



**MINUTES FOR THE
ORDINARY COUNCIL
MEETING**

Tuesday 26th April 2022

Michael Urquhart
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 26th APRIL 2022 AT 12:10PM

OPEN FORUM**Public Presentations:***Nil**The Mayor declared the meeting open at 12:10pm***PRESENT**

Jane Keir (Mayor)
 Greg Rummery (Deputy Mayor)
 Cllr Alf Seaton
 Cllr Colin Hundy
 Cllr Daniel Walford
 Cllr Ian Woodcock
 Cllr Jasen Ramien
 Cllr Michael Cooke
 Michael Urquhart (General Manager)
 Tony Hughes (Chief Financial Officer)
 Bob Stephen (Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services)
 Kimley Talbert (Acting Director Environmental Services)
 Belinda Petersons (Minute Secretary)

Leave of Absence:

Cllr Sue Currey

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor	Item No.	Report title/ Subject matter	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Mayor Keir	10.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – as at 31 March 2022	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Cllr Ramien	10.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – as at 31 March 2022	Pecuniary	Family Business interest

5/2022/1 Leave of Absence**Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Cllr Sue Currey is accepted and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Cllr Walford**Seconded: Cllr Cooke****CARRIED**

5/2022/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 29 March 2022**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 29 March 2022, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

Moved: Cllr Rummery
Seconded: Cllr Hundy
CARRIED

5/2022/3 Monthly Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That the Mayoral report for April 2022 be received and noted.

Moved: Mayor Keir
Seconded: Cllr Cooke
CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Letter from Country Mayors Association of NSW

The General Manager read out the 10 largest single issues in order of importance, as agreed by Council, in order to respond to the letter received from Country Mayors Association of NSW dated 4 April 2022.

1. Access to Health Services
2. Water Security
3. Road Funding
4. Skills and Education
5. Housing
6. Telecommunications and Blackspots
7. Cost Shifting
8. Disaster Preparedness and Fair Funding
9. Financial Assistance Grants
10. Inability of Small Councils to Make Co-contributions for Projects and Grant Applications

5/2022/4 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at March 2022 be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock
Seconded: Cllr Rummery
CARRIED

5/2022/5 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Department circulars 22-06 through to 22-011 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

5/2022/6 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meetings & Events**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Ramien
Seconded: Clr Rummery
CARRIED

5/2022/7 Lightning Ridge Mega Park – Everyone Can Play**Resolved:**

(a) That Council looks to find a new site for the Lightning Ridge Mega Park.

(b) That the General Manager investigates further sites, to purchase outright, for the Lightning Ridge Mega Park – Everyone Can Play;

- (i) in Pandora Street,
- (ii) behind the service station in Harlequin Street or
- (iii) a free-hold block.

(c) That the General Manager comes back to the May 2022 Ordinary Meeting with a new proposal and recommendation.

Moved: Clr Cooke
Seconded: Clr Seaton
CARRIED

5/2022/8 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31 March 2022**Resolved:**

The 31 March 2022 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Ramien
Seconded: Clr Woodcock
CARRIED

5/2022/9 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 March 2022**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 31 March 2022 be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Rummery

CARRIED

5/2022/10 Special Rates Variation Report**Recommendation**

That Council resolve to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a permanent Additional Special Rate Variation of 1.3% (representing income of approximately \$77,000 per year) under section 508 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 (in addition to the approved rate pegging increase of 0.7%) for the 2022/23 financial year. This increase is in order to fund the operational and capital works as contained within Council's current adopted Long Term (10 Year) Financial Plan 2021/2022 to 2030/2031 with the impact on ratepayers and the community being considered reasonable.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Walford

CARRIED

*The following Councillors wanted their votes against the motion recorded
Cllr Cooke, Cllr Hundy and Cllr Ramien*

At 12:43pm Mayor Keir and Councillor Ramien declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Council Chamber. Deputy Mayor Rummery then presided over the meeting.

5/2022/11 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – March 2022**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for March 2022.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Seaton

CARRIED

Mayor Keir and Councillor Ramien returned to the Council Chamber at 12:45pm and Mayor Keir resumed the chair.

5/2022/12 Monthly Progress Report – As at 31 March 2022

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for March 2022.

Moved: Cllr Ramien
Seconded: Cllr Rummery
CARRIED

5/2022/13 Flood Restoration Works – Update as at 31 March 2022

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the flood restoration works report as at 31 March 2022.

Moved: Cllr Ramien
Seconded: Cllr Hundy
CARRIED

5/2022/14 Development Approvals February and March 2022

Resolved:


That Council note the information contained within this report.

Moved: Cllr Cooke
Seconded: Cllr Woodcock
CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 12.55pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.



Mayor



General Manager