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COORONG FINANCE COMMITTEE

Coorong Civic Centre
95-101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend
(and by electronic means via Zoom)
Thursday 16 April 2020 at 2:00pm

MINUTES

Welcome

Committee Members: Cr. Paul Simmons, Mayor & Chairperson (physical attendance)
Cr. Jeff Arthur, Deputy Mayor (by an audio-visual link)
Cr. Sharon Bland (by an audio-visual link)
Cr. Tracy Hill (by an audio-visual link)
Cr. Brenton Qualmann (by an audio-visual link)
Cr. Glynis Taylor (by an audio-visual link)
Cr. Lisa Rowntree (by an audio-visual link)
Cr. Neville Jaensch (by an audio-visual link)
Cr. Vern Leng (by an audio-visual link)

Present
Bridget Mather, Chief Executive Officer (physical attendance)
David Mosel, Director Infrastructure & Assets (from 2:07pm by an audio-visual link)
Deb Brokenshire, Director Community & Corporate (physical attendance)
Judy Thompson, Finance Manager (physical attendance)
Sacha Holme, minute taker (physical attendance)

Apologies
Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – COORONG FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 3 MARCH 2020
Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Arthur that the minutes of the Coorong Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 March are received and noted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MINUTE ACTION LIST
NIL

6. QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
NIL
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE
Cr. Arthur requested an update on the Murray–Darling Basin Economic Development Program Revitalising Raukkan project, including a full-cost report to be provided to the Coorong Finance Committee. Director Community & Corporate advised that an audit on the trail was undertaken with the final report recently provided to the Director Infrastructure & Assets. Chief Executive Officer advised that Council initiated the audit and that its purpose was to ascertain the completion status of all the sections of the trail. A full report will be provided to the Committee within twelve weeks.

Cr. Arthur requested an update on the Coonalpyn Fresh Food project which received $17,600 in grant funding. Director Community & Corporate advised that discussions are currently underway between Council and the Coonalpyn Community Hub who were willing to provide input into the project; however, COVID-19 has delayed progress.

7. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE
NIL

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE
NIL

8. REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE AND SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS
Moved Cr. Leng, Sec. Cr. Bland that the Coorong Finance Committee recommend to Council that:
1. A Section 41 Committee be formally re-established and known as the ‘Coorong Finance Committee’;
2. Membership of the Committee will consist of all members of Council;
3. Council resolves to appoint the Mayor as Presiding Member;
4. Council resolves to appoint the Deputy Mayor as the Deputy Presiding Member;
5. Council resolves the Committee meetings will be held quarterly on the third Tuesday of that month;
6. Meetings are to be held at the Council’s Principal Office, the Coorong Civic Centre Chambers, 95-101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend;
7. The Chief Executive Officer will inform the Council at the next practical ordinary meeting of the matters considered by the Committee through the provision of a written report for business arising e.g. recommendations, or the provision of Minutes of the Committee;
8. The Finance Committee abide by the Terms of Reference as amended; and
9. The Finance Committee has no direct decision-making power and will provide recommendations to the Council on matters for consideration.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Bland, Hill, Jaensch, Leng, Qualmann, Rowntree, Simmons and Taylor
Voting against the motion was Councillor Arthur
The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED
   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

    Moved Cr. Taylor, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that the Coorong Finance Committee receives and notes the updated 2019-20 Capital Works Program update as at 31 March 2020.
    CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. **RATES DEBT SNAPSHOT AS AT 14 APRIL 2020**
    Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Hill that the Coorong Finance Committee receives and notes the Rates Debt Snapshot Report as at 14 April 2020.
    CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **PRESENTATION OF CURRENT COUNCIL DEBT**
    Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Arthur that the Coorong Finance Committee receive and notes the Presentation of Current Council Debt report.
    CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **OTHER BUSINESS**
    The Chief Executive Officer provided a brief overview to the Coorong Finance Committee regarding the measures implemented within Council as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis. Measures include social distancing restrictions, hygiene practices and working-from-home options where possible for inside staff. Director Infrastructure & Assets advised that a number of challenges presented for field staff but measures adopted were working well with full staff participation.

14. **CLOSURE**
    There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3:37pm.