



MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28th February 2023

Michael Urquhart
GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE
WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 11:00AM**

OPEN FORUM**Public Presentations:**

Nil

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:15AM

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
Michael Urquhart (General Manager)
Bob Stephen (Director Engineering/Technical Services)
Kimley Talbert (Director Environmental Services)
George McCormick (Acting Director Corporate & Community Services)
Belinda Petersons (Minute Secretary)

ABSENT

Nil.

1/2023/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 20 December 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 20th December 2022, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Cooke

CARRIED

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 31 January 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Mayor Jane Keir	9.3.3	Monthly Major Projects Report as at 31 January 2023	Non Pecuniary – Insignificant	Family Business tendered, however was not awarded
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – as at 31 January 2023	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.1.5	Section 356 – Community Assistance Scheme 2022/2023 Round 2 Funding	Non Pecuniary – Insignificant	Non-paid member of an applicant group for the grant

1/2023/2 Monthly Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That the Mayoral report for February 2023 be received and noted.

Moved: Mayor Keir

Seconded: Clr Cooke

CARRIED

1/2023/3 Council's Decision Action Report – January 2023**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for January 2023 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Rummery

CARRIED

1/2023/4 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Department circulars 22-39 through to 22-42, from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Ramien

Seconded: Clr Rummery

CARRIED

1/2023/5 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meetings & Events**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Currey

Seconded: Clr Seaton

CARRIED

1/2023/6 Council Policy and Procedure Review**Resolved:**

That:

1. The General Managers report be received;
2. Council adopts the revised policies and procedures as presented:
 - i) Contract Management
 - ii) Working from Home

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Rummery

CARRIED

Councillor Ramien declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest, opting to stay present in the Chamber.

1/2023/7 Section 356 – Community Assistance Scheme 2022/2023 Round 2 Funding

Resolved:

That the following eligible applicants be granted financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for Round Two of the 2022/2023 Community Assistance Scheme.

Lightning Ridge Pony Club Inc.	\$3,000
Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge Inc.	\$3,000
Walgett Show Society Inc.	\$1,500
Country Women’s Association Inc. – Goodooga/Lightning Ridge	\$1,000
Walgett Garden Club	\$ 500

Moved: Clr Seaton
Seconded: Clr Ramien
CARRIED

1/2023/8 Second Quarter Operational Plan & Half Yearly Delivery Program for 2022/2023

Resolved:

That Council accepts the progress made on the 2022/2023 Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 31st December 2022.

Moved: Clr Seaton
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

1/2023/9 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information from the General Manager

Resolved:

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the General Manager be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Currey
Seconded: Clr Rummery
CARRIED

1/2023/10 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31 December 2022

Resolved:

That the 31 December 2022 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Ramien
Seconded: Clr Seaton
CARRIED

1/2023/11 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31 January 2023**Resolved:**

That the 31 January 2023 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Rummery

Seconded: Clr Seaton

CARRIED

1/2023/12 Cash and Investment Report as at 30 December 2022**Resolved:**

That the Investment report for December 2022 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Ramien

Seconded: Clr Cooke

CARRIED

1/2023/13 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 January 2023**Resolved:**

That the Investment report for January 2023 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Rummery

Seconded: Clr Hundy

CARRIED

1/2023/14 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – December 2022**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31st December 2022 as tabled.

Moved: Clr Ramien

Seconded: Clr Currey

CARRIED

1/2023/15 Community Development and Capacity Building: October 2022 to January 2023**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the report for Community Development and Capacity Building – October 2022 to January 2023.

Moved: Clr Currey

Seconded: Clr Seaton

CARRIED

At 12:16pm Mayor Keir and Clr Jasen Ramien declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Chamber.

Deputy Mayor Greg Rummery took the Chair.

1/2023/15 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – January 2023

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for January 2023.

Moved: Clr Seaton
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

At 12:18pm Mayor Keir and Clr Jasen Ramien returned to the Chamber.

Mayor Keir resumed the Chair.

1/2023/16 Service Progress Report as at 31 January 2023

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for January 2023.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Rummery
CARRIED

Mayor Keir declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest, opting to stay present in the Chamber.

1/2023/17 Monthly Major Projects Report as at January 2023

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Monthly Major Projects Report for January 2023.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Rummery
CARRIED

1/2023/18 Flood Restoration Works Update as at 31st January 2023

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Flood Restoration Works Update report as at 31st January 2023.

Moved: Clr Ramien
Seconded: Clr Rummery
CARRIED

**1/2023/19 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information from the Director
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 Hundy
Seconded: Clr Ramien
CARRIED

1/2023/20 Development Approvals December 2022 and January 2023

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Development Approvals Report for December 2022 and January 2023.

Moved: Clr Cooke
Seconded: Clr Ramien
CARRIED

1/2023/21 Draft Community Participation Plan 2023

Resolved:

That the Walgett Shire Council Draft Community Participation Plan 2023 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from the 1st March 2023 until 28th March, at 4:30pm, inviting submissions from the public during this time.

Moved: Clr Seaton
Seconded: Clr Rummery
CARRIED

**1/2023/22 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information from the Director
Environmental Services**

Resolved:

That the matters generally for brief mention or information only from the Director Environmental Services be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Hundy
Seconded: Clr Currey
CARRIED

1/2023/23 Move into Closed Session**Time: 12:45pm**

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A 92) (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); and
- (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 Currey
Seconded: Clr Rummery
CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm for the Councillors to receive a presentation from the Australian Opal Centre, presented by Ray Griffin (Chair) and Jenni Brammall (CEO).

Closed meeting recommenced at 1:20pm

After much discussion, Councillor Ramien declared an interest in this matter and vacated the Chamber at 1:38pm.

1/2023/24 CONFIDENTIAL – Burranbaa and Lorne Road Projects Update as at 31 January 2023**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the information provided in the Burranbaa and Lorne Road Projects Update as at 31 January 2023.

Moved: Clr Rummery
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

Councillor Ramien returned to the Chamber at 1:50pm.

Emergency item considered by Mayor.

1/2023/25 CONFIDENTIAL – Quotation for the Construction of the Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring

Resolved:

- a) That Council accepts the revised quotation from Lukas Building and Excavation at a price of \$1,493,846 (excluding GST);
- b) That Council amends the contract for the construction of the Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring as per the revised quotation from Lukas Building and Excavation to \$1,493,846 (excluding GST); and
- c) That the Council Seal be affixed to the contract.

Moved: Clr Rummery
Seconded: Clr Ramien
CARRIED

1/2023/26 Return to open session

Time: 1:53pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Ramien
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

1/2023/27 Adoption of closed session reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports

Moved: Clr Rummery
Seconded: Clr Hundy
CARRIED

Close of Meeting - The meeting closed at 1:55pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

 Mayor

 General Manager