



MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 22nd August 2023

Megan Dixon
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 22nd AT 9:00AM

The Deputy Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.02am

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Greg Rummery

Clr Alf Seaton

Clr Ian Woodcock

Clr Jasen Ramien

Clr Daniel Walford

Clr Michael Cooke

Clr Colin Hundy

Megan Dixon (General Manager)

Kimley Talbert (Director Environmental Services)

Hafiz Malik (Director Corporate Services)

Tim McLoughlin (Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services)

Kazi Mahmud (Director Engineering/Technical Services)

Sharon Smith (Minute Secretary)

ABSENT

Mayor Jane Keir

Clr Sue Currey

09/2023/1 Leave of Absence

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Ramien and Councillor Cooke that the leave of absence received from Mayor Jane Keir and Clr Sue Currey be accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor	Item No.	Report title/ Subject matter	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 30 July 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest

09/2023/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 31 July 2023

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Cooke and Councillor Walford that the minutes of the meeting held 31 July 2023 as itemised in minute numbers 8/2023/1 to 8/2023/17 pages 2 to 8, be confirmed.

09/2023/3 Mayoral Monthly Report

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Ramien and Councillor Seaton that the Mayoral Monthly Report for August 2023 be received and noted.

09/2023/3 Reports of Committees/Delegates

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Woodcock and Councillor Seaton that the reports of Committee/delegates 7.1 Mining and Energy Related Council NSW – Ordinary Meeting 3 August 2023 and 7.1.2 Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting 9 August 2023 be received and noted.

09/2023/4 Council's Decision Action Report – August 2023

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Resolved on the motion of Councillor Woodcock and Councillor Seaton that the resolution register for August 2023 be received and noted.

09/2023/5 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Walford and Councillor Hundy that the information contained in the following Department circulars 23-09 through to 23-09 from the office of Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet, be received and noted.

09/2023/6 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meeting and Events

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Seaton and Councillor Hundy that Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

09/2023/7 Draft Advertising Policy

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Hundy and Councillor Walford that Council

1. Receive the report by General Manager on print media expenditure.
2. The draft Advertising Policy, attached as Appendix 1, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, inviting the public to make submissions.
3. That a further report be provided to Council following the public exhibition period.

09/2023/8 Local Government NSW Annual Conference

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Ramien and Councillor Woodcock that Council:

1. receive the report by the General Manager on the Local Government NSW Annual Conference;
2. that the Mayor or their representative be the voting delegate for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference; and
3. forward proposed motions to the September Council meeting for endorsement for inclusion at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

Amendment moved for item 2 by Councillor Hundy and Councillor Cooke – originally read
2. that Council nominates a voting delegate for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference;

09/2023/9 Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elections

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Hundy and Councillor Seaton that Council:

1. receive the report by the General Manager on the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral Elections.
2. note Circular to Councils 23-09 received from the Office of Local Government advising that Mayoral elections are to be held in September 2023 for the final year of the Council term; and
3. determine to hold an Extraordinary meeting of Council on 14 September 2023 for the purposes of holding elections for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Amendment moved for item 3 by Councillor Hundy and Councillor Cooke – originally read
3. determine to hold an Extraordinary meeting of Council on 26 September 2023 for the purposes of holding elections for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

09/2023/9 Appointment of Acting General Manager 28 August 2023 to 20 October 2023

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Ramien and Councillor Seaton that Council:

1. receive the report by the General Manager on appoint of an Acting General Manager.
2. appoint Hugh Percy as Acting General Manager for the period 28 August 2023 to 20 October 2023 inclusive.
3. Delegate to the Acting General Manager the same terms as the Council's delegations to

the General Manager.

09/2023/10 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as of 31 July 2023

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Ramien and Councillor Walford that Council receive and note the Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as of 31 July 2023

09/2023/11 Cash and Investment as of 31 July 2023

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Hundy and Councillor Seaton that Council receive and note the Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as of 31 July 2023

Councillor Ramien declared a Pecuniary Interest and left the meeting at 9.49am

09/2023/12 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as of 31 July 2023

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Hundy and Councillor Seaton that Council receive and note the Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as of 31 July 2023

Councillor Ramien returned to the meeting at 9.56am

09/2023/13 Service Progress Report as of 31 July 2023

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Hundy and Councillor Seaton that Council receive and note the Service Progress Report as of 31 July 2023

09/2023/14 Monthly Major Projects Report as of 31 July 2023

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Woodcock and Councillor Seaton that Council receive and note the Monthly Major Projects Report as of 31 July 2023

09/2023/15 Development Approvals 31 July 2023

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Ramien and Councillor Hundy that Council receive and note the Development Approvals as of 31 July 2023

09/2023/16 Walgett RSL Club – 73 Fox Street WALGETT

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Hundy and Councillor Walford that Council approve the modification and removal of DA2023/14.0 condition 21 of development consent, for the Alterations and additions to registered club including new street façade, upgraded entry, new outdoor gaming terrace & related indoor planning adjustments or the development. Walgett RSL Club Ltd

09/2023/17 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Woodcock and Councillor Ramien that Council Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only be received and noted.

Meeting adjourned 10.41am

09/2023/18 Move into Closed Session

Time:10.55am

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Cooke and Councillor Hundy that the public be exclude from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A 2 (a) & (b) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with;

(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)

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(b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer

09/2023/19 Return to Open Session

Time:11.30

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Ramien and Councillor Seaton that the Council return to open session

Deputy Mayor Rummery read the resolutions passed in the closed session meeting.

9/2023/20 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Ramien and Councillor Hundy that the Council adopt the Closed Session Reports

9C/2023/1 Notice of Motion for Rescission – Walgett Memorial Swimming Pool

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Walford, Councillor Rummery and Councillor Keir that Council rescind the resolution 07C/2023/5 Walgett Memorial Swimming Pool

1. The Walgett Memorial Swimming Pool be decommissioned, and that Council immediately have plans prepared to replace the pool and then urgently source funding for such replacement.
2. The local swimming club and community be consulted on whether there is interest in transporting swimmers to the Lightning Ridge Pool on a regular basis.
3. That the local member for Barwon Mr. Roy Butler MP and The Hon Chris Minns MP be invited to Council to discuss funding options with Council.

The motion was carried with the Councillors voting unanimously.

09C/2023/2 Minutes of the Closed Meeting – 31st July 2023

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Seaton and Councillor Woodcock that the minutes of the Closed Council meeting held 31 July 2023 as itemised in minute numbers 8C/2023/1 to 8C/2023/5, pages 2 to 4 be confirmed.

09C/2023/3 Walgett Swimming Pool

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Ramien and Councillor Seaton that:

1. Council agrees to work with the NSW Government to secure a funding source for the repairs required to open the pool for the 2023/24 season.
2. Council re-allocates operational budget for the 2023/24 swimming season.
3. Council call for tenders for a contract operator of the Walgett Swimming Pool for the 2023/24 season
4. Council proceeds to develop a masterplan for swimming facilities in Walgett township and then urgently source funding for such replacement.
5. Council establishes a community reference group with key stakeholders, to guide the development of a masterplan for swimming facilities in Walgett township.

09C/2023/4 Lightning Ridge Commercial Property Review

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Walford and Councillor Hundy that the Council utilize the HACC Centre for its own operational purposes and also lease out surplus office space to other businesses and organisations for a fair market value per office space monthly based on office space size and purpose.

With no further business the meeting was closed by Deputy Mayor Rummery at 11.35am

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Mayor

General Manager