



MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 26th April 2023

Hugh Percy
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2023 AT 9:00AM**

OPEN FORUM

Public Presentations:

Mr Angus Witherby – Wakefield Planning gave a brief overview on the proposed subdivision and planning proposal for subdivision and rezoning of Gingie Village.

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:24am

PRESENT

Mayor Jane Keir
Deputy Mayor Greg Rummery
Clr Alf Seaton
Clr Colin Hundy
Clr Sue Currey
Clr Ian Woodcock
Clr Jasen Ramien
Clr Daniel Walford
Clr Michael Cooke
Hugh Percy (Acting General Manager)
Bob Stephen (Director Engineering/Technical Services)
Kimley Talbert (Director Environmental Services)
Hafiz Malik (Director Corporate Services)
Rebecca Wilson (Minute Secretary)

ABSENT

Nil.

04/2023/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 28 February 2023

Resolved on the motion of councillors Walford and Ramien that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th February 2023 as itemised in minutes numbers; 1/2023/01 to 01/2023/27 pages 2 to 9 be confirmed.

04/2023/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 28 March 2023

Resolved on the motion of councillors Hundy and Cooke that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March 2023 as itemised in minute numbers; 2/2023/01 pages 2 to 3 be confirmed.

04/2023/3 Minutes of Extra Ordinary Council Meeting – 4 April 2023

Resolved on the motion of councillors Ramien and Seaton that the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on the 4th April 2023 as itemised in minutes numbers; 3/2023/01 to 03/2023/8 pages 2 to 8 be confirmed.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor	Item No.	Report title/ Subject matter	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Mayor Jane Keir	9.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 28 February 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Mayor Jane Keir	9.3.2	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 31 March 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Mayor Jane Keir	9.3.4	Service Progress Report as at 31 March 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Mayor Jane Keir	9.3.5	Monthly Major Projects Report as at 28 February 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Mayor Jane Keir	9.3.6	Monthly Major Projects Report as at 31 March 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 28 February 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.2	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 31 March 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.3	Service Progress Report as at 28 February 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.4	Service Progress Report as at 31 March 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.5	Monthly Major Projects Report as at 28 February 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.6	Monthly Mayor Projects Report as at 31 March 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.7	Flood Restoration Works Update as at 28 February 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.8	Flood Restoration Works Update as at 31 March 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest

04/2023/4 Monthly Mayoral Report

Resolved on motion that Mayor Keir and Clr Currey that the Mayoral Report for March 2023 be received and noted.

Clr Jasen Ramien noted that he has received numerous reports regarding the improvement of the Burren Junction Road.

04/2023/5 Report of Committees/Delegates

Resolved on the motion of Clr Seaton and Clr Ramien that the Reports of the following Committees/Delegates be received and noted;

- Boarded Regional Organisation of Council's Meeting Minutes 23 February 2023
- Mining & Energy Related Councils (NSW) Inc AGM Meeting minutes 22 February 2023
- Mining & Energy Related Councils (NSW) Inc Ordinary Meeting Minutes 22 February 2023
- Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Ordinary Meeting Minutes 19 December 2022
- Local Area Traffic Committee Extra Ordinary Meeting Minutes 9 March 2023
- Country Mayors Association Inc of NSW Meeting Minutes 9 March 2023
- Alliance of Western Councils Meeting Minutes 16 March 2023

04/2023/6 Correspondence and Petitions

Resolved by Council that the following correspondence and petitions be received and noted;

- Mining and Energy Related Council NSW – February Newsletter
- Response letter to LG NSW Annual conference resolution
- Letter received from ICAC – Investigation into the awarding of Road and Traffic Authority & Roads and Maritime Services Contract.

04/2023/7 Council's Decision Action Report – February 2023

Resolved on the motion of Clr Hundy and Clr Rummery;

1. That the Resolution Register for February 2023 be received and noted.
2. That the Acting General Manager investigate the legal structure and financial implications for Council, if a Council Officer became a Board Member of the Lightning Ridge Opal & Fossil Centre Inc, and report to the May 2023 Council Meeting.

04/2023/8 Casual Appointments

Resolved on the motion of Clr Cooke and Clr Ramien that Council endorse the action of the Acting General Manager in engaging external consultants to undertake reporting on matters including Court Orders, Complex Development Applications and recruitment of a General Manager.

Discussion regarding status on projects undertaken by consultants.

Clr Greg Rummery requested the status of projects undertaken by consultants

Acting General Manager Mr Hugh Percy advised that the Cryon Court Case was ongoing, there was a report to April 2023 Council meeting regarding the Gingie Subdivision and rezoning and the General Manager's recruitment was ready to commence following council approval.

Clr Col Hundy questioned if contractors had been looking into details on personnel files, and credit card records following reports in the community.

Acting General Manager Mr Hugh Percy confirmed that the contract solicitor had accessed only the files necessary in order to action the recruitment of a new General Manager and Cryon Court Case requirements. Mr Percy dismissed any claims that credit card records has been accessed or viewed.

Mayor Keir requested the fees of the consultants. Acting General Manager Mr Hugh Percy advised each consultant was charging \$100/hour and that work to date totalled approximately \$5,000.

04/2023/9 Cryon Court Case – Financial implications

Resolved on the motion Clr Hundy and Clr Rummery;

(a) That Council approves an increase to the vote for Legal Expenses by \$400,000 of untied funds, resulting in a revised vote with a total sum of \$1,163, 030 for (estimated) legal expenses.

(b) That Mr Greg Wear of GJ Wear Pty Ltd who has completed the development of a training package by approached to provide presentations to the Safety Summit in Tamworth and/or Dubbo as per the Court Order.

(c) That the Acting General Manager provide a report to the May 2023 Council meeting detailing the full and entire costs of the Cryon Court Case matter, detailing an estimated amount that Council can recover from insurance.

There was discussion amongst Councillors in relation to what they had previously been advised the total costs of the court case were.

Mayor Keir noted that the figure of \$300,000 provided by the previous general manager was for fine, not legal fees.

It was noted that the incident happened prior to this council being elected and prior the appointment of the previous general manager.

04/2023/10 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarship Awards

Resolved on the motion Cllr Walford and Cllr Ramien;

That Council adopt the following recommendations for the award of scholarships in 2023 and arrange a presentation ceremony to coincide with the June-July university vacations when it is anticipated that the majority of the students will be home.

Hareem Sohail	Doctor of Medicine	\$1,000
Mahad Sohail	Bachelor of Nursing	\$1,000
Jack Witts	Certificate III in Engineering & Fabrication	\$1,000
Billy Witts	Certificate III in Engineering & Fabrication	\$1,000
Bridgette Fitzgerald	Associate Degree in Law	\$1,000
Hugh Ricardo	Bachelor of Science & Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Agriculture)	\$1,000
Clancy Barry	Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing	\$1,000
Jemima Powell	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)	\$1,000
Georgia Hiscox	Bachelor of Education (K-6)	\$ 660
Heidi Powell	Bachelor of Social Work	\$ 660
Phoebe Lamph	Bachelor of Education (K-6)	\$ 660

04/2023/11 Recruitment of General Manager

Resolved on the motion of Cllr Rummery and Cllr Hundy that;

1. Local Government NSW be engaged to undertake the Recruitment of General Manager for Walgett Shire Council at a fixed fee of \$15,000 + GST with 1/3 of the agreed fee invoiced on acceptance of assignment, 1/3 invoiced on presentation of shortlist and the balance invoiced on successful placement. *(This is the same fee charged in 2018 for recruitment if Walgett's previous General Manager.)*
2. In addition to facilitating this recruitment process, this fee also includes LGMS assisting Council to negotiate and draft the General Manager's Performance Agreement, and,
3. In addition Council agree to such additional costs including;
 - (a) Omnia Psychometric Profile testing at \$450 + GST per assessment
 - (b) Advertising;
 - Print media, nominated jobs boards, e.g. SEEK, Council Jobs, LG Job Directory, Careers at Council LinkedIn, LG Assist.
 - LGNSW website and Careers at Council *(complimentary)* based on previous experience it is expected these costs to be in the order of \$2,000.
4. Candidates' criminal and educational background checks \$350 + GST per candidate
5. Candidates' travel and accommodation expenses: *variable depending on the number of candidates and where they are travelling from*
6. Consultant travel expenses (approx. \$2,000) based on each site visit for this proposal for one consultant.
7. A selection panel be established comprising the Mayor and Councillors
8. The AGM be the nominated Council contact for the position.

Councillors discussed general recruitment process. Cllr Hundy requested the explanation of a Omnia Psychometric Profile test, which was later confirmed to be a test that provides objective insights into key personality traits intrinsically related to workplace performance.

Acting General Manager Mr Hugh Percy supplied all Councillors with a copy of the package that would be used in the recruitment process for the General Manager, which included information package, position advertisement, interview questions, LGNSW recruitment process, etc and asked all Councillors to review the package and advise if they had any changes prior to it being sent to LGNSW. Acting General Manager Mr Hugh Percy advised that LGNSW will assist with performance reviews and also offers a replacement guarantee.

04/2023/12 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meetings & Events

Resolved on the motion of Clr Cooke and Clr Rummery that Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

04/2023/13 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information from the General Manager

Resolved on the motion of Clr Ramien and Clr Walford that the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the General Manager be received and noted.

Clr Ramien requested an update on the Collarenebri Cemetery fencing. It was advised that a Motion has been put to Council to be discussed later in the agenda.

Clr Ramien requested an update on the works to the Collarebri Showgrounds, he noted that the Female Jockey changerooms remain incomplete, and without adequate changeroom facilities for female jockeys the annual race event to be held in September 2023 could be jeopardised.

Clr Cooke asked if any action has been made to purchase the block next to the proposed Collarenebri Bore Bath site?

04/2023/13 Motion – Report to May 2023 Council Meeting

Resolved on the motion of Clr Ramien and Clr Cooke that the Acting General Manager;

(1) investigate the option to purchase the block of land next to the proposed Collarenebri Bore Bath site and submit a report to the May 2023 Council meeting;

(2) submit a report to the May 2023 Council meeting, updating Council on the progress of the Collarenebri Showground upgrade works, and providing alternative arrangements for female jockey changerooms should the upgrade works not be completed before the annual racing meeting in September 2023.

04/2023/14 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 28 February 2023

Resolved on the motion of Clr Woodcock and Clr Hundy that the 28 February 2023 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

04/2023/15 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31 March 2023

Resolved on the motion of Clr Hundy and Clr Ramien that the 31 March 2023 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

04/2023/16 Cash and Investment Report as at 28 February 2023

Resolved on the motion of Clr Woodcock and Clr Ramien that the Investment report for February 2023 be received and noted.

04/2023/17 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 March 2023

Resolved on the motion of Clr Woodcock and Clr Ramien that the Investment report for March 2023 be received and noted.

At 10:30am Mayor Keir and Clr Jasen Ramien declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Chamber.

Deputy Mayor Greg Rummery took the Chair.

04/2023/18 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – February 2023

Resolved on the motion of Clr Woodcock and Clr Seaton that Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for February 2023.

04/2023/19 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – March 2023

Resolved on the motion of Clr Woodcock and Clr Seaton that Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for March 2023.

Clr Cooke requested a report to the May 2023 Council meeting in relation to the cost of grader operations.

At 10:37am Mayor Keir returned to the Chamber and resumed the chair.

04/2023/20 Service Progress Report as at 28 February 2023

Resolved on the motion of Cllr Cooke and Cllr Rummery that Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for February 2023.

At 10:38am Mayor Keir declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Chamber.

Deputy Mayor Greg Rummery took the Chair.

04/2023/21 Service Progress Report as at 31 March 2023

Resolved on the motion of Cllr Woodcock and Cllr Cooke that Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for March 2023.

04/2023/22 Monthly Major Projects Report as at 28 February 2023

Resolved on the motion of Cllr Hundy and Cllr Cooke that Council receive and note the Monthly Major Projects Report for February 2023.

There was general discussion regarding the status of the Goangra Bridge, Come By Chance Road and Burrenbaa Road projects.

04/2023/23 Monthly Major Projects Report as at 31 March 2023

Resolved on the motion of Cllr Seaton and Cllr Walford that Council receive and note the Monthly Major Projects Report for March 2023.

Cllr Rummery commented that it had been sometime since the Come By Chance Project tender had been awarded, and asked if the project could still be completed with the original budgeted amount.

Director Engineering and Technical Services Mr Bob Stephen advised that works would commence with the original budget in play and a variation for additional funds would be sought to ensure the completion of the project.

At 10:46am Mayor Keir returned to the Chamber and resumed the chair.

04/2023/24 Flood Restoration Works Update as at 28 February 2023

Resolved on the motion of Clr Seaton and Clr Hundy that Council receive and note the Flood Restoration Works Update report as at 28th February 2023.

04/2023/25 Flood Restoration Works Update as at 31 March 2023

Resolved on the motion of Clr Seaton and Clr Hundy that Council receive and note the Flood Restoration Works Update report as at 28th March 2023.

04/2023/26 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information from the Director Engineering/Technical Services

Resolved on the motion of Clr Cooke and Clr Rummery that the matters generally for brief mention or information only from the Director Engineering/ Technical Services be received and noted.

Clr Cooke questioned why the scope of works for Lightning Ridge bore mains stated that only part of the mains would be replace and not the entire bore line.

Director of Engineering and Technical Services stated this was under investigation, but understood that the main was being replaced entirely until bore line connected with cooling towers.

At 10:51am Clr Ramien returned to the Chamber.

04/2023/27 Return and Earn Subsidies

Resolved on the motion of Clr Ramien and Clr Rummery that;

1. Council's Director of Environmental Services be authorised to arrange collection and transport of recyclable containers collected on behalf of schools and non-profit organisations for processing in central locations. Support to be provided only when and where operationally feasible.
2. Authorise a refund on annual waste charge for servicing a 240L waste bin for an authorised Return and Earn premises contracted to Tomra Cleanaway (\$535.00 in 2022-23).
3. Return and Earn operators be required to purchase their own 240L Bin to receive a credit on annual waste charges.

Clr Ramien noted that there is already an existing return and earn premises operating in Collarenebri, and raised concerns that this would impact them.

Mayor Keir suggested that Clr Ramien investigate if the existing return and earn in Collarenebri are working with Tomra Waste and advise the Acting General Manager.

Clr Cooke asked if anyone knew the expenses involved in transporting (via prime mover) bottles and cans to recycling facility and does this outweigh the expenses incurred.

Mayor Keir noted that anything Council can do in our Shire to reduce our waste is of benefit to the wider community.

It was requested that Council investigate, by contact Clean Away the costs associated with the transportation of recyclable materials.

04/2023/28 Annual Fire Safety Statements

Resolved on the motion of Clr Ramien and Clr Rummery that Council;

1. Adopt the following priorities in implementation of a building fire safety program.
 - (a) Priority 1 – Premises accommodating unrelated persons e.g Caravan Parks, motels and boarding houses etc
 - (b) Priority 2 – Premises considered essential to local community functions e.g Council chambers, supermarkets, doctors, rural pubs etc
 - (c) Priority 3 – Other premises with statutory fire safety equipment.
2.
 - (a) Contact owners of non-government premises identified under Priority 1 offering to make an offset payment for travel and accommodation costs to contract fire safety services on a dollar for dollar basis.
 - (b) That each year a maximum payment of \$250.00 be made to any ratepayer.
3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to endorse an offset payment for accommodation and travel costs for statutory fire safety compliance and non-government premises listed under Priority 1.
4. An additional expenditure item of \$5,000 be allocated in the 2023-2024 budget for non-government Priority 1 premises and a further report to be provided to Council.
5. Council owned premises be brought into compliance with the requirement for installation and maintenance of Fire Safety Systems.

04/2023/30 Buren Junction Progress Assoc- Indian Myna Birds

Resolved on the motion of Clr Ramien and Clr Walford that Council authorise the allocation of funds for a trapping program to the Burren Junction Progress Association on a dollar for dollar basis of up to \$500.00 to assist in the control of Indian Myna Birds.

Clr Ramien noted there was also an issue with Indian Myna Birds in Collarenebri. He advised that a local resident in Collarenebri may be able to provide assistance to Council with the trapping program. It was requested that Clr Ramien contact the local resident in Collarenebri to contact the acting General Manager in relation to the bird control program.

04/2023/31 Regional Housing Program – Flying Squad

Resolved on the motion of Cllr Rummery and Cllr Ramien that Council delegate authority to the General Manager to enter a deed of agreement for Walgett Shire Council to participate in the Regional Housing Program.

04/2023/32 Development Application 2022/67 – Bed & Breakfast Accommodation – 28 Warren Street Walgett.

Resolved on the motion of Cllr Woodcock and Cllr Rummery that Council defer this report to the May 2023 Council meeting to enable further information to be obtained on the mobile food van selling directly to the public.

04/2023/33 Development Application 2023/13 – Animal Boarding Kennels

Resolved on the motion of Cllr Hundy and Cllr Currey that Council approve the Development Application 2023/13 for the construction of boarding kennels at lot 112 Wee Waa Street, Walgett, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

Division Decision**For**

**Cllr Keir
Cllr Rummery
Cllr Currey
Cllr Hundy
Cllr Seaton
Cllr Woodcock
Cllr Cooke
Cllr Walford
Cllr Ramien**

Against

Cllr Rummery asked if the neighbours had been notified. It was noted that the nearest neighbours are some distance from the proposed boarding kennel site.

The Director Environmental Services advised he wasn't aware if the neighbours had been notified as the Assistant Director Environmental Services had processed the application.

Councillors approved the application on the basis that the neighbours are notified of the proposed kennels.

04/2023/34 Development Application 2021/54 – For Subdivision & Planning Proposal for Subdivision & Rezoning Gingie Village

Resolved on the motion of Clr Cooke and Clr Ramien that;

1. Council, pursuant to Section 4.16 (1)(a) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* grants defer commencement consent to development application DA2021/54, subject to the plans, documents and conditions outlined and described in the Draft Conditions of Consent.
2. Council, submit the Planning Proposal for rezoning of land at Gingie Village as outlined in the submission from Wakefield Planning provided in the attached to the Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway determination.
3. The applicant be advised the Council is not prepared to accept care, control and maintenance of either the water or sewer systems at this stage, pending the acceptable outcomes of negotiations between Council, Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council and NSW Government in relation to provision of condition of reports and certification, any necessary upgrades to endure the systems are operating to current industry standard practices.

Division Decision

For

**Clr Keir
Clr Rummery
Clr Currey
Clr Hundy
Clr Seaton
Clr Woodcock
Clr Cooke
Clr Walford
Clr Ramien**

Against

There was discussion regarding the previous upgrade of the Gingie sewer system and the proposed road widths required. Director Engineering and Technical Services noted the 7.5m road width would be suffice, despite the DA recommending that the road width should measure 8m wide, given the adequate car parking.

04/2023/35 Public Participation Policy

Resolved on the motion of Clr Ramien and Clr Rummery that Council adopt the Public Participation Policy 2023.

**04/2023/36 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information from the Director
Environmental Services**

Resolved on the motion of Clr Seaton and Clr Hundy that the matters generally for brief mention or information only from the Director Environmental Services be received and noted.

Councillors requested that a report be put to the May 2023 meeting in relation to the proposed plans for the new animal pound and funding in relation to the construction.

04/2023/37 Landfill Fees – Roads to Home Project

Resolved on the motion of Clr Currey and Clr Walford that the landfill fees for the disposal of asbestos, contaminated soil and general waste for the Roads to Home Project be quoted as \$70/m3.

For
Clr Keir
Clr Rummery
Clr Currey
Clr Seaton
Clr Woodcock
Clr Cooke
Clr Walford
Clr Ramien

Against
Clr Hundy

Notice of Motion

Cr M Cooke and Cr C Hundy

- That part of the approx. \$3.2m of Lightning Ridge Water Funds be used to replace the collapsing water supply within the township of Lightning Ridge.
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Comment

The \$3.2 million mentioned as being held for Lightning Ridge water is the operational cash.

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| • Walgett | \$4,609,359 |
| • LR | \$3,841,345 |
| • Collarenebri | (\$2,871,178) |
| • Villages | (\$1,297,697) |

The \$3.2 million mentioned as being held for Lightning Ridge water is the operational cash. Whilst Walgett and Lightning Ridge have operational cash the other towns and villages are in deficit. The overall cash reserves for the Shire are \$4,281,829.

While there are no loans or any major outstanding debts other than overpaid water bills and rates (\$170,000 at 30/6/2023) any major expenditure on water across the shire would need to be planned to maintain an appropriate level in this reserve. The infrastructure is old in most areas of the shire.

04/2023/38 Motion

Resolved on the motion of Clr Cooke and Clr Hundy that part of the approx. \$3.2 m of Lightning Ridge Water Funds be used to replace the collapsing water supply within the township of Lightning Ridge, and that a further report concerning design and costing be submitted to the Council.

Notice of Motion**Cr J Ramien and Cr M Cooke**

- That Council discuss the new tenders for the fencing of the Collarenebri Cemetery.

Background

The previous fence was taken down approx. 18 months ago and in that period vases etc have been smashed by wildlife and also to the fact that it is located on a stock route.

Fencing of the Collarenebri Cemetery has been discussed and an issue since I was elected to Council.

The community have been up in arms that nothing has been done.

A local fencing contractor had put a tender in 15 months ago, but nothing has happened.

Comment

Council has been waiting on second quote for two months. The one quote from Douglas Fencing for \$70K is current and will require a resolution of Council to proceed.

04/2023/39 Motion

Resolved on the motion of Clr Ramien and Clr Cooke that Council obtain fresh tenders for the fencing the Collarenebri Cemetery.

Notice of Motion**Cr A Seaton and Cr M Cooke**

- That Council address the community concern regarding School Buses being unable to park near the Lightning Ridge School whenever it rains.

Background

This problem can be overcome with culverts.

I am led to believe that funding is available for this to happen.

Comment

At the recent Traffic Committee Meeting in Lightning Ridge this matter was the subject of lengthy discussion and a way to progress the issue resolved.

The meeting involved consulting via teams with the school's Deputy Principal, Kelly Morriss. The RECOMMENDATION of the Traffic Committee (which will appear for adoption in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee) is to:

1. Remove pedestrian crossing on Brilliant Street, as it is unused.
2. Move bus lanes to Brilliant Street where there are open drains. In order to facilitate this the open drains will need to have culverts in place and be filled in to take the weight of the buses.
3. Kaolin Street – consideration to move crossing location closer to front gate to promote use. Potential of changing the crossing type to a children’s crossing.

ACTION:

1. Walgett Shire Council to seek fee proposal for design of Brilliant Street Work
2. Walgett Shire Council to seek fee proposal for redesign of Kaolin Street traffic
3. Transport NSW will provide funds based on these proposals.

Council’s Engineering Section has been tasked to comply with the Actions.

04/2023/40 Motion
Resolved on the motion of Clr Seaton and Clr Cooke that Council endorse the proposals of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 12 th April 2023.

Notice of Motion**Cr C Hundy and Cr A Seaton**

- That Walgett Shire Council commence arrangements with Crown Lands to acquire the 3 Mile Road at Lightning Ridge

Background

Crown Lands had previously offered Walgett Shire takeover of the 3 Mile Road and for whatever reason the previous Council rejected that offer. Work on the Opal Centre will commence in the next few months, and it is imperative that WSC takes possession of the road.

04/2023/41 Motion
Resolved on the motion of Clr Hundy and Clr Seaton that Council commence arrangements to acquire the 3 Mile Road at Lightning Ridge.

Notice of Motion**Cr C Hundy and Cr A Seaton**

- That in accordance with the conditions of the Bore at Glengarry that the water from the bore be directed to run to the Grawin and Sheepyards community.

Background

A brief summary is that the acknowledged conditions of the Bore at Glengarry was that water from the bore would be run to Grawin and Sheepyards Community. This has never occurred. Compounding this failure is a recent bushfire on the outside of Grawin has those residents with their homes and equipment being burnt out. It was simply a case of good luck that this did not happen. The Rural Fire Service has to be provided with a tap point at Grawin.

Comment

No work has been carried out on this project. The Engineer has indicated that his section will engage a consultant to undertake a study and establish costs with a report to council soon

04/2023/42 Motion

Resolved on the motion of Clr Hundy and Clr Seaton that Council undertake study for establishment and design of bore.

Cr D Walford

- What is the current status of the new Netball Courts – have tenders been called?
- What is the proposed starting and completion dates?

Comment

Emerson Park Courts – issues with design have been addressed after it was identified that a deep seated sewer main was impacting the siting of some of the courts.

Council staff inspected the site and proposed some additional options to be considered together with the previous options listed below:

- Relocate the existing gates on the Eastern boundary to south of the new Tennis courts.
- Delete the Futsal courts and retain tennis courts due to construction costs.
- Keep the spectator seating as per the attached court layout plan / use existing stands in the complex next to the proposed Courts to reduce costs.
- Relocate the new gates on Fox street to the south end of the courts / relocate the existing bollard fence to allow additional parking / remove trees to suit.
- Reduce the Netball / Basketball courts to three to eliminate moving the existing sewer main.
- A new draft plan to be drawn with agreed options for review /discussion.
- Then proceed to either:
 - 1) Option 1; RFT to engage Consultant to design the project/ followed by RFT to Construct only.
 - 2) Option 2: RFT to design / construct.

04/2023/43 Motion

Resolved that Council;

- Relocate the existing gates on the Eastern boundary to south of the new multipurpose courts.
- Delete the Futsal courts and retain tennis courts due to construction costs.
- Keep the spectator seating as per the attached court layout plan / use existing stands in the complex next to the proposed Courts to reduce costs.
- Relocate the new gates on Fox street to the south end of the courts / relocate the existing bollard fence to allow additional parking / remove trees to suit.
- Reduce the Netball / Basketball courts to three to eliminate moving the existing sewer main.
- A new draft plan to be drawn with agreed options for review /discussion.
- Call for Tenders on the design and construction of new multi-purpose courts.

04/2023/44 Motion to Move into Closed Session**Time: 12:10pm**

Resolved on the motion of Clr Walford and Clr 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)
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer

4/2023/47 Return to Open Session**Time: 12:26pm**

Resolved on the motion of Clr Rummery and Clr Seaton that the Council return to open session

Mayor Keir read the resolutions passed in the closed session meeting.

4/C2023/1 Minutes of the Closed Council Meeting – 28 March 2023

Resolved on the motion of Clr Hundy and Clr Cooke that the minutes of the Closed Council meeting held 28 March 2023 as itemised in minute numbers 2/2023/2 to 2/2023/4, pages 2 to 4 be confirmed.

4C/2023/2 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates

Resolved on the motion of Clr Hundy and Clr Cooke that;

1. Council list for sale under Section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993 the 27 properties listed.
2. The Sale be held in Lightning Ridge Community Centre on Saturday 2nd September 2023 at 10:00am
3. The Acting General Manager in consultation with the Crown Lands be authorised to set a reserve.
4. The Acting General Manager be authorised to accept an arrangement that is made where the total debt is extinguished within a reasonable time. The written arrangement may include a clause whereby the property be sold if undertakings are not complied with.

With no further business the meeting was closed by Mayor Keir at 12.30pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Mayor