



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

24 July 2018

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 24 JULY 2018 AT 10:08AM

PRESENT

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

Public Presentations:

Ben Luffman – Senior Planner from GHD provided an overview of the rural residential strategy review to Council.

Leave of Absence**12/2018/1 Leave of absence****Resolved:**

That leave of absence received from Clr Cameron and Clr Murray be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

12/2018/2 Walgett Rural Residential Strategy - Review**Resolved:**

Council endorse the draft amended Rural Residential Strategy for public exhibition.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Staff/ Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/ Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Keir	11.4.2	Pecuniary	Related field of work

12/2018/3 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 June 2018**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 26 June 2018, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2018/4 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the tabled Mayoral report.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

12/2018/5 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

12/2018/6 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars dated 22/6/18, 29/6/18, 06/07/18 & 13/07/18 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

12/2018/7 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 21 & 27 June 2018 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

12/2018/8 Monthly Calendar July - September 2018**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period July – September 2018.

Moved: **Clr Walford**

Seconded: **Clr Taylor**

CARRIED

Clr Martinez left the meeting room at 10.46am

12/2018/9 Far North West Joint Organisation Request – Coonamble Shire**Resolved:**

Council seek clarification and advice from the Office of Local Government with regards the cross regional planning boundary issue and ongoing secretariat funding issue before considering the request to support from Coonamble Shire.

Moved: **Clr Walford**

Seconded: **Clr Taylor**

CARRIED

Clr Martinez returned to the meeting room at 10.51am

12/2018/10 Request for Further Drought Relief Employment Schemes**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the General Manager's report, approach the Federal Government for an extension of the Drought Communities Programme in light of the continuing drought being experienced, not only in Council's area, but across inland NSW and Southern Queensland as well and delegate authority to vary Council's Organisational Structure should the need arise to engage additional staff.

Moved: **Clr Martinez**

Seconded: **Clr Turnbull**

CARRIED

12/2018/11 Revised Housing Policy and Procedure**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the General Manager's report and adopt the revised housing policy and procedure.

Moved: **Clr Keir**

Seconded: **Clr Smith**

CARRIED

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

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

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

12/2018/13 Cash and Investment Report as at 30th June 2018/**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

12/2018/14 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**Resolved:**

The June 2018 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

12/2018/15 Rates & Charges Written Off During The Year 2017-2018**Resolved:**

1. That the Council write-offs \$196,101.44 as per Council's Abandonments Register as at 30th June 2018.

2. Place a draft motion to the Local Government NSW annual western division conference; the state government to fund 25% of any pensioner rate write offs.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

12/2018/16 Section 356 - Rebates Churches and Other Not For Profit Organisations**Resolved:**

1. That a budget adjustment of \$1,511 increasing the 2018-2019 budget from \$16,847 to \$18,358 be approved.
2. That the applications for a donation received and due to be received from eligible churches and not-for-profit organisations as per the attached list are approved and the rebates on annual service charges as detailed therein be granted for 2018-2019.
3. Council review the section 356 - Rebate to churches and other not for profit organisations policy and procedure.

Moved: Cllr Martinez**Seconded: Cllr Keir****CARRIED****12/2018/17 Quarterly Budget Review Statement 2017/2018****Resolved:**

1. That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 30th June 2018 as tabled.
2. A report be presented to the August Council meeting detailing the last three years of carried forward funds for maintenance grading including the 2017/2018 funds.

Moved: Cllr Turnbull**Seconded: Cllr Walford****CARRIED****12/2018/18 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 in the following areas; Property Matters, Finance and Administration and Community Services be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Keir**Seconded: Cllr Walford****CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.20pm

The meeting resumed at 12.55pm

12/2018/19 Heritage Activities 2017/2018**Resolved:**

1. Note the report on the activities of Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison, during 2017-2018.
2. Endorse and adopt the following documents, as prepared by Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison:
 - (a) Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund Annual Report 2017-2018.
 - (b) Walgett Shire Council Heritage Strategic Plan 2018-2021.
3. Endorse submission of the documents to the Heritage Branch of the NSW Department of Planning & Environment.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

12/2018/20 Matters for Brief Mention, Environmental Services**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

12/2018/21 Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering / Technical Services – June 2018**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

Clr Keir left the meeting room at 1:07pm

12/2018/22 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 1:09pm

Questions for Next Meeting

Clr Taylor

Q1: Drug testing amongst Council staff, especially among machinery operators, where is Council at on this matter?

Q2: Did GGSMA get all their monies for tip/rubbish clean up?

Q3: RAV camp site at emu, is Council able to provide a free camp site?

Clr Turnbull

Q1: Can Council speak to Government regarding freight subsidies for farmers and subsidies for exclusion fencing?

Q2: What is going on with Shermans Way? The tar should have gone to the T intersection.

Q3: Can money be rolled over annually in maintenance grading if it hasn't been spent, as a lot of forming of roads will be needed once it rains.

Q4: Can we speak to the RMS and get the inspections moved back to Lightning Ridge?

Clr Martinez

Q1: How can we assist our famers in lobbying government for drought relief "grant" not "loan" freight fodder?

Q2: Where are we at with engaging a consultant for the Collarenebri to Ridge road project?

Q3: Can we have an update on our drug testing policy and is it in place?

Clr Keir

Q1: Can Council contact Dubbo Regional City Development and communications regarding including Walgett Shire particularly Lightning Ridge in the magazine called 'DUBBO'.

Q2: Namoi River – 9 thousand megaliters were released approximately 6 weeks ago, currently no flow beyond Goangra. Did Walgett Shire Council order water? Can Council lobby for the release of 2 megs a day over 4 days? Please note there has been no theft, only a larger than estimated amount drawn from the artesian basin in the Upper Namoi.

12/2018/23 Move into Closed Session at 1.45pm

Resolved:

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

- (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

12/2018/24 Letter From Mrs Sue Cox – Request For Monument

Resolved:

Note the above and endorse the actions of the Director Environmental Services to write to Mrs Sue Cox advising of the importance of the involvement and approvals of the appointed person.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

12/2018/25 Return to Open Session at 1.54pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

12/2018/26 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendation of the Closed Committee Reports:

Note the above and endorse the actions of the Director Environmental Services to write to Mrs Sue Cox advising of the importance of the involvement and approvals of the appointed person.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2018/27 Supplementary – General Manager’s Final Report

Resolved:

That the General Manager’s Final Report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 2:20 pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Mayor

General Manager