



MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

15 AUGUST 2019

**FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

DRAFT MINUTES

Monday, 12 August 2019

- TO:
- Councillors
 - General Manager
 - Director – Corporate Services
 - Director – Planning and Community Development
 - Director – Engineering Services
 - Manager – Executive Projects

Notice is hereby given that the **Finance and Governance Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chamber, the Max Centre, 30 Heber Street, Moree, on **Thursday, 15 August 2019** commencing at **2pm**.

Please note that all Council meetings are recorded.

Yours sincerely



Mitchell Johnson
DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Agenda

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Leave of Absence requests
5. Declarations of Interest
6. Reports
 - a. Carry over Projects and Activities from Operational Plan and Budget 2018-19
 - b. Operational Plan and Budget 2018-2019 – Report on progress – Quarter 4 -1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019
 - c. Discussion - MAAC Loan
7. Standing agenda item: New Questions on Notice
8. Standing agenda item: Strategic Planning Proposals and Current Project Updates
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MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HEBER STREET, MOREE ON THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST 2019, COMMENCING AT
2.02 PM

PRESENT:

Councillors G Smith, K Cassells, J Crawford, S Ritchie, J Tramby OAM, K Humphries, Councillor G Chiu,

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr M Johnson (Director, Corporate Services), Mr L Fischer (Acting Director, Engineering Services), Mr A Witherby (Director, Planning and Community Development), Mr J Carleton (Executive Projects Manager), Mr A Probert (Finance Manager), Mrs N Griffiths (Senior Accountant), Mr R Heatley (Acting Water Group Manager), Mr Shayne Bernard (Senior Accountant), Alice Gemmell-Smith (IP&R Coordinator), Anub Nair (Services Engineer), Libby Carter (IP&R Manager).

APOLOGIES:

M Montgomery AM
S Price OAM

MINUTES:

Minutes from the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held 20 June 2019.

19/08/01 RESOLVED (Moved: Crawford / Seconded: Ritchie)

That the Finance and Governance Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2019.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil.

Report Title	1. Carry Over Projects and Activities from the Operational Plan and Budget 2018-19
Report by	Corporate Services
Contact	Director Corporate Services, Mitchell Johnson
Attachments	No attachment
File	FILE 19/460

19/08/02 RESOLVED (Moved: Ritchie / Seconded: Crawford)

That the Committee move into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee moved into Committee of the Whole at the time being 2.06pm.

19/08/03 RESOLVED (Moved: Humphries/ Seconded: Cassells)

That the Committee move out of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee moved out of Committee of the Whole at the time being 3.09 pm.

19/08/04 RESOLVED (Moved: Cassells/ Seconded: Crawford)

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the carry-over of unspent budget allocations from the 2018-2019 financial year for incomplete projects and activities as detailed in Attachment 1 be approved as presented.**
 - 2. That the variations to the 2019-20 financial year operational budget tabled in Attachment 2 be approved as presented.**
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Report Title	2. Operational Plan and Budget 2018-2019 – Report on Progress- Quarter 4 – 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019
Report by	Corporate Services
Contact	General Manager, Lester Rodgers Integrated Planning & Reporting Manager, Libby Carter
Attachments	One (1) attachment; refer to Attachments section
File	FILE 18/310

19/08/05 RESOLVED (Moved: Humphries / Seconded: Crawford)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the fourth quarter report on progress in implementing Moree Plains Shire Council's Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2018-2019 be received for information.**
 - 2. That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ending 30 June 2019 be received for information.**
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19/08/06 RESOLVED (Moved: Humphries/ Seconded: Smith)

That the Committee move into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee moved into Committee of a Whole at the time being 3:12pm.

19/08/07 RESOLVED (Moved: Humphries / Seconded: Chiu)

That the Committee move out of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee moved out of Committee of the Whole at the time being 3.43pm.

Questions on Notice

Councillor Cassells

1. Councillor Cassells asked if it is possible to have public toilets at the skate park and shade cloth over the summer months?

Mr Witherby taken on notice

2. Can Council set up a support group for various child athletic groups (non aboriginal). Can this be looked at through the Community Safety Committee? How can we reward the good performers?

Mr Witherby taken on notice

3. Rubbish at Mary Brand park jetty who is responsible to clean it up?

MS Fisher advised that an inspection has been done, and no rubbish was observed.

No Further response is required.

Councillor Ritchie

4. Councillor Ritchie asked if the rage cage be moved somewhere more appropriate?

Ms Fisher advised that community consultation advised that they prefer the location it is currently located.

No Further response is required.

Councillor Tramby

5. Since there was a loss of life at Fairview, there is a safety situation when residents are taken for a walk – they are not able to cross the road or go anywhere. Can this be discussed with Fairview to fund lights across to the park and walkways? Can the road be restricted using humps in a way that doesn't affect ambulances?

Councillor Humphries asked if we can look to a lower speed limit along Victoria Terrace? Say 20km/hr? Also a safety fence along the river bank? Can we close to through traffic apart from emergency vehicles?

Ms Fisher advised that there is a boardwalk planned along the river in the SCC Round 3 funding. We are also looking at traffic calming/wombat crossing (raised type at each end). Design in hand. We are looking to do it in conjunction with the hospital works. A pedestrian refuge could be provided. The whole road will be reviewed.

A further response is required.

6. Councillor Tramby mentioned that the RFS has had a large Worker's Comp payouts in relation to staff. This is due to many members who never go to a fire, known as a "social" members" have

the same rights as the ones attending fires. These are all being covered by insurance. Can representations be made relating to non-fire fighters?

Councillor Humphries – Noted that this should be a state government responsibility. Councillor

Tramby suggested that this be raised at Country Mayors.

A further response is required.

Councillor

Councillor Cassells provided an update on the ICE commission hearing that was held today at the Moree court house. There was reference to the Moree Roundtable with the commissioner advising that the majority of the recommendations put forward should be done. The Merit Program was addressed at the hearing, with the indication that Moree would likely get this. There were concern about the views put forward by FACS, and the Youth refuge etc. are being considered.

Strategic Planning Proposals and Current Project Updates

NIL

Overseas Trade and Investment

NIL

There being no further business, the meeting closed at the time being 4.01pm
