



# **MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 28 July 2020**

Michael Urquhart  
**ACTING GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 28 JULY 2020 AT 11.08AM**

**OPEN FORUM****Public Presentations:**

- Sonya Marshall and Jeremy Borowski – Narrabri Gas Project

*The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11.08am*

**PRESENT**

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

**Note: Clr Cameron attended the meeting via teleconference**

**ABSENT**

Clr Jane Keir  
 Clr Lawrence Walford

**7/2020/1 Leave of Absence****Recommendation:**

That the leave of absence received from Clr Keir and Clr Walford are accepted and leave of absence granted.

**Moved: Clr Cameron**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

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

Councillor	Item No.	Report title	Pecuniary/ Non- Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Martinez	9.1	Letter from Robert Turnbull Senior regarding exclusion fencing	Non-Pecuniary	Family interest related
Clr Turnbull	9.1	Letter from Robert Turnbull Senior regarding exclusion fencing	Non-Pecuniary	Family interest related

**7/2020/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 23 June 2020****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 23 June 2020, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**7/2020/3 Minutes of Extra Ordinary Council Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Extra ordinary Council meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**7/2020/4 Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the verbal Mayoral report.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

*Mayor Martinez and Clr Turnbull declared a non-pecuniary interest and left the meeting room at 11.54am. Clr Woodcock assumed the position of Chair.*

**7/2020/5 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

Council write to the local Minister to ascertain the feasibility of constructing a dog fence from Hebel to the Barwon River along the Castlereagh Highway.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

*Mayor Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 12.00 noon and Mayor Martinez resumed the position of chair.*

**7/2020/6 Narrabri Gas Project****Resolved:**

That Council make a submission to the Independent Planning Commission in relation to the Narrabri Gas Project advising

- a) Council is concerned about aquifer connectivity between the basins and,
- b) Management and disposal of waste produced by the Narrabri Gas Project

**Moved:** Cllr Murray  
**Seconded:** Cllr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**7/2020/7 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**7/2020/8 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 20-25 – 20-28 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

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

**7/2020/9 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings & Events****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Cllr Cameron  
**Seconded:** Cllr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**7/2020/10 Adoption 2020/2021 Operational Plan and Long-term Financial Plan Including Fees and Charges****Resolved:**

1. Adopts the 2020/2021 Operational Plan and Budget, and Long Term Ten (10) Year Financial Plan.
2. Adopts Fees and Charges for 2020/2021 as listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges

2020/2021 with Council reserving the right to vary fees and charges of a commercial nature as circumstances require.

3. Adopts the Waste Management, Water and Sewer Pricing Structure as set out in the Schedule of Fees and Charges

4. Council provide a one-off grant of \$10,000 to the Walgett Country Education Foundation (CEF) in support of the scholarships program and the CEF make further application to Council for the following years.

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

*Note: adjustments to fees and charges; bore bath, power access and showground bond.*

#### **7/2020/11 Cash and Investment Report as at 30th June, 2020.**

**Resolved:**

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

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

#### **7/2020/12 Rates & Charges Written Off During the Year 2019-2020**

**Resolved:**

That the Council write-offs \$191,708.16 as per Council's Abandonments Register as at 30th June 2020.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2020/13 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**

**Resolved:**

The 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

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

#### **7/2020/14 Section 356 - Rebates Churches and Other Not For Profit Organisations**

**Resolved:**

1. That a budget adjustment of \$2,406.50 increasing the 2020-2021 budget from \$18,806 to \$21,212.50 be approved.

2. That the applications for a donation received and due to be received from eligible churches and not-for-profit organisations as per the attached list are approved and the rebates on annual service charges as detailed therein be granted for 2020-2021

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Cllr Woodcock  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2020/15 Local Road & Community Infrastructure Grant (LRCI)**

**Resolved:**

1. Council enter into the grant funding agreement with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Communication, and the General Manager be authorised to sign the funding agreement and the seal of Council be affixed to the agreement.
2. A further report be presented to the August 2020 Council meeting listing the eligible projects for Council consideration.

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Cllr Murray  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2020/16 Policy Review – Emergency Management, First Aid, WH&S Policies**

**Resolved:**

That the following Council policies as presented be adopted.

- a. Emergency Management
- b. First Aid
- c. Workplace health & Safety

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2020/17 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for July 2020.

**Moved:** Cllr Murray  
**Seconded:** Cllr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**7/2020/18 Monthly Progress Report as at 30th June 2020****Resolved:**

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

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

*Clr Murray left the meeting at 12.35pm*

**7/2020/19 Flood Restoration Works - Update****Resolved:**

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

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

*Clr Murray returned to the meeting room at 12.37pm*

**7/2020/20 Variation in Tender Amount for Walgett Weir****Resolved:**

That Council note and endorse the actions of the Acting General Manager in authorising the variation of \$24,951.83 (Excl GST).

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**  
**Seconded: Clr Taylor**  
**CARRIED**

**7/2020/21 Projects under Roads to Recover Funding For 2020/2021****Resolved:**

1. That Council note and accept the amendment on the proposed roads under RTR funding submitted in June Budget meeting.
2. That Council accepts the following project under RTR funding for 2020/2021.
  1. Euroka Street between Pit Street and Namoi Street (North bound), Walgett - \$ 81,160
  2. Euroka Street between Depot lane and Albert Street (North bound), Walgett- \$ 94,760
  3. Euroka Street between Albert Street and Thomas Street (South bound), Walgett- \$ 70,430
  4. Euroka Street between Thomas Street and Namoi Street (South bound), Walgett - \$ 64,770
  5. Euroka Street between Thomas Street and Albert Street (South bound), Walgett-\$93,960
  6. Hallequin Street between Morilla Street and Gem Street –LR- Heavy Patching - \$ 172,059.00
  7. Namoi Street between Arthur and Cedar Street (Westbound), Walgett-\$ 79,142
  8. Fox Street between Wee Waa and Warrena Street (both service lane), Walgett-\$184,205
  9. Fred Reece way between Butterfly Avenue and Airport Lightning Ridge- \$ 493,000

10. Walgett Street between Wilson Street and Albert Street, Collarenebri-\$ 175,140
11. High Street between Herbert Street and Walgett Street (Eastbound), Collarenebri - \$ 71,630
12. Herbert Street between Wilson Street and Church Street (Southbound) Collarenebri- \$ 33,200
13. Colin Street between McNamara and Shakespear Street, Carinda- \$ 151,877
14. Colin Street between Shakespear and Hare Street, Carinda - \$ 87,400

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

#### **7/2020/21 Successful In Securing Grants - Fixing Local Roads 2019 Round One and Repair Program 2020/2021**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council note and accept the following offers;
  - Fixing Local Roads Program 2019 Round one - \$ 4,673,050 for Cumberland Way
  - Fixing Local Roads Program 2019 Round one - \$ 193,500 for Montekeila Street
  - Repair Program 2020/2021 - \$ 400,000 for Merrywinebone Road
2. That Council note and accept the funding transfer from Carinda Road to Merrywinebone Road.

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

#### **7/2020/21 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 Murray**  
**Seconded: Clr Taylor**  
**CARRIED**

#### **7/2020/22 Supplementary Report – Variation in tender amount for the Walgett Weir**

**Resolved:**

That Council note and endorse the actions of the Acting General Manager in authorising the variation of \$13,183.50 ex GST.

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



**7/2020/23 Animal Welfare Facility****Resolved:**

1. Council authorise the process of plan drawing and real costing at this stage;
2. Council authorise the process of asking the crown for the use of the land know as Lot 7013 DP 1030416 for the use as an Animal Welfare Facility.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock****Seconded: Clr Taylor****CARRIED****7/2020/24 Landfill Operations – Public Consultations and Recommendations for Site Management****Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to provide opening hours to the Burren Junction, Carinda, Collarenebri, Rowena, and Come by Chance landfills as detailed in the table 1.0 (proposed opening hours).

**Moved: Clr Turnbull****Seconded: Clr Woodcock****CARRIED****7/2020/25 Matters for Brief Mention 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 Woodcock****Seconded: Clr Turnbull****CARRIED****Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 1.05pm  
To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.




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 Mayor




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 Acting General Manager