



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

28th June, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council was held at the **Walgett Shire Council Chambers** on **28th June 2016** commencing at 10:11am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

ADOPTED: 26th July 2016

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

What is a “Conflict of Interests” – A conflict of interests can be two types:

Pecuniary – an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

Non-Pecuniary – a private or personal interest that a Council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Local Government Act (eg. A friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature.)

Remoteness

A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to a matter or if the interest is of a kind specified in Section 448 of the Local Government Act.

Who has a Pecuniary Interest? – A person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of:

- The person, or
- Another person with whom the person is associated (see below)

Relatives, Partners

A person is taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter if:

- The person's spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person has a pecuniary interest in the matter, or
- The person, or a nominee, partners or employer of the person, is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter

N.B. “Relative”, in relation to a person means any of the following:

(a) The parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descends or adopted child of the person or of the person's spouse.

(b) The spouse or de facto partners of the person or of a person referred to in paragraph (a)

No Interest in the Matter

However, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter:

- If the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative or company of other body, or
- Just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, the Council
- Just because the person is a member of, or a delegate of the Council to, a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter provided that the person has no beneficial interest in any shares of the company or body.

Disclosure and participation in meetings

- A Councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The Councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
 - (a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
 - (b) At any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

No Knowledge – A person does not breach this Clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

Participation in Meetings despite Pecuniary Interest (S452 Act)

A Councillor is not prevented from taking part in the consideration or discussion of, or from voting on, any of the matters/questions detailed in Section 452 of the Local Government Act.

Non-Pecuniary Interest – Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-Pecuniary conflicts of interest must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, Councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. Participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. Relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as if the provisions in S451 of the Local Government Act apply (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

Disclosure to be Recorded (S453 Act)

A disclosure (and the reason/s for the disclosure) made at a meeting of the Council or Council Committee or Sub-Committee must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2016 AT 10:11 AM

PRESENT

Clr D Lane (Mayor)
Clr J Keir (Deputy Mayor)
Clr D Cooper
Clr G Murray
Clr R Greenaway
Clr M Martinez
Clr L Walford
Clr M Taylor
Clr I Woodcock
Don Ramsland (General Manager)
Michael Urquhart (Chief Financial Officer)
Prafulla KC (Acting Deputy Director Engineering/Technical Services)
Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

Apologies - Nil

Public Forum Presentations

Ben Hawke, a road user & rate payer from Come By Chance along with several other people that live on RR7716 Walgett to Pilliga discussed the following;

- Mr Hawke asked Council to seek funding for the bitumen sealing of 69 kilometres for the Walgett to Pilliga Road RR7716. Mr Hawke presented Council with relevant statistics including rates paid & the value of produce from the properties serviced by the RR7716.
- Mr Hawke also raised the safety issues particularly for the school children living on the road & discussed the benefits that would flow from sealing the road.

David Cameron, ABS District Manager discussed the following;

- 2016 census on August 8th – The strategies that will ensure the best possible count is attained.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11:45am.

The meeting resumed at 12.20am with all those previously present again present.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Clr Martinez and Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest in item 14.4.2 on page 121.

Confirmation of Minutes

1/2016/6 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 31 May 2016

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 31 May 2016, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Cooper

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Motions of Which Notice has been Given

2/2016/6 Walgett to Pilliga – RR7716

Resolved:

That Council take action to immediately build the case for high priority funding to upgrade and seal the Walgett to Pilliga Road (RR7716) and prepare a submission to Government for additional funding.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

Reports of Committees/Delegates

3/2016/6 Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting 9th June 2016

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held 9th June 2016 be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Reports from Officers

4/2016/6 Council's Decision Action Report – June 2016

Resolved:

That the Resolution Register for June 2016 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

5/2016/6 Council Election Briefings

Resolved:

That Council advertise in the local newspaper the online briefing sessions for the 2016 Council Elections.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

6/2016/6 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW

Resolved:

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 21-24 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cooper
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

7/2016/6 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government

Resolved:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 36-38 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

8/2016/6 Monthly Calendar June – August 2016

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period June to August 2016.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

9/2016/6 2016/17 Draft Budget & Operational Plan and Supporting Integrated Planning and Reporting Documentation

Resolved:

That the General Manager's Report in relation to the 2016/17 Draft Budget and Operational Plan and Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation be received and noted and the 2016/17 Budget and Operating Plan and associated documentation adopted by Council.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

10/2016/6 Local Government Reform – Joint Organisation Concept

Resolved:

That Council prepare a submission with respect to the JO discussion paper and also include the concept in its own community consultation process.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

11/2016/6 Memorandum of Understanding –Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-Operative Ltd

Resolved:

That Council take a “whole of community” approach and adopt the revised Memorandum of Understanding and forward to WAMS for comment.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2016/6 Review of Walgett Shire Tourist Destination Strategy

Resolved:

That Council invites expressions of interest from interested parties to join a proposed umbrella group to review the existing Tourism Destination Strategy with a view to expanding the local tourism industry.

Moved: Clr Cooper
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

13/2016/6 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only

Resolved:

That the matters listed for brief mention or information is received, noted and endorsed.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:04 pm

The meeting resumed at 3:06 pm with all those previously present again present.

14/2016/6 Cash and Investment Report as at 31st May 2016

Resolved:

That the Investment report as at 31st May 2016 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

15/2016/6 Adoption 2013/14-2016/17 Delivery Program, 2016/2017 Operational Plan And Long-term Financial Plan Including Fees and Charges

Resolved:

1. Adopt the 2016 / 2017 Operational Plan and Budget, 2013/2014 – 2016/2017 Delivery Program and Long Term Ten (10) Year Financial Plan.
2. Adopt Fees and Charges 2016/2017 as listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2016/2017 with Council reserving the right to vary fees and charges of a commercial nature as circumstances require.
3. Adopts the Water Pricing Structure as set out in the Schedule of Fees and Charges

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

16/2016/6 Making of the Ordinary Rates for the 2016/2017 Year

Resolved:

- (a) Chief Financial Officers Report be received.
- (b) Whereas the Operational Plan detailing the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year commencing 1st July 2016 were adopted by the Walgett Shire Council on Tuesday 20th May 2016 for public exhibition, and the 2016/2017 Draft Operational Plan was adopted on Tuesday 28th June 2016 and that:
Ordinary Rates for 2016/2017 be made for the following Rate Categories in accordance with the Ministers rate pegging legislation:

1. Residential

A Residential Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$150.00 representing 33% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.00711874 in the dollar on Land Value.

2. Walgett Residential

A Walgett Residential Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$200.00 representing 41% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.01729640 in the dollar on Land Value.

3. Lightning Ridge Residential

A Lightning Ridge Residential Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$200.00 representing 41% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.01185969 in the dollar on Land Value.

4. Collarenebri Residential

A Collarenebri Residential Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$200.00 representing 46% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.10873689 in the dollar on Land Value.

5. Burren Junction Residential

A Burren Junction Residential Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$150.00 representing 36% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.03423533 in the dollar on Land Value.

6. Carinda Residential

A Carinda Residential Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$75.00 representing 40% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.07428801 in the dollar on Land Value.

7. Cumborah Residential

A Cumborah Residential Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$75.00 representing 43% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.00921331 in the dollar on Land Value.

8. Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential

A Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$75.00 representing 45% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.13907858 in the dollar on Land Value.

9. Residential Preserved Opal Fields

A Residential Preserved Opal Fields Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$100.00 representing 34% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.08230154 in the dollar on Land Value.

10. Walgett Business

A Walgett Business Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$300.00 representing 31% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.02787952 in the dollar on Land Value.

11. Lightning Ridge Business

A Lightning Ridge Business Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$300.00 representing 30% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.01213815 in the dollar on Land Value.

12. Collarenebri Business

A Collarenebri Business Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$300.00 representing 41% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.12057126 in the dollar on Land Value.

13. Burren Junction Business

A Burren Junction Business Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$250.00 representing 35% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.03427557 in the dollar on Land Value.

14. Carinda Business

A Carinda Business Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$120.00 representing 45% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.01719588 in the dollar on Land Value.

15. Rowena/Come-By-Chance Business

A Rowena/Come-By-Chance Business Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$120.00 representing 40% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.09720446 in the dollar on Land Value.

16. Business – Preserved Opal Fields

A Business – Preserved Opal Fields Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$250.00 representing 46% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.05244029 in the dollar on Land Value.

17. Business

A Business Rate having a base rate per assessment of \$150.00 representing 38% of the total amount payable by the levying of this rate, together with an ad valorem rate of 0.00971145 in the dollar on Land Value.

18. Rural (Farmland)

A Rural (Farmland) Rate having a minimum of \$206.00, with an ad valorem rate of 0.00312532 in the dollar on Land Value.

19. Rural Irrigable (Farmland)

A Rural Irrigable (Farmland) Rate having a minimum of \$206.00, with an ad valorem rate of 0.00330564 in the dollar on Land Value.

- (c) In accordance with Section 496 of the local Government Act 1993, Council having publicly exhibited its Draft Operational Plan now makes the following charges for the year 2016/2017 for the provision of **“Domestic Waste Management Service”** provided to Burren Junction, Carinda, Collarenebri, Cumborah, Lightning Ridge, Rowena and Walgett, a charge of \$461.00 pa per service for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available for the 2016/2017 rating year commencing on 1st July 2016; and \$461.00 pa per service requested to non-rateable residential properties for the 2016/2017 rating year commencing 1st July 2016

and in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council having publicly exhibited its Draft Operational Plan now makes the following charges for the year 2016/2017:

“Trade Waste Collection Service” for services provided to Burren junction, Carinda, Collarenebri, Cumborah, Lightning Ridge, Rowena and Walgett
\$461.00 p.a for 240L MGB Weekly Collection
\$1,317.00 p.a for 360L MGB twice weekly Collection
\$659.00 p.a for 360L MGB Weekly Collection

“Waste management Availability Charge” per rateable assessment of \$51.00 pa

- (d) Council adopts the scheduled **“Waste Disposal Fees”** as detailed in the Draft operational Plan, Fees and Charges for 2016/2017
- (e) Whereas the Walgett Water Supply Service, Lightning Ridge Water Supply Service, Collarenebri Water Supply Service and Village Water Supply Service Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year commencing 1st July 2016 were publicly exhibited, Water Supply Service Charges for 2016/2017 be made in accordance with the following tables.

Access Charges		2016/2017	GST	TOTAL
River Water - Walgett and Collarenebri				
20mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	467.00	0	467.00
20mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	467.00	0	467.00
25mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	467.00	0	467.00
25mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	729.00	0	729.00
32mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	467.00	0	467.00
32mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	1,195.00	0	1,195.00
40mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	467.00	0	467.00
40mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	1,867.00	0	1,867.00
50mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	467.00	0	467.00
50mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	2,918.00	0	2,918.00
75mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	467.00	0	467.00
75mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	6,566.00	0	6,406.00
100mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	467.00	0	467.00
100mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	11,672.00	0	11,387.00
Unmetered	<i>Residential</i>	467.00	0	467.00
Unmetered	<i>Non Residential</i>	467.00	0	467.00
Bore Water - Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena				
		2016/2017	GST	TOTAL
20mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	308.00	0	308.00
20mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	308.00	0	308.00
25mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	308.00	0	308.00
25mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	480.00	0	480.00
32mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	308.00	0	308.00
32mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	788.00	0	788.00
40mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	308.00	0	308.00
40mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	1,231.00	0	1,231.00
50mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	308.00	0	308.00
50mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	1,924.00	0	1,924.00
75mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	308.00	0	308.00
75mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	4,308.00	0	4,203.00
100mm Connection	<i>Residential</i>	308.00	0	308.00
100mm Connection	<i>Non Residential</i>	7,655.00	0	7,468.00
Unmetered	<i>Residential</i>	308.00	0	308.00
Unmetered	<i>Non Residential</i>	308.00	0	308.00
USAGE				
River Water - Walgett and Collarenebri				
		2016/2017	GST	TOTAL
Filtered Usage Charge	<i>per kilolitre <500kl</i>	0.7800	0	0.7800
Filtered Usage Charge	<i>per kilolitre >500kl</i>	1.0900	0	1.0900
Raw Usage Charge	<i>per kilolitre <600kl</i>	0.2600	0	0.2600
Raw Usage Charge	<i>per kilolitre >600kl</i>	0.3600	0	0.3600
Bore Water - Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena				
		2016/2017	GST	TOTAL
Usage Charge	<i>per kilolitre <600kl</i>	0.2600	0	0.2600
Usage Charge	<i>per kilolitre >600kl</i>	0.3600	0	0.3600

- (f) Whereas the Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri Sewerage Service Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year commencing 1st July, 2016 were publicly exhibited, and Sewerage Service Charges for the 2016/2017 be made in accordance with the following.

Acces Charges		2016/2017	GST	TOTAL
All properties either connected to or within 75 metres of a Council sewer main and able to connect are charged				
Walgett	<i>per annum</i>	\$ 465.00	Nil	\$ 465.00
Lightning Ridge	<i>per annum</i>	\$ 415.00	Nil	\$ 415.00
Collarenebri	<i>per annum</i>	\$ 495.00	Nil	\$ 495.00
Additional Sewer Connections (per connection)				
Walgett	<i>per annum</i>	\$ 465.00	Nil	\$ 465.00
Lightning Ridge	<i>per annum</i>	\$ 415.00	Nil	\$ 415.00
Collarenebri	<i>per annum</i>	\$ 495.00	Nil	\$ 495.00
Cistern charges - Applicable to Business categories (per toilet/urinal)				
Walgett	<i>per cistern</i>	\$ 72.00	Nil	\$ 72.00
Lightning Ridge	<i>per cistern</i>	\$ 65.00	Nil	\$ 65.00
Collarenebri	<i>per cistern</i>	\$ 65.00	Nil	\$ 65.00

- (g) In accordance with Section 566 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts an interest rate on overdue rates and charges for the 2016/2017 rating year commencing on 1st July 2016 of 8.0%, being the maximum rate set by the Office of Local Government.
- (h) In accordance with Section 563 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts a discount of 3.6% for payment in full of total rates and charges (less any rebates) for ratepayers whose payments are received in full on or before the 31 August 2016.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

17/2016/6 Acceptance of Contract For Supply And Delivery Of Bulk Fuel

Resolved:

1. Accept the tender from Inland Petroleum for supply and deliver of Bulk Fuel.
2. Make provision for a 12 month extension after the initial 24 month contract.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

18/2016/6 Walgett Shire Council Youth Week 2016

Resolved:

That the report for Walgett Shire Youth Week 2016 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

19/2016/6 Information Technology Equipment Disposal Policy

Resolved:

1. That the Chief Financial Officers Report be received.
2. That Council adopt the IT Equipment Disposal Policy as presented.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

20/2016/6 Records Management Policy

Resolved:

1. That the Chief Financial Officers Report be received.
2. That Council adopt the "Records Management" Policy as presented.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

21/2016/6 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 for:

1. Installation of Air conditioning Administration Centre.
2. Spider Brown Oval Facilities
3. Walgett Long Jump Pit
4. Transfer management of Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Centre (VIC)
4. Disable Toilet at the Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Centre – Funding allocation of \$5,000 for Council approval.
6. Procurement & Tendering
7. Staff housing
8. Innovation Funding
9. Walgett Senior Librarian
10. Mayors Sporting Challenge
11. Community Safety Plan

be received.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

**22/2016/6 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications
December 2015 to May 2016**

Resolved:

Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority for December 2015 to May 2016.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

23/2016/6 Walgett CBD Business Contribution Applications

Resolved:

1. Note the grant applications and quotes from Diane Kelly.
2. Reimburse \$3,900 each for 51, 53 & 55 Fox St Walgett upon completion of proposed works and receipt of paid invoices for same if submitted to Council prior to 31 October 2016.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

**24/2016/6 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only From Director of
Environmental Services**

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

**25/2016/6 Monthly RMCC Works Report from Acting Director Engineering/ Technical
Services**

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for May 2016.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

Clr Keir and Clr Martinez declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and left the meeting at 4:00pm

**26/2016/6 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Acting Director
Technical/Engineering Services**

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for May 2016.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Clr Keir and Clr Martinez returned to the meeting at 4:06pm

**27/2016/6 Monthly Rural Infrastructure and Support Service Progress Report from
Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services**

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for May 2016.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

QUESTIONS

Clr Woodcock

Question 1

Can Council arrange for the rocks to be relocated to the outside of the bore bath fence in Lightning Ridge?

Response

The Acting Director Urban Services to investigate and take action accordingly.

Question 2

Can Council inspect Pandora Street and the corner of Potch and Pandora Street with regards to drainage?

Response

The Acting Director Urban Services to investigate and take action accordingly.

Question 3

What is happening with the grader driver in Lightning Ridge?

Response

The Director of Engineering/Technical Services will investigate and report accordingly.

Clr Keir – Nil

Clr Greenaway – Nil

Clr Cooper – Nil

Clr Martinez

Question 1

Can Council inspect the puddles on the roads in Lightning Ridge that require repairing?

Response

The Director of Engineering/Technical Services will investigate and take appropriate action.

Clr Lane

Question 1

Can Council inspect the drainage in the streets of Burren Junction?

Response

The Director of Engineering/Technical Services will investigate and take appropriate action.

Clr Murray – Nil

Clr Walford – Nil

Clr Taylor

Question 1

Are there any monies owing to the LRMA for past grading works undertaken and if so can they be paid?

Response

The General Manager to investigate

Clr Taylor congratulated Danielle Osborne for her nomination recognising her volunteering services by Rotary Club in Taree and informed the Councillors that the winner will be announced on the 28th July 2016.

28/2016/6 Move into Closed Session at 4:17pm

Resolved:

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

- (a) 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)
- (b) 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 Murray

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

29/2016/6 Expression of Interest in the Development/Exchange/Purchase of Council Land

Resolved:

That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to submit an offer for the tender purchase of the subject land.

Seconded: Clr Murray

Moved: Clr Keir

CARRIED

30/2016/6 Local Government Reform – The Far West Initiative

Resolved:

The General Manager's report be received and noted and the action being taken to run a series of confidential workshops be endorsed.

1. The Mayor and General Manager attend the next FWIAC meeting during the week commencing 11 July, 2016 and expenses be paid.
2. The General Manager be thanked for his work on his Queensland model to bring it into line with FWIAC preferred options.
3. Continue to work with the far western division councils to devise, develop and consider alternate model(s) of both governance and service delivery.
4. Continue to work with Bourke and Brewarrina Shires to further enhance the Outback Shires Alliance through resource sharing
5. Carry out a detailed examination of Council's long term financial future with the aid of T-Corp support
6. Should the opportunity arise, seek approval to remain a stand-alone Council.
7. Where appropriate seek legal advice from LGNSW and/or legal practitioners with regards the local government reform process.
8. Following the release of the discussion paper by the Minister for Local Government, Council consider whether or not it should be preparing submissions in respect of the recommendations it contains.
9. Immediately commence its own community consultation process in all towns and villages across the Shire so as not to be left at the starting gate when the proposed discussion paper is released.
10. Continue to press for the release of service mapping for the FWI area as a matter of urgency as Council believes that the DPC/OLG approach of determining a governance structure(s) first this is putting the cart before the horse as the service mapping exercise should be done at least concurrently, if not prior to the review of the governance, so that any change in the governance structure can be adequately reflected any change in responsibilities and/or legislation
11. Note that service mapping information does not appear to be available for Councils likely to be involved with Joint Organisation proposals

Moved: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Taylor

CARRIED

31/2016/6 Collarenebri Agency

Resolved:

That Council call expressions of interest to purchase and lease both the property and agency in Collarenebri.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

32/2016/6 Walgett Levee Upgrade Stage 5- Construction of Extension to Town Levee: Tender Recommendation

Resolved:

1. That Council receive and note NSW Public Works tender recommendation for Walgett Levee Upgrade Stage 5-Construction of Extension to Town Levee.
2. That Council accept and endorse NSW Public Works tender recommendation for Walgett Levee Upgrade Stage 5-Constructoin of Extension of Town Levee and mandatory alternative work to be awarded to Batterline Earthmoving Pty Ltd subject to satisfactory financial assessment report.
3. Note that the Aboriginal land claims have been rejected subject to appeal by Walgett LALC until 7 July, 2016.
4. Advise OEH of acceptance of tender as above.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Clr Keir, Clr Greenaway and Clr Cooper declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and left the meeting at 4:57pm.

33/2016/6Tenders for a Provision of Hired Plant and Minor Works on a Casual Basis - June 2016

Resolved:

That Council note and endorse list of contractors for hired plant and minor works on casual basis for the period of July 2016 to June 2017

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Clr Cooper returned to the meeting at 5:05pm

34/2016/6 Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting – 23 June 2016

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Extra- Ordinary Council meeting held 23 June 2016, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

35/2016/6 Notice of Rescission

Resolved:

Rescind the resolution passed by Council at the Extra-Ordinary meeting on Thursday 23rd June 2016.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Cooper

For:	Against:	Absent:
Clr Woodcock Clr Taylor Clr Martinez Clr Murray Clr Cooper	Nil	Clr Keir Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

36/2016/6 Notice of Motion – External and Independent investigation – Grant Funding Expenditure

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council ask for an external and independent investigation into the management of all grant funding expenditure including the management of the SR103 Project as well as the management of the contractor selection processes of Council, including routine budget and grant funded projects.

That the Mayor be authorised to appoint an external independent person to carry out the investigation as soon as possible. With a full report to be presented to Council once the investigation is complete.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Clr Keir and Clr Greenaway returned to the meeting at 5:28pm

Note of Thanks- Councillor Greenaway thanked Mayor Lane for his efforts in this difficult circumstance.

37/2016/6 Return to Open Session at 5:31pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

38/2016/6 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

- Expression of Interest in the Development/Exchange/Purchase of Council Land
- Local Government Reform – The Far West Initiative
- Collarenebri Agency
- Walgett Levee Upgrade Stage 5- Construction of Extension to Town Levee: Tender Recommendation
- Tenders for a Provision of Hired Plant and Minor Works on A Casual Basis - June 2016
- Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting – 23 June 2016
- Notice of Rescission
- Notice of Motion – External and Independent investigation – Grant Funding Expenditure

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Taylor

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 5:31pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 26th July in Rowena.

Mayor

General Manager