



MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 26 May 2020

Michael Urquhart
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY 26 MAY 2020 AT 11.15am**

OPEN FORUM**Public Presentations: Nil**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11.15am

PRESENT

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

Note: Clr Cameron, Clr Keir, Clr Turnbull and Clr Smith attended the meeting via zoom

ABSENT – Nil**Leave of Absence****4/2020/1 Leave of Absence**

Nil

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Martinez	10.2.4 (Item 1) 12.1.1	Pecuniary	Business interest related
Clr Turnbull	10.2.4 (Item 1) 12.1.1	Pecuniary	Business interest related
Clr Keir	10.2.1 10.2.3	Pecuniary	Business interest related

4/2020/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 28 April 2020**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 28 April 2020, having been circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

Moved: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Keir

CARRIED

4/2020/3 Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 06/02/2020**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held 6th February 2020, having been amended and circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Murray

CARRIED

4/2020/4 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the verbal Mayoral report.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Walford

CARRIED

4/2020/5 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Cllr Keir

Seconded: Cllr Smith

CARRIED

4/2020/6 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government

Resolved:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 20-14 to 20-18 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

4/2020/7 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings and Events

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

4/2020/8 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report

Resolved:

The 30th April 2020 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

4/2020/9 Cash and Investment Report as at 31st March 2020

Resolved:

That the Investment report as at 30 April 2020 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

4/2020/10 Revised Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Workplace Surveillance Policy & Procedure

Resolved:

- That the report be received.
- Council adopts the revised CCTV policy as presented.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

4/2020/11 Economic Development Program**Resolved:**

1. The report be received and noted.
2. A further report be presented to the next Council meeting and Council arrange for the stakeholders to make a presentation to Council on the 23 June 2020.

Moved: Cllr Keir
Seconded: Cllr Smith
CARRIED

4/2020/12 Aboriginal Reconciliation & Community Development Action Plan 2020-2025 – Adoption**Resolved:**

That the *Walgett Shire Aboriginal Reconciliation and Community Development Action Plan 2020-2025* is adopted in principal and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Moved: Cllr Keir
Seconded: Cllr Woodcock
CARRIED

4/2020/13 Third Quarter Operational Plan 19/20**Resolved:**

- That the content of the report be noted.
- Council accept the progress made on the 2019/2020 Operational Plan as at 31st March 20.

Moved: Cllr Turnbull
Seconded: Cllr Taylor
CARRIED

4/2020/14 Quarterly Budget Review Statement 2019/2020**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31st March 2020 as tabled.

Moved: Cllr Smith
Seconded: Cllr Keir
CARRIED

4/2020/15 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: Cllr Turnbull
Seconded: Cllr Woodcock
CARRIED

Clr Keir disconnected from the meeting at 11.47am

4/2020/16 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report As At 18 May 2020

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report as at 18 May 2020.

Moved: Cllr Walford
Seconded: Cllr Cameron
CARRIED

*Note: Monthly report to include work carried out.
 Clr Keir reconnected to the meeting room at 11.54am*

4/2020/16 Monthly Progress Report – May 2020

Resolved:

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

Moved: Cllr Murray
Seconded: Cllr Turnbull
CARRIED

Clr Keir disconnected from the meeting at 11.56am

4/2020/17 Flood works Report from Director Engineering / Technical Services

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the flood restoration works report for May 2020.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock
Seconded: Cllr Turnbull
CARRIED

Clr Keir reconnected to the meeting at 11.58m

Clr Turnbull and Mayor Manuel left the meeting at 11.58am.

Deputy Mayor Woodcock chaired the meeting at 11.58am.

4/2020/18 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only by the Director of Engineering/Technical Services

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 Taylor

CARRIED

Mayor Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting at 12noon and Mayor Martinez resumed the position of chair.

4/2020/19 Heritage Advisor Role

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

4/2020/20 Development Application 2020/005 – Spider Brown Oval Community Facility

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to approve Development Application 2020/005 for the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of a community facility located on Lot 7309 DP 113775 known as Spider Brown Oval, Kaolin Street, Lightning Ridge subject to the conditions of the development assessment report..

Moved: Walford

Seconded: Woodcock

CARRIED

PLANNING DIVISION

For

Clr Manuel Martinez

Clr Ian Woodcock

Clr Robert Turnbull

Clr Kelly Smith

Clr Michael Taylor

Clr Jane Keir

Clr Tanya Cameron

Clr Bill Murray

Clr Lawrence Walford

Against

Nil

Absent

Nil

4/2020/21 Draft Walgett Local Strategic Planning Statement

Resolved:

1. That Council accept the Draft Walgett Local Planning Statement and proceed to place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

Note: Council write to the Minister expressing concern of the additional workload for staff and the duplication of this requirement being an additional document not necessary for remote Councils.

4/2020/22 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only from the Environmental Services Department.

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

4/2020/23 Move into Closed Session

Time: 12.31pm

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 Woodcock
CARRIED

Clr Turnbull and Mayor Manuel left the meeting at 12:32pm
Deputy Mayor Woodcock chaired the meeting at 12.32pm

4/2020/24 Renewal of Lease for Council Office & Centrelink Agency in Lightning Ridge – Opal Court

Resolved:

1. Council exercise its option to renew agreement with the owner of Shop 4, 12 Opal Street Lightning Ridge, Lot 111, DP 778049 being Opal Court ,for a further 3 year period, (with a further 3 year option).

2. Council investigate the feasibility of leasing additional office space and report back to the next Council meeting.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

4/2020/25 Return to open session

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

4/2020/26 Adoption of closed session reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 12.42pm
To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Mayor

Acting General Manager