



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD IN KERNOT HALL, MORWELL AND VIA
AUDIO-VISUAL LINK
AT 6:00 PM ON 26 MAY 2025
CM619**

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cr Dale Harriman, Mayor
Cr Sharon Gibson, Deputy
Mayor
Cr David Barnes
Cr Leanne Potter
Cr Adele Pugsley
Cr Darren Howe
Cr Steph Morgan

Loy Yang Ward
Newborough Ward
Boola Boola Ward
Budgerie Ward
Moe Ward
Tyers Ward
Yallourn Ward

Officers:

Tim Ellis
James Rouse
Jody Riordan
Shay Ferguson
Josh Wilson
Nathan Kearsley
Alba Elling
Courtney Aquilina
Kaitlyn Boram

Acting Chief Executive Officer
Acting General Manager Community Health & Wellbeing
General Manager Regional City Planning & Assets
Acting General Manager Regional City Strategy & Transition
Acting Executive Manager Sports Legacy & Activation
General Manager Organisational Performance
Manager Governance
Coordinator Council Business
Governance Officer

Apologies:

Cr Tracie Lund (Leave of Absence), Cr Joanne Campbell (Apology)

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Resolutions in this minutes document should be read in conjunction with the published agenda for the 26 May 2025 Council Meeting.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

The Mayor read the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Campbell was an apology to the meeting.

Cr Lund was an apology to the meeting (leave of absence).

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 May 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cr Barnes declared a general interest in item 15.2 Land Acquisition 88-90 Cross's Road, Traralgon.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cr Pugsley made the following acknowledgements:

- Million Paws dog walk held 25 May 2025, raising money for the RSPCA.
- Rally which took place 20 May 2025 in the Morwell CBD protesting the Fire Service Levy.

Cr Gibson acknowledged volunteers for Volunteer week held 19-25 May 2025 and the event held at the Morwell Bowling Club.

Cr Morgan made the following acknowledgments:

- Ann Dyer for her contribution to the Latrobe Regional Gallery and Arts across Latrobe City and passed on her thanks for Ann's dedicated service.
- Morwell Bowling Club for receiving the club of the year award at Bowls Victoria's 2023/24 awards ceremony.
- Gippsland Pride Initiative for hosting a community lunch held 17 May 2025.

Cr Potter acknowledged the volunteer team who organised the Conference of the Birds in Boolarra.

Cr Harriman made the following acknowledgements:

- the organising committee of the Strzelecki Dance Competition held 24-25 May 2025.
- Traralgon Motor Cycle Club for hosting round 4 of the National MX Championship Event held at Traralgon South on 25 May 2025. Thank you to the organisers and Latrobe City Council events team for a great event.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Public Questions on Notice

In Accordance with the Governance Rules, members of the public can lodge a question on notice before 12 noon on the Friday before the day of the Council meeting in order for the question to be answered at the meeting. There were three public questions.

Question 1

From: Damian Andrews

Topic: Council Funding Prioritisation Criteria for Community Benefit Projects

Question:

Despite officers highlighting that Traralgon band tour funding 'exclusively benefits members and does not benefit the broader community,' Council unanimously allocated \$15,000.

What criteria guides prioritisation between such exclusive benefits versus a Moe Botanic Garden masterplan—also \$15,000—that benefits all residents?

Response:

The City of Traralgon Band funding request was reviewed against the Community Grant Program Governance Guidelines for Council's consideration. The Moe Botanic Gardens funding request has been received as a budget submission and will be considered by Council at the June Council Meeting. All grant or funding requests are considered against adopted policies, masterplans and existing programs and further reviewed against current and forecast budget positions.

Question 2

From: Phillip Edwards

Topic: Costs for VCAT Case Z1789/2024

Question:

A councillor recently confirmed on Gippsland Community Radio that ratepayers will incur costs associated with this matter. What is the quantum of costs to be borne by Council and what action will Council take to recover these unwanted costs?

Response:

In response to both questions, under the Local Government Act 2020, the VEC manages Local Government Elections. All Victorian Local Councils have a service agreement with the VEC to conduct the Local Government elections. It includes that the VEC will manage election related matters if raised with VCAT. The costs for such processes are borne by the VEC in the first instance who then seeks cost recovery from the relevant Council.

Therefore, the VEC manages litigation of the nature of the VCAT case Z1789/2024. Council is yet to receive a formal request from the VEC for cost recovery for the recent local election, including any costs for the VCAT case. As such it would be more appropriate for queries to be directed to the VEC at this time.

Question 3

From: Taylah Ling

Topic: Community Consultation Process

Question:

What processes are in place to ensure that those who submit feedback through the community consultation process are in fact real people and aren't fake names and email addresses?

Response:

When undertaking community engagement Council asks for demographics that are appropriate for the subject matter of the engagement. While it is not possible to fully confirm each submission across all community consultation processes, submissions are required to include certain identifying information. If these thresholds are not met the submission is not accepted

Public Speakers

Members of the public who registered before 12 noon were invited to speak to an item on the agenda. There were no public speakers.

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil reports.

STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

8. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 8.1

26 May 2025

Regional City Planning and Assets

YOUTH INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council:

- 1. defers consideration of the Youth Infrastructure Plan 2025-2035 to a future Council meeting to allow for a further review of the plan; and**
- 2. that the review includes the projects listed in the 10 Year Implementation Plan and corrects references to Newborough being a small town.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Youth Infrastructure Plan 2025-2035

COMMUNITY CONNECTORS PROGRAM

MOTION

Moved: Cr Morgan

Seconded: Cr Potter

That Council:

- 1. continues to seek funding for the program via advocacy with the State and Federal Government and other potential partners such as V/Line; and**
- 2. as part of the 2024/25 End of Year Result Budget Review Process, give consideration to allocating up to \$50,000 to resource the initial research and planning phase of the program.**

For: Cr Potter, Cr Howe, Cr Morgan

Against: Cr Pugsley, Cr Gibson, Cr Barnes, Cr Harriman

LOST

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That the report be deferred pending receipt of feedback from the Victorian Minister for Police and Minister for Community Safety, the Hon Anthony Carbines MP.

Procedural note:

The meeting was adjourned at 6.35 pm.

The meeting resumed at 6.42 pm.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That the report be deferred until no later than the September 2025 Council Meeting for decision, pending receipt of feedback from the Victorian Minister for Police and Minister for Community Safety, the Hon Anthony Carbines MP.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Amendment became the substantive Motion.

That the report be deferred until no later than the September 2025 Council Meeting for decision, pending receipt of feedback from the Victorian Minister for Police and Minister for Community Safety, the Hon Anthony Carbines MP.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Community Connectors Program Plan
2. Morwell Community Safety and Economic Development Data

REDUCTION OF LITTER IN PUBLIC SPACES

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Barnes

That Council:

- 1. notes the report; and**
- 2. writes to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety requesting:**
 - a. an immediate uplift of litter collection along arterial roads within the Latrobe City Council area; and**
 - b. undertakes a review of current maintenance schedules for litter collection along these roads to ensure they align with community expectations and environmental standards.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

ENDORSEMENT OF COUNCIL SUPPORT PACKAGE – ROUND TWO FUNDING SUBMISSION

MOTION

Moved: Cr Barnes

Seconded: Cr Potter

That Council endorses the proposed list of Stage Two projects valued at \$895,000 as per Attachment 1 to be funded under the Victorian Government Council Support Package (CSP) funding agreement with the option to substitute projects from Attachment 2 should any projects from the proposed list become unfeasible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Council Support Package Recommended Stage Two Project Summaries
2. Council Support Package Previously Recommended Projects

STATUTORY PLANNING

STATUTORY PLANNING DECISION MAKING PROCESS

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council:

1. approves the *Instrument of Delegation to Members of Council staff* dated 7 May 2024 be varied to remove the following condition and limitation from the power delegated to officers to determine permit applications under section 61(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1989* (Vic):
 - a. *If the permit has one to five objectors or recommended for refusal it must be approved by CEO.*
 - b. *If permit has more than five objectors it must be heard at ordinary Council Meeting;*
2. approves the varied Instrument (the Instrument) coming into force immediately after the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument;
3. notes that on the coming into force of the Instrument, all delegations to members of Council staff under the *Instrument of Delegation to Members of Council staff* dated 7 May 2024 are revoked;
4. notes that the duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the Instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt;
5. notes that the Chief Executive Officer may refer a permit application to Council for consideration should they deem it appropriate to do so;
6. notes that in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, any Councillor can request a permit application be presented to Council for consideration at a Council Meeting; and
7. notes that a further report will be presented to Council reviewing the appropriateness and success of the updated planning delegations after an initial 12 month period.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

10. CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 10.1 26 May 2025

Regional City Planning and Assets

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE ON COUNCIL LAND POLICY

MOTION

Moved: Cr Morgan

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council:

- 1. adopts the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure on Council Land Policy; and**
- 2. makes this Policy available on the Latrobe City Council's website**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

- 1. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure on Council Land Policy**

CEO DELEGATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR TED SUMMERTON RESERVE REDEVELOPMENT - REGIONAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Gibson

That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to award contracts associated with the Ted Summerton Reserve Redevelopment Project, subject to recommended tender(s) being within the funding allocation provided by the State Government, and complying with Council's Procurement Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

GOVERNANCE RULES

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council:

- 1. adopts the changes to the Governance Rules as follows and outlined in Attachment 2:**
 - a. under rule 22 Notices of Motions:**
 - i. remove subrules 22.1.3, 22.4 and 22.5;**
 - ii. change the value limit in subrule 22.7.2 to \$10,000;**
 - b. under rule 67 Petitions:**
 - i. in subrule 67.4, remove ‘that are submitted through an approved Council e-petition facility.’**
- 2. notes with the adoption of these Governance Rules, that any previous versions are now superseded; and**
- 3. makes the Governance Rules available on Council’s website and available for inspection at all Council Service Centres.**

For: Cr Pugsley, Cr Gibson, Cr Barnes, Cr Harriman

Against: Cr Potter, Cr Howe, Cr Morgan

CARRIED

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Appendix to 16 December 2024 Resolution
2. Community Engagement Responses

Attachment 2 – for Alternate Motion - Governance Rules Excerpt

Division 4 – Motions and Debate

21. Councillors may propose Notices of Motion

- 21.1. A Councillor may submit a Notice of Motion to the Chief Executive Officer for a matter to be listed on a meeting agenda.
- 21.2. A Notice of Motion cannot be accepted by the Chair unless it has been listed on the agenda for the meeting at which it was proposed to be moved or unless it is accepted by Council as urgent business.

22. Notices of Motion

- 22.1. A Notice of Motion must:
 - 22.1.1. be in writing;
 - 22.1.2. be signed and dated by the Councillor (including by electronic means);
 - 22.1.3. ~~include a statement setting out the justification and background of the notice of motion;~~
 - 22.1.4. be raised for discussion at a Councillor Briefing Session by the Councillor who is proposing to move it, at least seven days prior to the Council meeting at which it is proposed to be moved;
 - 22.1.5. be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 10:00am six days before the next scheduled Council meeting to allow inclusion in the agenda in accordance with Sub-Rule 13.1; and
 - 22.1.6. relate to the objectives, role and functions of Council as outlined in the Act.
- 22.2. The Chief Executive Officer must reject a Notice of Motion which:
 - 22.2.1. does not relate to the objectives, roles and function of Council as outlined in the Act;
 - 22.2.2. is vague or unclear in intention;
 - 22.2.3. is identical or substantially similar to a Notice of Motion or a rescission motion that has been considered by the Council and lost in the preceding six months;
 - 22.2.4. is defamatory, discriminatory or offensive;
 - 22.2.5. may be prejudicial to any person or Council;
 - 22.2.6. is outside the powers of Council;
 - 22.2.7. relates to an operational service request;
 - 22.2.8. relates to a matter that can be handled under delegation;
 - 22.2.9. is a Notice of Motion submitted during the Election period; or
 - 22.2.10. is a matter subject to a Council decision making process which has commenced but is not yet complete.
- 22.3. If the Chief Executive Officer rejects a Notice of Motion under Sub-Rule 22.2, the Chief Executive Officer must, in writing, inform the Councillor who lodged the Notice of Motion of that rejection and the reasons for it within 24 hours of receiving the Notice of Motion. The Chief Executive Officer will collaborate with the Councillor to develop revised wording to the draft

Notice of Motion to facilitate compliance with the requirements for Notices of Motion under these rules. The Councillor may submit a revised Notice of Motion within 24 hours of being informed of the rejection.

- 22.4. The Chief Executive Officer may reject and refer any Notice of Motion to one or more of the following:
- 22.4.1. the Council's operational service request process;
 - 22.4.2. Council officers to prepare a report for consideration at the next reasonably practicable Councillor Briefing Session;
 - 22.4.3. a Councillor out of session Workshop:
if it relates to a matter that the Chief Executive Officer determines is more appropriately addressed in one of those ways.
- 22.5. Once a Notice of Motion is lodged, the Chief Executive Officer will arrange for an Officer comment to accompany the agenda item which will include setting the Councillors justification and background relevant to the Notice of Motion, including, but not limited to:
- 22.5.1. whether the Notice of Motion, if passed, will have budget implications and, if so, what;
 - 22.5.2. whether the Notice of Motion, if passed, will impact on internal resources and, if so, how;
 - 22.5.3. how the Notice of Motion relates to the Council Plan and any relevant Council policies; and
 - 22.5.4. how the Notice of Motion relates to work that has already been undertaken by Officers or Committees.
- 22.6. Once lodged with the Chief Executive Officer a Notice of Motion may be withdrawn by, no later than two business days before the meeting at which it was to be considered, the Councillor who lodged the Notice of Motion submitting written advice to the Chief Executive Officer that it is to be withdrawn.
- 22.7. Subject to Sub-Rule 22.9 a Notice of Motion must call for a Council report if the Notice of Motion:
- 22.7.1. substantially affects the level of Council services;
 - 22.7.2. commits the Council to expenditure in excess of ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000 and that has not been included in the adopted budget;
 - 22.7.3. establishes or amends a Council policy; or
 - 22.7.4. commits the Council to any contractual arrangement, as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 22.8. Where a Notice of Motion is likely to commit Council to significant expenditure not included in the adopted budget then the Notice of Motion must only call for referral to and for Council's consideration as part of its future year's annual budget and public submission process.
- 22.9. The Chief Executive Officer may designate a Notice of Motion to be confidential in accordance with the Act, in which case the Notice of Motion will be confidential unless the Council resolves otherwise.
- 22.10. The full text of any Notice of Motion accepted by the Chief Executive Officer must be included in the agenda.

- 22.11. The Chief Executive Officer must cause all Notices of Motion to be numbered, dated and entered in the Notice of Motion register in the order in which they are received.
- 22.12. Except by leave of Council, each Notice of Motion before any meeting must be considered in the order in which they were entered in the Notice of Motion register under Sub-Rule 22.12.
- 22.13. The motion moved must not be substantially different to the motion published in the agenda, however, it may be amended by resolution of the Council.
- 22.14. If a Councillor who has given a Notice of Motion is absent from the meeting or fails to move the motion when called upon to do so by the Chair, any other Councillor may move the motion.
- 22.15. If a Notice of Motion is not moved at the meeting at which it is listed, it lapses.

67. Petitions

- 67.1. The community has the right to lobby Council and can do so through petitioning. For a petition from the community to be considered valid, accepted and presented to a Council meeting on its own merits, the requirements in Sub-Rules 67.2 to 67.4 must be met:
- 67.2. A petition must be:
- 67.2.1. in the prescribed template format (attached to these Governance Rules at Appendix One);
 - 67.2.2. addressed to Latrobe City Council;
 - 67.2.3. refer to a matter on which Latrobe City Council has the power to act;
 - 67.2.4. state the reasons for petitioning Latrobe City Council;
 - 67.2.5. contain a request for action by Latrobe City Council;
 - 67.2.6. be signed by at least ten people (must not be in pencil);
 - 67.2.7. not relate to a matter under consideration through a current submission/objection process (e.g. through the Act or the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*).
- 67.3. The terms of the petition must:
- 67.3.1. be placed at the top of every page;
 - 67.3.2. not contain any alterations;
 - 67.3.3. not exceed 250 words;
 - 67.3.4. not be illegal and must not promote illegal acts; and
 - 67.3.5. language must not be objectionable or inflammatory in nature.
- 67.4. Only paper-based petitions (in the prescribed format) or e-petitions ~~that are submitted through an approved Council e-petition facility~~ that meet the above criteria will be accepted.

67.5. Submitting your petition

- 67.5.1. Paper-based petitions should be forwarded by mail with the details of the head petitioner or other nominated person for follow up, to:

Latrobe City Council

PO Box 264

Morwell VIC 3840

or delivered in person to any Latrobe City Council customer service centre during business hours.

- 67.5.2. E-petitions can be forwarded in accordance with the criteria specified by Council for that facility.

- 67.6. Once received, officers will provide written acknowledgement of receipt, and undertake an initial assessment against the criteria specified in these Rules to ensure that it complies prior to being presented to the next available Council meeting.

- 67.7. Where the petition does not meet the specified criteria, the following will apply:

- 67.7.1. If the subject matter relates to a current submission process (e.g. through the Act or the Planning and Environment Act 1987), the petition will be considered as a submission/objection to that process;

- 67.7.2. Any other matter it will be considered as general correspondence and not presented to Council;

and the head signatory or other nominated person notified accordingly.

- 67.8. A petition that meets the criteria will be listed for tabling at the next available Council meeting with the following information:

- 67.8.1. The terms of the petition;

- 67.8.2. The number of signatures.

- 67.9. No discussion or debate will be entered into when a petition is being tabled, however, if the petition relates to an operational matter, Council must refer the petition to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration. If this occurs, a further report to Council is not required.

67.10. Follow up of Petition

- 67.10.1. Once tabled, the petition is forwarded to the appropriate Divisional General Manager for action. A report is then presented to a subsequent Council meeting, which will include officers' recommended response for Councils consideration.

- 67.10.2. Officers may contact the head petitioner or other nominated person as appropriate to clarify any of the issues raised in the petition.

- 67.10.3. The head petitioner will be advised in writing of the outcome of the request contained in the petition within a reasonable timeframe.

- 67.10.4. It is the responsibility of the head signatory to advise other signatories of the outcome.

Appendix One: Petition Template

Petition to the Latrobe City Council

Insert subject heading: e.g. Support for New Development

We, the undersigned (insert *residents, property owners, concerned citizens, club members etc.*) wish to inform the Latrobe City Council of (briefly *explain your concern.*)

We ask that the Latrobe City Council (explain the action you would like the Council to take).

[illegible]

URGENT BUSINESS

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil reports

REPORTS FOR NOTING

12. REPORTS FOR NOTING

Item Number 12.1 26 May 2025

Regional City Strategy & Transition

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council:

- 1. endorses that no changes to be made to the current Councillor Briefing meetings until all options have been investigated, learnings from other councils are available, and the model Transparency Policy has been received from Local Government Victoria; and**
- 2. notes that a future report will be presented to Council after the learnings from other councils, and the model Transparency Policy have been received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Transparency Discussion Paper

CONTRACT VARIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2025 - 31 MARCH 2025

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council receive and note the report on contract variations for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Variation Summary
2. Variations Detail

13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil reports

ITEMS FOR TABLING

14. ITEMS FOR TABLING

Item Number 14.1 26 May 2025

Regional City Strategy & Transition

TABLING OF PETITION - UPGRADE OF UNSEALED SECTION OF ROCLA ROAD AND T-INTERSECTION AT DRANES ROAD

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council:

1. in accordance with the Governance Rules, agrees to lay on the table the petition requesting:

 'That Latrobe City Council seal the 350 metre section of gravel on Rocla Road and improve visibility and safety at the T-intersection at Dranes Road;' and
2. advises the head petitioner of this decision in relation to the petition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Petition (Published Separately)

This attachment is designated as confidential under subsection (f) of the definition of confidential information contained in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it relates to personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. The attached petition includes names and addresses of those that have signed it.

**MEETING CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC TO
CONSIDER
CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION**

15. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020* enables Council to close the meeting to the public to consider *confidential information* as defined in that Act.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council pursuant to section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) close the Council Meeting to the public to consider the following items containing confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Act:

15.1 Strategic Land Consideration

This item is confidential as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)). This ground applies because Previous reports relating to this subject were marked confidential..

15.2 Land Acquisition 88-90 Cross's Road, Traralgon

This item is confidential as it contains land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values (section 3(1)(c)). This ground applies because This report contains information regarding the value of a person's property.

15.3 LCC-873 Glengarry Preschool Redevelopment

This item is confidential as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)) and private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—

(i) relates to trade secrets; or

(ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage (section 3(1)(g)). These grounds apply because Releasing this information publicly and/or prematurely may prejudice the undertaking of this process and would release private commercial information of the tenderers that may cause disadvantage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting closed to the public at 7.23 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.44 pm.

I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.

Mayor: _____

Date: _____