



UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 3 May 2023

at 5:00 PM

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COPACC on Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 5:00 PM.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

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 Chris Potter (Mayor)
Cr Max Arnott
Cr Graham Costin
Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan
Cr Kate Hanson
Cr Stephen Hart (by videoconference)
Cr Margaret White

Anne Howard, Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Tenni, General Manager Corporate Services
Heath Chasemore, General Manager Infrastructure and Operations
Ian Seuren, General Manager Community and Economy
Marlo Emmitt, Manager Governance and Communications
Lyndal McLean, Coordinator Council Business

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE 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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This meeting was livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com).

The purpose of this Unscheduled Council meeting is to consider the Preparation of the 2023-24 Draft Budget, Community Care Service Review and the Confidential Item, Authority to Purchase Equipment.

5 QUESTION TIME

Colac Otway Shire Council encourages community input, and integral to this, is the opportunity provided to ask questions at Council meetings.

A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for question time at Unscheduled Council meetings.

Community members wishing to ask questions of Council by videoconference were requested to register their intention before 5:00pm on Monday 1 May 2023. No requests were received.

I have received questions in writing from Kim Barwise, Sharon McNamara, Anna Tibbits, Bernadette White, Karen Mcloghlin, Stephen Roberts, David Walsh and James Judd. These questions will be read out and a response will be provided by the relevant member of the Executive Management Team.

In accordance with sub-rule 56.6.3 of Council's Governance Rules, an individual written response will only be provided to questions that have not been read out today. All written responses will be available in the minutes, on the Colac Otway Shire Website, once confirmed at the following Council meeting.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE MEETING

The following questions relate to the Community Care Review. I will read them out as a block of questions and the General Manager of Corporate Services will provide a response at the end.

Kim Barwise

Community care workers.

1. If a private company can make money from community care workers, what would be a shire's reason to not continue with these services, and make money, which is reinvested into the Shire?

Sharon McNamara

1. If Council's HACC [Home and Community Care] services go private, will it have an adverse effect on the community?

Anna Tibbits

Community Care.

1. We have been told that the Council will be asked if the Shire should proceed with a "Best Value Review". Why is it called 'Best Value?' Why isn't it just called a "Review"? What does "Best Value" mean? "Best Value" for whom?
2. Are the Shire going to do all they can in their power to adhere to any changes that may come out from the royal commission to continue to provide the current levels of care they are currently providing through OPASS? If the Royal Commissions findings are that more adequate care needs to be provided to those at home to prevent them going into age care homes before they need to, isn't it more important than ever to have a trusted vital service such as the Shire provides with their current community care?
3. Shouldn't a local Shire's whole ethos be revolved around 'people before profits'. So why would they be considering privatisation of such a valuable community services such as OPASS? These are the residents that have lived in the community the longest.

Bernadette White

Aged Care Services - Best Value Review.

1. Given that clients have already received a letter with the timeline of which the steps of the review will take place, what specific methods of assessment does the review committee intend to implement during 'client & community engagement' to ensure that the views of the most important people in this situation- the clients- will be heard and considered?
2. Will Council ensure ALL clients have an opportunity to voice opinions and concerns? Keeping in mind that many clients are extremely vulnerable and may not even understand the purpose of review or potential outcomes and direct impact it will have.
3. Will clear explanations be given?
4. Will new clients who require Shire services to stay safe at home, still be accepted during the review process?

Karen Mcloghlin

Aged Care Discussion.

1. Do the changes proposed to home and aged care guarantee improved services?

2. Will Council provide guarantees to all clients?
3. Will costs increase for clients?
4. What is the main factor in wanting to change the aged care system in COS? Is it financial, staffing availability, or is it just too hard?
5. Are staff going to be retained, both in the field and in the office, or will staff be bought in from other regions?
6. How will the most vulnerable be able to remain at home if care levels are reduced or costs blowout? Where can the go to live their remaining years if there are no beds available? Especially if Corangamara are closing beds!
7. Why are the home care staff being referred to by the CEO as Domestics? It shows a very clear disrespect for the staff who are valued and depended upon by their clients, as they provide much more than house cleaning! Hopefully any further consultation process will be PRIOR TO any decision. Privatisation is not always better!

Stephen Roberts

Community Care review.

1. Why is it necessary to spend money on a review into the community care as this is an invaluable service for Shire residents? Is it broken?

Response from General Manager Corporate Services

Council has been a provider of aged and disability services within Colac Otway Shire for over 40 years. This is an important service that has helped keep older people healthy and safe in their own homes.

The Commonwealth Government has introduced a number of reforms over the last few years including a new national aged care system. One of the most significant changes for our services will be the 'Support at Home Program' that will commence on 1 July 2024.

The reforms that will affect every public and private provider of aged care services aim to implement the 2020 Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and aim to improve the standard and quality of aged care. These changes will have financial implications but more over the requirements with compliance and reporting are much more significant. In addition, providers will be expected to be able to provide broader and more coordinated services. Every service provider, including our Council, need to understand these impacts.

Officers are recommending that Council undertake a Best Value Review of aged and disability services to understand the implications of the Commonwealth Government's aged care reforms and evaluate what direction is in the best interests of the Colac Otway Shire community.

The concept of a 'best value' review is outlined in the *Local Government Act 1989* and has been a long-standing practice for Councils to use this review framework for major service reviews. It suggests a broad range of factors to be considered in such a review, rather than it being conducted solely on a financial or economic basis. Factors that may be looked when applying these principles include:

- the need to review services against the best on offer in both the public and private sectors;
- community expectations and values;
- the balance of affordability and accessibility of services to the community;
- opportunities for local employment growth or retention; and
- an assessment of cost and value for money in service delivery.

The decision being sought from Council at this meeting is whether or not to undertake the review. There are no decisions on the future of the service being sought from Council at this meeting because we do not know enough about the impact of the Commonwealth Government reforms.

If Council agree to commence a 'Best Value Review' of its aged and disability services, consultation with the community will be critical. It is important for us to get the views and thoughts of staff, clients and family members, to ensure a fully informed review. A range of opportunities would be provided for people to have their say during the process. Further information would be provided on how people can access those opportunities.

If a 'Best Value Review' commences, staff and services will continue as usual during the review, including the addition of new clients to the program where appropriate.

David Walsh

Upcoming draft budget tabled at this meeting

- 1. What percentage of the total rates income is budgeted, to be paid in wages to all Council staff in the year 2023-24?**
- 2. What percentage of the total rates income is budgeted to be paid to Consultants.**
- 3. What percentage of the total rates income is allocated for stormwater renewal and upgrade.**

Response from General Manager Corporate Services

1. Rates income is general revenue and isn't allocated to specific activities or costs. Therefore, it is more appropriate to look at Council's overall operating income, which is expected to be \$58 million in 2023-24. You find this income in the income statement on page 28 of the document.

The breakdown of employee costs is found in note 4.1.7 on page 54 of the draft budget, the cost of salaries, wages, and employee leave, is \$20.27 million or 34.7 % of total revenue. I have included casual staff in this calculation as you referred to 'all staff'.

2. The percentage of the total revenue budgeted for Consultants for 2023-24 is 1%.

3. The percentage of the total capital program budgeted to be spent on drainage is 3.7%. The total percentage of revenue to be spend on drainage is 0.5%.

James Judd

Budget-Bluewater Fitness Centre.

1. As the fees and charges for the Bluewater Fitness Centre are part of the Colac Otway Shire Council's 2023-24 budget, will people have an opportunity to raise comments on them at a later date when fee are presented to Council for consideration? Or, will any comments have to be lodged with Council by the date for submissions, on the 2023-24 budget when fees have not been released to the public to know what they are?

Response from General Manager Corporate Services

The fees and charges for the Bluewater Leisure Centre are outlined in the document attached to the budget titled 'Proposed Fees and Charges 2023-24'.

If Council endorses the budget for public consultation then the community will be able to make comment on the proposed fees for the Bluewater Leisure Centre as part of the submissions process.

Budget-Community Services.

1. Under, community services up for review, as listed in the proposed budget for 2023-24 listed by the Colac Otway Shire Council, do these actually include community services provided by the Council, i.e. Baby Health Care Centres, Child minding locations managed by Council, school crossing supervisors? Since, no matter how classified, these are all community services.

Response from General Manager Corporate Services

The services covered by the review include those provided to aged and disability services that comprise domestic services, personal care and respite, delivered meals on wheels, social support, transport and home maintenance services.

The review does not include the services in the question, namely Baby Health Care Centres, Child minding locations managed by Council, school-crossing supervisors.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED VERBALLY AT THE MEETING

Alan Billing

There's one in relation to things one in relation to our [inaudible]. When the best value review is undertaken on the HAC program will Council consider whether in fact that service may not be more efficiently provided through Colac Area Health? Will that be part of the review?

Response from General Manager Corporate Services

All sorts of options are going to be explored through the review process. There's been no conclusion as to how services will be best provided at this stage so all options will be reviewed.

To that one question in relation to the budget, will the draft budget be available in hard copy from the office on request and what might the cost be?

Response from General Manager Corporate Services

Yes, we can provide hard copies to people that want a copy through the customer service area. People can come and request a copy and we can make it available. There is a cost, I'm not sure offhand exactly what that is, but that can be enquired.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Chris Potter	Item 7.1 - Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Bluewater Fitness Centre
Nature of Disclosure	Material conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	I am a member of Bluewater Fitness Centre and utilise the facilities.

Cr Kate Hanson	Item 7.1 - Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Bluewater Fitness Centre
Nature of Disclosure	Material conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	I am a member of Bluewater Fitness Centre, therefore have a material conflict of interest.

Cr Max Arnott	Item 7.2 - Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Community Services, OPASS
Nature of Disclosure	Material conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	Family member, Father, in receipt of services and payment of fees as a result.

Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan	Item 7.3 - Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Health Protection Administration
Nature of Disclosure	Material conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	I am the co-owner of a pub and would be directly impacted by any decision on fees.

Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan	Item 7.5 – Community Care Service Review
Nature of Disclosure	General conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	My sister is employed within our Community Care team.

Cr Max Arnott	Item 7.5 – Community Care Service Review
Nature of Disclosure	General conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	Family member, Father, in receipt of services under program as provided by Council.

Ian Seuren	7.1 Community Care Review
Nature of Disclosure	Material Conflict of Interest
Nature of Interest	Family member is employed by Council in the OPASS team.

Item: 7.1

Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Bluewater Fitness Centre

OFFICER	Marlo Emmitt
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Anne Howard
DIVISION	Corporate Services
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

Cr Chris Potter declared a material conflict of interest pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and left the meeting at 5.23pm prior to discussion taking place on this matter and returned at 5.25pm to elect the Acting Chair.

Cr Chris Potter	Item 7.1 - Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Bluewater Fitness Centre
Nature of Disclosure	Material conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	I am a member of Bluewater Fitness Centre and utilise the facilities.

Cr Kate Hanson declared a material conflict of interest pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and left the meeting at 5.23pm prior to discussion taking place on this matter and returned at 5.25pm to elect the Acting Chair.

Cr Kate Hanson	Item 7.1 - Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Bluewater Fitness Centre
Nature of Disclosure	Material conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	I am a member of Bluewater Fitness Centre, therefore have a material conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Stephen Hart, SECONDED Cr Max Arnott

That Council appoint Cr Graham Costin as Acting Chair.

CARRIED 7 : 0

Cr Chris Potter declared a material conflict of interest pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and left the meeting at 5.28pm prior to discussion taking place on this matter.

Cr Kate Hanson declared a material conflict of interest pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and left the meeting at 5.28pm prior to discussion taking place on this matter.

Cr Graham Costin assumed the role of Chair.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the fees and charges for the 'Bluewater Fitness Centre', on page 8 of 29 of the Proposed Fees and Charges 2023-24 document (at Attachment 2 to Agenda item 7.4).

The Officer Recommendation was revised as detailed below.

RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Max Arnott, SECONDED Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan

That Council endorses the fees and charges for the 'Bluewater Leisure Centre', on page 8 of 29 of the Proposed Fees and Charges 2023-24 document (at Attachment 2 to Agenda item 7.4).

CARRIED 4 : 1

DIVISION

For the motion: Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan, Cr Max Arnott, Cr Margaret White, Cr Graham Costin

Against the motion: Cr Stephen Hart

Cr Kate Hanson returned to the meeting at 5.42pm after the vote was taken.

Cr Chris Potter returned to the meeting at 5.42pm after the vote was taken and resumed the role of Chair.

Item: 7.2

Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Community Services, OPASS

OFFICER	Andrew Tenni
GENERAL MANAGER	Andrew Tenni
DIVISION	Corporate Services
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

Cr Max Arnott declared a material conflict of interest pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and left the meeting at 5.45pm prior to discussion taking place on this matter.

Cr Max Arnott	Item 7.2 - Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Community Services, OPASS
Nature of Disclosure	Material conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	Family member, Father, in receipt of services and payment of fees as a result.

RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Kate Hanson, SECONDED Cr Margaret White

That Council endorses the 'Community Services – Older Persons Ability Support Service' on page 13 and 14 of 29 of the Proposed Fees and Charges 2023-24 document (at Attachment 2 to Agenda item 7.4).

CARRIED 6 : 0

Cr Max Arnott returned to the meeting at 5.50pm after the vote was taken.

Item: 7.3

Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Health Protection Administration

OFFICER	Andrew Tenni
GENERAL MANAGER	Andrew Tenni
DIVISION	Corporate Services
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan declared a material conflict of interest pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and left the meeting at 5.52pm prior to discussion taking place on this matter.

Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan	Item 7.3 - Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorsement of Fees and Charges for Health Protection Administration
Nature of Disclosure	Material conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	I am the co-owner of a pub and would be directly impacted by any decision on fees.

RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Max Arnott, SECONDED Cr Margaret White

That Council endorses the 'Public Health – Health Protection Administration (Registration Fees)' on pages 22 and 23 of 29 of the Proposed Fees and Charges 2023-24 document (at Attachment 2 to Agenda item 7.4).

CARRIED 6 : 0

Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan returned to the meeting at 5.56pm after the vote was taken.

Item: 7.4

Preparation of 2023-24 Draft Budget - Endorse for Exhibition

OFFICER	Amanda Barber
GENERAL MANAGER	Andrew Tenni
DIVISION	Corporate Services
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 2023-24 Draft Budget - public exhibition May 2023 [7.4.1 - 72 pages]2. 23-24 Council Fees And Charges with Front Cover [7.4.2 - 30 pages]3. 23-24 Statutory Fees And Charges with Front Cover [7.4.3 - 12 pages]

RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Kate Hanson, **SECONDED** Cr Graham Costin

That Council:

1. *Notes that draft fees for Bluewater Leisure Centre, Community Services – Older Persons Ability Support Service and Health Protection Administration services have been separately approved by Council for exhibition with the Draft Budget 2023-24.*
2. *Endorses the Draft Budget 2023-24 for the financial year, and subsequent 3 financial years, for the purposes of Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020, including the Draft 2023-24 Fees and Charges.*
3. *Gives public notice via Council's website, local newspapers and social media that Council has prepared a Draft Budget for the 2022-24 year and subsequent 3 financial years, including the Draft 2023-24 Fees and Charges.*
4. *Determines that the public consultation period will be no less than four weeks from the initial public notice, to ensure sufficient time to adopt the budget by 30 June 2023.*
5. *Schedules a Submissions Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 14 June 2023, commencing at 4 pm at the Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre, to provide the opportunity for any person wishing to speak to their written submission to be heard, or a nominated representative to speak to their submission on behalf of the person.*

6. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its obligations under sections 94, 95 and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020.*
7. *Considers for adoption the Budget 2023-24, and subsequent 3 financial years, including the 2023-24 Fees and Charges at the Council Meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 4pm at Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre after consideration of any written and verbal submissions received by Council.*

CARRIED 7 : 0

Item: 7.5

Community Care Service Review

OFFICER	Lenny Jenner, Executive Projects Officer
GENERAL MANAGER	Andrew Tenni, General Manager, Corporate Services
DIVISION	Corporate Services
ATTACHMENTS	Summary of Colac Otway Shire's aged and disability services in 2021-22 1. Attachment 1. Summary of Council's Aged and Disability Services in 2021-22 [7.5.1 - 3 pages]

Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan declared a general conflict of interest pursuant to section 127 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and left the meeting at 6.10pm prior to discussion taking place on this matter.

Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan	Item 7.5 – Community Care Service Review
Nature of Disclosure	General conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	My sister is employed within our Community Care team.

Cr Max Arnott declared a general conflict of interest pursuant to section 127 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and left the meeting at 6.10pm prior to discussion taking place on this matter.

Cr Max Arnott	Item 7.5 – Community Care Service Review
Nature of Disclosure	General conflict of interest
Nature of Interest	Family member, Father, in receipt of services under program as provided by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Recognises that it has had a role in providing aged and disability services over a long period;*
- 2. Notes the Commonwealth Government aged care policy reforms and the commencement of the Commonwealth Government's new 'Support at Home' program on 1 July 2024;*
- 3. Acknowledges that the changes to Commonwealth Government funded aged care services will have an impact on Council's aged and disability services;*
- 4. Approves the undertaking of a Best Value Review of its aged and disability services to enable Council to fully understand the impact of the Commonwealth Government policy reforms and determine its future role in managing aged and disability services;*
- 5. Agrees to allocate funds from its existing service review budget to support the project management of the Best Value Review;*
- 6. Allocates \$45,000 in its final Budget 2023-24 as a project allocation to support the appointment of a subject matter expert consultant to undertake the Best Value Review.*

The Officer Recommendation was revised as detailed below.

REVISED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MOVED Cr Margaret White, SECONDED Cr Kate Hanson

That Council:

- 1. Recognises that it has had a role in providing aged and disability services over a long period;*
- 2. Notes the Commonwealth Government aged care policy reforms and the commencement of the Commonwealth Government's new 'Support at Home' program on 1 July 2024;*
- 3. Acknowledges that the changes to Commonwealth Government funded aged care services will have an impact on Council's aged and disability services;*
- 4. Approves the undertaking of a Best Value Review of its aged and disability services, including undertaking a community engagement process to satisfy the principle of understanding community expectations and values, to enable Council to fully understand the impact of the Commonwealth Government policy reforms and determine its future role in managing aged and disability services;*
- 5. Agrees to allocate funds from its existing service review budget to support the project management of the Best Value Review;*
- 6. Allocates \$45,000 in its final Budget 2023-24 as a project allocation to support the appointment of a subject matter expert consultant to undertake the Best Value Review.*

AMENDMENT

MOVED Cr Graham Costin, SECONDED Cr Stephen Hart

To add words to point 6 so that it reads:

Allocates \$45,000 in its final Budget 2023-24 as a project allocation to support the appointment of a subject matter expert consultant to undertake the Best Value Review in accord with the Project Plan endorsed by Council.

CARRIED 4 : 1

DIVISION

For the motion: Cr Graham Costin, Cr Margaret White, Cr Stephen Hart, Cr Chris Potter

Against the motion: Cr Kate Hanson

The Substantive Motion (as outlined below) was put to the vote.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- 1. Recognises that it has had a role in providing aged and disability services over a long period;*
- 2. Notes the Commonwealth Government aged care policy reforms and the commencement of the Commonwealth Government's new 'Support at Home' program on 1 July 2024;*
- 3. Acknowledges that the changes to Commonwealth Government funded aged care services will have an impact on Council's aged and disability services;*
- 4. Approves the undertaking of a Best Value Review of its aged and disability services, including undertaking a community engagement process to satisfy the principle of understanding community expectations and values, to enable Council to fully understand the impact of the Commonwealth Government policy reforms and determine its future role in managing aged and disability services;*
- 5. Agrees to allocate funds from its existing service review budget to support the project management of the Best Value Review;*
- 6. Allocates \$45,000 in its final Budget 2023-24 as a project allocation to support the appointment of a subject matter expert consultant to undertake the Best Value Review in accord with the Project Plan endorsed by Council.*

CARRIED 5 : 0

Cr Max Arnott returned to the meeting at 6.44pm after the vote was taken.

Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan returned to the meeting at 6.44pm after the vote was taken.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Tosh-Jake Finnigan, SECONDED Cr Graham Costin

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the meeting be closed to the public and Council move into Closed Session in order to deal with:

SUBJECT	REASON	SECTION OF ACT
Authority to Purchase Equipment	This matter deals with Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.	Section 3(1)(a)

CARRIED 7 : 0

The meeting adjourned at 6.45pm.

Closed Session commenced at 6.45pm.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 7.03pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.03pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 24 May 2023.



.....MAYOR