



# **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **28 August 2018**

Paul Mann  
**ACTING GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE LIGHTNING RIDGE BOWLING CLUB ON TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2018 AT 10:10AM**

**PRESENT**

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)  
 Clr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)  
 Clr Jane Keir  
 Clr Bill Murray  
 Clr Michael Taylor  
 Clr Lawrence Walford  
 Clr Kelly Smith  
 Clr Robert Turnbull  
 Paul Mann (Acting General Manager)  
 Michael Urquhart (Chief Financial Officer)  
 Jessica McDonald (Director Environmental Services)  
 Sylvester Otieno (Director Engineering/Technical Services)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**Public Presentations:**

*Damien Waterford regarding Lorne Road*

**Leave of Absence**

**13/2018/1 Leave of absence**

**Resolved:**

That leave of absence received from Clr Cameron be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

**Moved: Clr Murray**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

<b>Staff/ Councillor</b>	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Pecuniary/ Non-Pecuniary</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Clr Martinez	11.4.4	Pecuniary	Business related item
Clr Turnbull	11.4.4	Pecuniary	Family Relations

**13/2018/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 24 July 2018**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 24 July 2018, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved: Clr Smith**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/3 Minutes of LATC Meeting – 2 August 2018****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the LATC meeting held 2 August 2018 having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

**Moved: Clr Smith**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/4 Minutes of Plant Committee Meeting – 31 July 2018****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Plant Committee meeting held 31 July 2018 having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

**Moved: Clr Smith**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/5 Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the tabled Mayoral report.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/6 Notice of Motion – Walgett Water Supply****Resolved:**

That Council progresses ongoing discussions with Water NSW concerning the release of water to serve Walgett.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/7 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at August 2018 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/8 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars dated 20/07/18, 27/07/18, 03/10/18 & 10/08/18 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

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

**13/2018/9 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 2 Aug 2018 and 16 Aug 2018 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

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

**13/2018/10 Monthly Calendar August - October 2018****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period August – October 2018 and that in light of the LGNSW Annual Conference held in Albury on the 21-23 October, the October Council Meeting be rescheduled to 30 October 2018.

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

**13/2018/11 Far North West Joint Organisation of Councils (FNW JOC)****Resolved:**

That Council note:

1. The next meeting of the FNW JOC will be held in Bourke on 6 September
2. Progress with the formation of the FNW JOC and monitor, with Cobar and Bourke Councils, the delivery of assistance offered by the State Government in forming the JOC.

That Council confirm its priorities for Strategic Planning within the JOC as:

1. Infrastructure Funding – transport (road networks, air services), water and sewer, community facilities
2. Water
3. Services – Health, Education, Community Development
4. Air Services.

That Council confirm its participation under the JOC in the CRCBP – funding to employ a knowledgeable and experienced CRCB Officer to assist in improvement of the management

of contaminated land and development of policies and procedures – and in kind contribution of around \$20,000.

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

#### **13/2018/12 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only from General Manager**

**Resolved:**

That the above matters listed for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Smith left the meeting at 11:30am*

#### **13/2018/13 Cash and Investment Report as at 31st July 2018**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Smith returned to the meeting room at 11:35am*

#### **13/2018/14 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**

**Resolved:**

The July 2018 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

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

#### **13/2018/15 Community Development Report January – April 2018**

**Resolved:**

That the report for Community Development & Capacity Building: January – April 2018 be received.

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

**13/2018/16 Community Development Report January – April 2018****Resolved:**

1. That the report for Community Development & Capacity Building: May – July 2018 be received and that the Walgett Shire Youth Week 2018 report be tabled and noted.
2. Council thank George McCormick for his efforts and hard work.

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

**13/2018/17 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 Taylor**  
**Seconded: Clr Walford**  
**CARRIED**

**13/2018/18 Heritage Advisor Role****Resolved:**

1. Note the resignation of Ray Christison as Heritage Advisor and thank him for his service, dedications and contributions to Walgett Shire.
2. Authorise the Acting General Manager to engage the services of Ms. Tanya Cullen as Council's new Heritage Advisor.

**Moved: Clr Taylor**  
**Seconded: Clr Smith**  
**CARRIED**

**13/2018/19 Collarenebri Main Street (Wilson Street) Seating****Resolved:**

Not provide permanent seating to the Collarenebri Main Street (Wilson Street) and immediate CBD area and to continue investigations into alternate locations within the town, close to the CBD where new seating can be installed.

**Moved: Clr Keir**  
**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**13/2018/20 Euthanasia Agreement – North West Vets****Resolved:**

Council note the above report and endorse the actions of the Director of Environmental Services.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/21 Lightning Ridge Royal Flying Doctors Return and Earn Facility****Resolved:**

Provide funding to the total of \$12,000 for an initial six (6) month period to the Royal Flying Doctors Service Return & Earn Facility, to be paid monthly. A review of the support provided by Council will be conducted in six (6) months' time to determine on-going support.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Smith**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/22 Lightning Ridge Transfer Station – Funding From NSW Environmental Trust, Waste Less, Recycle More Initiative****Resolved:**

Council note the report and endorse the actions of the Director of Environmental Services.

**Moved: Clr Taylor**

**Seconded: Clr Martinez**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/23 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only from Director of Environmental Services****Resolved:**

That the above matters listed for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Smith**

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:50pm*

*The meeting resumed at 1:13pm*

**13/2018/24 Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering / Technical Services****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for July 2018.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Smith**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/25 Request to use Glengary Bore Water or Opal Mining Purposes****Resolved:**

1. That Council rejects the request for use of Glengary Bore water for opal processing purposes at this stage since granting the request may trigger other similar requests thus increasing demand on the water, noting that any future request for additional volume under this license may not be favourably considered.

2. That Council undertakes a dealing with Water NSW to nominate work through which Glengary Bore water may be extracted.

3. That a further report be prepared for Council's consideration on options and feasibility of using the bore for these purposes.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Smith**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/26 Request to Install New Grid on Come By Chance Road****Recommendation:**

That Council; Allow Mr Wilson to install the new grid and pay Mr Wilson and Mr O'Brien a maximum of \$2,000 each for fencing materials.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

*Clr Turnbull and Clr Martinez left the meeting room at 1:43pm*

**13/2018/27 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only – Engineering/ Technical Services****Resolved:**

That Council receives and note the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only presented by the Director Engineering/ Technical Services.

**Moved: Clr Smith**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**



*Clr Turnbull and Clr Martinez returned to the meeting room at 1:49pm*

### **Questions for Next Meeting**

#### **Clr Keir**

*Q1: Have we had any news re the allocation of funds for round 2 of stronger country communities?*

#### **Clr Murray**

*Q1: Could the disabled sign outside Dharrivaa Elders Group- Fox Street, Walgett be repainted?*

*Q2: What is happening with the historical signs on Fox Street, Walgett?*

*Q3: Large sign at Burren Junction sign needs repainting*

*Q4: What is happening with the BAC Building?*

*Q5: IGA Carpark, Walgett – change the enter and exit from the carpark and maybe the car tracks at an angle for easier access?*

#### **Clr Taylor**

*Q1: Can Council get an update on the Hudson Pear Programme?*

*Q2: Line marking – can Lightning Ridge Street lines in town and streets be upgraded?*

*Q3: Bundy clock for Lightning Ridge Staff?*

*Q4: Can metres for outside of town water lines be installed to collect water fees?*

#### **Clr Martinez**

*Q1: Can Council write letters/lobby for face to face registration for claims renewal in Lightning Ridge – Dept. of industries or can Council take over admin of this process?*

#### **Clr Smith**

*Q1: Inspection requires at the Collarenebri Boat Ramp – very steep and dangerous?*

#### **Clr Walford**

*Q1: Staff weren't not wearing harnesses when climbing the water tower in Lightning Ridge.*

### **13/2018/28 Move into Closed Session at 2.36pm**

#### **Resolved:**

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 Keir**

**CARRIED**

**13/2018/29 RTF 18/022 Refurbishment of the Burren Junction School of Arts Hall****Resolved:**

That Council accept the tender for the refurbishment of the Burren Junction School of Arts Hall from Luke Crawford Constructions P/L for a price of \$173,480.00 ex GST.

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

**13/2018/30 Council Office & Centrelink Agency in Lightning Ridge****Resolved:**

That the Chief Financial Officer:

- (a) Contact the Department of Human Services advising Council is supportive of the submission to host a Centrelink Agency in Lightning
- (b) Continue investigations into establishment of a Council Office and Centrelink Agency in Lightning Ridge.
- (c) Make contact with the owner of the property currently housing the Centrelink Agency with aim of negotiating a future lease and suitable lease fee.
- (d) Report back to Council with the outcome of the above actions.

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

**13/2018/31 Return to Open Session at 2.49pm****Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

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

**13/2018/32 Adoption of Closed Session Reports****Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendation of the Closed Committee Reports.

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

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 2:50 p.m. To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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 Mayor

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 General Manager