



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

22 MAY 2018

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COLLARENEBRI HALL ON TUESDAY 22 MAY 2018 AT 10:05AM**

PRESENT

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

Leave of Absence**8/2018/1 Leave of absence****Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Staff/ Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/ Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Smith	11.2.3	Pecuniary	Relationship to staff member
Clr Martinez	11.4.3	Pecuniary	Related to field of work
Clr Murray	11.3.2	Pecuniary	Owner of adjacent land

8/2018/2 Minutes of Extra-ordinary Council Meeting – 10 April 2018**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the extra-ordinary Council meeting held 10 April 2018, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting subject to including Cle Keir in the attendance list.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

Public Presentations:

NSW Police - Detective Inspector Paul Stephens discussed a range of policing matters within the Shire and provided crime statistics.

Consultant Brad Peterkin - provided a brief presentation to Councillors in relation to the services his business can provide to Council through the negotiation stages of the State Government's proposal relating to the Joint Organisations.

8/2018/3 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 1 May 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 1 May 2018 having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

8/2018/4 Minutes of Extra - Ordinary Council Meeting – 1 May 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Extra - Ordinary Council meeting held 1 May 2018 having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

8/2018/5 Plant Committee Minutes – 8th May 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Plant meeting held on 8th May 2018 having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

8/2018/6 Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 14 February 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held on 14th 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 Keir

CARRIED

8/2018/7 BROCC Meeting Minutes – 4th May 2018**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the BROCC meeting held on 4th May 2018 having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

8/2018/8 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

8/2018/9 Footpath Policy**Resolved:**

That Council development of a footpath policy for all towns and villages in the Shire.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

8/2018/10 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

8/2018/11 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars dated 11/05/18, 04/05/18, 27/04/18 & 20/04/18 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

8/2018/12 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular No 18-10, 18-11, 18-12 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

8/2018/13 Monthly Calendar May - July 2018**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

8/2018/14 Re-Introduction of RPT Air Services - Update**Resolved:**

That Council agree to partner in the State Government's proposal to re-introduce RPT air services to the Shires of Walgett, Bourke and Cobar.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

8/2018/15 Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils (NSW) Incorporated – Membership**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire consider accepting the offer to join the Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils (NSW) Incorporated at an annual cost of \$7,630.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

8/2018/16 Far West Initiative - Joint Organisations Update

Resolved:

1. Council become a member of the Northern Joint Organisation subject to the clarification of the following:
 - a. Whether or not the offer includes \$5M for tourism and cultural funding for each JO or is to be shared between them and when the guidelines for this funding will be available.
 - b. The issue of ongoing funding for the JO secretariat over and above the initial establishment funding of \$500,000.
 - c. The procurement process to secure an appropriate air services provider for the next four years.
 - d. Whether there will be a need for an Expression of Interest process for contracting Public Works planning support and the updating of Western roads plans recognised by the RMS.
 - e. Clarification of the procurement process for Cobar, Bourke, and Walgett/Lightning Ridge to re-establish air services and, once the cost of providing these services over a four year period is known, splitting any remaining funding between the two JOs to administer for upgrading airport infrastructure
2. Further that Council's request for clarification of the above issues be provided within the 28 days "cooling off" period provided by the JO regulations.
3. Council take the opportunity during the current round of community forums to consult with the community and gain their views with regards the proposal.
4. Council approach the Shires of Brewarrina, Bourke and Cobar to prepare a list of priority projects for future discussions with the State Government with a view to attracting funding.
5. That the Council inform the Minister for Local Government (Hon Gabrielle Upton MP) of the Council's endorsement of the Minister recommending to the Governor the establishment of a Northern Joint Organisation in accordance with this resolution.
6. To approve the inclusion of the Council's area in the Northern Joint Organisation's area.
7. That the Northern Joint Organisation be established to cover the Council's area and any one or more of the following council areas:
 - a. Bourke Shire Council
 - b. Cobar Shire Council
 - c. Brewarrina Shire Council
8. That the General Manager provide the Minister with a copy of this resolution including the date on which Council made this resolution.

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

8/2018/17 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only from General Manager**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

8/2018/18 2018 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarship Awards**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendations for the awarding of the 2018 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarships:

Sidney Pye	Medicine	\$2000
Oliver Stump	Bachelor of Commerce/Engineering	\$2000
Dale Griffiths	Certificate III Agricultural Technology	\$2000
Thomas Rummery	Bachelor of Science in Agriculture	\$2000
Brent Richards	Certificate III Plumbing	\$2000
Cody-Lee Hatch	Bachelor of Nursing	\$2000
Bronte Hiscox	Bachelor of Nursing	\$2000
Michael Batchelor	Certificate III Carpentry	\$2000

and an appropriate presentation ceremony be arranged to co-incide with university vacations.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

8/2018/19 Cash and Investment Report as at 30th April 2018**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 30th April 2018 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

8/2018/20 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**Resolved:**

The April 2018 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

8/2018/21 Collarenebri Agency – Report deferred**Resolved:**

That the Chief Financial Officer's report be deferred to the budget meeting on the 15th June 2018.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

8/2018/22 Third Quarter Operational Plan 17/18**Resolved:**

That the content of the report be noted and accept the progress made on the 2017/2018 Operational Plan as at 31st March 2018.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

8/2018/23 Quarterly budget review statement 2017/2018 – Report deferred**Resolved:**

That the Chief Financial Officer's report be deferred to the budget meeting on 15th June 2018.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

8/2018/24 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 for; Property Matters, Finance & Administration and Community Services be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

8/2018/25 Walgett Rural Residential Land Use Strategy - Review**Resolved:**

Council note the above in relation to the review of the Walgett Rural Residential Land use Strategy and anticipate a report to Council in the near future.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

Clr Murray declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 1:01pm

8/2018/26 Naming Of Access Road to Solar Farm

Resolved:

That Council conduct the appropriate public consultation regarding the naming of the access road in compliance with NSW Addressing User Manual – September 2016 and the Roads Regulation Act 2008.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

Clr Murray returned to the meeting at 1:04pm

8/2018/27 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Environmental Services

Resolved:

That the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention, or information only be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

8/2018/28 Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering / Technical Services

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

8/2018/29 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

Clr Martinez left the meeting room at 1:14pm

8/2018/30 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only – Engineering/Technical Services

Resolved:

That Council receives and notes the report for matters generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the Director of Engineering/Technical Services.

2. Council approve the allocation of funds (\$4620.00) for the completion of the survey for the Shermans Way Realignment from 11.03148.1063.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Clr Martinez returned to the meeting room at 1:17pm

Questions for Next Meeting

Clr Smith

Q1: When will the works begin on the Walgett Cemetery (lawn cemetery)? Who will do the planning? – Before any work commences, could we have the local undertaker Mick Ford review plan as well as Councillors?

Q2: Could Shire give a timeframe for work to commence on Collarenebri Lawn Cemetery preparation – e.g. Local community members assisting with removal of shrubs and trees.

Q3: Earl Street maintenance in need of desperate repair from corner of Hebert Street to Queen Street.

Clr Murray

Q1: Can Council investigate the removal of the two permanently parked vehicles on Wee Waa Street in Walgett?

Clr Woodcock

Q1: If there are left over funds from the Lightning Ridge Main Street Beautification project can Council allocate them to works on Opal Street in Lightning Ridge?

8/2018/31 Move into Closed Session at 1.32pm

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 Keir

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

8/2018/32 Landfill Management and Operations, Tender Process and Contracts Extensions – Walgett and Lightning Ridge

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Extend the existing contracts separately for Landfill Operations & Maintenance of Walgett & Lightning Ridge by five (5) months for completion on 31st October 2018 with an option for further extensions to occur and incorporating the phase out and take over period in accordance with the above report and in accordance with the relevant Acts & Guidelines.

2. That Council consider the offer to purchase plant and equipment from David & Greg Lane in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy. That Council staff undertake inspections of the plant and equipment available for purchase and seek information in relation to any upgrades or repairs required prior to making any counter offer.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

8/2018/33 Return to Open Session at 1.39pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

8/2018/34 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved:

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

1. Council extend the existing contracts separately for Landfill Operations & Maintenance of Walgett & Lightning Ridge by five (5) months for completion on 31st October 2018 with an option for further extensions to occur and incorporating the phase out and take over period in accordance with the above report and in accordance with the relevant Acts & Guidelines.

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Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 1.39pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Mayor

General Manager