



MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 23 March 2021

Michael Urquhart
GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021 AT 11:30AM**

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
 Clr Robert Turnbull
 Clr Michael Taylor
 Clr Tanya Cameron
 Michael Urquhart (General Manager)
 Tony Hughes (Acting Chief Financial Officer)
 Bob Harris (Acting Director Environmental Services)
 Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering/Technical Services)
 Libby Cumming (Town Planner)
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

Note: Clr Kelly Smith, Clr Tanya Cameron, Clr Robert Turnbull, Clr Bill Murray and Libby Cumming attended the meeting via zoom

Leave of Absence:

Nil

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor	Item No.	Report title/ Subject matter	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Keir	10.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report	Pecuniary	Family business interest
Clr Martinez	10.4.1	Development approvals February 2021	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Turnbull	10.4.1	Development approvals February 2021	Pecuniary	Family Business interest

3/2021/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 23 February 2021**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2021/2 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2021/3 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

3/2021/4 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 21-01 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2021/5 Important Dates For Councillors - Upcoming Meetings & Events**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

3/2021/6 Local Road & Community Infrastructure Grant – Phase 2**Resolved:**

That;

1. Council Endorse the actions of the General Manager in signing the grant funding agreement with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Communication.
2. Council lodge the following projects with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Communication:
 - a) Drainage works in Collarenebri \$130,000
 - b) Drainage works Kaolin Street Lightning Ridge \$113,000
 - c) Sealing of the Ovals Multi Purpose Centre Car park Lightning Ridge \$121,000

- d) Drainage works and sealing Fox Street Walgett \$370,000
 e) Rehabilitation and heavy patching RR329 Merrywinebone Road \$246,229

Moved: Clr Taylor
 Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

3/2021/7 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report

Resolved:

The 28th February 2021 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Taylor
 Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

3/2021/8 Cash and Investment Report as at 28th February 2021

Resolved:

That the Investment report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Martinez
 Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

3/2021/9 Community Development Report November 2020 – February 2021.

Resolved:

That the report for Community Development: *Nov 2020 – Feb 2021* be received.

Moved: Clr Keir
 Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

Clr Keir left the meeting room at 11:40am

3/2021/10 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 28th February 2021.

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report as at 28th February 2021.

Moved: Clr Taylor
 Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 11:42am.

3/2021/11 Monthly Progress Report as at 28th February 2021**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for March 2021.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

3/2021/12 Removal of Fourteen trees in Euroka Street, Walgett**Resolved:**

- That the Council approves the proposal to remove the fourteen trees located on Euroka Street between Namoi and Pitt Street.
- That Council accept the proposal to replant suitable trees on the nature strip (both sides of the Euroka Street).

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

Clr Taylor requested his vote be recorded against the motion.

3/2021/13 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: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

3/2021/14 Policies on Partnering and Relationship Management, Environmental and Quality Control Policy**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the WSC draft policies on Partnering and Relationship Management, Environmental and Quality Control and they be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, inviting submissions from the public during this time.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

3/2021/15 2020 – 2021 Plant Replacement Updates – March 2021**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the 2020/2021 Plant Replacement updates for March 2021.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

Clr Turnbull and Clr Martinez left the meeting at 11:51am.

3/2021/16 Development Approvals February 2021**Resolved:**

That Council note the information contained within this report.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

Clr Turnbull and Clr Martinez returned to the meeting at 11:53am.

3/2021/17 ePlanning Implementation of Online Lodgement of Applications and Relative Information in the NSW Planning Portal**Resolved:**

That Council note the information contained in the above report.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

3/2021/18 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: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

3/2021/19 Move into Closed Session**Time: 11:55am**

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 Taylor
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

3/2021/20 NRMA – Licence to Occupy Neilly Street Carpark - Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Station**Resolved:**

1. Council authorise the General Manager to sign the Licence to Occupy the Neilly Street site, described as Lot 105 DP 878481.
2. The "Licence to Occupy" shall be for an initial period of five (5) years commencing 1st May 2021, terminating 1st May 2026, with an option for a further five (5) year period, commencing on the day after the initial terminating date

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

3/2021/21 Write-Off Various Sundry Debtor Amounts**Resolved:**

Walgett Shire Council approve the write off of various sundry debtor balances as detailed in the table above in this report totalling \$104,868.68.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

3/2021/22 Return to open session**Time: 11:58am****Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

3/2021/23 Adoption of closed session reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

Moved: Cllr Martinez

Seconded: Cllr Walford

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 12:00pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.



Mayor



General Manager