



# **MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 27 July 2021**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

<b>MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 27 JULY 2021 AT 11:59AM</b>
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**OPEN FORUM****Public Presentations:***Nil**The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:59AM***PRESENT**

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)  
 Clr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)  
 Clr Jane Keir  
 Clr Bill Murray  
 Clr Robert Turnbull  
 Clr Michael Taylor  
 Clr Kelly Smith  
 Michael Urquhart (General Manager)  
 Tony Hughes (Acting Chief Financial Officer)  
 Kobus Nieuwoudt (Director Environmental Services)  
 Bob Stephen (Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**Note: Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull attended the meeting via zoom****Leave of Absence:**

Clr Lawrence Walford

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Report title/ Subject matter</b>	<b>Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Clr Keir	10.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report	Pecuniary	Family business interest

**7/2021/1 Leave of Absence****Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Clr Walford is accepted and leave of absence granted.

**Moved: Clr Murray****Seconded: Clr Smith****CARRIED**

**7/2021/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 29 June 2021****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 29 June 2021, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved:** Cllr Taylor

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

**7/2021/3 Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

That the Mayor report for June/July 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**CARRIED**

**7/2021/4 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at July 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Murray

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**7/2021/5 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 21-13 - 21-19 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Taylor

**Seconded:** Cllr Smith

**CARRIED**

**7/2021/6 Important Dates For Councillors - Upcoming Meetings & Events****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir

**Seconded:** Cllr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**7/2021/7 Fourth Quarter Operational Plan & Yearly Delivery Program 20/21****Resolved:**

Council accept the progress made on the 2020/21 Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Moved:** Cllr Murray  
**Seconded:** Cllr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

**7/2021/8 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report****Resolved:**

The 30 June 2021 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Smith  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir  
**CARRIED**

**7/2021/9 Cash and Investment Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021****Resolved:**

That the Investment report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Murray  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**7/2021/10 Rates & Charges Written Off During the Year 2020-2021****Recommendation:**

That Council writes-off \$200,508.43 as per the Abandonments Register as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Moved:** Cllr Smith  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir  
**CARRIED**

*Cllr Keir left the meeting room at 12:08pm.*

**7/2021/11 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for June 2021.

**Moved:** Cllr Smith  
**Seconded:** Cllr Murray  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 12:09pm.*

#### **7/2021/12 Monthly Progress Report June 2021**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for June 2021.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2021/13 Flood Restoration Works - Update**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the flood restoration works report for June 2021.

**Moved:** Clr Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2021/14 Development Approvals June 2021**

**Resolved:**

That Council note the information contained within this report.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2021/15 Application for Consent to Carry Out Development – Proposed Extension to Current Walgett Newsagent Located At Lot A (#81) Fox Street, Walgett**

**Resolved:**

That Council, with respect to Development Application 2021/28, grants consent to carry out development at Lot A on DP 373261 (81 Fox Street) in Walgett in accordance with the plans that formed the subject of Attachment 1 to the report, and as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment Report that formed the subject of Attachment 2 to the report.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2021/16 Move into Closed Session**

**Time: 12:33pm**

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2) (a) (c) & (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:  
 (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)

- (c) That information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business (or proposed to conduct business)
- (d) That the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**Moved:** Clr Taylor  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2021/17 Service NSW for Business – Agreement**

**Resolved:**

1. That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Council delegates authority to the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Service NSW; and
2. Any necessary documents be authorised for execution under the Common Seal of Council.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Clr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2021/18 Lease to Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW – Southern Division**

**Resolved:**

1. That the Acting Chief Financial Officers report be received.
2. That Council lease the office space to the Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Southern Division for a one (1) year period with a rental of \$7,650 per annum plus GST.
3. The Council Seal be affixed to the lease agreement and the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the lease agreement.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2021/19 Lease to Bureau of Meteorology at Walgett Airport**

**Resolved:**

1. That the Acting Chief Financial Officers report be received.
2. That Council leases the area of 256m<sup>2</sup> of land within Lot 11 DP851116 to the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology
3. The Council Seal be affixed to the lease agreement and the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the lease agreement.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

7/2021/20 Return to open session	Time: 12:25pm
<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council return to open session.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b>        <b>Clr Martinez</b> <b>Seconded:</b>   <b>Clr Taylor</b> <b>CARRIED</b></p>	

7/2021/21 Adoption of closed session reports
<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b>        <b>Clr Keir</b> <b>Seconded:</b>   <b>Clr Martinez</b> <b>CARRIED</b></p>

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 12:26pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

  
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Mayor

  
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General Manager