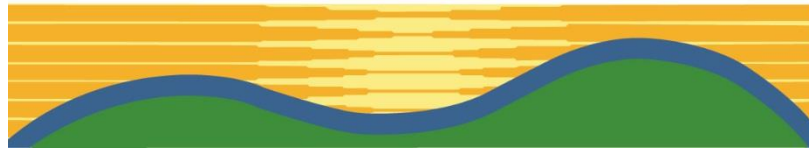


**MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL**



**COMMUNITY QUESTIONS  
AND HEARINGS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 09 MARCH 2021**



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**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND  
HEARINGS COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL SHIRE  
COUNCIL HELD AT MITCHELL CIVIC CENTRE, 113 HIGH  
ST, BROADFORD ON  
9 MARCH 2021**

**THE MEETING OPENED:** 7.01pm

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:**

Cr Annie Goble	Central Ward	
Cr Nathan Clark	Central Ward	
Cr Louise Bannister	Central Ward	
Cr Bill Chisholm	North Ward	
Cr Rhonda Sanderson	North Ward	(Chairperson)
Cr Fiona Stevens	North Ward	
Cr Christine Banks	South Ward	

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mr Brett Luxford	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Laurie Ellis	Director Governance and Corporate Performance
Ms Mary Agostino	Director Advocacy and Community Services
Mr Mike McIntosh	Director Development and Infrastructure
Ms Lidia Harding	Manager Governance and Corporate Accountability

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## **1 WELCOME AND GOVERNANCE DECLARATION**

The Mayor formally opens the meeting with an acknowledgement of country and welcomes all present.

*Mitchell Shire Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, those of the Taungurung and Wurundjeri People. We pay our respects to their rich cultures and to Elders past, present and future.*

The declaration was read by Cr F. Stevens.

## **2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION****MOVED:** CR. B. CHISHOLM**SECONDED:** CR. N. CLARK

**THAT** the apology for this meeting received from Cr R. Eldridge and Cr B. Cornish be accepted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

*In accordance with Section 130(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

Nil.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION****MOVED:** CR. C. BANKS**SECONDED:** CR. F. STEVENS

**THAT** the Minutes of the Community Questions and Hearings Committee held 8 February 2021, as circulated, be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## 5 ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 5.1 CONNECTING SEYMOUR TO THE GREAT VICTORIAN RAIL TRAIL

**Author:** Amy Reynolds - Senior Project Officer - Economic Development

**File No:** EC/10/012

**Attachments:** Nil

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 To report to Council on submissions received during the key stakeholder engagement process for the connecting Seymour to the Great Victorian Rail Trail project.

7.18pm Cr Bannister left the meeting

7.19pm Cr Bannister returned to the meeting

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**MOVED:** CR. A. GOBLE

**SECONDED:** CR. L. BANNISTER

**THAT** Council officers provide a report to Council in relation to the Connecting Seymour to the Great Victoria Rail Trail project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6 SUBMISSIONS**

**7 QUESTION TIME**

**8 COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

Mr John Jennings made a presentation to Council on the Old Goulburn River Bridge.

**9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Community Questions and Hearings Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on 12 April 2021 at the Mitchell Civic Centre, 113 High St, Broadford, commencing at 7.00pm.

**10 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting was declared closed at 8.16pm.

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**Chairperson**  
**Mayor, Cr Rhonda Sanderson**