



**MINUTES FOR THE
ORDINARY COUNCIL
MEETING**

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Michael Urquhart
GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE
WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2022 AT 11:00AM**

OPEN FORUM**Public Presentations:**

Nil

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:20AM

PRESENT

Mayor Jane Keir

Deputy Mayor Greg Rummery

Clr Alf Seaton

Clr Colin Hundy

Clr Daniel Walford

Clr Ian Woodcock

Clr Jasen Ramien

Clr Michael Cooke

Clr Sue Currey

Michael Urquhart (General Manager)

Tony Hughes (Chief Financial Officer)

Kobus Nieuwoudt (Director Environmental Services)

Bob Stephen (Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services)

Belinda Petersons (Minute Secretary)

Note:

Councillor Ramien attended the meeting via telephone conferencing.

Leave of Absence:

Nil

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 January 2022	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Ramien	10.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – as at 31 January 2022	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Ramien	12.2.1	Request for Tenders RFT 21/014 – Fixing Local Roads Program – Lorne Road Reconstruction and Sealing of 5.79 KMs	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Ramien	12.2.2	Request for Tenders RFT 21/014 – Fixing Local Roads Program – Burranbaa Road Reconstruction and Sealing of 10.6 KMs	Pecuniary	Family Business interest

3/2022/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 30 November 2021**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 30 November 2021, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

3/2022/2 Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting – 6 January 2022**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held 6 January 2022, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

Moved: Clr Currey
Seconded: Clr Rummery
CARRIED

3/2022/3 Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting – 8 February 2022**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held 8 February 2022, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

Moved: Clr Cooke
Seconded: Clr Rummery
CARRIED

3/2022/4 Monthly Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That the Mayoral report for January and February 2022 be received and noted.

Moved: Mayor Keir
Seconded: Clr Currey
CARRIED

3/2022/5 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Rummery

CARRIED

3/2022/6 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Department circular 21-36 through to 21-42 and 22-01 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Seaton

CARRIED

The General Manager informed the meeting that there were some errors with some of the dates recorded and an amended schedule of dates would be forwarded to the Councillors after the meeting. The amended schedule will also show dates for the upcoming Shire Roads Bus Trip and Community Consultation Meetings.

3/2022/7 Important Dates For Councillors – Upcoming Meetings & Events**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Rummery

Seconded: Clr Currey

CARRIED

3/2022/8 Second Quarter Operational Plan & Half Yearly Delivery Program 2021/2022**Resolved:**

Council accept the progress made on the 2021/2022 Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 31st December 2021.

Moved: Clr Seaton

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

3/2022/9 Local Road & Community Infrastructure Grant (LRCI)**Resolved:**

That:

1. Council enter into the grant funding agreement with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Communication, and the General Manager be authorised to sign the funding agreement.

2. Council allocate the funding to the following projects:

- (1) Rowena Hall Refurbishment - \$60,000
- (2) Collarenebri Hall refurbishment - \$250,000
- (3) Opal Street Footpath - \$210,000
- (4) Carinda Sportsground - \$40,000
- (5) Walgett Splash Park - \$1,000,000
- (6) Miners Road Grawin - \$180,000
- (7) Gravel Re-sheeting & Sheetting Unsealed Roads - \$731,230

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Rummery

CARRIED

Cllr Woodcock would like it noted that he would like Council to look for funding to replace the Walgett Pool due to its age and current state of disrepair.

3/2022/10 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 30 November 2021**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Cllr Seaton

Seconded: Cllr Currey

CARRIED

3/2022/11 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31 December 2021**Resolved:**

The 31 December 2021 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Rummery

Seconded: Cllr Walford

CARRIED

3/2022/12 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31 January 2022**Resolved**

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

Moved: Cllr Rummery

Seconded: Cllr Hundy

CARRIED

3/2022/13 Cash and Investment Report as at 30th November 2021.**Resolved:**

That the Investment report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Seaton

CARRIED

3/2022/14 Cash and Investment Report as at 31st December 2021**Resolved:**

That the Investment report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Rummery

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

3/2022/15 Cash and Investment Report as at 31st January 2022**Resolved:**

That the Investment report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Currey

Seconded: Clr Hundy

CARRIED

3/2022/16 Quarterly budget review statement 2021/2022**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31 December 2021 as tabled.

Moved: Clr Hundy

Seconded: Clr Seaton

CARRIED

*At 142:01pm Mayor Keir and Clr Ramien declared a pecuniary interest. Mayor Keir left the Chamber and Clr Ramien was put on hold at 12:01pm.
Deputy Mayor Rummery then presided over the meeting.*

3/2022/17 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – January 2022**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Seaton

CARRIED

Mayor Keir returned to the Chamber and the telephone call with Cllr Ramien was resumed at 12:03pm.

Mayor Keir resumed the chair.

3/2022/18 Monthly Progress Report 31st January 2022

Resolved:

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

Moved: Cllr Currey
Seconded: Cllr Rummery
CARRIED

3/2022/19 Flood Restoration Works – Update as at 31 January 2022

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the flood restoration works report for January 2022.

Moved: Cllr Seaton
Seconded: Cllr Walford
CARRIED

3/2022/20 Development Approvals December 2021 and January 2022

Resolved:

That Council note the information contained within this report.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock
Seconded: Cllr Cooke
CARRIED

3/2022/21 Move into Closed Session

Time: 12:10pm

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A 92) (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: Cllr Woodcock
Seconded: Cllr Rummery
CARRIED

3/2022/22 Sale of Properties**Resolved:**

- a) The General Managers report be received.
- b) That Council agree to sell both Lot 156 and Lot 157 DP 882747 Duff Street Walgett to Michael Hughes Transport for \$85,000 (GST exclusive).
- c) A condition of sale being, the blocks are land locked and Council is not obligated to provide access via Duff Street, with connection to water/septic services, power, and Council's half share of fencing, and removal of soiled fill, and relocation of the septic main to allow development be at the expense of Michael Hughes Transport.
- d) The General Manager and Mayor be authorised to execute the sale of documents and the Council's Seal be affixed accordingly.

Moved: Cllr Cooke
Seconded: Cllr Rummery
CARRIED

Cllr Ramien declared a pecuniary interest and the telephone call was put on hold at 12:13pm.

3/2022/23 Request For Tenders RFT 21/014 – Fixing Local Roads Program – Lorne Road Reconstruction and Sealing of 5.79 KMs**Resolved:**

- 1. That council receive and note the report.
- 2. Council accept McMahon Services Australia Pty Ltd's tender for the reconstruction and sealing of 5.79kms Lorne Road Lightning Ridge Project.
- 3. That the General Manager be authorised to sign the contract.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock
Seconded: Cllr Rummery
CARRIED
 All in favour

3/2022/24 Request For Tenders RFT 21/014 – Fixing Local Roads Program – Burranbaa Road Reconstruction and Sealing of 10.6 KMs**Resolved:**

- 1. That pursuant to Clause 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the Council decline to accept any of the tenders submitted for the Reconstruction and Sealing of 10.6kms of the Burranbaa Road between Collarenebri and Lightning,
- 2. That the Council in accordance with Clause 178(3)(e) of that Regulation enter into negotiations with the two tenderers of Batterline Earthmoving Pty Ltd and McMahon Services Australia Pty Ltd, with a view to entering into a contract for the Reconstruction and Sealing of Burranbaa Road, and
- 3. That the General Manager be delegated authority to undertake the negotiations as per recommendation (2) and where best value for money cannot be leveraged, Council enter into direct negotiations with other qualified groups in the industry.

4. That Council not call fresh tenders as this project has been publicly tendered without achieving a successful outcome, and Council considers that it is more advantageous to negotiate as per the recommendation (2) above.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

The following Councillors wanted their votes against the motion recorded
3 votes against: Clr Hundy, Clr Cooke and Clr Seaton

The telephone call with Clr Ramien was resumed at 12:38pm.

The General Manager received a text message from Tom Lukas, of Lukas Building and Excavation, regarding the Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring, informing him that he would not be able to complete the project until well beyond the required 2022 completion date and therefore would not be forwarding a quote.

Due to this an emergency item was put forward to Council for the Tender for Construction Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring.

3/2022/25 Tender for Construction Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring

Resolved:

1. That the General Manager be delegated authority to undertake negotiations with other firms for the construction of the Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring.

2. That due to the time constraints surrounding the funding and construction, further correspondence is made with the Councillors via email to obtain Council consent without the need to call for an Extraordinary Meeting.

Moved: Clr Ramien

Seconded: Clr Seaton

CARRIED

All in favour

3/2022/26 Return to open session

Time: 12:40pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Cooke

Seconded: Clr Currey

CARRIED

3/2022/27 Adoption of closed session reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Rummery

CARRIED

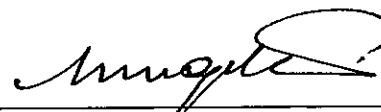
Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 12:50pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.



Mayor



General Manager