



# **MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 25 February 2020**

Michael Urquhart  
**ACTING GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 11.42am**

**OPEN FORUM**

*NSW Police Force – Detective Inspector Mr Trent Swinton Officer in Charge and Senior Constable Kate Miller addressed Council on policing matters in Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Collarenebri and Burren Junction.*

**Public Presentations:**

*The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:42am*

**PRESENT**

Clr Ian Woodcock (Deputy Mayor)  
 Clr Bill Murray  
 Clr Robert Turnbull  
 Clr Kelly Smith  
 Clr Lawrence Walford  
 Clr Jane Keir  
 Michael Urquhart (Acting General Manager)  
 Jessica McDonald (Director Environmental Services)  
 Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering/Technical Services)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**ABSENT**

Mayor Manuel Martinez  
 Clr Tanya Cameron  
 Clr Michael Taylor

**Leave of Absence****1/2020/1 Leave of Absence****Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Mayor Martinez, Clr Taylor and Clr Cameron, are accepted and leave of absence is granted.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Smith**

**CARRIED**

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

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary</b>
Clr Turnbull	10.1.9	Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary
	10.2.1	
	10.2.3 (Part 4)	
Clr Keir	10.2.1	Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary
	10.2.2	
	10.2.3 (Part 1 (d))	

**1/2020/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 17 December 2019****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 17 December 2019, having been circulated and amended, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

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

**1/2020/3 Notice of Motion – Clr Cameron****Resolved:**

That the full Agenda and Minutes of the Joint Organisation meetings be included in the Council Agenda papers for the meeting immediately following the quarterly JO meeting.

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

**1/2020/4 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at February 2020 be received and noted.

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

**1/2020/5 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 20-01 to 20-03 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith  
**CARRIED**

**1/2020/6 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings and Events****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir  
**CARRIED**

**1/2020/7 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report****Resolved:**

The 31st December 2019 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

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

**1/2020/8 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report****Resolved:**

The 31st January 2020 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

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

**1/2020/9 Cash and Investment Report as at 31st December 2019****Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 31st December 2019 be received and noted.

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

**1/2020/10 Cash and Investment Report as at 31st January 2020****Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 31st January 2020 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith  
**CARRIED**

### 1/2020/11 Community Assistance Scheme Donations – Round 2 2019/2020 Applications

#### Resolved:

That Council increase the 2019/2020 budget for the community Assistance Scheme by \$10,000 to \$30,000. That the following applicants be granted financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the second round of 2019/2020;

Organisation	Project	Resolved amount
Lightning Ridge Pistol Club	Improvements to the 6 ranges as ordered by NSW firearms	3,000.00
Lightning Ridge Community Radio	Assistance with electricity costs	900.00
Carinda District Race Club	Carinda Annual Thoroughbred Race Meeting	3,000.00
Walgett Show Society	2020 Walgett Show	3,000.00
Burren Junction Rescue Squad	Purchase first equipment and hall hire fees	3,000.00
North West Plains Sustainability Group	Communication and Succession Planning	1,500.00
Lightning Ridge Race Club	Staff and contractor payments for race day	0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 14,400.00</b>

Moved: Cllr Turnbull  
 Seconded: Cllr Smith  
**CARRIED**

*Cllr Turnbull declared a non-pecuniary interest in report 10.1.9 and left the room at 11:52am*

### 1/2020/12 Museum & Galleries of NSW – Museum Advisors Program

#### Resolved:

1. Council participate in the Museums & Galleries of NSW – Museum Advisors Program.
2. The Chief Financial Officer arrange to engage a suitably qualified and highly recommended advisor for the program.
3. Other organisations in the shire having heritage/cultural and museum collections and facilities be invited to participate in the program
4. Funding of \$10,000 be allocated annually and indexed for the next six (6) years.

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

*Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting at 11.54am*

#### **1/2020/13 Information from Tourism/Visitor Information Section**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note this report; Information from Tourism/Visitor Information Section.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith  
**CARRIED**

#### **1/2020/14 NRMA - Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Station in Walgett**

**Resolved:**

1. Council authorise the Acting General Manager to sign the non-binding letter of intent.
2. Council continue discussions with NRMA for the specified locations.

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

#### **1/2020/15 Street Lighting Upgrade Essential Energy**

**Resolved:**

1. Participate in the Essential Energy Street lighting upgrade program, "Bulk Replacement Funded by Essential Energy".
2. Endorse the actions of the Acting General Manager in executing the program agreement.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir  
**CARRIED**

#### **1/2020/16 Second Quarter Operational Plan & Half Yearly Delivery Program 19/20**

**Resolved:**

Council accept the progress made on the 2019/2020 Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

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

**1/2020/17 Quarterly budget review statement 2019/2020****Resolved:**

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 as tabled.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith  
**CARRIED**

**1/2020/18 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 Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Turnbull declared a pecuniary interest in report 10.2.1 and left the room at 11.56am.  
 Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest in reports; 10.2.1, 10.2.2 and a non-pecuniary interest in report 10.2.2 and left the meeting room at 11.56am  
 No quorum present in the meeting room.  
 The Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services report is held over till next Council Meeting.  
 Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 12:01pm*

**1/2020/19 Monthly Progress Report – February 2020****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for February 2020.

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

*Clr Turnbull declared a pecuniary interest on report 10.2.3 and left the meeting room at 12:02pm  
 No quorum present in the meeting room.  
 The Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from Director Technical / Engineering Services report is held over till next Council Meeting.  
 Clr Keir and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 12:03pm*

**1/2020/20 Bulky Waste Collection – Allocation of monies****Resolved:**

Approve a new budget line for \$30,000 from the Domestic Waste Management Fund (DWWMF) for inclusion in the 2019/2020 budget for the bulky waste collection event in the Shire.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**1/2020/21 Draft Community Participation Plan****Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Accept the Draft Walgett Community Participation Plan
2. Place the Draft Walgett Community Strategic Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, and
3. Send to NSW Planning & Environment for comment during the Public Exhibition period.
4. Amend the Walgett Development Control Plan 2016 by removing clauses 2.6.1 and 2.6.2.

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

**1/2020/22 Move into Closed Session**

*Time: 12.07pm*

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

**1/2020/23 Lots C & D DP 30380****Resolved:**

1. Council purchase Lots C & D DP 30380 for \$25,000
2. Lots C & D DP 30380 be classified as operational land
3. The Covenant H 408797 encumbering Lot H DP 30380 be removed

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



**1/2020/24 Return to Open Session**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved:** Cllr Walford  
**Seconded:** Cllr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**1/2020/25 Adoption of closed session reports**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir  
**CARRIED**

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 12.25pm  
To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.



Deputy Mayor



Acting General Manager