



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

19 February 2019

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GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 10:00AM**

PRESENT

Clr Manuel Martinez (Mayor)
 Clr Ian Woodcock (Deputy Mayor)
 Clr Jane Keir
 Clr Bill Murray
 Clr Michael Taylor
 Clr Tanya Cameron
 Clr Lawrence Walford
 Clr Kelly Smith
 Clr Robert Turnbull
 Greg Ingham (General Manager)
 Jessica McDonald (Director Environmental Services)
 Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering/Technical Services)
 Ray Graham (Project Engineer)
 Rebecca Wilson (Minute Secretary)

Leave of Absence – Nil**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Keir	13.1	Pecuniary	Family Business
Clr Turnbull	11.3.2	Pecuniary	Family Property

Public Presentations:

- *Peter Rufford – PEECE Consulting provided Council with a comprehensive presentation on Ridge Road Feasibility.*

1/2019/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 18 December 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 18 December 2019, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

1/2019/2 Mayoral Report

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

1/2019/3 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at February 2019 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

1/2019/4 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars published 12/12/18, 18/12/18, 19/12/18, 18/01/19 & 8/2/19 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

That the NSW electoral commission be engaged to administer the 2020 elections on behalf of Council.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

1/2019/5 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings and Events**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

1/2019/6 Tourism Development Report – February 2019**Recommendation:**

1. That Council approve the recommendation that Walgett Shire Tourism Advisory Committee take over the management and existing funds of the Walgett Bulldust to Bitumen Festival from 2019.
2. That the matters listed from brief mention or information only be received and noted

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

1/2019/7 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 December 2018**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 31 December 2018 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

1/2019/8 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 January 2019**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 31 January 2019 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

1/2019/9 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**Resolved:**

The December 2018 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

1/2019/10 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**Resolved:**

The January 2019 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

1/2019/11 Renaming of Park – Opal Street, Lightning Ridge**Recommendation:**

1. That Council name the Park in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge “Opal Park”.
2. Application be made to the Geographical Names Board for registration of the parks name “Opal Park”.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

1/2019/12 Second Quarter Operational Plan & Year End Delivery Program 18/19**Recommendation:**

1. That the content of the report be noted
2. That Council accept the progress made on the 2018/2019 Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 31st December 2018.

Moved: Clr Turnbull**Seconded: Clr Smith****CARRIED***11:12am - Clr Cameron left the meeting**11:15am - Clr Cameron returned to the meeting***1/2019/13 Procurement and Disposal Policy & Procedure****Recommendation:**

1. That the Chief Financial Officers report be received.
2. That Walgett Shire Council Procurement and Disposal Policy & Procedure as presented, be adopted.

Moved: Clr Taylor**Seconded: Clr Turnbull****CARRIED***11:19am - Clr Walford left the meeting***1/2019/14 Quarterly Budget Review Statement 2018/2019****Recommendation:**

1. That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31st December 2018, as tabled.

Moved: Clr Turnbull**Seconded: Clr Taylor****CARRIED***11:21am - Clr Walford returned to the meeting***1/2019/15 Community Development Report October 2018 – January 2019****Recommendation:**

1. That the report for Community Development & Capacity Building October 2018 – January 2019 be received.

Moved: Clr Keir**Seconded: Clr Woodcock****CARRIED**

1/2019/16 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From CFO
Recommendation:

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the Chief Financial Officer in the following areas; Property Matters, Finance & Administration and Community Services be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

1/2019/17 Walgett Water Supply Incident
Recommendation:

That Council receive and note this information.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

1/2019/18 Lightning Ridge Feasibility Study
Recommendation

1. That Council receive and note the Lightning Ridge Road Feasibility Study
2. That Council consider its options, for adoption at the March 2019 meeting.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

1/2019/19 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information from Director Engineering/Technical Services – February 2019
Recommendation

That Council receive and note this report

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

1/2019/20 Landfill Management & Operations Tender Process – Walgett & Lightning Ridge

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Go to tender for the Management & Operations of the Walgett Landfill for a period of 4-5 weeks
2. Go to tender for the Management & Operations of the Lightning Ridge Landfill for a period of 4-5 weeks
3. That operational hours be amended to 9-12pm & 1-5pm to accommodate working residents.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

1/2019/21 Boundary Adjustment of Kaolin Street to the Benefit of Lightning Ridge Bowling Club

Recommendation

1. That Council resolves to authorise the adjustment of Kaolin Street to the benefit of Lightning Ridge Bowling Club and classify the land as 'operational land'.
2. That Council resolves to donate the land involved in the boundary adjustment to the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

1/2019/22 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information from Director Environmental Services

Recommendation

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

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

1/2019/23 Walgett Weir Raising

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the Weir raising project in accordance with the approved Safe and Secure funding project.
2. That Council continues to investigate options for providing improved water supply security for Walgett.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.26pm
The meeting resumed at 1.15pm*

1/2019/24 Move into Closed Session

Time: 1:15pm

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

- (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)
- (c) 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)
- (d) 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 Walford
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 1.15pm

1/2019/25 RFT 18/003 Design & Construction of Goangra Bridge

Recommendation

That Council adopt the alternative solution 4, as outlined in the report

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

1/2019/26 Return to Open Session

Time: 1.42pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 1.43pm

1/2019/27 Adoption of closed session reports

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

Questions for Next Meeting

Clr Keir

- Q1: Can Council consider sponsoring the gate entry fees the Walgett Show on Sunday 12th May, Mother's day?
- Q2: Can Council investigate the dumping of rubbish on the northern bank of the Namoi River, opposite golf course?

Clr Murray

- Q1: Who owns the BAC building in Fox Street and what is happening with it?
- Q2: What is the progress with replacing the Walgett levee bank on the southern side?
- Q3: When is the kerb and guttering in Wee Waa Street, Walgett happening?

Clr Woodcock

- Q1: Can Council investigate the transfer of water from the bath bore to Miner's Dams via the pump due to water shortages?
- Q2: Can Council investigate installing 3 phase power to the bore bath pumps in Lightning Ridge?
- Q3: What is happening with Collarenebri Boat Ramp?
- Q4: When will Council commence drug testing and who will be conducting it?

Clr Taylor

- Q1: Can Council investigate its capacity to water trees in Lightning Ridge or advertise for a contractor to carry out the watering?
- Q2: Which days does the street sweeper operate in Lightning Ridge and is it able to visit the villages?
- Q3: Can the street banners be audited in Lightning Ridge?

Clr Smith

- Q1: Do Council require staff to hold appropriate accreditation to operate the filtration plant?
- Q2: Can Council investigate if raw water rates can be waived for Collarenebri and Walgett residents while water restrictions are in place?
- Q3: Can the Collarenebri Boat ramp project be escalated to ensure completion whilst the water levels in the river are very low?
- Q4: Can the old building in the main street of Collarenebri be inspected for public safety purposes?
- Q5: Can Council find funding to complete footpath in Walgett Street, Collarenebri from aged care units, (100m required)?
- Q6: What is happening with the \$100,000 grant allocated to Albert Street, Collarenebri to top seal the road?
- Q7: Can the cricket pitch on Collarenebri oval be reinstated and how can the football oval be brought back to an acceptable standard for use, once water is available?
- Q8: Can Council investigate upgrading the Collarenebri tennis court club house?
- Q9: What is happening with the replacement of the Collarenebri golf club house?
- Q10: Can the drainage issues at Collarenebri and Rowena be investigated or rectified?
- Q11: Can Council investigate repair works (potholes, shoulder work, roadside vegetation and table drains) for RR329, Merrywinebone Road?
- Q12: Can Council grant permission to the Collarenebri Pony Club to utilise country behind rubbish depots and cemetery to construct a new cross-country course?
- Q13: Can Council organise regular maintenance and flushing of town hydrants?
- Q14: Can all streets with kerb and guttering in the Walgett Shire be cleaned of all dirt and debris?

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 2.23pm.
To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Mayor

General Manager

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