



# **MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Greg Ingham  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE CARINDA HALL ON  
TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2019 AT 10:06am**

**OPEN FORUM****Public Presentations:**

*Mr Paul Flint provided a brief report on the ranger services that he provides to the community.*

*The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:06 am*

**PRESENT**

Clr Manuel Martinez (Mayor)  
 Clr Ian Woodcock (Deputy Mayor)  
 Clr Bill Murray  
 Clr Robert Turnbull  
 Clr Michael Taylor  
 Greg Ingham (General Manager)  
 Michael Urquhart (Chief Financial Officer)  
 Jessica McDonald (Director Environmental Services)  
 Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering/Technical Services)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**ABSENT**

Clr Tanya Cameron  
 Clr Kelly Smith  
 Clr Jane Keir  
 Clr Lawrence Walford

**Leave of Absence****10/2019/1 Leave of Absence****Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Clr Cameron, Clr Smith, Clr Walford and Clr Keir are accepted and leave of absence is granted.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**

**CARRIED**

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary</b>
Clr Martinez	11.3.1	Non-Pecuniary
Clr Turnbull	11.3.1	Non-Pecuniary
Clr Murray	13.1.2	Non-Pecuniary

**10/2019/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 24 September 2019****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 24 September 2019, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**10/2019/3 Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

That the Council receive and note the verbal Mayoral Report. The Mayor informed the Council of the Local Government NSW Conference attendance and the matters pertaining.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

**10/2019/4 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**10/2019/5 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 19-21 to 19-27 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Murray**

**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**

**CARRIED**

**10/2019/6 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings and Events****Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**10/2019/7 General Manager Activities/Meetings for October 2019****Resolved:**

That that General Manager Activity report for October 2019 be received.

**Moved:** Clr Taylor  
**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**10/2019/8 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report****Resolved:**

The outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**10/2019/9 Cash and Investment Report as at 30th September 2019****Resolved:**

That the Investment Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**10/2019/10 Community Assistance Scheme****Resolved:**

That the Council donate to the Walgett Little Athletics \$2100.00 under the section 356 community assistance program 2019/2020 for the following project; 2 x Members to complete accreditation for Cert IV in Sport Coaching in Dubbo.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**10/2019/11 Allocation of Donation for Drought Relief****Resolved:**

That Council allocate the Probus Club of Lennox Head Inc donation as follows;

Making payment of the Burren Junction Sportsground fee of \$181.00 and the balance of funds totalling \$19 be donated to the NSW Police (Burren Junction) Coordinating Committee.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**10/2019/12 Code of Meeting Practice Policy - Review****Resolved:**

That Council adopt the revised Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW and Council pre-meetings are to commence at 9.30am on the day of the ordinary meeting and the ordinary Council meetings will commence at 11:00am.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

**10/2019/13 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 & Administration and Community Services be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services – No quorum present due to declaration of non-pecuniary interest by Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull and therefore the report is held over for next month for Council to consider.

**9/2019/15 Monthly Progress Report – October 2019****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for October 2019.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

**CARRIED**

### 10/2019/16 Cumborah Bore Hydrogeological Review & Pump Test Analysis

**Resolved:**

1. That Council staff contact Infrastructure NSW and request a variation to the funding deed to allow the new bore to be equipped with an electric submersible pump and associated pipework.
2. That Council allocate 80-90 thousand for further drilling of the Cumborah Bore.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

### 10/2019/17 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only by Director of Engineering/Technical Services – September 2019

**Resolved:**

That the Matters Generally for Brief mention or Information only from the Director engineering/ Technical Services be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

### 10/2019/18 Easy To Do Business – Service NSW

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

Council delegates authority to the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Service NSW and any necessary documents be authorised for execution under the Common Seal of Council.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

### 10/2019/19 Matters for Brief Mention of Information Only from Director Environmental Services

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matter for brief mention, or information only.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

### Annual Financial Statements 2018/2019

#### Resolved:

1. The Draft Annual Financial Reports for 2018/2019 be referred to Council's Auditor.
2. The Mayor, another Councillor, the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer be authorised to sign the necessary Financial Statements.
3. On receipt of the Audit Report, a copy be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and any other relevant statutory body.
4. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to set the date at which the Auditor's report and the Financial Statements be presented to the public, additionally be reviewed/adopted by Council formally as required, subject to Section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993 and its requirements.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**

**CARRIED**

### 10/2019/20 Move into Closed Session

*Time: 11.36am*

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 Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

### 10/2019/21 Walgett Weir 11A Raising and Fishway Project – Tender Evaluation

#### Resolved:

That the tender submitted by Pensar Civil P/L, in the tendered amount of \$7,312,908.00 (incl GST) be accepted for Walgett Weir 11A Raising and Fish Conservation.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

Offer for Purchase of Land in Walgett CBD – No quorum present due to declaration of non-pecuniary interest by Clr Murray and therefore the report is held over for next month for Council to consider.

**10/2019/23 Return to Open Session****Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved:**        **Clr Taylor**  
**Seconded:**   **Clr Woodcock**  
**CARRIED**

**10/2019/24 Adoption of closed session reports****Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

**Moved:**        **Clr Woodcock**  
**Seconded:**   **Clr Taylor**  
**CARRIED**

**Questions for Next Meeting**

Clr Martinez

Q1: What has Council done in the last 12 months to secure the water supply for the Walgett town?

Q2: Why does the bore water have to pass through the treatment plant in Walgett?

Clr Turnbull

Q1: Can the giveaway lines be painted on the road near the pub in Carinda?

Q2: Can Council clean up the tar that has sprayed onto the new stencil at the pub in Carinda?

Q3: Coonamble Road needs attention?

Q4: The trees on Pandora Street still haven't been trimmed.

Clr Taylor

Q1: Burrenbaa Road from Dougie Wilson turn off back 4kms, can we seal this while the road preparation is as good as it is?

Q2: RMS toilet cleaning at Stanley, has this services commenced by our staff deodorising this ASAP?

Q3: Big hole developing in the new road sealing on the Gundablouie Rd at the grid, why can't our workforce fill this?

Q4: Pat Regan, a wonderful person who helped her community, we as Council pass on our condolences to Pat's family.

Q5: The edges on the new Gundablouie Road are steep, the edges need to be made safer.

Clr Woodcock

Q1: Where are the allocations being made for the Road to Recovery funding?

Clr Murray

Q1: Wee Waa Street to showgrounds – very rough for caravans. Needs a bigger sign to re-direct them to go via Namoi Street to Come-By-Chance Road as google maps directs them onto Wee Waa St.

Q2: Can we lay some artificial turf under the monument in Walgett?

Q3: Recognition for the ladies and community of Burren Junction for their excellent work in helping restoring the Burren Junction Hall.

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 12.44pm  
To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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Deputy Mayor

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General Manager

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