



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

13 February 2018

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
THE WALGETT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 10:10AM**

PRESENT

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)
 Clr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)
 Clr Bill Murray
 Clr Kelly Smith
 Clr Michael Taylor
 Clr Robert Turnbull
 Clr Lawrence Walford
 Clr Jane Keir
 Clr Tanya Cameron
 Don Ramsland (General Manager)
 Michael Urquhart (Chief Financial Officer)
 Jessica McDonald (Director Environmental Services)
 Sylvester Otieno (Director Engineering/Technical Services)
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

Leave of Absence**2/2018/1 Leave of absence until arrival****Resolved:**

That leave of absence received from Clr Keir be accepted and leave of absence be granted until their arrival.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clr Keir entered the meeting room at 10:15am

Public Forum Presentations

NSW Police - Superintendent Gary Moore and Inspector David Checkley discussed a range of policing matters.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Staff/ Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/ Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Don Ramsland	14.3.2	Non-Pecuniary	Family member connection
Clr B Murray	11.1.7 &11.1.8	Non-Pecuniary	Committee membership – family relationship
Clr J Keir	11.4.2 &11.4.3	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr M Martinez	11.4.2	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr R Turnbull	11.4.2	Pecuniary	Relationship to Clr Martinez
Clr L Walford	11.3.3	Non-Pecuniary	Family relationship

2/2018/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 19 December 2017**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 19 December 2017, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting and endorse the final amendments.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

2/2018/3 Local Area Traffic Committee Minutes – 1 February 2018**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the LATC meeting held on 1 February 2018 having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

2/2018/4 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

2/2018/5 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at February 2018 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

Clr Walford entered the meeting room at 10:45am

2/2018/6 Local Government Weekly received from the LGNSW**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars dated 12/01/2018, 19/01/2018, 25/01/2018 and 02/02/2018 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

2/2018/7 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 41-43 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

2/2018/8 Monthly Calendar February – April 2018**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period February – April 2018.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

2/2018/9 Monthly Report - Visitor Information Centres**Resolved:**

Council receive and note the information provided in report.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

2/2018/10 Economic Development Activities – First Quarter**Resolved:**

Council receive and note the information provided in report.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

Clr Smith left the meeting room at 11:07am

Clr Smith returned to the meeting room at 11:12am

2/2018/11 Appointment of Walgett Shire Section 355 Tourism Committee

Resolved:

That the following residents;

Joanne Coleman

Scott Franklin

Alan Douglas

Erin McGrath

Kristie Murray

Sue Cummins

Jared Harmston

be appointed as members of the Walgett Shire Section 355 Tourism Committee.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

2/2018/12 Appointment of Walgett Shire Section 355 Economic Development Committee

Resolved:

That the following residents;

Cameron Rowntree

Bill Murray

Rod White

Mark Evans

Greg Rummery

Peter Bruce

Paul Duncan

Andrew Kennedy

Keith Whiteman

Jane Keir

Tanya Cameron

be appointed as members of the Walgett Shire Section 355 Economic Development Committee.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

2/2018/13 Western Division Councils of NSW – 2018 Annual Conference - Motions

Resolved:

That the Mayor and General Manager attend the 2018 Annual Conference of the Western Division Group of Shires being held at Balranald between 25/27 February, 2018, that expenses be paid and suitable motions be prepared and submitted for consideration at the conference.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

2/2018/14 Supplementary Report – Proposed Joint Organisation**Resolved:**

1. Council intends to remain a standalone Council
2. Seek further information in relation to Joint Organisations so that Council can make an informed decision including why it is necessary to lodge a JO application by the 28th February 2018.
3. Discuss the position of other Council's at the OROC meeting on the 16th March and the Western Division of Councils on the 26th-27th February 2018.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

2/2018/15 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only from General Manager– February, 2018**Resolved:**

That the above matters listed for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

2/2018/16 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31st January 2018**Resolved:**

That the Investment Report as at 31st January 2018 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

2/2018/17 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31st December 2017**Resolved:**

The December 2017 outstanding rates report to received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

2/2018/18 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31st January 2018**Resolved:**

The January 2018 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

2/2018/19 Community Assistance Scheme Donations – Round 1 2017/2018 Applications

Resolved:

The matter be deferred to allow further information as to the financial position of each organisation to be obtained.

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Martinez**
CARRIED

Recommittal Motion at 3.05pm

Resolved:

That this matter be recommitted for consideration because of the date of impending functions and the following applicants be granted financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the second round of 2017/2018;

1. CWA Goodooga Lightning Ridge Branch for their 2018 Wool Day - \$1,000
2. Carinda Race Day for the Hire of toilets for race day - \$2,000
3. Lightning Ridge Pony Club for Repairs to Chutes & Canteen - \$2,000
4. Walgett Branch Isolated Children Parents Association for the Community cricket day to raise funds for federal conference - \$250
5. Barwon District Anglican Churches for a Portable PA system for funerals - \$250
6. Walgett Rugby Club for their 60th Anniversary event - \$1450

And that Council's community assistance guidelines be amended to require organisations to submit full details of their financial position.

Moved: **Clr Cameron**
Seconded: **Clr Walford**
CARRIED

Clr Turnbull left the meeting room at 12.01pm

2/2018/20 Burren Junction Toilet Facility – Transfer of funds

Resolved:

That Council transfer \$20,000 from the Burren Junction Hall capital allocation in 17/18 to the Burren Junction Hall Toilet project.

Moved: **Clr Cameron**
Seconded: **Clr Smith**
CARRIED

2/2018/21 Second Quarter Operational Plan & Year End Delivery Program 17/18**Resolved:**

1. That the content of the report be noted.
2. Council accept the progress made on the 2017/2018 Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 31st December 2017.

Moved: Cllr Walford
Seconded: Cllr Cameron
CARRIED

2/2018/22 Quarterly Budget Review Statement 2017/2018**Resolved:**

1. That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31st December 2017 as tabled.

Moved: Cllr Turnbull
Seconded: Cllr Smith
CARRIED

Cllr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 12.40pm

2/2018/23 RFS Bushfire Prone Maps**Resolved:**

That this matter be deferred to allow the present approach to be queried through OROC and the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC).

Moved: Cllr Murray
Seconded: Cllr Keir
CARRIED

2/2018/24 Place Naming Request – Burren Junction Park**Resolved:**

1. Council extensively advertise for 28 Days, Jude Retford's request to name the Park at Burren Junction the 'Bill Findley Memorial Park' and seek feedback and submissions from the general public.
2. The matter be brought back to Council for consideration following public consultation.

Moved: Cllr Murray
Seconded: Cllr Walford
CARRIED

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:00pm
The meeting resumed at 1:30pm*

Clr Walford declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting room at 1:33pm

2/2018/25 Development Application, Jennifer Brammall Lightning Ridge Field Study Centre 31 Potch Street

Resolved:

That Council approve Development Application 2017/033 for a field study centre with short term accommodation and associated infrastructure on Lot 2, Section 40, DP 758612 subject to the conditions detailed in the Director of Environmental Services report.

Moved: **Clr Taylor**
Seconded: **Clr Turnbull**

CARRIED

PLANNING DIVISION

For:	Against:	Absent:
Clr Taylor	Nil	Clr Walford
Clr Turnbull		
Clr Smith		
Clr Murray		
Clr Cameron		
Clr Keir		
Clr Martinez		
Clr Woodcock		

Clr Walford returned to the meeting room at 1:54pm

2/2018/26 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Environmental Services

Resolved:

Council receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention, or information and

1. Council invite a representative from the Department of Planning to address Council on future requirements
2. That a report be prepared for Council's March, 2018 meeting in respect of scavenger rights at the landfill areas.

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Walford**
CARRIED

2/2018/27 Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering / Technical Services

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for January 2018.

Moved: **Clr Cameron**
Seconded: **Clr Murray**
CARRIED

Clr Martinez, Clr Turnbull and Clr Keir left the meeting room at 2.15pm

2/2018/28 Monthly Progress report from Director Engineering/Technical Services

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for January 2018.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 2.21pm

2/2018/29 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for January 2018.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 2.28pm

2/2018/30 Request for Waiver of Cost of Grid Replacement

Resolved:

That Council rejects the request for waiver of cost of a 4m grid (\$4,858 ex GST) from Peter and Diane Radford.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

Questions for Next Meeting

Clr Smith

Q1: Signage on Shermans Way construction, need to check detours each afternoon.

Clr Taylor:

Q1: Present position of shed to cover the chemicals at Collarenebri water plant?

Q2: What is the progress of the bypass from Pandora St to 3 Mile Road?

Q3: Khans entry Lightning Ridge needs attention from Opal Street.

Q4: Bore baths upgrade, where is Council up to with this improvement?

Q5. Can signage be provided for the recycling centre in Lightning Ridge?

Q6. The watering of trees in streets of Lightning Ridge, will Council please water these assets? During summer on a regular basis.

Clr Turnbull:

Q1: Once people can freehold land will their rates increase?

Q2: Can we find some funding or grant for play equipment in Collarenebri?

Q3: Can someone check the compaction of the Shermans Road? Seems soft

Clr Martinez

Q1: How are we going to lobby the Government for OPA 4?

Q2: What is the update of the waste management strategy and outcomes of community survey?

Q3: Land blocks in Lightning Ridge, when will they be released?

Q4: The odour is back in the Lightning Ridge water and causing problems with the air conditioners

Q5: Can provision be considered in the draft budget to;

1. Sealing of the Grawin road to the Bore

2. Sealing of the road to the AOC

3. Funding the Lightning Ridge –Collarenebri Road upfront using existing provision of 5km per annum on a 4:1 grant funding basis

Clr Murray

Q1: Can the Gordon Pavilion project at the Walgett Showground be completed prior to the annual Walgett Show in May?

Clr Cameron – Nil**Clr Keir:**

Q1: Have we advertised or when will the Dick Colless Scholarships be announced for application?

Q2: Have we postponed/deferred the works on Come-by-Chance and Gundabloui Roads to take advantage of the Fixing Country Program as is stated in the quarterly budget (p21) and when will work commence?

2/2018/31 Move into Closed Session at 3:15pm**Resolved:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2) (c) & (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

- (a) 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)
- (b) 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 Murray

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

2/2018/32 Glengarry, Grawin, Sheeppark Miners Association Inc – Report deferred**Resolved:**

That the report on the Glengarry, Grawin, Sheeppark Miners Association Inc be deferred till March 2018.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

2/2018/33 Request for water connection to Lot 100 DP 1076708**Resolved:**

1. That Council rejects the request for water connection to the property on Lot 100 DP 1076808 since it is located in a non-urban residential zone, and current relevant policy does not permit such connections.

2. The Director of Environmental Services to provide a report to the March Council meeting in relation to the illegal water connections in each town after researching previous reports presented to Council.

Moved: Clr Walgett

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Don Ramsland left the meeting room at 3:29pm

2/2018/34 RFT17050 – Supply & Delivery of a Backhoe Loader**Resolved:**

That Council accepts the tender of WESTRAC in the amount of \$140,000 for the supply & delivery of one (1) New Caterpillar 432F Backhoe Loader and trade in one (1) Caterpillar 428C Backhoe Loader No. 792 as it represents best value for money following detailed assessment.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Don Ramsland returned to the meeting room at 3.35pm. Clr Smith made comments and displayed photos in relation to a range of issues he has in the town of Collarenebri.

2/2018/35 Return to Open Session at 4.00pm**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

2/2018/36 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports;

1. Glengarry, Grawin, Sheeppark Miners Association Inc – Report deferred
2. Request for water connection to Lot 100 DP 1076708 and illegal water connections
3. RFT17050 – Supply & Delivery of a Backhoe Loader

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 4:00pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 27th March 2018.

Mayor

General Manager