



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

27 March 2018

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
THE ROWNEA HALL ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2018 AT 10:10AM**

PRESENT

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)
 Clr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)
 Clr Bill Murray
 Clr Jane Keir
 Clr Kelly Smith
 Clr Robert Turnbull
 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**3/2018/1 Leave of absence****Resolved:**

That leave of absence received from Clr Taylor and Clr Walford be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests -Nil**3/2018/2 Minutes of Extra-ordinary Council Meeting – 8th February 2018****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Extra-ordinary Council meeting held 8th February 2018, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2018/3 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 13th February 2018**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 13th February 2018, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting and amendments endorsed.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

3/2018/4 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

1. That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.
2. The Mayor and General Manager attend the Solar Farming Workshop on the 10th May in Cobar
3. The Mayor and General Manager attend the meeting arranged by Dubbo Mayor Ben Shields on the 20th April 2018.
4. Invite representatives from PCYC to address Council at the April, 2018 Meeting.

Moved: Clr Murray**Seconded: Clr Keir****CARRIED****3/2018/5 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at March 2018 be received and noted and that a report reviewing Collarenebri Agency operations be prepared for the April, 2018 meeting.

Moved: Clr Cameron**Seconded: Clr Turnbull****CARRIED****Public Presentations:**

Luka Group – Jeff Shanks presented the 2016-2017 Auditor's report.

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 11:30am

The meeting resumed at 11:45am

Public Presentations:

NSW Police - Superintendent Gary Moore discussed a range of policing matters within the Shire and provided crime statistics.

3/2018/6 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars dated 9/02/18, 16/02/18, 23/02/18, 2/03/18, 9/03/18 and 16/03/18 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir**Seconded: Clr Murray****CARRIED****3/2018/7 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 01-08 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

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

3/2018/8 Monthly Calendar March - May 2018**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period March - May 2018.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2018/9 Monthly Report Tourism Development Report**Resolved:**

Council receive and note the information provided in report by the Senior Tourism Development Officer.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

3/2018/10 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the Mayor and General Manager attend the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra 17-20 June 2018 and expenses be paid.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2018/11 Round 2 Stronger Country Communities Fund – Inviting Projects for Consideration**Resolved:**

That Council continue to seek input from the community to identify possible projects, then review possible funding sources to determine the best fit and at the April Council meeting, consider the level of cross community support for the various projects put forward and allocate each project a priority accordingly.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2018/12 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only – March, 2018**Resolved:**

That the above matters listed for brief mention or information only be received and noted and Council formally resolve to reduce Castlereagh Macquarie County Council members from two back to one per constituent Council.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

3/2018/13 Cash and Investment Report as at 28th February 2018**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 28th February 2018 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

3/2018/14 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report – February 2018**Resolved:**

The February 2018 outstanding rates report to received and noted

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

3/2018/15 Community Development Report October – December 2017**Resolved:**

That the report for Community Development & Capacity Building: October- December 2017 be received.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2018/16 Burren Junction Bore Bath 355 Committee Application**Resolved:**

1. That Council formally agree to the membership of Mr. Owen Hardy, Ms. Angie Kersten and Mr Brett Stevens to the Burren Junction Bore Bath 355 Committee.
2. A report on fee collection to be prepared for April, 2018 meeting.

Moved: Clr Martinez**Seconded: Clr Smith****CARRIED****3/2018/17 Big Sky Libraries Meeting and Service Agreement****Resolved:**

That Council formally agree to the adoption of the “Big Sky Libraries – Cooperative Library Service Agreement” in accordance with the Library Act 1939, as amended pursuant to section 8(1)(a) of the Act.

Moved: Clr Keir**Seconded: Clr Smith****CARRIED**

Note: Clr Smith is the alternative delegate for ‘Big Sky Libraries’

3/2018/18 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From Chief Financial Officer**Resolved:**

That the Matters Generally for Brief mention or Information Only from the Chief Financial Officer be received and noted. Eight items are to be carried forward to the 2018/2019 budget.

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

*The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 1:00pm
The meeting resumed at 1:22pm*

3/2018/19 Disposal of Wastes – Council Landfills**Resolved:**

Council note the report in relation to removing wastes from the landfills for reuse elsewhere in accordance with Council’s Procurement & Disposal Policy & Procedure.

Moved: Clr Turnbull**Seconded: Clr Keir****CARRIED**

3/2018/20 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Environmental Services

Resolved:

Receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention, or information only.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

3/2018/21 Monthly RMCC Works Report from Director Engineering / Technical Services

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

3/2018/22 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

3/2018/23 Change of Site for Lightning Ridge Kerb and Gutter Works

Resolved:

1. That Council endorses decision to move kerb and gutter work from Opal Street (Kaolin – Morilla St) to Brilliant Street (Kaolin – Morilla St).
2. That Council endorses decision to replace kerb and gutter with spoon drain for Morilla Street (Brilliant – Gem St).

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

3/2018/24 Drinking Water Management System**Resolved:**

That Council receives and notes the Drinking Water Management System.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2018/25 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only – Engineering/Technical Services**Resolved:**

1. That Council receives and notes the report.
2. Council make approaches to Resource and Energy Department through the Member for Barwon to identify possible voids from former mining operations under key streets in the Lightning Ridge Township.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Questions for Next Meeting***Clr Cameron***

Q1: Can Council provide a copy of the recent audited financials of the Lightning Ridge Complex?

Q2: Can Council provide a simplified breakdown of income and expenses?

Martinez

Q1: Can Council provide an update on the re-alignment of the Sherman's Way Road and outline the process involved?

Q2: Can Council arrange a presentation by the write to the Lightning Ridge Olympic Swimming Pool committee and ask them for the history of the pool and how they fund raise in relation to the history of the complex?

3/2018/26 Move into Closed Session**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 Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

3/2018/27 Landfill Management & Operations - Walgett & Lightning Ridge**Resolved:**

That a report be prepared for the April, 2018 meeting outlining the operation of landfills at Walgett and Lightning Ridge under Council management and include all operational and capital costs, income and expenditure and a cost comparison with the current contract operation.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

3/2018/28 General Manager's Contract**Resolved:**

1. Receive and note the outcome of the General Manager's Performance appraisal.
2. Invite quotations from at least three employment consultants to run the recruitment process for the appointment of a new General Manager.
3. The General Manager prepare a report for the Extra- Ordinary Meeting on the 10 April, 2018 in respect of the recruitment process.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2018/29 Return to Open Session at 3.30pm**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

3/2018/30 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved:

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

That a report be prepared for the April, 2018 meeting outlining the operation of landfills at Walgett and Lightning Ridge under Council management and include all operational and capital costs, income and expenditure and a cost comparison with the current contract operation.

Receive and note the outcome of the General Manager's Performance appraisal.

Invite quotations from at least three employment consultants to run the recruitment process for the appointment of a new General Manager.

The General Manager prepare a report for the Extra-Ordinary Meeting on the 10 April, 2018 in respect of the recruitment process.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 3:32pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Mayor

General Manager