



Date: Tuesday, 10 December 2019
Time: 3pm
Location: Council Chambers, Serpentine

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

10 December 2019

**MINUTES OF LODDON SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SERPENTINE
ON TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 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), Lynne Habner (Manager Executive and Commercial Services), Sharon Morrison (Director Corporate Services), Allan Bawden (Chief Executive Officer), Steven Phillips (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

Cr Curnow declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 9.1.

5 PREVIOUS MINUTES**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

File Number: 02/01/001

Author: Lynne Habner, Manager Executive and Commercial Services

Authoriser: Allan Bawden, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirm:

1. The minutes of the Council Briefing of 26 November 2019
2. The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 November 2019

REPORT

Seeking approval of the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meetings.

RESOLUTION 2019/294

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That Council confirm:

1. The minutes of the Council Briefing of 26 November 2019
2. The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 November 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: Allan Bawden, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Action sheet

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the action sheet.

REPORT

Refer attachment.

RESOLUTION 2019/295

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

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:** Allan Bawden, Acting 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**

DATE	Activity
26/11/19	Attended East Loddon Lions Club Christmas BBQ
27/11/19	Pyramid Hill Historical Society Christmas dinner
28/11/19	Community Leadership Loddon Murray Graduation of 2019 Leadership Program participants in Bendigo
30/11/19	Wedderburn RSL 100 year celebration
30/11/19	Opening of Mulwarrie Art Studio summer exhibition in Bridgewater showcasing artists from the Loddon region
2/12/19	I cut the ribbon at the opening of the Bridgewater Community Post Office and it is encouraging to see the community commitment to ensuring its success

3/12/19	Attended NCLLEN meeting in Charlton
4/12/19	Murray River Group of Councils dinner in Koondrook. Gannawarra Mayor and CEO gave us a tour of the National and international award-winning wharf development
5/12/19	MRGC meeting in Kerang – discussed re-setting priorities for 2020 – water, rail, river crossings and energy to be key focus areas.
5/12/19	Seniors Christmas Breakup in Serpentine. Thanks to Loddon Shire staff who organised such a great event.
6/12/19	<p>Goldfields Library Corporation AGM in Bendigo where I was re-elected as Chair. The recent VAGO report named GLC as the most efficiently delivered service out of all the Library services in the state.</p> <p>The State Government is de-funding “Library Link” from June 2020. Library Link serves the 26 local councils that are not part of the SWIFT collection. Library Link provides access to inter-library loans, and allows GLC to maintain its own collection – which is the 7th largest in Victoria. GLC will be writing to the Minister and members of Parliament outlining our concerns.</p>

RESOLUTION 2019/296

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow

Seconded: Cr Gavan Holt

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: Allan Bawden, Acting 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

Murray Darling Association	
Rail Freight Alliance	
GMW Connections Project:	
Section 86 Committees: 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	
Other Council activities	
DATE	Activity
5/12/19	Attended Audit Committee meeting at Serpentine

Cr Condliffe

Calder Highway Improvement Committee

Section 86 Committees: 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	
9/12/19: Meeting at Eucy Museum	
9/12/19: Inglewood Community Sports Centre Meeting	
Australia Day Committee	
2/12/19: Meeting for Australia Day at Serpentine	
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance	
Central Victoria Rural Women's Network	
Healthy Minds Network	
Loddon Youth Committee	
Other Council activities	
DATE	Activity
26/11/19	Inglewood and Districts Community Bendigo Bank meeting
27/11/19	RFCS Advisory Committee meeting Kerang
28/11/19	Lead Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program graduation dinner Bendigo for 2019
29/11/19	Calder Highway meeting held at Gisborne
29/11/19	Kooyoora Womens Network Dinner Newbridge
30/11/19	Wedderburn RSL celebrate 100 years
1/12/19	Arnold Hall and Districts Christmas tree breakup – great attendance
3/12/19	NCLLEN meeting held at Birchip
5/12/19	Senior Citizen Christmas breakup at Serpentine

5/12/19	Loddon Plains Landcare meeting Serpentine
6/12/19	WOFG meeting for 2020 held in Inglewood
6/12/19	Salisbury West Landcare meeting at Fernihurst Weir
10/12/19	Council meeting Serpentine

Cr Curnow

Loddon Mallee Waste Resource Recovery Group	
Section 86 Committees: Kingower Development and Tourism Committee	
Municipal Emergency Management Plan Committee and Municipal Fire Management Plan Committee	
Other Council activities	
DATE	Activity
3/12/19	Loddon River recreation reserve meeting
9/12/19	Tarnagulla Community Centre Committee of Management

Cr Holt

Municipal Association of Victoria	
Section 86 Committees: 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	
Audit Committee	
Other Council activities	

DATE	Activity
26/11/19	Attended the Annual General Meeting of the Wedderburn Redbacks Inc.
27/11/19	Attended meeting of the Wedderburn Development Association

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Councillors' reports

9 DECISION REPORTS

9.1 PLANNING APPLICATION 5496- USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR A RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY (100MW SOLAR FARM), UTILITY INSTALLATION AND NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL

File Number: 5469

Author: Alexandra Jefferies, Planning Officer

Authoriser: Glenn Harvey, Manager Development and Compliance

Attachments: 1. **Decision Report 5469: Use and development of the land for a renewable energy facility (100MW solar farm), utility installation and native vegetation removal**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to issue a notice of decision to grant a planning permit for application 5469 for the use and development of the land for a renewable energy facility (100 MW solar farm), utility installation and the removal of native vegetation subject to the conditions defined in the attached decision report.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

Cr Geoff Curnow declared a conflict of interest due to a family member being an adjacent property owner and an objector. He left the meeting at 3:15 pm.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

There have been no previous Council discussions on this matter.

BACKGROUND

Applicant: Derby Project Pty. Ltd.

Contact: Duncan Lewis- Chris Smith & Associates

Subject Land: 26 Derby-Serpentine Road, Derby & 2830 Calder Highway, Derby

Application 5469 proposes the use and development of the land for a renewable energy facility (100MW solar farm), utility installation and the removal of native vegetation. The application has received three objections. The objections are included in the attached decision report.

The proposed solar farm consists of approximately 270 ha of land proposed to be developed with solar panels and other associated infrastructure for the purpose of producing energy. The subject site is located within close proximity to the Calder Highway and will be accessed via the Derby Serpentine Road.

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

Under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 the Minister for Planning delegates a municipal council power to become the planning authority for any planning scheme in force in its municipal district.

A municipal council is obligated to enforce and administer the relevant Planning Scheme and must use the Scheme to determine relevant applications.

For Council the Loddon Planning Scheme is the relevant Planning Scheme which must be used by Council when determining applications.

Council has delegated authority to its Planning officer to determine outcomes of applications, however it is the policy of Council to make the final determination for applications which:

- receive one or more public objection and/or
- are to be recommended for refusal by the Planning officer.

This application received three objections. A detailed decision report is included in attachment 1 outlining the Planning officer's assessment and considerations in determining the recommendation to Council. The three objections in full are also included in that report.

COST/BENEFITS

There are various cost associated with having a delegated Planning Officer consider an application and make a recommendation as well as with the time of the Councillors to consider this recommendation.

The benefits associated with this cost are the ability for Council to fulfil its requirement under law and provide the community with a statutory service that delivers well managed and appropriate development.

RISK ANALYSIS

The risks of Council not fulfilling its statutory obligation under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 include:

- inappropriate development which could endanger life and property
- Council's reputation as a responsible Authority
- breaches of the Act requiring compliance action.

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Please refer to the decision report for further detail on the application including copies of the objections lodged and the applicants response to these objections.

RESOLUTION 2019/297

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Neil Beattie

That Council move to issue a notice of decision to grant a planning permit for application 5469 for the use and development of the land for a renewable energy facility (100 MW solar farm), utility installation and the removal of native vegetation subject to the conditions defined in the attached decision report.

CARRIED

Cr Geoff Curnow returned to the meeting at 3:18 pm.

9.2 DELIVERY OF FUNDED COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES POLICY**File Number:** 12/07/001**Author:** Wendy Gladman, Director Community Wellbeing**Authoriser:** Allan Bawden, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Delivery of Funded Community Care Services Policy**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the Delivery of Funded Community Care Services 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

The revised Delivery of Funded Community Care Services Policy was provided to the November 2019 Council Forum.

BACKGROUND

The Home and Community Care Services Policy was first adopted in July 2012 and was due for review in 2018. A number of changes have been made to the original policy in relation to the introduction of mandatory accreditation. At the time the previous policy was adopted, Council was required to work under the Commonwealth Home Care Standards.

A new set of Standards has been developed for services delivering the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and Home and Community Care for Program Younger People (HACCPYP). The Aged Care Quality Standards came into effect on 1 July 2019 and incorporate both programs.

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

The following amendments have been made to the previous policy:

- The policy title and scope has been amended to reflect Council's role as a funded provider of the service.
- Reference to the delivery of assessment has been removed from the policy. The previous policy contained assessment, as at that time that policy was adopted there was no separation between the provision of assessment and other community care services. There is now a clear delineation of duties relating to assessment and service delivery, with structure being put in place that keeps the two functions separate (even when being delivered by the same provider). As this new policy relates to the provision of funded community care services, and assessment technically no longer sits within this activity it has been removed.
- The new Aged Care Quality Standards have been referenced.

The Senior Citizens section remains unchanged except for the addition requiring the clubs maintain incorporation and operate within the parameters of the association rules.

COST/BENEFITS

The continuation of this policy, in its amended form ensures that the funded community care services delivered by Council are delivered in accordance with the new Aged Care Quality Standards.

RISK ANALYSIS

Council is required to undergo accreditation based on the Aged Care Quality Standards; alignment with this policy will minimise the risk associated with failing to meet accreditation standards.

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

This policy was reviewed by the Community Care team and moved through the various stages of internal review in accordance with the Strategic Document Policy and Procedure Framework.

RESOLUTION 2019/298

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Gavan Holt

That Council adopt the Delivery of Funded Community Care Services Policy.

CARRIED

9.3 ADDITION TO FACILITIES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A HALLS AND RECREATION RESERVE ALLOCATION

File Number: 16/04/010

Author: Wendy Gladman, Director Community Wellbeing

Authoriser: Allan Bawden, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Add Kingower Church to the list of eligible facilities to receive an allocation through Council's Hall and Recreation Reserve Allocation program (commencing with a 2019/20 allocation)
2. allocate a criteria rating of 2C: Hall (Main facility in a low populated area OR secondary facility)
3. provide this allocation to the community Committee of Management for the facility
4. provide this allocation only while:
 - a) there is a functioning Incorporated Committee of Management in place
 - b) the facility remains available for wider community use.

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 use of the St Mary's Church facility in Kingower as a community meeting place was discussed by Council at the November 2019 Forum.

BACKGROUND

Section 3.3 of Council's Community Support Policy: Public halls and recreation reserves, provides for an annual funding allocation to support public halls, indoor stadiums and active reserves within the Shire.

Allocations are provided to assist committees of management with the costs associated with ongoing operating and maintenance costs, such as utility, administrative and insurance costs.

The allocations are based on a range of categories, with the value of the allocations determined by Council annually within the budget process; notionally increasing by CPI each year. The value of the 2019/20 allocations for each hall category are:

Category	Facility	
2A	Hall (Major facility in a highly populated area)	\$ 2,473.87
2B	Hall (Main facility in a medium populated area)	\$ 1,049.52
2C	Hall (Main facility in a low populated area OR secondary facility)	\$ 509.77
2D	Sports Stadium (Indoor)	\$ 2,473.87
9	Non Council Responsibility (private land etc)	No allocation

The following table provides a list of the current halls identified as eligible to receive an annual allocation and the assigned category level.

Facility	Category
Boort Memorial Hall	2A
Inglewood Public Hall	2A
Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall	2A
Wedderburn Public Hall	2A
Newbridge Public Hall	2A
Calivil Hall	2B
Dingee Memorial Hall	2B
Eddington Public Hall	2B
Korong Vale Public Hall	2B
Laanecoorie Public Hall	2B
Mitiamo Public Hall – Historical Society	2B
Bridgewater Public Hall	2B
Serpentine Public Hall	2B
Tarnagulla Public Hall	2B
Arnold Public Hall & Library Reserve	2C
Boort James Boyle Hall	2C
Campbell's Forest Public Hall	2C
Derby Public Hall	2C
Durham Ox Hall	2C
East Loddon Community Centre	2C
Fenton's Creek Hall	2C
Jarklin Public Hall	2C
Powlett Hall & Recreation Reserve	2C
Pyramid Hill C.E.R.T Hall	2C
Boort RSL Hall	2C
Rheola Hall	2C
Woodstock Public Hall & Recreation Reserve	2C
Yando Public Hall & Recreation Reserve	2C
Yarrowalla Community Centre	2C
East Loddon Scout Hall	2C

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

There is currently no hall or meeting place in Kingower receiving an annual Hall and Recreation Reserve allocation.

While Council does not provide funds from the Hall and Recreation Reserve Allocation for privately owned facilities, the situation in Kingower is unique, where a privately owned facility has been

provided to the community for community use and is managed by a community Committee of Management.

In this situation, and based on the category criteria, it is reasonable to suggest that the Kingower Church be added as a category 2C facility. It is suggested though that this provision only applies whilst there is a community Committee of Management arrangement in place and the facility remains available for the wider community use.

It is further suggested that there is an incorporated Committee of Management in place in order to be eligible to receive the allocation. Incorporation will provide Council with assurance that the Committee of Management will operate as a not for profit organisation and that members of the committee will be provided with the protections afforded through the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

COST/BENEFITS

The 2019/20 value of the 2C annual allocation is \$509.77. It is expected that the annual allocation will increase by CPI each year.

This annual contribution to assist with maintenance and operating costs of the Kingower Church will assist in the provision of a community meeting place in for Kingower residents.

RISK ANALYSIS

With a number of variables in this situation, the risk is that at some point in the future the required criteria are no longer in place. This can be mitigated through an annual check by Council officers prior to the distribution of the annual allocation.

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

There has been no consultation in relation to the development of this report.

RESOLUTION 2019/299

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council

1. Add Kingower Church to the list of eligible facilities to receive an allocation through Council's Hall and Recreation Reserve Allocation program (commencing with a 2019/20 allocation)
2. allocate a criteria rating of 2C: Hall (Main facility in a low populated area OR secondary facility)
3. provide this allocation to the community Committee of Management for the facility
4. provide this allocation only while:
 - a) there is a functioning Incorporated Committee of Management in place
 - b) the facility remains available for wider community use.

CARRIED

9.4 2019/20 EVENT SPONSORSHIP SCHEME APPLICATION NOT MEETING ELIBILITY CRITERIA

File Number: 16/02/026
Author: Wendy Gladman, Director Community Wellbeing
Authoriser: Allan Bawden, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council does not provide sponsorship to the Boort Tourism Development for the Boort Christmas Festival.

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.

Some Councillors may have involvement in the subject matter of the report by virtue of the volunteer commitment of family members to the Boort Tourism Development.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

There has been no previous Council discussion about the application being dealt with in this report. Council reviewed the components of the Event Sponsorship Scheme at the March 2019 Council Forum.

BACKGROUND

Council operates an Events Sponsorship Scheme, allowing community groups to apply for funding to support the promotion of an upcoming event being held within the municipality that will attract a significant number of visiting competitors/participants, officials and families.

The scheme is detailed in the Community Support Policy Section 3.5 and provides two sponsorship categories:

- Major event: for events of regional or state significance e.g. state sporting events and/or major festivals that attract a significant number of visitors from outside the region
- Minor event: for events of local and sub-regional significant e.g. annual sporting tournament or local community festivals that attract a moderate number of visitors from other communities.

The levels of sponsorship for each category are determined by Council in its annual budget cycle, and are currently \$400 for minor events and \$1000 for major events.

The policy provides for closing dates for applications to be applied, and that late applications will be ineligible. The current closing date for applications is 30 days prior to the event.

The requirement for applications to be received at least 30 days prior to the event to be considered for funding is noted on Council's website and in four locations on the Event Sponsorship application form, including a checkbox where the applicant indicates that the application is being forwarded at least 30 days prior to the event date.

As part of the review of Council's Community Support Policy, Council considered the conditions of the Event Sponsorship Scheme at the March 2019 Council Forum. It was noted in the discussion paper provided that one of the issues was that a number of applications were received inside the 30 day request period, which impacted the use of the funds being used to promote the event in the

timeline then presented and the ability for Council to administer and provide the funds in a timely manner prior to the event being conducted.

Council was asked to consider whether to retain the 30 day request period. The minutes of the March 2019 Council Forum indicate that Councillor's position at that time was to retain the provision for applications to be received at least 30 days prior to the event, with this to be enforced by Council officers.

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

Council received an application from Boort Tourism Development on 20 November 2019, for the Boort Christmas Festival to be held on 13 December 2019. As this application did not meet the required closing date, being received at least 30 days prior to the event, the application was denied and a letter advising this, dated 21 November 2019, was forwarded to Boort Tourism Development.

Further to the application being received late, it was also incomplete; with all sections requiring information to allow assessment of the application being either incomplete or not completed, incomplete bank account information provided, and the application was unsigned and undated.

In accordance with Council's policy position which provides the administration parameters for Council officers, the application received from Boort Tourism Development did not meet the required criteria and was therefore assessed as ineligible for funding. This position is reflected in the recommendation to this report.

COST/BENEFITS

The levels of sponsorship for each category are determined by Council in its annual budget cycle, and are currently \$400 for minor events and \$1000 for major events. Council's current budget makes provision for a \$25,000 annual cost to Council in support of the Event Sponsorship Scheme.

RISK ANALYSIS

Adherence to the parameters provided through Council Policies ensures that a level of consistency, equity and probity is applied. There is a significant risk one or all of these would be compromised if Council officers operated in outside of Council's policy position.

Removal or reduction of the 30 day submission period would compromise:

- Council's ability to administer the sponsorship payment using the routine processes available, meaning that additional resources would be used to undertake individualised payment runs to allow the funds to be provided prior to the event being conducted
- the funded organisation's ability to implement a requirement of the scheme, to acknowledge Council's sponsorship in all printed programs, media and promotional material.

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

As part of the review of Council's Community Support Policy, Council considered the conditions of the Event Sponsorship Scheme at the March 2019 Council Forum.

Council officers responsible for administering the Event Sponsorship Scheme provided information in support of this report.

RESOLUTION 2019/300

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council does not provide sponsorship to the Boort Tourism Development for the Boort Christmas Festival.

CARRIED

10 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

11 COMPLIANCE REPORTS

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS**URGENT BUSINESS****RESOLUTION 2019/301**

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That the following items be treated as urgent business

CARRIED**12.1 BOORT ANGLING CLUB**

Cr Beattie tabled a letter from Boort Angling Club to Council regarding the success of the Carp Eradication Weekend, expressing appreciation to the Shire for its support for the event.

12.2 ENERGY ON SOLAR FARMS**RESOLUTION 2019/302**

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council write a letter to the Minister for Local Government to explain that the rating system should assist rural councils to get a fair share of rates from solar farms, to take into account the commercial nature of the operations.

WITHDRAWN – NOT CARRIED

The motion was withdrawn based on the provision of additional information during discussion about this matter.

12.3 IMPROVEMENT TO POWER LINE**RESOLUTION 2019/303**

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Neil Beattie

That Council write a letter to the Minister for Energy to advocate for the fast tracking of improvements to the capacity of the Kerang power transmission line to enable better uptake of power generated by new solar farms.

CARRIED

13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**RESOLUTION 2019/304**

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow

Seconded: Cr Neil Beattie

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 Bridgewater Caravan Park management contract

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2) - (d) 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 contractual matters.

CARRIED

Closing of Meeting to the Public

RESOLUTION 2019/305

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow

Seconded: Cr Neil Beattie

That the meeting be closed to the public at 3.56pm.

CARRIED

13.1 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL ACTIONS**RESOLUTION 2019/306**

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That Council receive and note the action sheet.

CARRIED

13.2 BRIDGEWATER CARAVAN PARK MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**RESOLUTION 2019/307**

Moved: Cr Neil Beattie

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council:

1. award Contract 471 Management of Bridgewater Public Caravan Park to James Investment Group Pty Ltd in accordance with the terms detailed in this report.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to use the Common Seal on any related documentation to implement this resolution.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2019/308

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe

Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 4.20pm

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 28 January 2020 at Serpentine commencing at 3pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4.20pm.

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

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CHAIRPERSON