MINUTES

of

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

pursuant to the provisions of section 91 of the

Local Government Act 1999

held at

KAROONDA EAST MURRAY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

11 RAILWAY TERRACE KAROONDA

on

TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025 AT 7:30PM

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
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1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7:30pm.

2. PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

All mighty God we call upon you to grant your blessings upon this Council. Direct and guide its deliberations to the advancement of your glory and for the true wellbeing of the people of our area. AMEN.

We acknowledge that the land we meet upon today is the traditional lands of the Ngarkat People, who are part of the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual and cultural connection to Country.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 PRESENT

Mayor Caroline Phillips
Cr Simon Martin
Cr Gerry Paay
Cr Greg Turner
Cr Hannah Loller
Cr Russell Norman
Cr Darren Zadow
CEO Scott Reardon
ESO Lexie O'Loughlin

3.2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item No & Title	20.1 Youth Advisory Member Appointment
Elected Member Name	Cr Greg Turner
Nature of Interest	Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* - General Conflict of Interest. A relative of Cr Turner is a current Committee member.
The manner in which the conflict will be dealt with	Cr Turner advised he would stay in the room and participate in the discussion and vote.

Item No & Title	17.6 Karoonda Men's Shed – S41 Committee Dissolution
Elected Member Name	Cr Gerry Paay
Nature of Interest	Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* - General Conflict of Interest. Cr Paay is the elected president of the Karoonda Community Men's Shed Inc.
The manner in which the conflict will be dealt with	Cr Paay advised he would stay in the room and participate in the discussion and vote.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 10 JUNE 2025

Moved Cr Loller

5.1.1 *That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

5.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE HELD 27 JUNE 2025

Moved Cr Norman

5.2.1 *That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee held on 27 June 2025 be received and noted.*

Seconded Cr Loller ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

5.3 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 30 JUNE 2025

Moved Cr Loller

5.3.1 *That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 30 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

6 BUSINESS ADJOURNED

Nil.

7 PETITIONS

Nil.

8 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

11 MAYOR'S DIARY

Moved Cr Norman

11.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Mayor's Diary" and dated 8 July 2025 for the period between 11 June 2025 and 8 July 2025.*

Seconded Cr Paay ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

12 ELECTED MEMBER UPDATES

Cr Zadow

27 June 2025	CEO Performance Review Session
8 July 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Loller

27 June 2025	Special Meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee
27 June 2025	CEO Performance Review Session
30 June 2025	Special Meeting of Council
8 July 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Turner

27 June 2025	CEO Performance Review Session
8 July 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Martin

30 June 2025	Special Meeting of Council
8 July 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Paay

27 June 2025	CEO Performance Review Session
30 June 2025	Special Meeting of Council
8 July 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Norman

30 June 2025	Special Meeting of Council
8 July 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Moved Cr Martin

12.1 *That Council receives and notes the Elected Members' Reports.*

Seconded Cr Norman ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

13 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

13 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

14 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

16 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

17 ITEMS FOR DECISION

17.1 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S DEBT RECOVERY & FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

Moved Cr Loller

17.1.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Review of Council's Debt Recovery & Financial Hardship Policy' and dated 8 July 2025.*

17.1.2 *That Council endorse the Audit & Risk Committee's recommendation of 27 June 2025 to adopt the Debt Recovery & Financial Hardship Policy, appearing as Attachment B to this report.*

17.1.3 *That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated with the authority to make changes to the Debt Recovery & Financial Hardship Policy of a minor formatting and technical nature.*

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

17.2 DRAFT ASSET ACCOUNTING POLICY

Moved Cr Loller

17.2.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Draft Asset Accounting Policy" and dated 8 July 2025.*

17.2.2 *That Council endorse the Audit & Risk Committee's recommendation of 27 June 2025 to adopt the Draft Asset Accounting Policy, appearing as Attachment B to this report.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

17.3 DRAFT MOTOR VEHICLE USE POLICY

Moved Cr Loller

17.3.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Draft Motor Vehicle Use Policy" and dated 30 June 2025.*

17.3.2 *That Council endorse the Audit & Risk Committee's recommendation of 27 June 2025 to adopt the Draft Motor Vehicle Use Policy, appearing as Attachment B to this report, with the following additional amendments:*

- *with the removal of clause 6.1.4.*

17.3.3 *That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated with the authority to make changes to the Motor Vehicle Use Policy of a minor formatting and technical nature.*

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

17.4 REVOCATION OF REDUNDANT POLICY – MOBILE FOOD VENDOR LOCATION RULES POLICY

Moved Cr Turner

17.4.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Revocation of Redundant Policy – Mobile Food Vendor Location Rules Policy" and dated 8 July 2025.*

17.4.2 *That Council resolve to revoke the Mobile Food Vendor Location Rules Policy.*

Seconded Cr Loller ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

17.5 DRAFT FY26 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM

Moved Cr Loller

17.5.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Draft FY26 Audit & Risk Committee Work Program" and dated 8 July 2025.*

17.5.2 *That Council endorse the Audit & Risk Committee's recommendation of 27 June 2025 to adopt the Draft DY26 Audit & Risk Committee Work Program appearing as Attachment A to this report.*

Seconded Cr Norman ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

17.6 KAROONDA MEN'S SHED – S41 COMMITTEE DISSOLUTION

Cr Paay declared **General** Conflict of Interest pursuant to section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in Agenda Item 17.6 'Karoonda Men's Shed – S41 Committee Dissolution' due to Cr Paay being current elected President of the Karoonda Community Men's Shed Inc. Cr Paay advised that he will remain in the room and participate in discussion and the vote.

Moved Cr Turner

17.6.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Karoonda Community Men's Shed – s41 Committee Dissolution" and dated 8 July 2025.*

17.6.2 *That Council resolve to formally dissolve the Karoonda Community Men's Shed as a section 41 Committee of Council effective immediately.*

Seconded Cr Norman ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

17.7 CEO ANNUAL LEAVE REQUEST – 29 SEPTEMBER TO 11 OCTOBER 2025

Moved Cr Turner

17.7.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "CEO Annual Leave Request – 29 September to 11 October 2025" and dated 8 July 2025.*

17.7.2 *That Council approve the Chief Executive Officer's application for annual leave between Monday 29 September and Friday 11 October 2025 (inclusive).*

17.7.3 *That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation that Mr James McInnes, General Manager Assets, Infrastructure & Regulatory Services be appointed to the position of Acting Chief Executive Officer for the duration of the Chief Executive Officer's absence between Monday 29 September and Friday 11 October 2025 (inclusive).*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

18 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

18.1 ASSETS, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATORY SERVICES UPDATE

Moved Cr Loller

18.1.1 *That Council receive and note the monthly report titled "Assets, Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Update" and dated 8 July 2025.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

18.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTION ACTION LIST UPDATE

Moved Cr Turner

18.2.1 *That Council receives and notes the monthly update report titled "Council Resolution Action List Update" and dated 8 July 2025.*

Seconded Cr Norman ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

18.3 CUSTOMER ACTION REQUEST LIST UPDATE

Moved Cr Turner

18.3.1 *That Council receives and notes the monthly update report titled "Council Action Request List Update" and dated 8 July 2025.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

18.4 KAROONDA TOURIST PARK – ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT

Moved Cr Turner

18.4.1 *That Council receives and notes the report titled "Karoonda Tourist Park – Economic Impact Report 24/25" and dated 8 July 2025.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

18.5 KAROONDA AREA SCHOOL CIVICS & CITIZENSHIPS PRESENTATIONS AND MOCK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Moved Cr Norman

18.5.1 *That Council receives and notes the report titled "Karoonda Area School Civics & Citizenships Presentations and Mock Council Meetings" and dated 8 July 2025.*

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

18.6 KAROONDA ROCK SWAP TREE REPORT

Moved Cr Turner

18.6.1 *That Council receives and notes the report titled "Karoonda Rock Swap Tree Report" and dated 8 July 2025.*

Seconded Cr Paay ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

19 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20.1 YOUTH ADVISORY MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Cr Turner declared a **General** Conflict of Interest pursuant to section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in Agenda Item 20.1 'Youth Advisory Member Appointment' on the basis that a relative is a current member of the Youth Advisory Committee. Cr Turner advised that he will remain in the room and participate in discussion and the vote.

Moved Cr Norman

20.1.1 *Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the **Act**) the Council orders that all members of the public except the Chief Executive Officer Scott Reardon and Executive Support Officer Lexie O'Loughlin be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the report titled "Youth Advisory Member*

Appointment" and dated 8 July 2025.

20.1.2 *The Council is satisfied that pursuant to sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Act the information to be received, discussed and considered in relation in this Agenda Item is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of a person (living or dead).*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

Moved Cr Turner

20.1.3 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Youth Advisory Member Appointment" and dated 8 July 2025.*

20.1.4 *That Council appoint Brianna Sideras as a Committee Member to the Youth Advisory Committee commencing 9 July 2025 for a term of 9 months, in line with the remaining term of the existing committee members, and direct Administration to write to the appointee confirming their appointment.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

Moved Cr Zadow

20.1.5 *That having considered the report titled "Youth Advisory Member Appointment" and dated 8 July 2025 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the **Act**), the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act, orders that the report and minutes be retained in confidence until the appointee has been notified, and Attachments A be retained in confidence for a period of 5 years.*

20.1.6 *That pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Act the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to review and revoke this Confidentiality Order.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY***

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8:16pm.

Confirmed: _____ Date: 15/7/25