



# **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Greg Ingham  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE LIGHTNING RIDGE BOWLING CLUB ON TUESDAY 30 JULY 2019 AT 10:08AM**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Clr Tanya Cameron  
Michael Urquhart (Chief Financial Officer)

**6/2019/1 Leave of Absence**

**Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Clr Tanya Cameron is accepted and a leave of absence granted.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**Public Presentations:**

- *Inspector Trent Swinton – Introduction to Council, provided an overview of his role, pledged to continue to build relationship between NSW Police and Council.*
- *Mr Ormond Molyneux - Lightning Ridge Miners' Association (LRMA) – Presentation to Council in relation to LRMA's request to add an additional outlet on the old town bore in Lightning Ridge due to issues with water access via current setup/arrangement.*
- *Ms Jenni Brammall – AOC Building Sub-Committee – presentation to council in relation to the Australian Opal Centre project's current status*

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

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Clr Keir	11.3.2	Pecuniary	Family Business Related
Clr Martinez	11.3.2	Pecuniary	Family Business Related
	11.3.3	Pecuniary	Family Business Related
	11.3.5	Pecuniary	Family Business Related
Clr Turnbull	11.3.2	Pecuniary	Family Business Related
	11.3.3	Pecuniary	Family Business Related
	11.3.5	Pecuniary	Family Business Related

**6/2019/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 25 June 2019****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 25 June 2019, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/3 Mayoral Minutes****Resolved:**

That Council received and note the Mayoral report

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/4 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/5 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 19-11 to 19-15 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/6 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 Keir

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/7 General Manager Activities/Meeting June - July 2019****Resolved:**

That the General Manager Activity report for June - July 2019 be received.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/8 Venue Changes for Council Meetings in 2019****Resolved:**

That Council not approve the following Council meeting venue changes for 2019.

24<sup>th</sup> September – Carinda to Walgett

26<sup>th</sup> November – Burren Junction to Walgett

and that as of January 2020 all Council meetings will be held in Walgett for recording purposes.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/9 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report****Resolved:**

That the outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/10 Cash and Investment Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/11 2019/2020 Fees & Charges Correction****Resolved:**

That Council place the amended fees and charges, with the exemption of the Truckwash Fee, which is to remain at \$11.00 per half hour, on display for a period of 28 days, calling for public comment.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/12 Community Development & Capacity Building – May – June 2019****Resolved:**

That the report for Community Development and Capacity Building for May – June 2019 be received.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/13 Walgett Shire National Youth Week 2019****Resolved:**

That the report for Walgett Shire Youth Week 2019 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/14 Procurement & Disposal Policy & Procedure****Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/15 Australian opal Centre (AOC) Funding Request****Resolved:**

That Council;

1. Formally advertise for a period of 28 days advising of its intention to make available \$2,000,000 to the Lightning Ridge Opal Fossil Centre Inc. (trading as the Australian Opal Centre), and submission can be made to Council during the 28 day period.
2. Funding for the project be allocated as follows, \$1,425,000 from the Joint Organisation Tourism and Cultural Fund and \$575,000 from Council's consolidated working capital.
3. The advertisement be placed in the Walgett Spectator, Daily Liberal, Council's Web page and Facebook platforms.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**For**

Clr Manuel Martinez

Clr Ian Woodcock

Clr Michael Taylor

Clr Lawrence Walford

Clr Robbie Turnbull

Clr Kelly Smith

**CARRIED**

**Against**

Clr Jane Keir

Clr Bill Murray

**Absent**

Clr Tanya Cameron

*Clr Woodcock left the meeting at 11:39am*  
*Clr Woodcock returned to the meeting at 11:41am*

*Clr Walford left the meeting at 11:46am*  
*Clr Walford returned to the meeting at 11:49am*

**6/2019/16 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From CFO**

**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 Woodcock**  
**Seconded:     Clr Walford**  
**CARRIED**

**6/2019/17 Installation of a New Outlet for LRMA**

**Resolved:**

That Council note and approve the option of installation of 100mm outlet on the old town bore line with a double check valve pipe water to its processing tanks to supplement the flow from the bore baths at the LRMA's cost.

**Moved:           Clr Taylor**  
**Seconded:     Clr Walford**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Martinez, Clr Keir and Clr Turnbull declared a pecuniary interests and left the room at 12:15pm*

**6/2019/18 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – July 2019**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for July 2019.

**Moved:           Clr Murray**  
**Seconded:     Clr Taylor**  
**CARRIED**

**6/2019/19 Monthly Service Progress Report – July 2019**
**Resolved:**

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

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

*Clr Martinez, Clr Keir and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting at 12:20pm*

**6/2019/20 Budget for Asbestos Removal**
**Resolved:**

1. That Council note and approve a budget of \$100,000 from the Waste Management Reserve Fund to remove and dispose the asbestos material from Walgett Sewage Treatment Plant area.
2. That Council authorise the Finance Department to create a new ledger number for this project.

**Moved:**        **Clr Taylor**  
**Seconded:**   **Clr Keir**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull declared a pecuniary interests and left the room at 12:26pm*

*Clr Murray left the meeting at 12:40pm*  
*Clr Murray returned to the meeting at 12:42pm*

**6/2019/21 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from Director Engineering Technical Services**
**Resolved:**

That the matters generally for brief mention or information only from the Director Engineering/Technical Services be received and noted.

**Moved:**        **Clr Keir**  
**Seconded:**   **Clr Walford**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting at 12:47pm*



**6/2019/22 Recycling Storage Shed****Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to;

Approve a new budget line for \$220,000 from the Domestic Waste Management Fund (DWMF) for inclusion in the 2019/2020 budget for the purchase of recyclables storage shed in Lightning Ridge and the installation of a recycling collection area at the Lightning Ridge Landfill.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/23 Remediation Options – 1 Earl Street, Collarenebri****Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to;

Endorse the actions of the DES and elect a preference of Option 3, as per the attached report by EnviroScience for further investigations by Council and set a new budget line of \$7,000 for further testing/investigations to be carried out by Council.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**6/2019/24 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from Director Environmental Services****Resolved:**

Receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services of matters for brief mention or information only.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Smith**

**CARRIED**

### **Questions for Next Meeting**

#### **Clr Smith**

- Q1: *When the application was submitted for the bore, why was the wording changed? E.g. Water security for the township*
- Q2: *Can staff be given the appropriate training to run the Collarenebri Filtration System?*
- Q3: *Can the toilet block at the camping grounds be inspected, there is water leaking behind the wall?*
- Q4: *Can the truck stop in the Gundabloui Road be resealed?*
- Q5: *Can the operating hours of the Street sweeper be adjusted to avoid street cleaning when there are parked vehicles in the main street during business operating hours?*

#### **Clr Taylor**

- Q1: *Where is the sealing project up to for Sunflash Street, Lightning Ridge?*
- Q2: *Can Council issue authorisation (name badge and letter of appointment) to the Lightning Ridge Market Coordinator?*
- Q3: *Can additional 'No Dogs from 6am – 12pm Sundays' signs be erected at the Lions Park?*

#### **Clr Turnbull**

- Q1: *Can Council investigate the new truck wash facilities, stock crates are unable to be washed out in new facility?*

#### **Clr Murray**

- Q1: *Can the old green concrete posts outside Landmark in Fox Street, Walgett be removed?*
- Q2: *What is the progress on the water from the Walgett Treatment Plant for the Walgett Cemetery?*

#### **Clr Keir**

- Q1: *What is happening with the temporary IGA store for Walgett?*
- Q2: *Can a 'No Parking' sign be erected in the lane between Elders and Wongs Fish & Chip Shop?*
- Q3: *Can the toilet facilities at No 2 & No 3 Ovals be inspected in relation to cleanliness, efficiency and functionality?*
- Q4: *What is the progress on the Come By Chance Road (RR7716) in relation to the sealing project?*
- Q5: *Can the illegal dumping of the tyres in Pilliga be investigated?*

#### **Clr Walford**

- Q1: *Can the watering of the sporting ovals be revised so it does not occur the night before an event?*

#### **Clr Woodcock**

- Q1: *Can inspections be carried out of the footpaths in Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge? There have been two slip and trips in recent weeks due to uneven footpaths.*

Clr Martinez

Q1: Can Council investigate the swimming pool contacts?

Q2: Can the Ranger attend the Sunday markets to enforce the 'no dog' policy?

Q3: Can Council provide a report on Sewage Funds and breakdown costs etc for Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri?

Q4: Can Council ensure that there is adequate preparation and topsoil laid prior to laying grass at Opal Street Park?

Q5: Can Council look at placing KPI's on supervisors?

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:30pm

The meeting resumed at 1:58pm

<b>6/2019/25 Move into Closed Session</b>
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**Time:** 1:58pm

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 Taylor**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull declared a pecuniary interests and left the room at 1:59pm*

The General Manager provided an update to the elected members on the Collarenebri to Lightning Ridge Road sealing project.

- As part of Council's commitment to further investigate PEECE consulting's findings, further community consultations in conjunction with road counts, and benefit cost analysis studies have been completed by Peter Rufford.
- Peter Rufford will complete the last of his meetings with stakeholders by early August 2019.
- Peter Rufford has revised all options, and has prepared a report to be submitted to Council and possibly present to Council at its next meeting.
- The General Manager highlighted the following points
  - the sealing of the existing road (which was the preferred option in the report) had a BCR of 1, and other did not achieve as high a BCR.

- It was noted that even after further investigation and consultation works, it was unlikely that Peter Rufford's findings/recommendation would change.
- The General Manager noted that in his professional opinion, he believed that if Council voted against a recommended route, it could jeopardise the approval of the project.
- Cllr Keir noted that it was never the recommendation that was the issue, it was the flawed process in regards to community consultation and inconsistencies with Council's decisions after initial studies were completed.
- Cllr Keir also stated that there are 3 route options and when the feasibility study is presented to Council, they must vote as a united group.
- There was discussion in relation to Council commencing the application for funding prior to receiving the feasibility report. However, it was decided that Council should not apply for the funding until feasibility report is received.
- It was resolved to call a special meeting for adoption of an option to seal the Lightning Ridge to Collarenebri Road as soon as the additional work in regards to the feasibility study is completed by Mr Peter Rufford from PEECE consulting.

### **Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 2:23pm.

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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Mayor

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General Manager