



# Minutes

**Ordinary Council Meeting held Thursday 23 November 2023**

**4.30 pm in Council Chambers, Nannup**

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## MINUTES

### 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY:

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Shire President declared the meeting open at 4.32 pm and welcomed the public gallery.

Shire President acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Wardandi and Bibbulmun people, paying respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.

### 2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES:

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#### 2.1 ATTENDANCE

Councillors	Officers
Cr Tony Dean (Shire President)	Kellie Jenkins – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Cr Vicki Hansen (Deputy President)	Damon Lukins – Manager Infrastructure
Cr Cheryle Brown	Sarah Dean – Governance, Risk & Assurance Officer
Cr Chris Buckland	
Cr Patricia Fraser	
Cr Ian Gibb	
Cr Bob Longmore	

Public Gallery
Wayne Leece, Jim Green, Kim Heitman.

#### 2.2 APOLOGIES

David Taylor – Chief Executive Officer

### 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

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Nil.

### 4. MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

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Nil.

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

### 5.1 Shire of Nannup Special Council Meeting – 24 October 2023

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes from the Special Meeting of Council held 24 October 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record (attachment 5.1).

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23179**

MOVED: CR LONGMORE

SECONDED: CR FRASER

That the Minutes from the Special Meeting of Council held 24 October 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record (attachment 5.1).

CARRIED

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

### 5.2 Shire of Nannup Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 October 2023

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 October 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record (attachment 5.2).

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23180**

MOVED: CR BUCKLAND

SECONDED: CR LONGMORE

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 October 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record (attachment 5.2).

CARRIED

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

### 5.3 Sustainability Advisory Committee – 25 October 2023

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes from the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held 25 October 2023 be received (attachment 5.3).

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23181**

MOVED: CR HANSEN

SECONDED: CR BUCKLAND

That the Minutes from the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held 25 October 2023 be received (attachment 5.3).

CARRIED

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

### 5.4 Bush Fire Advisory Committee – 6 November 2023

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes from the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held 6 November 2023 be received (attachment 5.4).

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23182**

MOVED: CR BROWN

SECONDED: CR BUCKLAND

That the Minutes from the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held 6 November 2023 be received (attachment 5.4).

CARRIED

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

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## 5.5 Local Emergency Management Committee – 6 November 2023

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes from the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held 8 November 2023 be received (attachment 5.5).

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23183**

MOVED: CR GIBB

SECONDED: CR BROWN

That the Minutes from the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held 8 November 2023 be received (attachment 5.5).

CARRIED

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PRESIDING MEMBER:**

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Nil.

**7. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:**

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Nil.

The Shire of Nannup Disclosure of Interest Register is on our website [here](#).

**8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:**

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Nil.

**9. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS:**

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Nil.



## 10. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ATTENDING COMMITTEES:

Meeting	Date	Councillor
Nannup Chamber of Commerce & Industry	1 November	Hansen
Bush Fire Advisory Committee	6 November	Brown
Local Emergency Management Committee	8 November	Gibb

## 11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

AGENDA NUMBER & SUBJECT:	11.1 – Delegated Planning Decisions for October 2023
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Various
NAME OF APPLICANT:	Various
FILE REFERENCE:	TPL18
AUTHOR:	Erin Gower – Development Services Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	David Taylor – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	1 November 2023
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCE:	Nil
ATTACHMENT:	11.1.1 – Register of Delegated Development Approvals

### BACKGROUND:

To ensure the efficient and timely processing of planning related applications, Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to conditionally approve Applications for Development Approval that meet the requirements of both Local Planning Scheme No.4 (LPS4) and adopted Council policy.

Delegated planning decisions are reported to Council monthly to ensure that Council has an appropriate level of oversight on the use of this delegation. A Register of Delegated Development Approvals, detailing those decisions made under delegated authority in October 2023 is presented in Attachment 11.1.1.

### COMMENT:

As shown in the attachment, each application has been advertised in accordance with LPS4 and Council's adopted Local Planning Policy *LPP5 Consultation* as detailed in the Policy Implications section of this report.

During October 2023, six (6) development applications were determined under delegated authority. The table below shows the number and value of development applications

determined under both delegated authority and by Council for October 2023 compared to October 2022:

	<b>September 2022</b>	<b>September 2023</b>
<b>Delegated Decisions</b>	6 (\$163,320)	6 (\$1,162,038)
<b>Council Decisions</b>	0	1 (\$600,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 (\$163,320)</b>	<b>7 (\$1,762,138)</b>

100% of all approvals issued in the month of October were completed within the statutory timeframes of either 60 or 90 days.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

*Planning and Development Act 2005, Local Government Act 1995 and LPS4.*

Regulation 19 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* requires that a written record of each delegated decision is kept.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Applications for Development Approval must be assessed against the requirements of LPS4 and Local Planning Policies adopted by Council. These Policies include Local Planning Policy *LPP5 Consultation* which details the level and scope of advertising required for Applications for Development Approval.

Each application processed under delegated authority has been processed and advertised and has been determined to be consistent with the requirements of all adopted Local Planning Policies.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The required planning fees have been paid for all applications for Development Approval processed under delegated authority.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT:**

Simple majority.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives the report on Delegated Development Approvals for October 2023 as per Attachment 11.1.1.

***COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23184***

MOVED: CR BUCKLAND

SECONDED: CR HANSEN

That Council receives the report on Delegated Development Approvals for October 2023 as per Attachment 11.1.1.

CARRIED

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

AGENDA NUMBER & SUBJECT:	11.2 – Payment of Accounts – October 2023
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT:	N/A
FILE REFERENCE:	FNC 8
AUTHOR:	Robin Lorkiewicz – Finance Coordinator
REPORTING OFFICER:	Kellie Jenkins – Manager of Corporate Services & Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	None
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCE:	None
DATE OF REPORT	14 November 2023
ATTACHMENT:	11.2.1 – Payment of Accounts – October 2023

**BACKGROUND:**

To advise Council of payments made for the period 1 October to 31 October 2023.

**COMMENT:**

Payments of \$366,054.85 as detailed in the payment of accounts listing for the period 1 September to 30 September 2023 as per Attachment 11.2.1, have been approved under delegated authority.

**Municipal Account**

Accounts paid by EFT	16306 - 16411	\$261,493.65
Accounts paid by cheque	20612 - 20613	\$1,219.82
Accounts paid by Direct Debit	12714.1 – 12805.18	\$91,780.88
<i>Sub Total Municipal Account</i>		<u>\$354,494.35</u>

**Trust Account**

Accounts paid by EFT	-	\$0.00
<i>Sub Total Trust Account</i>		<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u><b>\$354,494.35</b></u>

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

Regulation 13(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, requires a local government to prepare a list of accounts approved for payment under delegated authority showing the payee's name; the amount of the payment; and sufficient information to identify the transaction, and the date of the payment; this list is to be presented to council at the next ordinary meeting of the Council after the list is prepared.

Regulation 13A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, requires a local government to prepare a list of payments made using the purchasing cards showing the payee's name; the amount of the payment; and sufficient information to identify the transaction and the date of the payment; this list is to be presented to council at the next ordinary meeting of the Council after the list is prepared.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

As indicated in Payment of Accounts.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple majority.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council notes the payment of accounts totalling \$354,494.35 for the period 1 October 2023 to 31 October 2023 as per Attachment 11.2.1.

***COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23185***

MOVED: CR BUCKLAND

SECONDED: CR LONGMORE

That Council notes the payment of accounts totalling \$354,494.35 for the period 1 October 2023 to 31 October 2023 as per Attachment 11.2.1.

CARRIED

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

AGENDA NUMBER & SUBJECT:	11.3 – Financial Activity Statement – October 2023
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT:	N/A
FILE REFERENCE:	FNC 15
AUTHOR:	Robin Lorkiewicz – Finance Coordinator
REPORTING OFFICER:	Kellie Jenkins – Manager Corporate Services/Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	14 November 2023
ATTACHMENTS:	11.3.1 – Financial Activity Statement – October 2023

### **BACKGROUND:**

The financial statements are presented to Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, stipulate that a Local Government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds.

Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that financial reports be prepared and presented in the manner and form prescribed in the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations*.

The requirement is for a Statement of Financial Activity with a report detailing material variances. The Financial Report presented includes this as well as other statements and supplementary information.

As the process of finalising the 2022/23 financial year is still underway at the time of writing this report, the figures shown in the attached statements are subject to change until the 2022/23 Annual Financial Statements are completed and audited.

### **COMMENT:**

The Financial Statements for the period ending 31 October 2023 present the financial performance of the Shire for the 2023/24 financial year and compare year to date expenditure and revenue against the corresponding year-to-date budget.

Attached for consideration is the completed Monthly Financial Report as per Attachment 11.3.1.

The document attached includes a Statement of Financial Activity by Nature or Type, Notes to the financial statements and an explanation of material variances.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

*Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.4.*

*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Regulation 34.*

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple majority.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, receives the Financial Activity Statement for the period ending 31 October 2023 as per Attachment 11.3.1.



**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23186**

MOVED: CR BROWN

SECONDED: CR LONGMORE

That Council, in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, receives the Financial Activity Statement for the period ending 31 October 2023 as per Attachment 11.3.1.

CARRIED

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

AGENDA NUMBER & SUBJECT:	11.4 – Councillor Code of Conduct Review
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Shire of Nannup
NAME OF APPLICANT:	N/A
FILE REFERENCE:	ADM 13
AUTHOR:	David Taylor – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	David Taylor – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	13 November 2023
ATTACHMENT:	11.4.1 - Councillor Code of Conduct

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Code of Conduct for Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates (Code of Conduct) sets out the standards of ethical and professional behaviour expected of Shire of Nannup council members, committee members and election candidates.

### **COMMENT:**

It is good practice for Council to adopt the Code of Conduct for Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates after each local government election process is completed.

The Shire of Nannup did not hold an election in 2023 as the Councillor nominations were declared elected unopposed at the close of nominations, which meant the number of candidate applications that were received matched the number of Elected Member position vacancies. This re-election became official on Saturday 21 October 2023 and these returning councillors were sworn in on Tuesday 24 October 2023.

As part of this process, the Code of Conduct for Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates document has been reviewed.

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

*Local Government Act 1995, Division 9 – Conduct*

*Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021*

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

*Strategic Community Plan*

6.1 Lead, Listen, Advocate, Represent and Provide – a listening leadership that provides and represents all.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Absolute majority.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the Code of Conduct – Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates as per Attachment 11.4.1.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23187**

MOVED: CR HANSEN

SECONDED: CR BROWN

That Council adopt the Code of Conduct – Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates as per Attachment 11.4.1.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

AGENDA NUMBER & SUBJECT:	11.5 – Councillor Training and Professional Development Policy
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT:	N/A
FILE REFERENCE:	ADM 9
AUTHOR:	David Taylor – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	David Taylor – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	14 November 2023
ATTACHMENT:	11.5.1 - ADM 24 - Councillor Training and Professional Development Policy

### **BACKGROUND:**

On 20 October 2019, the legislative changes contained within the *Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2019* (the Amendment Act) came into operation across Western Australia. As a result, councillors are required to undertake training in accordance with sections 5.126, 5.127 and 5.128 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act). This training provides councillors with the skills and knowledge to perform their role as an elected member.

With the introduction of the Amendment Act, Local Governments across Western Australia have received notification from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) to prepare and adopt a “Continuing Professional Development” policy that relates to the training of councillors. The rationale for the introduction of this policy is that it is recognised that councillors:

- have a unique and challenging role;
- oversee multi-million dollar budgets and make difficult decisions that impact the well-being of communities;
- unlike board members, are not selected for the role based on their knowledge and experience, but on their leadership and willingness to contribute to the community;
- once elected, are required to make decisions on matters as diverse as planning applications, budgeting, rates, support for community organisations, long term planning for the district and the recruitment of and employment relationship with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO); and
- are also expected to understand and comply with meeting procedures, conflicts of interest and codes of conduct.

**COMMENT:**

The policy was desktop reviewed in July 2023 with no amendments made. The policy has now been reviewed post the 2023 local government elections with no amendments recommended.

The mandatory training component is a minimum requirement and cannot be changed. The component that Council should consider as part of this review is the amount allocated annually to ongoing professional development of Council being currently an allocation of \$1,500 per Councillor.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

*Local Government Act 1995*  
Section 5.12

*“(1) A local government must prepare and adopt\* a policy in relation to the continuing professional development of council members.*

*\* Absolute majority required.*

*(2) A local government may amend\* the policy.*

*\* Absolute majority required.*

*(3) When preparing the policy or an amendment to the policy, the local government must comply with any prescribed requirements relating to the form or content of a policy under this section.*

*(4) The CEO must publish an up-to-date version of the policy on the local government’s official website.*

*(5) A local government —*

*(a) must review the policy after each ordinary election; and*

*(b) may review the policy at any other time.”*

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

ADM 24 Councillor Training and Professional Development Policy

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

\$1,500 per councillor will be included in the annual budget for ongoing professional development.

In the year of an election, a budget allocation will be made so that successful councillors can complete the mandatory training.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

*Strategic Community Plan 2021 -2036*

Our Shire – We listen to our community, are transparent, and act with integrity.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Absolute majority.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the ADM 24 - Councillor Training and Professional Development Policy as per Attachment 11.5.1.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23188**

MOVED: CR BROWN

SECONDED: CR FRASER

That Council adopt the ADM 24 - Councillor Training and Professional Development Policy as per Attachment 11.5.1.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

AGENDA NUMBER & SUBJECT:	11.6 – Shire of Nannup Recovery Plan Revised
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT:	N/A
FILE REFERENCE:	ADM 29
AUTHOR:	Louise Stokes – Recovery Coordinator
REPORTING OFFICER:	Nathan Manning – Community Emergency Services Manager
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	13 November 2023
ATTACHMENT:	11.6.1 - Shire of Nannup Recovery Plan

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Local Recovery Plan has been prepared in accordance with section 42(4) of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* and forms part of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements for the Shire of Nannup.

The purpose of the Shire of Nannup Recovery Plan is to describe the arrangements for the effective management of recovery at a local level, including accountability and responsibility.

Recovery activities will normally commence in conjunction with emergency response activities and may continue for an extended period of time after emergency response activities have concluded.

The objectives of the Shire of Nannup Recovery Plan are to:

- describe the roles, responsibilities, available resources and procedures for the management of recovery operations following an emergency impacting the Shire of Nannup.
- establish a basis for the coordination between all Hazard Management Agencies, emergency services and supporting agencies which may become involved in the recovery effort; and
- provide a framework and guidelines for recovery operations and processes.
- Ensure self-care of staff, volunteers and community members is acknowledged and supported.

**COMMENT:**

Revision by Shire officers has identified that the Shire of Nannup Recovery Plan did not include a Wellbeing and Self Care Plan. This has now been incorporated into the plan as per Attachment 11.6.1.

The Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) has been a new addition under the Council Responsibilities During Recovery Phase section of the plan.

The Shire of Nannup Recovery Plan was tabled and endorsed by the Local Emergency Management Committee at their November 2023 meeting.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

*Emergency Management Act 2005*

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

*Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2036*

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6.2 – Working together  
6.3 – We are one

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple majority.



**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorse the Shire of Nannup Recovery Plan as per Attachment 11.6.1.

***COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23189***

MOVED: CR BUCKLAND

SECONDED: CR LONGMORE

That Council endorse the Shire of Nannup Recovery Plan as per Attachment 11.6.1.

CARRIED

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

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**12 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:**


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**12.1 – Notice of Motion from Cr Brown**
***COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23190***

MOVED: CR BROWN

SECONDED: CR BUCKLAND

That Council instruct the Chief Executive Officer to inform the Nannup Music Club that the Shire will not allow the road closure of Brockman Street, Nannup for exclusive use of their ticketed festival goers for the 2025 Nannup Music Festival and that the Council would like to see the festival return to an open style festival.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**BACKGROUND:**

Nannup Music Festival has been a long-standing festival in Nannup for many years and has become a well-known and popular annual event for many people. It is a highly respected festival and one that the Nannup Council values and acknowledges.

The Nannup Music Festival is held on the long weekend in March and has become a major festival in WA. It has grown significantly over the years and has attracts high levels of talent.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the world, the Nannup Music Festival was lucky and occurred just before the world went into lockdown. This festival had an open style event that was inclusive for all with every stall and food vendor being located in the non-ticketed areas on Brockman Street and the only ticketed areas were those where the specific artists were performing. This enabled the Nannup community access to the food vendor offerings, inspect the stalls and be involved in the general vibe of the festival.

In 2021, the festival ran under strict COVID-19 rules and restrictions set by the Federal and State Governments. This meant the festival had no choice but to have a completely gated and closed festival in order to control number of ticket holders only. This was out of their control and it was disappointing for the Nannup community as they always look forward to going down to the festival and enjoying the atmosphere. The festival was able to be held in such difficult circumstances imposed on it and the organisers are to be commended for facilitating a festival to happen at all.

In 2022, no festival occurred due to the COVID-19 restrictions, creating difficulties and it being unviable to run the festival that year.

In 2023, the COVID-19 restrictions had been removed and life was back to post- pandemic normal. This festival marked a significant change in the style of the way the festival was run, whereby the festival had a significant closed area which restricted community access to food vendors and the vibe by halving the festival precinct (Brockman Street) via a large closed off ticket only section. This significantly reduced the ability for community involvement and really changed the atmosphere of the festival from the community's perspective. It is appreciated that there were stalls and food vendors outside the ticket only area and there were artists scheduled at establishments around town but the closed off atmosphere rather than a town festival style atmosphere is what this motion is about.

The festival is a not-for-profit entity that the Shire has been a strong supporter of since its beginning via annual grant contributions, self-supporting loans enabling them to purchase two properties in Nannup's Brockman Street Festival Precinct to support the Nannup Music Club. Although the NMC provides significant free content during the festival for non-ticket holders and residents, the recent change of style by restricting access to Brockman Street and the Foreshore parking area has created a sense within the Nannup community that it doesn't have the community at its centre.

At the September 2023 Council meeting a motion similar to this motion was endorsed by Council which would have taken affect as of the 2024 Music Festival. Through consultation with the Nannup Music Club, it was indicated that the short timeframe leading up to the 2024 festival would make this change unachievable, which would likely have led to the cancellation of the 2024 festival. Discussions with the NMC committee indicated they could work with Council for changes to the 2025 festival to allow for changes to the festival format that would more align with Council's direction and the community's wishes.

At the October Council meeting I moved a revocation motion to enable the already planned 2024 festival to proceed in its current planning.

This motion is aimed at addressing the needs of the Nannup community whilst supporting the Nannup Music Club. I hope this motion will enable Council, Nannup Music Club and members of the Nannup community to work together for a successful and an even more community inclusive Nannup Music Festival in 2025.

**OFFICER COMMENT:**

Cr Brown's background provides an accurate timeline and how the Council has reached this position. Since the decision in September 2023 was made, the Council and the Nannup Music Club met on two separate occasions. The purpose of these meetings was for Council to hear the Nannup Music Clubs plea to defer the decision as they had plans and supply contracts in place that could not be altered. If the decision were to remain, the Nannup Music Club stated they would simply not be able to hold a 2024 event. The Nannup Music Festival in their plea stated their commitment to work closely and having meaningful discussions with the Shire in

relation to an open festival design for the 2025 Music Festival. Council were empathetic to this plea and the revocation motion was put forward at the October 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting to remove the previous decision to allow the Nannup Music Club to confirm the 2024 festival.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.50

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Extract from Strategic Community Plan 2021 -2036

Our Community – We role model sustainability, friendliness, and we are proud of and engage with our heritage, festivals and events.

1.1 Who We Are – We will retain our pride in being a small, unique and friendly town that is a vibrant and engaging place to live.

Strategies

- Value, support and enhance inclusive events and festivals that bring our community together and attract visitors to our Shire.
- Support the continued growth and enhancement of our local culture, heritage and arts.
- Support our community to be resilient, independent and self-sufficient.

Our Shire – We listen to our community, are transparent, and act with integrity.

6.1 Listen – We listen to, engage and partner with our community leaders and groups, including the Traditional Owners, the Wardandi and Bibbulmun people..

Strategies

- Listen to our community by conducting community engagement to shape the strategic direction for our Shire, and regarding significant projects and other activities.
- Enable open communications for residents with the Shire staff and Councillors.

6.3 Lead, Listen, Advocate, Represent and Provide – We will communicate the plans and decisions of the Shire with our residents, and seek input and insight from all our diverse groups.

Strategies

- Incorporate and deliver balanced outcomes including social, environmental, and financial, through triple bottom line decision making.

**13. MEETING MAY BE CLOSED:****COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23191**

MOVED: CR BROWN

SECONDED: CR BUCKLAND

That the meeting be closed to the public.

CARRIED

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

The meeting was closed at 4.57 pm.

AGENDA NUMBER & SUBJECT:	13.1 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – Honorary Freeman Award
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT:	N/A
FILE REFERENCE:	ADM 2
AUTHOR:	Nicole Botica – Economic and Community Development Coordinator
REPORTING OFFICER:	David Taylor – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	13 November 2023

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23192*****Council resolution is confidential.*****COUNCIL RESOLUTION 23193**

MOVED: CR BROWN

SECONDED: CR LONGMORE

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 7

Cr Brown, Cr Buckland, Cr Dean, Cr Fraser, Cr Gibb, Cr Hansen, Cr Longmore.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0

The meeting was reopened at 5.03 pm.

**14. CLOSURE OF MEETING:**

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The Shire President declared the meeting closed at 5.04 pm.