



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

13th December 2016

ADOPTED: 14 February 2017

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2016 AT 10:00 AM

PRESENT

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)
 Clr M Martinez (Deputy Mayor)
 Clr L Walford
 Clr G Murray
 Clr J Keir
 Clr K Smith
 Clr R Turnbull
 Clr T Cameron
 Clr M Taylor
 Don Ramsland (Acting General Manager)
 Prafulla KC (Acting Deputy Director Engineering/Technical Services)
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

Public Forum Presentations

Rebel Black discussed the position of the Australia Opal Centre with regards to achievements and identified opportunities as well as provided a brief history of the organisation. Refer to attached copy of presentation for details.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Staff/Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Woodcock	11.3.3	Pec	Related to field of work/ business
Keir	11.4.3	Pec	Related to field of work/ business
Martinez	11.4.1	Pec	Related to field of work/ business
	11.4.2	Pec	Related to field of work/business
Turnbull	11.4.1	Pec	Relationship to Clr Martinez
	11.4.2	Pec	Relationship to Clr Martinez

Confirmation of Minutes

13/2016/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 22 November 2016

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 22 November 2016, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

13/2016/2 Minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee – 8 December 2016

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held 8 December 2016, having been circulated be received and noted and endorse the recommendation there within.

Moved: **Clr Walford**
Seconded: **Clr Smith**

CARRIED

13/2016/3 Council's Decision Action Report

Resolved:

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

Moved: **Clr Keir**
Seconded: **Clr Cameron**

CARRIED

13/2016/4 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW

Resolved:

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 46-48 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Keir**

CARRIED

13/2016/5 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government

Resolved:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 16-44 to 16-47 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Keir**

CARRIED

13/2016/6 Monthly Calendar December 2016– February 2017

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period December 2016– February 2017.

Moved: **Clr Walford**
Seconded: **Clr Turnbull**

CARRIED

13/2016/7 Local Government Reform – The Far West Initiative - Update

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Reconfirm its commitment to being a standalone Council and seek approval to remain a stand-alone Council with membership in the Orana Joint Organisation when it is formed.
2. Continue to work with the Far West Initiative councils to devise, develop and consider alternate model(s) of both governance and service delivery.
3. Continue to work with Bourke and Brewarrina Shires to further enhance the Outback Shires Alliance through resource sharing
4. Work with both T-Corp and Morrison Low to carry out detailed financial assessment and infrastructure audit.
5. Where appropriate seek legal advice from LGNSW and/or legal practitioners with regards the local government reform process.
6. Consider conducting a community survey to gauge community support for the stand alone council approach.
7. Council formally adopt the draft submission and arrange to meet with the Minister of Local Government to discuss its preferred position to be excluded from the Far West Initiative.

Moved: **Clr Keir**
Seconded: **Clr Cameron**

CARRIED

13/2016/8 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from the General Manager

Resolved:

Council receive and note the report by the General Manager in relation to Murray Darling Basin Authority Presentation held on 30 November 2016 and the proposed Council Meeting.

Moved: **Clr Cameron**
Seconded: **Clr Keir**

CARRIED

13/2016/9 Cash and Investment Report as at 30 November 2016

Resolved:

That the Investment report as at 30 November 2016 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

13/2016/10 Report on 2016/17 Rating and Water Charges – Deferred till February 2017

Resolved:

That the Chief financial Officers report on 2016/17 rating and water charges be deferred till February 2017.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

13/2016/11 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report – November 2016

Resolved:

The November 2016 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

13/2016/12 Pecuniary Interest Returns

Resolved:

That the Pecuniary Interest Return Report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

13/2016/13 Acceptance of contract for Supply and Delivery of Industrial Hardware

Resolved:

1. Accept the tender from J. Blackwood and Son Pty Ltd for supply and delivery of Industrial Hardware.
2. Make provision for a 12 month extension after the initial 24 month contract.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

13/2016/14 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 relation to Spider Brown Oval Facilities, Lightning Ridge Bore Baths , Walgett Shire Disability Inclusion Action Plan and Walgett Library Disability Access Ramp.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

13/2016/15 Aboriginal Community Based Environmental and Waste Management

Resolved:

Council receive and note the Aboriginal Community Based Environmental and Waste Management report.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

13/2016/16 Walgett Shire Council Waste Management Strategy

Resolved:

1. Develop a vision for the Walgett Shire Council Waste Management Strategy;
2. Prepare an RFQ for a consultant to prepare a waste management strategy for the Walgett Shire Council incorporating a number of models for comparison based on Council's vision.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:45pm

The meeting resumed at 1:35pm with all those previously present again present.

Clr Woodcock left the Meeting Room at 1:35pm and Clr Martinez chaired the meeting.

13/2016/17 Development Application 2016/020 – Koala Habitat Assessment

Resolved:

That Council resolve to write to the applicant requesting a koala habitat assessment from a person with appropriate qualifications and experience in biological science and fauna survey and management.

Seconded: Clr Murray
Moved: Clr Cameron

Planning Division

For:

Clr Keir
Clr Cameron

Against:

Clr Martinez

Absent:

Clr Woodcock
(pecuniary interest)

Clr Turnbull
Clr Taylor
Clr Smith
Clr Taylor
Clr Walford

Clr Woodcock return to the meeting and resumed the chair at 1:49pm

13/2016/18 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; Responsible pet Ownership Grant, Walgett Solar Farm, Tip Fencing, Main Street Beautification Fund – Lightning Ridge & Walgett and Mosquito Workshop.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

Clr Turnbull and Clr Martinez left the meeting room at 2:06pm

13/2016/19 Monthly Progress report from Acting Director Engineering Technical Services – November 2016

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

13/2016/20 Monthly RMCC works Report from Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services – November 2016

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

*Clr Turnbull and Clr Martinez returned to the meeting at 2:11pm
Clr Keir left the meeting at 2:11pm*

13/2016/21 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Acting Director Technical/Engineering Services – November 2016

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 2:14pm

13/2016/22 Garbage Truck Replacement

Resolved:

That Council accept the quote from JT Fossey for the supply and delivery of a Volvo truck with SuperiorPak body for a total of \$369,238.70 (ex GST)

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

*Clr Walford- Nil
Clr Martinez – Nil*

Clr Smith

Q1: Lot (18) chairs on footpath in Collarenebri just becoming a gathering place not desirable. (Cutlers store where issue began).

Q2: Swimming pool waste water overflow into Narran St Collarenebri (contamination & health risk) situated beside school oval & ag plot – Mosquitoes

Q3: Drainage needed badly in Collarenebri for last 8 years

Q4 :(Fire) spare blocks becoming a major concern, can RFS address the problem?

Q5: Water restrictions? Need reviewing/meters what purpose do they serve

Q6: Line marking northern end Gundabloui Road to end of sealed section, suckers/regrowth a big problem along edges of road

Q7: Heritage funds \$4400 Glen Whitley granted then next meeting heritage on that lot withdrawn. I rang about this and got no answer.

Clr Taylor

Q1: Mowers – Can we have a log of the times the mowers at LR are out of action due to breakdowns?

Q2: Can we have a costing of the mower repairs in LR over the past 12 months

Q3: Where are Council negotiations up to with regards to the sale/lease of Colly transaction Centre?

Q4: Watering of trees in street is a short term contract to water trees in streets worthy of consideration?

Q5: Crim safe window protection offered to all shop owners who have ugly bars on windows in situ

Clr Murray

Q 1: Shire wide problem – write or threaten Telstra – mobile & data phone service was below standard in the Shire especially during harvest. Carinda – has one bar in town – has a tower 10kms west of town – upgrade. 'Curubalong' on the Castlereagh Hwy approx. 40kms from Walgett – Telstra has tower plus electricity. Why cannot a mobile service be put on the tower. Rowena internet service - 3g not good enough. Write to Mark Coulton, Kevin Humphries (remind them about the Orange by election), Telstra boss/state, Telstra area manager, Ombudsman Request the area manager to state his case at a council meeting. Hopefully stating the above improvements

Clr Cameron

Q1: Can Council approach Telstra on behalf of rate payers who are having issues with service/coverage levels. Supporting information to be supplied by affected residents to include details of dropped calls, data shortages

Clr Keir

Q1: Similar problems with Telstra reception.

Q 2: Could items for public forums be listed on the agenda? Proper meeting procedure should be followed. People/Organisations must apply prior to Council meetings to make a presentation.

Q3: Can we call applications soon for Dick Colless Scholarships? Candidates will apply at the beginning of the year prior to school & uni beginning. Website/Walgett news/Facebook/paper

Q4: When is this planned to start? (Sealing of 4kms 7716 Walgett to Pilliga)

Clr Woodcock

Q1: Can a yellow bin be provided for Canfels Opal Field?

Q2: IBC Gardens - Mrs Mansfield is leaving. Can we check charity status of the committee?

Q3: Can an extra person be put in a gang at Lightning Ridge to look after parks, gardens & ovals?

Q4: What is happening with the awning at the Butcher shop at Collarenebri?

13/2016/23 Move into Closed Session at 2:38

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 Smith
Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

13/2016/24 Purchase Asset Management Software – Closed Session Report

Resolved:

That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item - Purchase Asset Management Software, the reason being that information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)).

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

13/2016/25 Purchase Asset Management Software

Resolved:

That Council purchase the Pitney Bowes “Confirm” asset management software for \$90,000 funded by contributions from Council’s General Fund Asset Renewal Reserve \$73,000, Water Fund Contribution \$9,000, Sewer Fund Contribution \$5,000 and the Plant Replacement Reserve \$3,000.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

16/2016/26 Return to Open Session at 2:42pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

11/2016/27 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.
- Purchase Asset Management Software

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

11/2016/28 Appointment to the position of Director of Engineering/Technical Services

Resolved:

That following discussions Council adopt the recommendation of the General Manager to appoint Mr Sylvester Otieno to the position of Director of Engineering/ Technical Services under a three/five year contract.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 2:45pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 14 February 2017

Mayor

General Manager