



**GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2026**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting was held in the Council Chambers,  
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield  
at 7:30 PM**

Present

The Mayor, Councillor Simone Zmood  
Councillor Arabella Daniel  
Councillor Margaret Esakoff  
Councillor Jane Karlake  
Councillor Sam Parasol  
Councillor Luca Ragni  
Councillor Kay Rimbaldo  
Councillor Kimberley Young  
Councillor Li Zhang

Council Officers Present

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey  
Director Customer and Corporate Affairs, Kellie Vise  
Director Sustainability, Assets and Leisure, Niall McDonough  
Director Community Wellbeing, Jane Price  
Director Planning and Place, Rosa Zouzoulas  
Chief Financial Officer, John Vastianos  
Manager Legal, Risk and Governance, Diana Vaynrib  
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere  
Councillor Business Officer, Mary Lennon

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**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

The Mayor read the acknowledgement.

Glen Eira City Council Acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We Acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to land and waterways. Council extends its respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3. REMINDER TO DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillors were reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda, or any item that was considered at this meeting, in accordance with Section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Rule 85 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules. Councillors were then invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were two submissions for Public Participation.

**5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL**

There were 3 Written Public Questions to Council.

<p><b>Glen Eira Historical Society, Anne Kilpatrick Caulfield South</b></p>	<p><b>Question 1:</b> How will Council help the public to understand the new Built Form Overlay for Murrumbeena including its impact on the heritage area HO187 Murrumbeena Village Precinct e.g. by providing insightful scenarios for both contributory and non-contributory buildings as well as transitions to the surrounding residential areas? We note that the Design response states the need to “Respond to any significant heritage elements on adjoining properties” rather than the new design respecting and being sympathetic to the adjoining heritage building overall. How will the heritage values for this heritage retail precinct be sustained by the BFO’s direction for new development of 21m / 6 storeys</p>
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(discretionary) above and behind retained heritage facades with no more than 1 setback (minimum 6m) at the front? While “deemed to comply” does not apply to contributory heritage buildings, what about all non-contributory buildings?

**Answer:**

On 31st March 2026 new Built Form Overlay controls were introduced into the planning scheme to guide and manage the future growth of the Murrumbeena Activity Centre.

Under current planning scheme controls Heritage Overlay 187 provides protection for valued heritage within the Murrumbeena Village Precinct. This control will continue to apply, and any new development proposed for places covered by the overlay will continue to be subject to an assessment against the provisions of the heritage overlay. Each planning application will be assessed on its merits as each application will propose different development outcomes.

The new BFO requires that all applications must provide information about how the proposed design will respond to ‘any significant heritage elements on adjoining properties. Applicants will need to explain how they have satisfied the objectives and decision guidelines of the heritage overlay in order to demonstrate that this particular BFO requirement has been met.

The BFO introduces a new ‘deemed to comply’ assessment approach. However, the BFO2 explicitly states:

If land is in a Heritage Overlay, or is land adjoining a Heritage Overlay, all standards in this overlay and schedule are NOT deemed to comply standards.

This would apply to all land in HO187 regardless of its contributory or non-contributory status.

The BFO2 at Standard BF05 (Front setbacks, street wall and front wall heights, setbacks above the street wall and front wall) specifically provides requirements and direction for development of land in or adjoining a Heritage Overlay. These requirements will ensure heritage values within HO187 are appropriately considered in new development applications and prevail over other requirements in the BFO2. This includes a requirement for new development in a HO to be setback a minimum of 6m above the street wall or front wall. This measure will ensure the heritage streetscape is maintained. The discretionary nature of this control is considered appropriate and is similar to the approach used in Carnegie.

Additionally, the BFO2 Decision Guidelines for where built form proposes to vary a standard includes whether the building respects the height, scale and proportions of adjacent heritage buildings.

	<p>These requirements in the BFO2, in addition to the Heritage Overlay application and Council's heritage policy will ensure heritage values within the Murrumbeena activity centre are appropriately protected.</p> <p>Council officers will be happy to sit down with the Historical Society to discuss this further and clarify any questions in more detail.</p>
<p><b>Glen Eira Historical Society - Anne Kilpatrick Caulfield South</b></p>	<p><b>Question 2:</b></p> <p>We understand that obtaining demolition permits is easier under the new streamlined processes for Stage 1 Activity Centres combined with other recent Planning changes. Is adaptive reuse of existing heritage buildings encouraged in the newly approved Stage 1 Activity Centres of Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Hughesdale or do the settings favour demolition of older buildings?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b></p> <p>Heritage overlays are still in place in the Stage 1 Activity Centres, and requirements for demolition permits still apply to land within the Murrumbeena Village Precinct heritage overlay. There is no change to considerations for demolition under the heritage overlay.</p> <p>In relation to adaptive reuse versus demolition, within the BFO2 decision guidelines, consideration of whether the development allows for the adaptive re-use of existing heritage buildings is required. The new controls do not favour demolition of older buildings.</p>
<p><b>Michelle Dunstone Murrumbeena</b></p>	<p><b>Question 3:</b></p> <p>Re: The Murrumbeena Park Master Plan Implementation Regarding the addition of a new netball/basketball court in Murrumbeena Park to the south the stadium and the relocation of the dog off-leash area to the Bute St car park area. Can the council guarantee that there will be no loss or reduction of dog off-leash amenity? The specific concerns include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Will the new dog off-leash area be the same size or bigger, in terms of m2, than the current area being reallocated to the netball court?</li> <li>2) Will the hours of availability of the new off-leash dog area be the same as the current area?</li> </ol> <p><b>Answer:</b></p> <p>Council understands how important the dog off-leash area is to local residents and park users.</p>

	<p>The Master Plan is currently at the concept design stage, which means there is still opportunity to refine the design as it progresses.</p> <p>Council's intention is that the relocation of the dog off-leash area will maintain the quality and usability of the existing area.</p> <p>In response to your specific questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The existing and proposed dog off-leash areas are intended to be of a similar overall size. Exact dimensions will be confirmed during detailed design.</li><li>• The hours of access for the relocated area are proposed to remain the same as the current hours, with no changes planned.</li><li>• The new location is intended to remain available for everyday community use, and sporting activities nearby are not expected to reduce access.</li><li>• The inclusion of a dog-friendly water fountain and supporting amenities is being considered as part of the next stage of design, with community feedback helping to guide these decisions.</li></ul> <p>Overall, Council does not anticipate a loss of dog off-leash amenity as a result of the Master Plan and is working to balance the needs of dog owners with other park users.</p>
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## 6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS

**Moved: Cr Rimbaldo**

**Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 7 April 2026 be confirmed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

### 7.1 PETITION: SATURDAY PARKING TIME LIMITS NEAR BEIT HAMASHIACH CONGREGATION (206 BAMBRA ROAD, CAULFIELD SOUTH)

**Moved: Cr Parasol**

**Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That Council:

1. receives and notes the petition; and
2. refers this petition to the relevant Council officers for investigation including a detailed response the submitter.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS**

Cr Zhang – Municipal Association of Victoria, Board Meeting.

**9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY****9.1 Advisory Committees**

Nil

**9.2 Records of Assembly****9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY**

**Moved: Cr Daniel**

**Seconded: Cr Young**

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 24 March 2026 Assembly and includes a point under General Business with the wording “Cr Daniel – Councillor participation in submissions discussion”.
2. 31 March 2026 Assembly; and
3. 7 April 2026 Pre-meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)**

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**10.1 PROPOSED BUDGET AND COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN 2026–2027**

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**Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council, in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

1. Approves the advertising of the draft Budget 2026–2027 and Council Plan Action Plan 2026–2027 for community feedback by placing the documents on Council’s website; and
2. Receives a further report at the Council meeting scheduled for 30 June 2026 to consider adoption of the Budget 2026–2027 and Council Plan Action Plan 2026–2027, together with the Community Engagement Report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.2 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2026**

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**Moved: Cr Karlake****Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 March 2026.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Young**

That Cr Karlake be granted a one minute extension of speaking time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.3 GLEN EIRA SUBMISSION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY ON WASTE TO ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN VICTORIA.**

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**Moved: Cr Daniel****Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council notes and endorses the Glen Eira City Council submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the development and expansion of waste-to-energy infrastructure in Victoria (Attachment 1).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Cr Daniel be granted a two minute extension of speaking time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.4 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2026/2027**

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**Moved: Cr Parasol****Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council adopts a monthly Ordinary Council Meeting cycle for the 2026/2027 financial year and reviews the monthly meeting cycle within 12 months.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.5 KINDERGARTEN CENTRAL REGISTRATION SCHEME POLICY UPDATE**

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**Moved: Cr Young****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council adopts the proposed Kindergarten Central Registration Scheme Policy as amended and notes that Officers will continue to closely monitor the impacts of the policy and the factors that affect the allocation of places in the City of Glen Eira.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.6 STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS (COUNCILLOR CANDIDATURE) POLICY**

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**Moved: Cr Daniel****Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council adopts the updated State and Federal Elections (Councillor Candidature) Policy as amended (**Attachment 1**)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.7 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ON THE DRAFT UPDATED LEASING AND LICENSING POLICY**

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**Moved: Cr Zhang****Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council:

1. Authorises officers to commence stakeholder engagement on the draft updated Leasing and Licensing Policy (Attachment 2); and
2. Notes that following consideration of the stakeholder engagement, a final draft Leasing and Licensing Policy will be prepared for adoption at a future Ordinary Council Meeting

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.8 COUNCIL DELEGATIONS**

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**Moved: Cr Ragni****Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council resolves that:

1. the instrument of delegation to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (**CEO delegations**) in Attachment 1 to this report is approved;
2. in exercise of the power conferred by section 11(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic), there be delegated to the person holding the position or acting in or performing the duties of CEO, the powers, duties and functions set out in the CEO delegations, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that instrument;
3. the amendments to the instrument of delegation to staff under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (Vic) (**planning delegations**) in Attachment 2 to this report are approved;
4. the amendments to the instrument of delegation to staff under various legislation (**various delegations**) in Attachment 3 to this report are approved;
5. in exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the planning delegations and various delegations, there be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the planning delegations and various delegations, the powers, duties and functions set out in those Instruments of Delegation, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in those Instruments;
6. the CEO delegations, planning delegations, and the various delegations come into force immediately upon this resolution being made.
7. clean versions of the instruments of delegation be published on Council's website; and
8. on the coming into force of the CEO Delegations, planning delegations, and the various delegations, the following Instruments of Delegation are revoked:
  - Instrument of Delegation to CEO approved by Council on 16 December 2025;
  - Instrument of Delegation to Council Officers under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* approved by Council on 16 December 2025; and
  - Instrument of Delegation to Council Officers under various legislation approved by Council on 16 December 2025

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**12. ORDINARY BUSINESS****12.1 Requests for reports from a member of Council staff**

Nil

**12.2 Right of reply**

Nil

**12.3 Notice of Motion / Notice of Rescission**

Nil

**12.4 Councillor questions****Cr Young:**

- 1) How do Glen Eira's vaccination rates compare to statewide data?
- 2) What actions does Glen Eira City Council currently take to promote the availability of our immunisation and vaccination service?
- 3) What further activities does GECC plan to take in the future:
  - a) To promote the availability and benefits to the broader community of recommended immunisation services for children and high-risk adult cohorts; and
  - b) To encourage increased childhood vaccination rates in Glen Eira
- 4) What further advocacy can GECC do on this important issue to other levels of government?

*Director, Community Wellbeing has responded during the Council meeting (recording available on Council's website following the meeting)*

**13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**14. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Confirmed this 17 May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

**Chairperson**.....