



# **MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 27 April 2021**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

<b>MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2021 AT 11:30AM</b>
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**OPEN FORUM****Public Presentations:***Nil**The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:30am***PRESENT**

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)  
 Clr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)  
 Clr Jane Keir  
 Clr Lawrence Walford  
 Clr Bill Murray  
 Clr Kelly Smith  
 Michael Urquhart (General Manager)  
 Tony Hughes (Acting Chief Financial Officer)  
 Bob Harris (Acting Director Environmental Services)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**Note:**

***Bob Harris attended the meeting via zoom***  
***Clr Walford entered the meeting room at 12:30pm***

**Leave of Absence:**

Clr Robert Turnbull  
 Clr Michael Taylor

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

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Report title/ Subject matter</b>	<b>Pecuniary/ Non-Pecuniary</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Clr Keir	10.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report	Pecuniary	Family business interest
Clr Martinez	10.4.1 Supplementary Report – RFT 21/006	Development approvals March 2021 Supplementary Report – RFT 21/006	Pecuniary	Family Business interest

**4/2021/1 Leave of Absence****Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Clr Turnbull and Clr Taylor is accepted and leave of absence granted.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Murray**  
**CARRIED**

**4/2021/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 23 March 2021****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 23 March 2021, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

**4/2021/3 Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

That the Mayor report for March/April 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**4/2021/4 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at April 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

**4/2021/5 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 21-02, 21-03 and 21-04 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

**4/2021/6 Important Dates For Councillors - Upcoming Meetings & Events****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

**4/2021/7 Support for Opal Industry Heavy Vehicle Permit System****Resolved:**

That Council;

(a) Supports the introduction of a heavy vehicle permit system for opal mining in New South Wales.

(b) Council write to both State and Federal Members seeking their backing for the introduction of a heavy vehicle permit system for opal miners in New South Wales, and other legislative change as necessary to facilitate the use of heavy motor vehicles by miners in the opal fields.

**Moved: Cllr Keir**  
**Seconded: Cllr Martinez**  
**CARRIED**

**4/2021/8 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report****Resolved:**

The 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved: Cllr Keir**  
**Seconded: Cllr Martinez**  
**CARRIED**

**4/2021/9 Cash and Investment Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021****Resolved:**

That the Investment report be received and noted.

**Moved: Cllr Murray**  
**Seconded: Cllr Smith**  
**CARRIED**

**4/2021/10 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only****Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Cllr Murray**  
**Seconded: Cllr Keir**  
**CARRIED**

**4/2021/11 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only, Environmental Services****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Smith  
**CARRIED**

**4/2021/12 Move into Closed Session**

**Time: 11:56am**

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:** Cllr Smith  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir  
**CARRIED**

**4/2021/13 Tender for Refurbishment of the Colless Grandstand – Walgett Showground****Resolved:**

That Council:

A. Having not received any tenders for Refurbishment of the Colless Grandstand, now, in accordance with Section 178 (3) (e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, enter into negotiations with both (a) David Payne Construction (Dubbo), and (b) GBC Building & Hardware (Walgett), with the view of entering into a contract with the contractor identified as best value.

B. The reasons for declining to invite fresh tenders are:

- a. time constraints associated with NSW State Government Funding,
- b. Inviting fresh tenders will not deliver a cost effective or timely outcome
- c. Previous approaches to the market have not achieved an outcome and
- d. Market interest is low

C. The reasons for entering into negotiations with the contractors as described in (a) above are:

- a. Both companies are suitably qualified and have provided a scope of works, quotations and cost estimates for previous grant application purposes and reporting to Council.
- a. No other suitable contractors have been identified

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

**4/2021/14 Installation of solar systems at the Council Administration building and Walgett Water Treatment works**

**Resolved:**

That Council accepts the tender for the installation of solar systems at the Council Administration building and Walgett water treatment works for a price of \$85,500.00 excluding GST, and provision be made in the 31st March Quarterly Budget Review (2020/2021) for funding the purchase and installation of the systems.

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

**4/2021/15 Tenders for the refurbishment of the grandstand at the Collarenebri Race Track**

**Resolved:**

(A) Council accepts the tender for the refurbishment of the grandstand at the Collarenebri Race Track from GLETAN GROUP in the sum of \$360,495.11 excluding GST;

(B) Council enter into a contract with GLETAN GROUP to refurbish the grandstand at Collarenebri Race Track and the General Manager be authorised to execute the contract and other relevant documents on behalf of Council.

(C) The Council seal be affixed to the contract.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

**4/2021/16 Tender for Collarenebri Economic Development Program (Consultancy Services)**

**Resolved:**

(A) Council accepts the tender of ORANA RDA at a price of \$380,070 (Ex GST).

(B) Council enters into a contract with ORANA RDA for consultancy services to fulfil the Murray Darling Basin Authority project scope of works, at a price of \$380,070 (ex GST) and the General Manager be authorised to execute the contract and other relevant documents on behalf of Council.

(C) The Council seal be affixed to the contract.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Walford entered the meeting room at 12:19pm and Clr Martinez declared a pecuniary interest in the supplementary report titled: RFT21/006- Construction of footpaths, Kerb /gutter and Concrete Island in Walgett and left the meeting at 12:19pm.*

**4/2021/17 RFT21/006- Construction of footpaths, Kerb /gutter and Concrete Island in Walgett**

**Resolved:**

(A) Council accepts the tender for the Construction of footpaths, Kerb /gutter and Concrete Island in Walgett from PW Concrete in the sum of \$ \$ 601,809.82 Ex GST.

(B) Council enters into a contract with PW Concrete for the Construction of footpaths, kerb /gutter and concrete island in Walgett, at a price of \$601,809.82 (ex GST) and the General Manager be authorised to execute the contract and other relevant documents on behalf of Council.

(C) The Council seal be affixed to the contract.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Martinez returned to the meeting room at 12:24pm.*

**4/2021/18 Return to open session**

**Time: 12:29pm**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**4/2021/19 Adoption of closed session reports**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

**Moved: Clr Smith**

**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir left the meeting room at 12:29pm*

**4/2021/20 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – April 2021**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report –April 2021.

**Moved:** Clr Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 12:30pm.  
Clr Martinez left the meeting room at 12:30pm.*

**4/2021/21 Development Approvals - March 2021**

**Resolved:**

That Council note the information contained within this report.

**Moved:** Clr Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Martinez returned to the meeting room at 12:31pm.*

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 12.31pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

  
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Mayor

  
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General Manager