website with the adopted policy.

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the policy is to outline Council's commitment to encouraging and facilitating the making of disclosures of improper conduct by public officers and public bodies, including the Council, its staff, employees, volunteers and Councillors. This is a requirement under the Protected Disclosures Act 2012. This Act is likely to be updated in 2019 due to the passing of amending legislation. The policy has been prepared to recognise the upcoming changes.

**COST/BENEFITS**

There is minimal additional cost involved in the adoption of the policy as it reflects current practice. The benefit of adopting the policy is the setting of clear expectations in the management of protected disclosures.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

The policy helps to ensure compliance with legislation and minimise risks associated with protected disclosures.

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

The policy has been through Council's internal consultation and engagement process.

**RESOLUTION 2019/130**

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Neil Beattie

That Council adopts the Protected Disclosure Policy version 1.

**CARRIED**

**9.10 ACTIVATING OPEN SPACES STRATEGY 2019-2024****File Number:** 03/01/004**Author:** Wendy Gladman, Director Community Wellbeing**Authoriser:** Sharon Morrison, A/Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Activating Open Space Strategy 2019-2024**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the Loddon Shire Activating Open Spaces Strategy 2019-2024.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

At its 23 April 2019 Meeting, Council resolved to advertise the Activating Open Spaces Strategy 2019-2024 for public comment.

**BACKGROUND**

The Activating Open Spaces Strategy (Strategy) provides approaches that are designed to activate and optimise the use of reserves and open spaces to maximise the wider health and wellbeing, social and recreation objectives of Loddon residents.

In order to better activate public open spaces in Loddon Shire and increase the percentage of residents who take part in sufficient levels of physical activity, there are a number of key factors that have been taken into account when developing the direction, principles and recommendations in the Strategy. These include the need to;

- promote the benefits of being physically active to the community
- create safe, inclusive and accessible spaces and places
- promote events and programs that support/increase physical activity
- involve the community in planning spaces, places, events and programs
- promote spaces, places, events and programs where physical activity occurs
- ensure that systems, policies and processes encourage physical activity
- develop partnerships with organisations to help deliver spaces, places, events and activities
- understand the financial implications associated with construction, ongoing maintenance and whole of life costs when planning and implementing the recommendations in the plan.

The Strategy is a key strategic planning tool that aims to develop and maintain public open spaces throughout the municipality.

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

The majority of the actions in this Strategy have not been costed. It is the intention that each project identified for towns, e.g. outdoor fitness equipment or a playground upgrade, be scoped, detailed and costed as part of the planning process.

Consideration will be given to what is realistic and achievable when scoping these projects, with local residents (including local community planning groups) being invited to participate in this

process. Community planning groups are able to further consult with local residents about exactly what will work for their community and ensure that the projects are realistic and achievable.

Loddon Shire Council staff will include any proposed projects in the normal budget processes and identify potential funding sources to support the implementation and delivery of the scoped projects.

Due to increasing community interest, a component of this strategy was to assess the feasibility of installing outdoor exercise equipment in Loddon communities. The Strategy recommends the installation of outdoor fitness equipment at two towns as a pilot project. It is anticipated that this would cost approximately \$120,000 with an additional \$4,000 annually for maintenance and an annual amount of \$10,000 set aside for renewal. This component of the Strategy has been funded through the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative.

In the development of recommendations, it is acknowledged that recreation reserves are key public outdoor spaces used by local residents for sport, recreation, fitness and socialisation. However, as each of the major recreation reserves in the Shire has its own master plan with a series of actions that committees of management are working towards implementing, only recommendations that improve facilities for the general public, i.e. related to playgrounds, seating, paths, BBQ areas, etc. are featured in this plan as all other recommendations, e.g. upgrading pavilions, installing oval lighting and installing shelters for netballers are already included in the individual master plans.

In addition to the development of this Strategy, it is the intention to review Councils "Parks Asset Management Plan March 2010". The Asset Management Plan was developed to document Council's asset management processes, to guide the planning, acquisition, operation, maintenance, renewal and disposal of assets.

The review of this plan will be consistent with the directions, principles and recommendations in the Activating Open Spaces Strategy. A style guide pertaining to park furniture will be included in this plan.

## **COST/BENEFITS**

Council received funding from the state government to develop the Sports Reserves/Township Parks Activation Plan.

The success of this Strategy is based on the development of a realistic and achievable action plan. The action plan will identify relevant and appropriate projects at identified sites. Construction costs will be clearly determined, annual maintenance costs will be assessed and estimated as will the whole of life replacement costs.

It is expected that the completion of this Strategy will position council strongly in terms of being able to access external funding for specific projects. It is the intent to apply to these funding programs to assist with the implementation of identified initiatives. Funding programs relevant to this type of initiative generally offer a 2:1 finding ratio. This will require a one third commitment from council or other external funding agencies.

## **RISK ANALYSIS**

External funding agencies prioritise initiatives that are supported by a strategic planning process. The adoption of this Strategy will position council strongly in regard to accessing external funding to continue the ongoing development of public open spaces.

A focus of this Strategy is to activate public open spaces and consequently supporting and promoting more participation in physical activity. Loddon is currently the number one ranked municipality for heart attacks in Victoria. Inactivity by individuals is a major risk factor for heart disease, and by encouraging more people to become active the risk of contracting heart disease will be reduced.

The Strategy identifies principles associated with functionality, preferred locations, keeping maintenance and replacement costs to a minimum. The adoption of the Strategy will ensure that the process of developing public open space areas is efficient, effective and relevant to users

### **CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

The development of the Activating Open Spaces Strategy was informed through:

- consultation with agencies and council officers delivering services relevant to open space development.
- consultation with the community, including 273 residents throughout the municipality, including school children, youth, senior citizens, community groups and the community in general
- a reviewed of 35 local, regional, state and national documents, e.g. Council Plan (2017-20); Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan (2017-21); Recreation Strategy (2015-20); Active Victoria (2017-21); World Health Organisation Global Action Plan on Physical Activity (2018-30)
- undertaking an audit of all public open spaces in the Shire to assess infrastructure available, condition of infrastructure and opportunities for improvements
- undertaking a demographic analysis of the Loddon community.

The draft Activating Open Spaces Strategy was advertised for public comment from 29 April to 27 May 2019. No comments were received from the public during this period.

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/131**

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Gavan Holt

That Council adopt the Loddon Shire Activating Open Spaces Strategy 2019-2024.

**CARRIED**

**10 INFORMATION REPORTS**

Nil



## 11 COMPLIANCE REPORTS

### 11.1 SECTION 86 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT CHANGES TO MEETING CYCLE - LODDON SOUTHERN TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT

**File Number:** 02/01/029

**Author:** Michelle Hargreaves, Administration Officer

**Authoriser:** Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services

**Attachments:** Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the change in meeting cycle from monthly to quarterly for Loddon Southern Tourism and Development Section 86 Committee of Management.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report. Some staff members are involved in the subject matter of the report but have not been involved in the preparation of the report.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council approved the current meeting cycle in the reviewed Loddon Southern Tourism and Development Committee of Management Instrument of Delegation signed 11 November 2018.

#### BACKGROUND

By letter dated 6 May 2019 the current committee of management wrote to Council requesting that the meeting cycle change from monthly to quarterly. The proposed dates for 2019 meetings are:

- 22 May
- 28 August (Annual meeting)
- 27 November

#### ISSUES/DISCUSSION

Section 86(5) of the Local Government Act states that

A Council may require a special Committee to report to the Council at intervals determined by the Council.

Council is keen to reduce the reporting burden on section 86 committees to respect the voluntary nature of their role. A change in meeting cycle helps to reduce the reporting burden while still meeting the requirements of the Local Government Act.

#### COST/BENEFITS

There is minimal cost associated with the adoption of the recommendation. The benefit is a reduced reporting burden on section 86 committees of management and a reduced administrative burden on Council officers.

#### RISK ANALYSIS

There is a risk that the longer period between reports to Council could result in issues not being addressed in a timely way, however this risk is partially offset by either a Council officer or Councillor attending section 86 committee of management meetings.

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

The change in meeting cycle has been requested by the committee of management.

**RESOLUTION 2019/132**

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow

Seconded: Cr Gavan Holt

That Council approves the change in meeting cycle from monthly to quarterly for Loddon Southern Tourism and Development Section 86 Committee of Management.

**CARRIED**

**11.2 SECTION 86 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT CHANGES TO MEETING CYCLE - DONALDSON PARK**

**File Number:** 02/01/018

**Author:** Michelle Hargreaves, Administration Officer

**Authoriser:** Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services

**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approves the change in meeting cycle from monthly to quarterly for Donaldson Park Section 86 Committee of Management.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report. Some staff members are involved in the subject matter of the report but have not been involved in the preparation of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council approved the current meeting cycle in the reviewed Donaldson Park Committee of Management Instrument of Delegation signed 25 October 2018.

**BACKGROUND**

By email dated 27 May 2019 the current committee of management wrote to Council requesting that the meeting cycle change from monthly to quarterly. The proposed dates for meetings are third Monday of:

- August (Annual meeting)
- November
- February
- May

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

Section 86(5) of the Local Government Act states that

A Council may require a special Committee to report to the Council at intervals determined by the Council.

Council is keen to reduce the reporting burden on section 86 committees to respect the voluntary nature of their role. A change in meeting cycle helps to reduce the reporting burden while still meeting the requirements of the Local Government Act.

**COST/BENEFITS**

There is minimal cost associated with the adoption of the recommendation. The benefit is a reduced reporting burden on section 86 committees of management and a reduced administrative burden on Council officers.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

There is a risk that the longer period between reports to Council could result in issues not being addressed in a timely way, however this risk is partially offset by either a Council officer or Councillor attending section 86 committee of management meetings.

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

The change in meeting cycle has been requested by the committee of management.

**RESOLUTION 2019/133**

Moved: Cr Gavan Holt

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council approves the change in meeting cycle from monthly to quarterly for Donaldson Park Section 86 Committee of Management.

**CARRIED**

**12 GENERAL BUSINESS****URGENT BUSINESS****RESOLUTION 2019/134**

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That the following item be treated as urgent business

**CARRIED**

**12.1 CALDER HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE****RESOLUTION 2019/135**

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council:

- (a) note the correspondence from the Calder Highway Committee requesting that consideration be given to supporting and perhaps co-funding the Calder Highway Master Plan from Ravenswood to Mildura;
- (b) agree that the development of the Master Plan is an important initiative to allow the Calder Highway to be improved in a strategic and co-ordinated manner;
- (c) endorse the advocacy approach for the development of the Master Plan and agree to contribute in-kind support and expertise for the development of the Plan;
- (d) decline to co-fund the development of the Master Plan, noting that the Calder Highway is the financial responsibility of the State Government and that Loddon Shire has an extensive road network of its own that must be given funding priority.

**CARRIED**

**13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****RESOLUTION 2019/136**

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989:

**13.1 Review of confidential actions**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2) - (h) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with Any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person.

**13.2 Pyramid Hill residential development**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2) - (h) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with Any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person.

**CARRIED**

Closing of Meeting to the Public

**RESOLUTION 2019/137**

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That the meeting be closed to the public at 3.57pm.

**CARRIED**

**13.1 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL ACTIONS****RESOLUTION 2019/138**

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Neil Beattie

That Council receive and note the action sheet.

**CARRIED**

13.2 PYRAMID HILL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

**RESOLUTION 2019/139**

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That Council resolve to allocate up to the maximum value stated in this report from the Major Projects Reserve to cover the costs of work to seek planning approval for residential development for a minimum of 6 blocks and environmental assessment and contamination reports to the satisfaction of Council.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2019/140**

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 4.08pm.

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 23 July 2019 at Serpentine commencing at 3pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4.09pm.

Confirmed this.....day of..... 2019

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**CHAIRPERSON**