



Colac Otway
SHIRE

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 27 January 2021

at 4:00 PM

COPACC

95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac

Next Council Meeting: 24 February 2021



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COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of the *COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL* held at COPACC on
Wednesday 27 January 2021 at 4:00 PM.

MINUTES

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING

OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty God, we seek your
blessing and guidance in our
deliberations on behalf of the
people of the Colac Otway Shire.
Enable this Council's decisions to be
those that contribute to the true
welfare and betterment of our community.*

AMEN

2 PRESENT

Cr Kate Hanson (Mayor)
Cr Graham Costin (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Jamie Bell
Cr Stephen Hart
Cr Joe McCracken
Cr Chris Potter
Cr Margaret White

Peter Brown, Chief Executive
Errol Lawrence, General Manager, Corporate Services
Tony McGann, General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure
Ian Seuren, General Manager, Development & Community Services
Tamara Stewart, Acting Manager, Governance
Lyndal McLean, Governance Coordinator
Alison Martin, Coordinator, Communications
Frank Castles, Project Director, City Deals Project
Chris Baker, Contractor
Madeleine Bisits, Manager, Assets & Project Delivery

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Colac Otway Shire acknowledges the original custodians and law makers of this land, their elders past, present and emerging and welcomes any descendants here today.

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5 QUESTION TIME

A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for question time. To ensure that each member of the gallery has the opportunity to ask questions, it may be necessary to allow a maximum of two questions from each person in the first instance. A member of the gallery must ask a question; if they do not ask a question they will be asked to sit down and the next person will be invited to ask a question. Question time is not a forum for public debate or statements.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE MEETING

James Judd, Colac

1. Will the Colac Otway Shire Council follow-up with Rural Roads Victoria the urgent need of traffic lights at the corner of Murray Street and Armstrong Street in Colac, then continue regularly at least once every year until provided?

This is now a very busy corner and traffic through this intersection is going up very fast together with more large retail developments in the blocks from Grant Street/Hart Street down to Armstrong Street on Murray Street.

Also with much more outside activity encouraged and Armstrong Street north of Murray Street is the major route encouraged for traffic from the west to go to the Botanical Gardens and Lake Colac when both of these have much outside activities in, near or on them.

Response from General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

Council officers have discussed this intersection treatment with staff from Regional Roads Victoria. The accident history of the intersection does not put it into the category where a major project such as traffic lights would be likely to be funded. We will continue to work with Regional

Roads Victoria to try to identify funding opportunities for the project and it is fair to say that Regional Roads Victoria staff are aware of the safety and other benefits this project would bring.

2. **When will the large drag on Council's finances be able to operate at full capacity again, not at very reduced usage rates for at least three-quarters of the 2020 year? When the proposed extra opening hours for the gymnasium were claimed would return much in extra funds while this extra income source has had very restricted usage in 2020?**

Response from General Manager, Development & Community Services

The restrictions imposed on community facilities such as Bluewater Leisure Centre during 2020 as a result of COVID-19 have had a significant impact on usage, and in turn revenue generation. This was off-set somewhat by a reduction in expenditure. Bluewater Leisure Centre is currently operating at full opening hours including operating the 24 hour a day service for members. Key programs such as Swim School and Stadium competitions (eg: basketball) are now recommencing and will result in a significant increase in visitation.

3. **Due to the fact Council's estimated income for 2020-2021 is based on no change in amounts and when future Government payments are made what provision has the Colac Otway Shire Council have if:**
 - a. **Amounts of payments reduced;**
 - b. **Timing of payments delayed;**

This is urgent as the federal and state Governments borrowed much funds in 2020 that must eventually be repaid with interest when due?

Response from General Manager, Corporate Services

All Federal and State Grant amounts in the 2020/21 budget are considered secure at this stage. Neither levels of government have indicated a reduction in funding for 2020/21.

Council is mindful of the potential future impacts on Federal and State funding and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

4. **Is it the intention of the Colac Otway Shire Council to replace garbage bins:**
 - a. **As required to replace any unusable or stolen bins; or,**
 - b. **Replace all at the same time even if many still in a good condition and able to be used?****When most recent change all bins changed over at the same time even if bins in good condition.**

Response from General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

Council is not intending to replace any of the kerbside garbage bins if they are still in good condition. However, lost and stolen bins, along with damaged bins are replaced on a weekly basis when reported to Council.

5. **Will the Colac Otway Shire Council reduce the area it charges rates on properties in the garbage collection area to compensate land holders for having to accommodate Council owned property on rated property unable to be used for landholders own requirements?**

When many in the garbage collection area that were given no option but to accept Council owned bins and accommodate them on properties rates charged on with rates accepted by Council while we are refused rights to use some land rates charged on for our own legitimate purposes.

Response from General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

No, that is not the intention of Council. The housing of bins on a property is considered a landowner responsibility.

Nasser Kotb, Forrest

Considering that the Council is under statutory obligations to engage and involve the community in decision-making, the following questions need answers:

1. **What are the outcomes of the community "consultation" (ended July 2020) with regard to the future of the Forrest Caravan Park lease?**

Response from General Manager, Development & Community Services

Community preferences prevailing from the community consultation on the Forrest Caravan Park lease have been collated and are currently being used to formulate an Expression of Interest (EOI) document. The EOI will be presented to Council before release as per the previous resolution of Council.

2. **What has Council decided (if any) about the Forrest Caravan Park lease?**

Response from General Manager, Development & Community Services

As per the answer to the previous question, Council's plan is unchanged and will be conducting an Expression of Interest process for the Forrest Caravan Park Lease.

3. **What is the time framework and steps for community involvement in drafting the four year Council plan (2021-2025)?**

Response from General Manager, Development & Community Services

In 2021, Colac Otway Shire will develop a long-term vision with their community and a plan to get there.

This is a key strategic process for the Council and the newly elected Councillors. A targeted community engagement program will co-create a Colac Otway Community Vision and inform the ensuing 2021-25 Council Plan (that includes health & wellbeing), 2021-25 Council Budget and longer term, 10-year asset and financial plans.

Commencing early February 2021, a shire-wide community engagement program will be implemented. Further information on how the community will be engaged to shape the Council Plan will be communicated in coming weeks.

Jordana Langridge, Cororooke

1. **What is the role of Council within the deployment program of 4G/5G cell towers in COS and is there a list of all 5G antennas erected since 2020? Can Council please explain the legalities of securing small cell antennas and surveillance camera's to publicly owned utility light poles in Murray Street?**

Response from General Manager, Development & Community Services

The role of Council is to provide planning permits where required for the use of land that have cell tower application proposals. Council also works with telco providers and other levels of government around elimination of 'black spots' within Colac Otway. Council will only approve the use of equipment on its infrastructure that has the relevant state or federal approvals to be used within Australia.

The light poles along the centre strip of Murray Street Colac are owned by Powercor. As such any negotiation of their use for small cell antennas and surveillance cameras will be with Powercor. For Council owned light poles on footpaths and in Memorial Square, an expression of interest to Council can be submitted for their use as is procedure for use of any Council owned property.

The Colac Otway Shire has attempted to get information from Telstra about the 3G/4G and 5G towers within the municipality to assist with the Service and Operations Black Spot communication project. Telstra have not shared the information with Council despite its requests but has provided the following link <https://www.telstra.com.au/coverage-networks/our-coverage>

Tim Cobb, Skenes Creek

I would like to thank the Shire for putting in place a diversion for the coastal path alongside the GOR in Apollo Bay. While DELWP was clearly incapable of acting promptly to ensure safety following its closure of the path its good to see that at least the Shire acts responsibly.

1. Has the Shire discussed with DELWP and/or GORCPA when they will reinstate the beachfront path along the foreshore and have they undertaken to do the work?

Response from General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

Colac Otway Shire has discussed this with DELWP. Their intention is to commence works this Summer. Councillors will receive a further update at a February Council Briefing.

2. Has the Shire been able to get commitment to a date by which the path will reopen?

Response from General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

At this stage DELWP have not provided a date in which the path will reopen.

3. Will the path be reinstated before Summer 2021 or will the 'temporary' roadworks that divert the path alongside the GOR remain in place all year?

Response from General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

The path will remain in place until the works are complete. A further update can be provided after the February Council Briefing.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED VERBALLY AT THE MEETING

Tony Webber, Otway Forum

I'd like to congratulate the Council on producing a Develop Plan for the Apollo Bay Harbour. It first started in 1989 so it's an achievement to get that actually done.

1. A question on that: is it possible to have some sort of tribute to the Gadubanud People who occupied the southern Otways for thousands of years?

Response from Chief Executive

I think there is considerable scope to do this. As part of the City Deal Project there is an allocation in the funding to ensure that Council has a contribution from the local Aboriginal community into that project. It's not so much the local community in a sense that we'll be talking to, it'll be the Eastern Maar Aboriginal land group. We'll be working with them to ensure that the project picks up on this aspect. The intention of the Federal Government is that there are significant outcomes for the Aboriginal community in the City Deal Projects so a part of this will be acknowledging the local Aboriginal community.

2. There is a property – and other properties – on the hills around Apollo Bay, like 140 acres of land covered in weeds and long grass. Now this is a fire risk and the people who live around the area are having to deal with the seeds that come off this weeded property. And there are others. Can the Council do something about this? It's both a fire risk and a weed risk.

Response from General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

Perhaps it might be best if I take that question on notice but work off-line with the Otway Forum to investigate those properties in detail.

Lynton Evans, Colac

1. I've been campaigning for four years to try to do something about entrance signs into this town. I find it very difficult that – I've been in touch with Tony and he's produced these signs that are at least a start, because it does give a chance for a photograph sign to be started in Colac, but informs me that you have no budget for this. I'm concerned that you don't have a budget for anything that advertises this town. I cringe every time I hear Hamilton. I never hear anything about Colac. We need to do something about advertising this city. You may think that you have no population, no unemployment – your unemployment is low, so therefore you don't need to. We need to continue to advertise if we're going to succeed. No business succeeds without advertising. We don't seem to do anything in this town. If, by chance, the Council continues to not have the finances, I have a group of three of us – at this point in time – who are prepared to put enough money into putting the sign up ourselves. Now I'm not interested in the east side of the town but I am interested in the west side which; we will put that sign up if the Council can give us the designs we, in fact, will pay for it if you aren't prepared to pay for it.

Response from the Mayor

I think, Mr Evans, we'll take that as a question of what we're going to do and I'll direct that question to Mr McGann.

Response from General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

It's correct that in the current year's budget there is no allocation set aside for entry signs to Colac. There will be a business case considered by Council for next year's budget for a project like this. As in every year, Council has more business case's to consider than it does funding to allocate. But Council will certainly be considering this project for the coming financial year.

2. **May I just finish – it concerns me that – I've heard this now for three years or four years: "It will go on to be considered by the next Council, the next Council budget". My question therefore becomes will you allow us to put the sign up if you're not prepared to put the sign up?**

Response from Chief Executive

My response to that is I believe Mr McGann should have a meeting with you and talk through that issue. I think any budget proposal that is put to Council, is assisted by leveraging other funds and if there is opportunity to have some external funds towards the signs, then that will improve the chances of the signage getting through into next year's budget.

3. **Just one other small thing: could you put some speakers out here so that we can hear you more clearly, please? Thank you.**

(audience agreement)

Response from the Mayor

Thank you for the feedback.

Alan Billing, Colac

Thank you for the opportunity to put questions. I know I know I'm not allowed to make comment, but I support Mr Evans and if you want to go back through the Colac Herald the issue goes back eight and ten years. I've got photos of when the issue started so, really, Council is facing its four year plan. There's some meat for you to work with.

1. **I understand the Council has permission to study into the parking and traffic issues around this complex, the Colac Area Health and the Station. What's the estimated cost of that study?**

Response from General Manager, Development & Community Services

Thank you for the question Mr Billing. Can I take that question on notice? I can't recall the actual figure. What I can say is that Council is putting in around about \$100,000. Colac Area Health are also contributing a significant amount along with the Department of Transport as well. So the project is looking at this complex, as you mentioned, the railway precinct and the health precinct as well. So it's not just about parking. It's looking at the future of the COPACC facility, the Council offices, the railway area – there's quite a significant amount of land and also the hospital and about their future needs for the next thirty years. So it's a holistic plan, not just about parking.

2. **Thank you for that. Follow-on from that – and I did note Mr McGann's response to Mr Judd's questions regarding that area of concern that I raised at the last Council meeting that Murray Street between Scott Street and Armstrong Street. I noted the response. Very disappointed that Council don't see a role of more aggressive support of the community or advocacy. The issue is there at the moment and whilst on the one hand I note that the area around here probably needs attention but to be fair there are traders down in that section that are struggling to get consumers largely because of the traffic issue. So to see one area – there's a**

movement there, and I know it's only a study at this particular point but nothing appears to be happening down in that area. I invite Councillors to go down there, probably mid-afternoon, and particularly at the end of school. It is chaotic. If you drive through that area now, and since the opening of the service station, just have a look at the rubber on the road. That's an indication that there is some activity there that's going to eventually be a problem. Now if Council are not prepared to initiate some action then if there is an accident – and hopefully not – then it'll be on the heads of Council so you need to be aware of your responsibility.

Response from the Mayor

Do you have a question Mr Billing?

The question is: will Council provide an opportunity for community input when the work is being done, hopefully, in that area?

Response General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

Mr Billing raised the issue of traffic movements around the new convenience store. It might have even been at the last Council meeting –

It was.

– so look I do need to chase up to where that has got to. It is a Vicroads road, obviously, but it is a serious issue that we need to put some thought into.

I appreciate that comment but it really needs action because people are trying to trade there, people are trying to be consumers in that area and it does need support.

Response from the Mayor

As a regular user of the area, and I think many Councillors probably are, I absolutely couldn't agree with you more. So, I think there needs to be further work done and advocacy in that area. So thank you for your question.

Thank you for that but, once again, you're probably about to move into the development of your Council Plan –

Response from the Mayor

Yes, thank you

– that at least would be a measurable outcome.

Yes thank you.

Simon Arundell, Bungador

1. Yesterday you all went out and celebrated Australia Day. You waved your flags and told each other how lucky you are you live in a democracy and you're free. Democracy is easily destroyed and you realise this Council is destroying our democracy. I demand that this Council rescind it's decision that Councillors can't say anything to the press or whatever without permission of the Mayor. This is totally anti-free democracy. We want to hear from our local Councillors so we know what's going through their brains and then we know who to vote for come the next election. Now I'm not asking; I'm demanding that that law be rescinded right now and give us back our freedoms and our rights.

Response from the Mayor

Do you have a question?

Have you got the guts to do that? That's the question. We want our democracy back. I want to hear from these Councillors. Otherwise I've got no idea what they're talking about and neither do the people in the public. Up comes another election and we're voting for people we don't know anything about. It's a basic, fundamental right of democracy. That's why people came from Greece and England and Italy. They wanted something different –

Response from the Mayor

Okay. I just might ask our CEO to respond –

...right...

Response from the Mayor

– just about the code of conduct.

Response from Chief Executive

The Councillors are currently evaluating a new Code of Conduct for Council and they'll be considering that in a formal sense at the next Council Meeting on 24 February. I've taken a note of your concern and I'm sure the Councillors have as well and they'll be considering that in formulating their new Code of Conduct.

They cannot let our democracy down; there's no consideration.

2. The second question I'll put to you is this: at the last Council meeting I put up a simple thing instead of raising rates. It was to bring in an elimination of points of contact policy. I've heard that the Council is going to adopt this a little bit. But like Lynton Evans said "No one knows where Colac is". I went around Australia in '92 and '93. I only met one bloke who could remember Colac. So make this headlines. Get hold of the Colac Herald. We're going to become the COVID-free capital of Australia and set an example to the rest of the country. Eliminate points of contact. There shouldn't be a door at COPACC after you wash your hands. Taps should be lever operated at the least. Doors should have levers, shops should have streamers at the front doors –

Response from the Mayor

Do you have a question?

Well that is the question. Are you prepared to make this a headline. And you might put Colac on the map. COVIC Colac: we have a plan. Because the rest of the country isn't showing any plan. It's simple. It's logic. We've become a dirty country. Eliminate points of contact where possible. Have you got the guts to try to do this? Get some free advertising. It might catch on. You can get on tv in the morning and all sorts of things.

Response from the Mayor

Thank you Mr Arundell. I might ask our CEO to make comment.

Response from Chief Executive

I do recall the comments that you made in about September/October last year and the questions you raised about points of contact. We have taken those comments that you made and some

other considerations and have been looking at our policies around public toilets (in particular) and how we might – particularly in the high use areas – ensure there are, as you say, minimal points of contact. It's not a simple exercise to retrofit the public facilities. It is not cheap and it needs careful thought. We also need to make sure that whatever we do retrofit is vandal proof so we are working through that. We haven't given consideration to a national publicity program around it but certainly it is something that we intend to work quietly away on over the next year to improve those public facilities.

I think it would be a valuable thing so push it. Get some free advertising: COVID free Colac.

Response from the Mayor

Thank you Mr Arundell.

It's simple really – just get rid of half the bureaucracy and you'd have it done in a day.

Response from the Mayor

Thank you Mr Arundell.

Dieter Wessner, Colac

1. **At my end of the street there are several markings on the curb and channelling. I presume it's a replacement of it because the stuff is broken up. Can somebody give me an estimate of time when it will be done please?**

Response from the Mayor

I'll ask Mr McGann, General Manager of Environment and Infrastructure to make comment.

Response General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

I will take that question on notice but certainly the plan would be that that work would be done this financial year.

Those marking have been down for the last six to nine months. I presume it hasn't been done because of the pandemic lock-down until things get better. Thank you very much.

Response from the Mayor

Do you have another question? No.

Are there any other people who would like to ask questions? We have a couple of more minutes left. Mr Arundell you have another question? Just make sure it's a question.

Simon Arundell, Bungador

1. **I'd like to know who's in charge of vermin around this state? I rang up the state government; they're not going to worry about anything they're just going to worry about what comes in. Now there's gum tree plantations are full of ragwort, blackberries higher than the trees – who is responsible? Who do I talk to to get some action? Because as farmers who try to keep their paddocks clean these big companies aren't doing their bit. And in the past when I've appealed to the Council they haven't done their bit so who would I contact in this Council to get something done?**

Response from the Mayor

I'll ask Mr McGann, General Manager of Environment and Infrastructure. I think that's your area: vermin.

Response General Manager, Environment & Infrastructure

I will take this question on notice and provide a detailed response to Mr Arundell in terms of various classes of land: who is the authority responsible for land under that ownership.

Right. It'll be interesting to see.

Response from the Mayor

Thank you very much. That concludes open question time.

6 TABLING OF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

7 PETITIONS / JOINT LETTERS

Nil

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Employee name:	Tony McGann
Item	10.1 - Contract 2102 Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail - Planning and Design Services
Nature of disclosure	General
Type of disclosure	Council staff in the exercise of delegation
Subject matter	Procurement and Contract Management

Employee name:	Peter Brown
Item	10.2 - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 2 - Priority Projects List
Nature of disclosure	General
Type of disclosure	Council staff in the exercise of delegation Council staff in the exercise of preparing reports for meetings
Subject matter	Residential interest

Employee name:	Ian Seuren
Item	10.2 - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 2 - Priority Projects List
Nature of disclosure	General
Type of disclosure	Council staff in the exercise of delegation Council staff in the exercise of preparing reports for meetings
Subject matter	Residential interest

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2020.

RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Joe McCracken, SECONDED Cr Graham Costin

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2020.

CARRIED 7 : 0

Item: 10.1

Contract 2102 Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail - Planning and Design Services

OFFICER	Frank Castles
GENERAL MANAGER	Errol Lawrence
DIVISION	Environment and Infrastructure
ATTACHMENTS	Nil
PURPOSE	Council to consider the officer recommendation to award a contract to the preferred tenderer for CON 2102 Planning and Detailed Design Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail

RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Chris Potter, SECONDED Cr Joe McCracken

That Council:

- 1. Awards Contract 2102 Planning and Detailed Design Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail, to Michael Smith and Associates at the lump sum price referred to in the confidentially distributed document pertaining to this contract.*
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive to sign the contracts following award of Contract 2102.*
- 3. Requests that the Chief Executive ensures the contract price is listed on Council's website once steps listed in Point 2 have been completed.*

CARRIED 7 : 0

Item: 10.2

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 2 - Priority Projects List

OFFICER	Madeleine Bisits
GENERAL MANAGER	Tony McGann
DIVISION	Environment and Infrastructure Services
ATTACHMENTS	1. LRCI - Round 2 - Revised [10.2.1 - 1 page]
PURPOSE	To resolve a list of priority projects to be submitted for funding under the second round of the LRCI Program

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. *Submits the following projects to the Federal Government for inclusion in the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant program:*

<i>Project</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Budget</i>
<i>Bass Crescent, Great Ocean Road, stormwater outlet upgrade</i>	<i>Skenes Creek</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>
<i>Great Ocean Road Footpath, Stage 1</i>	<i>Apollo Bay</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>
<i>Great Ocean Road Footpath, Stage 2</i>	<i>Apollo Bay</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>
<i>Rail Interface Upgrade</i>	<i>Birregurra</i>	<i>\$175,000</i>
<i>Barongarook Creek Shared Path</i>	<i>Colac</i>	<i>\$390,000</i>
<i>Old Beechy Rail Trail upgrade</i>	<i>Gellibrand to Beech Forest</i>	<i>\$58,000</i>
<i>Warrion Hall upgrade</i>	<i>Warrion</i>	<i>\$70,000</i>
<i>Clark Street Footpath</i>	<i>Colac</i>	<i>\$60,000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$1,703,000</i>

2. *Selects as a reserve project, should any of the above not be approved, a new footpath on Ballagh Street, Elliminyt, at a cost of \$105,000.*

REVISED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MOVED Cr Stephen Hart, SECONDED Cr Margaret White

That Council:

- 1. Submits the following projects to the Federal Government for inclusion in the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant program:**

Project	Location	Budget
Bass Crescent, Great Ocean Road, stormwater outlet upgrade	Skenes Creek	\$500,000
Great Ocean Road Footpath, Stage 1	Apollo Bay	\$300,000
Great Ocean Road Footpath, Stage 2	Apollo Bay	\$150,000
Rail Interface Upgrade	Birregurra	\$175,000
Barongarook Creek Shared Path	Colac	\$390,000
Old Beechy Rail Trail upgrade	Gellibrand to Beech Forest	\$58,000
Warrion Hall upgrade	Warrion	\$70,000
Clark Street Footpath	Colac	\$60,000
Total		\$1,703,000

- 2. Should any of the above projects not be approved, Ballagh Street footpath, Elliminyt, in full or part, will be selected as a substitute project, subject to sufficient funding**
- 3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer seek a funding contribution from Regional Roads Victoria to the Bass Crescent, Great Ocean Road, stormwater outlet upgrade project.**

CARRIED 7 : 0

Item: 10.3

Report of Informal Meetings of Councillors

OFFICER	Lyndal McLean
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Peter Brown
DIVISION	Executive
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Induction - 3 December 2020 CB 20201203 [10.3.1 - 2 pages] 2. Councillor Briefing - 9 December 2020 CB 20201209 [10.3.2 - 2 pages] 3. Councillor Induction - 10 December 2020 CB 20201210 [10.3.3 - 2 pages] 4. Council Preparation Meeting 16 December 2020 OCM 20201216 [V43Y] [10.3.4 - 2 pages] 5. Informal Meeting of Councillors Record City Deals Executive Steer [8P6N] [10.3.5 - 1 page]
PURPOSE	To report the Informal Meetings of Councillors

REPORTING

The Informal Meetings of Councillors are reported herewith:

- *Councillor Induction* *3 December 2020*
- *Councillor Briefing* *9 December 2020*
- *Councillor Induction* *10 December 2020*
- *Council Meeting Preparation* *16 December 2020*
- *City Deals Project – Executive Steering Committee* *12 January 2021*

The Colac Otway Shire Governance Rules does not require a Council decision.

The meeting was declared closed at 4:48pm.

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 24 February 2021.



.....MAYOR