



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

22 November 2016

ADOPTED: 13 December 2016

George Cowan
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE BURREN JUNCTION HALL ON TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 10:07 AM

PRESENT

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)
Clr M Martinez (Deputy Mayor)
Clr L Walford
Clr G Murray
Clr R Turnbull
Clr T Cameron
Clr M Taylor
George Cowan (Acting General Manager)
Prafulla KC (Acting Deputy Director Engineering/Technical Services)
Dilip Tiwari (Works Engineer – Maintenance)
Jess McDonald (Director Environmental Services)
Michael Urquhart (Chief Financial Officer)
Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

12/2016/1 Leave of Absence

Resolved:

That the leave of absence received from Councillor Smith and Councillor Keir are accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Public Forum Presentations

Burren Junction Hall Committee – Lucinda Stump

1. Request to become a section 355 Committee of Council.
2. Clarify Walgett Shire Council's input into ongoing restoration and upkeep of the Hall.
3. Apply for the school to have long-term access to the hall perhaps 1 or 2 days a week for a year, through payment of an annual fee.

Brett Stevens

The Burren Junction RSL and Sporting Club has gone into voluntary liquidation and we are concerned that the community has lost a valuable asset. Would the Council be able to facilitate a community centre, using the club building? The Burren Junction community has a lot of seniors and quite a large number of school based families and kids. A community centre could and would provide a venue and facility for a number of services. The RSL would consider gifting the asset to Council for this purpose.

Auditors Presentation

Jeff Shanks from Luka Group presented Council's audit report.

12/2016/2 Audit Report**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Audit Report presented by Jeff Shanks from Luka Group.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

Staff/Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Martinez	12.4.1	Pecuniary	Plant Hire
Clr Martinez	12.4.2	Pecuniary	Plant Hire
Clr Turnbull	12.4.1	Pecuniary	Relationship to Clr Martinez
Clr Turnbull	12.4.2	Pecuniary	Relationship to Clr Martinez

Confirmation of Minutes**12/2016/3 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 25th October 2016****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 25th October 2016, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED**12/2016/4 Motions of which Notice has been given – Clr Murray****Resolved:**

Council hold a workshop for Councillors following the appointment of the Director of Engineering / Technical Services to examine the service levels of all Shire Roads.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED**12/2016/5 Council's Decision Action Report – October 2016****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for October 2016 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

12/2016/6 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW

Resolved:

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 41-45 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

12/2016/7 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government

Resolved:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 16-39 to 16-43 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

12/2016/8 Monthly Calendar November – January 2016

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period November – January 2016.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

12/2016/9 Land Classification – Council Carpark Walgett – Lot 105 DP 878781

Recommendation:

That Council resolve to classify Lot 105 DP 878481 in Walgett Shire as operational.

Seconded: Clr Martinez
Moved: Clr Murray

CARRIED

12/2016/10 December Council Meeting – Change of Date

Resolved:

That the December Council meeting be held on Tuesday 13 December in Walgett.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

12/2016/11 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from the General Manager

Resolved:

1. Receive and note the report by the General Manager in relation to the Letter from the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC – membership of the Western NSW Mining and Resources Development Taskforce and the Far West Initiative on matters for brief mention, or information only.

2. That the General Manager be authorised to engage Hugh Percy as a consultant to prepare material needed for an application for funding of a new VIC in lightning Ridge and that funds be provided from the tourism reserve .

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Walford

An amendment was Moved Clr Murray and Seconded Clr Cameron

1. Receive and note the report by the General Manager in relation to the Letter from the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC – membership of the Western NSW Mining and Resources Development Taskforce and the Far West Initiative on matters for brief mention, or information only.

2. That the General Manager be authorised to engage a suitably qualified consultant to prepare material needed for an application for funding of a new VIC in lightning Ridge and that funds be provided from the tourism reserve .

On being put the amendment was carried and the amendment then became the motion.

On being put was carried.

CARRIED

12/2016/12 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 October 2016

Resolved:

That the Investment report as at 31 October 2016 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

12/2016/13 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report – October 2016

Resolved:

The October 2016 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

12/2016/14 Waive Temporary Licence Fee – Collarenebri Lions Club Park

Recommendation:

1. That report be received and noted in regards to the Temporary Licence fee (\$150) for Collarenebri Lions Club Park (R230021), payable by Collarenebri Lions Club be waived for the coming 12 month period (4/12/16 - 4/12/17) and the cost be charged to Councils Section 356 Community Assistance budget allocation.
2. That Council approves the recommendation and Collarenebri Lions Club is advised in writing of the outcome.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2016/15 Third Quarter Operational Plan 2016/2017

Resolved:

That the content of the report be noted and accept the progress made on the 2016/2017 Operational Plan as at 30th September 2016.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

12/2016/16 Government Information Public Access Act (GIPA) – Annual report 2015-2016

Resolved:

1. That Council receive and note GIPA Annual Report for 2015/2016.
2. Council adopt the attached GIPA Annual Report for 2015/2016.
3. The Information Commissioner be sent a link to Council's 2015/2016 Annual Report.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2016/17 Public Interest Disclosure – Annual Report 2015/2016

Resolved:

1. That the Chief Financial Officers report be received and noted.
2. Council adopt the 2015/2016 Public Interest Disclosures Annual Report

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2016/18 Walgett Shire Council - Annual Report 2015/2016

Resolved:

1. That the Chief Financial Officers report be received and noted.
2. The NSW Office of Local Government be sent a link to Council's 2015/2016 Annual Report.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

12/2016/19 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report

Resolved:

That Council receive the Audited Financial Reports together with the Auditor's Reports for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

12/2016/20 Quarterly budget review statement 2015/2016

Resolved:

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 30th September 2016 as tabled.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

12/2016/21 Lightning Ridge Sporting Ground – Bar and Kitchen Facility Upgrade

Resolved:

1. That Council allocate \$25,000 to the Lightning Ridge sporting ground bar and kitchen facility for the purpose of building maintenance and facility upgrades from the building and maintenance reserve.
2. That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the Chief Financial Officer in relation to Spider Brown Oval Facilities, Lightning Ridge Bore Baths , Walgett Shire Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Temporary Relocation- Youth Centre and Services – Lightning Ridge and Walgett Youth and Community Team Award.

Moved: Cllr Walford

Seconded: Cllr Taylor

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.37pm for lunch

The meeting resumed at 1:45pm with those previously present again present excluding Councillor Turnbull.

12/2016/22 Amendment of the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013 (Planning Proposal)

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to submit the Planning Proposal (WSC TRIM record 15/115/0001) to the Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway determination.

Moved: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Martinez

PLANNING DIVISION

For

Murray
Cameron
Walford
Taylor
Woodcock
Martinez

Against

Nil

Absent

Smith
Keir
Turnbull

CARRIED

12/2016/23 Fire Damaged Dwelling, 73 Peel St, Walgett (Emergency Order- Non-Compliance)

Resolved:

1. Note the order 2 under section 121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 issued by Walgett Shire Council on 3 August 2016 to the landowners requiring the demolition of the dwelling, remediation of the land and disconnection of services on lot B, DP 440817, at 73 Peel Street, Walgett.
2. Engage Council's Solicitor to review the Emergency Order & Compliance Cost Notice and commence recovery costs associated with the compliance cost notice, in accordance with Section 121CA of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
3. Establish a new budget expenditure line item for \$40,000 titled "Demolition – 73 Peel Street".
4. Authorise the General Manager to arrange for the demolition of the dwelling, remediation of the land and disconnection of services on lot B, DP 440817, at 73 Peel Street, Walgett by a suitably experienced and insured party.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2016/24 CBD Upgrade Works

Resolved:

1. Defer the consideration of \$160,000 for the Lightning Ridge CBD Upgrade till the December Meeting 2016 to allow further discussions by Council.
2. Allocate the Walgett CBD Upgrade funds balance of \$80,335 to fully fund removal of heavy gauge wire screens and replace them with 'Crim-Safe' mesh, as required.
3. Write to Walgett businesses with heavy gauge wire screens and offer to replace them with 'Crim-Safe' mesh.
4. Give public notice of allocation of Walgett CBD Upgrade funds to individual businesses for a minimum of 28 days, by:
 - Advertising the strategy in the Walgett Spectator.
 - Making the strategy available as a pdf file via Council's web site.
5. Allocate the \$157,246 balance of Collarenebri CBD Upgrade funds to paving.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

12/2016/25 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 the following matters; Update on Walgett Pound and Animal issues, Dog Attacks (since 8 August 2016), 50% discounted registration fee for desexed animals sold by an eligible pound or shelter, Temporary Ranger, Development & Building Advice sessions, Voluntary Surrender Scheme – Opal Fields south west of Lightning Ridge, Draft Planning Proposal for the Rural Residential Strategy, Grant Funding and Development of Council's Awning Policy.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clr Martinez left the Meeting room at 2:27pm.

12/2016/26 Monthly Progress report from Acting Director Engineering Technical Services

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for October 2016.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

12/2016/27 Monthly RMCC works Report from Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services – October 2016

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for October 2016.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2016/28 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical/Engineering Services

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for October 2016.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Clr Martinez returned to the meeting at 2:36pm

QUESTIONS FOR THE MEETING

Councillor Walford and Taylor

1. Can the ADETS present a report to the December meeting to allow discussion on;
 - a. Sealing the bore baths road in Lightning Ridge
 - b. Re-allocation of funds from the proposed Pandora Road project to Lorne Road.

Councillor Cameron

1. Has Council considered doing or done a cost/benefit analysis on installing solar panels on the Walgett Shire Council Buildings? If not could we? Reasoning – potential cost saving long term
2. How many traffic counters does Council own and how often are they deployed on regional & local roads?

Councillor Murray

1. Fencing around the tips at Rowena, Carinda, Burren Junction and Come-By-Chance under the Drought Relief Scheme – What's happening?

Response: The Director of Environmental Services advised that Council is re-tendering the project to meet the guidelines of the grant.

Councillor Martinez

1. Can the funds from the 15/16 financial year of \$290,000 for maintenance grading works be depicted in each zone so that 15/16 fund can be differentiated from 16/17 allocated funds?

Councillor Taylor

1. Lions Park Lightning Ridge sails were ordered for the children's playground. Are they still available and can they be erected?
2. 10 year plan – When do we initiate new changes and add-ons to this plan?
3. Carinda – Has Council checked on the 3 important issues?
 - a. Mrs Regan's driveway – which is in need of drainage
 - b. Sealing of Wilkinson Street
 - c. Gravelling of 4km Billybingbone Rd
4. Mowing of areas near the race course Lightning Ridge?

Councillor Walford

1. Can the potholes on George Sands way be repaired?

Councillor Woodcock

1. Could Council inquire with the mineral rec. about the fees collected for mining roads or whatever department collects the fees?
2. Plant committee – when?
3. Street sweeper - update?

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 3:00pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 13 December 2016.

Mayor

General Manager