



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

28 June 2010

RAY KENT
General Manager

ADOPTED: 27 July 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 28 JUNE 2010 COMMENCING AT 10:05 AM

PRESENT

Clr I Woodcock (Mayor)
Clr G Colless (Deputy Mayor)
Clr L Walford
Clr R Greenaway
Clr D Lane
Clr G Murray
Clr M Martinez
Clr J Keir
Ray Kent (General Manager)
Ms C Medcalf (Director, Corporate & Community Services)
Mr I Taylor (Director, Rural Infrastructure & Support Services)
Mr M Goodwin (Director, Planning and Regulatory Services)
Mr P Kc (Acting Director, Urban Infrastructure Services)
Mrs M Lovegrove (Manager Finance)
Mrs J Campbell (Minute Secretary)

Welcome to Visitors

The Mayor welcomed all visitors to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

Apologies

167/10 Apologies

Resolution:

An apology from Clr Smith be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Public Forum Presentations

Kim Powell – Burren Junction Public School spoke on the following:

- The fees and charges associated with the hiring of the Burren Junction oval
- The handling of the situation, it could have been handled differently.
- Maintenance required on the grounds

168/10 Hire fees for the Burren Junction Public School

Resolution:

That

1. Council donate an amount of \$100 to the Burren Junction Public School to cover the \$100 temporary license fee.
2. A full report on this matter be brought back to the next Council meeting.
3. Council staff organise a meeting with the Burren Junction Public school.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Anjali Palmer – Department of Aboriginal Affairs

Presentation on the “Close the Gap” Program

10:50 Clr Lane left the meeting

10:52 Clr Lane returned to the meeting

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

- Clr Greenaway declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 30 Tenders – Plant Hire
- Clr Keir declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 30 Tenders – Plant Hire
- Clr Colless declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 2 of the closed agenda – Future of the Walgett Saleyards
- Clr Keir declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in item 23 - Heritage Activities and reporting 2009/2010

169/10 Minutes of Council Meeting 25 May 2010

Resolution:

1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held 25 May 2010 be confirmed.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Circulated under separate cover for Councillors are the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held 5 June 2010.

170/1 Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting 5 June 2010

Resolution:

1. That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held 5 June 2010 be confirmed.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

171/10 Collarenebri Golf Course (R82811) Reserve Trust

Resolution:

1. That Council agree that a public meeting be held at Collarenebri to determine the level of interest in continuing the Golf Course.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

Mayoral Minutes

172/10 Mayoral Minute – National Deposit Legislation

Resolution:

1. Council support “in principle” the introduction of a National Beverage Container Deposit Scheme.
2. Council approve the Mayor sending letters of support for a Scheme to the Federal Minister for the Environment and the NSW State Minister for the Environment.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

173/10 Mayoral Minute – Future of Collarenebri Agency

Resolution:

That a report be presented to the July Council meeting which identifies both the options for privatising the delivery of the services currently delivered through the Collarenebri Agency and the issues associated with pursuing such a course of action.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

Councillors Questions with Notice

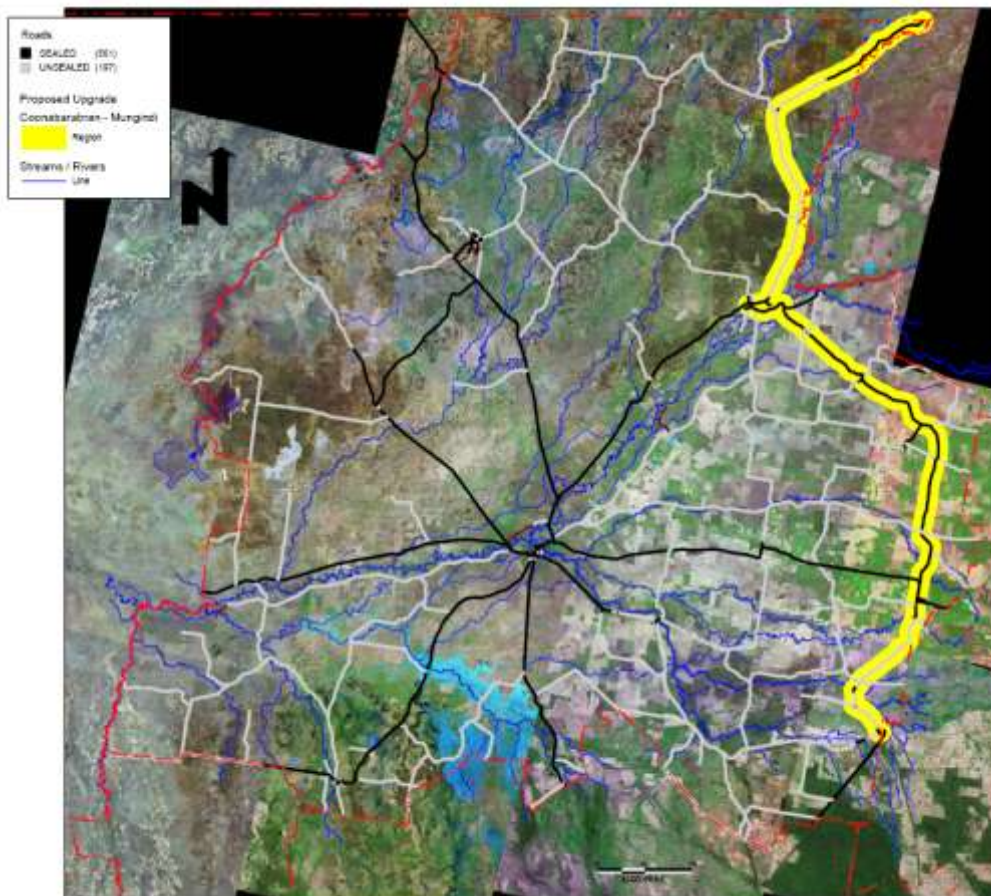
Councillor Keir

Proposed road Coonabarabran to Mungindi

Question 1:

Could we all please have a map showing the proposed route of this road through the Walgett Shire including the existing sealed/dirt roads within the shire?

Response:



Question 2:

Who is preparing the funding business case and/or feasibility study?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that it is unknown at this stage.

Question 3:

When & where will there be community consultation meetings?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that it is unknown at this stage.

Question 4:

Will this road on completion be maintained by the RTA or Walgett Shire Council?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that it is unknown at this stage, however all but 10km of this road is currently maintained by Walgett Shire Council

Question 5:

If this application is successful will the allocation of funds for this road jeopardise the allocation of funding for further maintenance & improvements to existing roads within the Shire?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that it is unknown at this stage but it is usual that Council would be contributing funds from existing revenue sources thus they would not be available to allocate to other projects as previously reported.

Shire road 7716

Question 1:

Where are we up to with the repairs to SR7716 from end of bitumen (Walgett end) to Maneroo, last week I note there are graders/ rollers & gravel being unloaded?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that it is in progress. Forecast savings from other flood repairs on MR7716 are being channelled into improvements at the western unsealed end.

Question 2:

There is concern locally about the old bridge/ box culvert still being used at the 22km point, there is a side track for over 5 tonnes but the bridge has a big dip in it, will it be replaced & at what cost, the locals want it noted that the cement bridge at the 25km point was built to take the majority of water from the Cumberdoon & is much newer than that old bridge also there is a long causeway (also newer than the bridge) on the bitumen at the 20 km point which carries a large volume of water during flood?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that he has noted the concern from residents, but was unaware of the existence of any flood/drainage analysis to support claim. In the current circumstances the bridge is not proposed to be replaced unless subsequent flooding proves a need for additional waterway area under the road in this location.

Question 3:

In other words does the bridge need to be replaced? If not can the money be allocated to repairing & upgrading the road?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure Services advised that it is unknown at this stage whether the bridge needs replacing. He further advises that there is currently no money specifically allocated to repairing the bridge.

Walgett IGA Supermarket

I have received complaints about the dirty unkept state of the shop, floors, lino worn out & footpath are filthy, the building is very dilapidated & needs repairs, ceiling etc, the doors are open all day, no sliding doors like other supermarkets, allows flies & dust to enter the shop. Not a good look for Walgett town. I understand that this is a privately owned business & that we do have regular health checks but surely there are some standards. Are we able to do anything?

Response:

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that Council's Senior Health and Building Surveyor inspected the premises on 13 April 2010. At that time they generally met the minimum standards required by the Australia/New Zealand Food Standards and the NSW Food Act 2003. The aesthetics of a building are not relevant to a food premises compliance inspection if the Standards and Act are being complied with.

He further advises that considerable works have been undertaken on the premises in the last year, including scouring of vinyl floors, patching of damaged tiles, renovation of deli area, replacement of most fridges/freezers and repairs to ceiling. Nevertheless additional work is required to address storage areas in particular, which is the subject of an ongoing dialogue with Council staff.

There is no formal requirement under the Standards or Act that automatic doors must be installed on a supermarket (or other food premises). Clause 24 of Australia/New Zealand Food Standard 3.2.2 states that a food business must "take all practicable measures to prevent pests entering the food premises". With a view to ensuring compliance with Clause 24, Council staff will make arrangements to prompt the business operator to install an automatic door, plastic strip door or other device to reduce the potential for insects to enter the main doors.

Councillor Greenaway

Question 1:

What is the result of the audit on the money (\$6,000.00) charged by Murdi Paaki to plant trees in Rowena?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that \$3300 was spent on the project, the leftover money was reallocated to other infrastructure projects.

Question 2:

What results has Council had from Murdi Paaki in regards to the water laying on all three concrete slabs on the skate board parks?

Response:

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the Murdi Paaki builder has advised Council that the slab has lifted due to wet weather whilst curing. Investigations of other Councils with skate parks suggest that this is not an uncommon situation. She further advises that as skate parks are usually not in use during wet weather, the situation does not pose a barrier to young people

174/10 Work scheduled for Murdi Paaki

Resolution:

That no work is to be given to Murdi Paaki until the issue with the concrete slabs at the Skate Parks is resolved to Council's satisfaction.

Moved Clr Martinez
Seconded Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

Question 3:

Regarding the second round of infrastructure funding- what is the amount allocated to Rowena out of the \$192,000.00 and how are these funds being spent?

Response:

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that \$10,000 has been allocated to electrical upgrade to Rowena Hall.

Question 4:

Has Council plans to sell the Council owned house at the rear of the Collarenebri Agency?

Response:

In process of sub dividing to allow for sale

Question 5:

At the February Council meeting, Councillors were told that a report would be given at the March meeting regarding the employment of Mrs Emma Darcy. What has happened to this report?

Response:

The General Manager advised that a report was provided in the closed section of March 2010 meeting.

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services further advised that Mrs Darcy's employment has now ceased.

Question 6:

What assurance can Councillors be given that Alana Douglas, who is on maternity leave, will be reinstated to the position of Tourist Development Officer when she returns to work from maternity leave and what will be her title or job description?

Response:

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that Alana Copelin commenced 12 months maternity leave in December 2009 in accordance with section 19F of the Local Government (State) Award 2007. A 12 Month temp replacement was appointed on 4 January 2010. Both positions are classified at the same grade. To date Mrs Copelin has not indicated her exact return to work date nor has she requested a flexible return to work as per section 20 of the award.

Question 7:

In regard to Namoi House- who is the new person in charge and is the Brewarrina Business Centre still involved with financial running of the organisation.

Response:

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the Supervisor of Namoi House is Marinos Anagnostopoulos. She further advises that the Brewarrina Business Centre undertakes financial management duties for Namoi House Inc.

Reports of Delegates and Representatives

175/10 Minutes of Netwaste Meeting – May 2010

Resolution:

That Council notes the Minutes of the Netwaste Meeting held at Condobolin on 28 May 2010.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

176/10 Minutes of Namoi Peel CSO Meeting

Resolution:

1. That Council notes the Minutes of the Namoi-Peel Customer Service Committee Meeting held at Lake Keepit Sailing Club in Gunnedah on 12 May 2010.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

177/10 Walgett Local Area Traffic Committee

Resolution:

1. That Council note and adopts the recommendations of the meeting of the Local Area Traffic Committee on 17 June 2010 subject to the concurrence of NSW Police as follows:

- * Temporary Road Closure – Fox Street (HW18) Walgett – NAIDOC Week March; and
- * New GIVE WAY sign – Woolaroo Road Lightning Ridge

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

178/10 Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee

Resolution:

1. That Council note the minutes of the Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee meetings held March 2010.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Reservation of items for Debate

Nil

Reports of Officers

179/10 Fees for Mayor and Councillors 2010/2011

Motion:

That:

1. the Councillor fee for 2010/11 be \$9,570
1. the Mayoral fee for 2010/11 be \$20,890
2. 25% of the Mayoral fee be allocated to the Councillor who occupies the position of Deputy Mayor

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Martinez

Amendment:

That there be no increase in payments to Councillors for 2010/2011.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

AMENDMENT BECAME MOTION AND WAS CARRIED

180/10 Acquisition of the site of the Lightning Ridge HACC Centre and proposed Dementia Day Care Centre

Resolution:

1. Council acquire by compulsory acquisition the land described as Lot 3 in Deposited Plan 1100315 pursuant to section 186 of the Local Government Act 1993 for Community Health Services Purposes.
2. Council apply to the Minister and/or Governor for approval to acquire the land by compulsory process pursuant to the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
3. All minerals are to be excluded from the compulsory acquisition of the subject land.
4. Upon acquisition, the subject land be classified operational land.
5. Any necessary documentation be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the General Manager

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

181/10 Council decisions Action Report – 11.05.10 & 25.05.10

Resolution:

1. That the report be received.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

182/10 Interim Financial Audit Management Letter Report

Resolution:

1. That the Audit Management Letter from Hills Rogers Spencer Steer be noted.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

183/10 Budget Submissions 2010/2011

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Reduce expected income in the 2010-2011 budget by \$1,180,099.00 resulting in a \$1,316,905.00 total deficit:
2. Amend the following budget line items to: Heritage Advisor expenditure \$15,000.00; heritage advisor grant income \$5,000.00; heritage projects expenditure \$21,000.00; heritage projects grant income \$7,000.00 and pesticide pit redemption \$18,000.00
3. Inform Barriekneal of the early payment discount provision provided by Council.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

184/10 Management Plan and Budget 2010/2011 Report

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Adopts the Management Plan 2010 – 2014 as presented with any adopted changes.
2. Adopts a 2.6% increase in the total levy for General Fund Rates.
3. Adopts Fees and Charges 2010/2011 as listed in the Management Plan with Council reserving the right to vary fees and charges of a commercial nature as circumstances require.
4. Resolves to adopt the attached rates structure for ordinary rates.
5. Resolves in accordance with Section 563 of the Local Government Act 1993, to make the discount 3.6% for payment in full of total rates and charges (less any rebates) for ratepayers whose payments are received in full on or before the 31 August 2010.
6. Set the fees and charges as attached.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

185/10 Cash on Hand and Investment report as at 31 May 2010

Resolution:

That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 May 2010 be received.

Moved: Clr Kier

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

Consideration of the report on proposals for Traffic Study of Wee Waa Street, Walgett was deferred until the end of the meeting.

186/10 National Local Government Award – Youth Engagement

Resolution:

That the National Local Government Award Youth Engagement report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

187/10 Community Development and Tourism Quarterly Report (March – May 2010)

Resolution:

That the Community Development and Tourism quarterly report (March – May 2010) be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

188/10 Report on Youth Development and Services February 2010 to May 2010

Resolution:

1. That the report on Youth Development and Services for the period February 2010 – March 2010 be noted.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

189/10 Community Services – External Grants Received

Resolution:

1. That the Community Services External Grants Received report be received.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

190/10 Community Development Worker Position

Resolution:

1. That the consideration of this item be deferred until the new General Manager commences.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

191/10 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the report on Complying Development Certificate and Development Applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services or General Manager during May 2010.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

192/10 Former Walgett Railway Station Building

Resolution:

That this item be deferred for consideration until the next meeting.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

193/10 Walgett Shire Local Approvals Policy

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Adopt the Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy, as publicly exhibited from 29 March 2010 to 10 May 2010.
2. Write to the Deputy Director General (Local Government), of the Department of Premier and Cabinet:
 - (a) Requesting consent for parts of the Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy (March 2010 version) relating to local exemptions from the necessity to obtain activity approvals under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.
 - (b) Noting that the Director General from the Department of Planning has not yet consented to the F4 and F5 activity exemption provisions, as proposed in the July 2009 version of the Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy. Also, noting that these exemption provisions are also contained in the March 2010 version of the policy.
 - (c) Requesting that the Deputy Director General (Local Government), of the Department of Premier and Cabinet remind the Director General of the Department of Planning that Walgett Shire Council is waiting for consent for the F4 and F5 activity exemptions contained in the Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy.
3. If consent is obtained from the respective Director General's for the local exemptions within the Walgett Shire Local Approvals Policy, then give public notice of the adoption of the March 2010 version of Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy via advertisements in the Lightning Ridge News and the Walgett Spectator newspapers.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

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Clr Keir declared a non pecuniary interest in the following item

194/10 Heritage Activities and reporting 2009/2010

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the report on the activities of Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison, during 2009-2010.
2. Endorse and adopt the following documents, as prepared by Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison:
 - (a) The Walgett Shire Heritage Strategy Annual Report 2009-2010.
 - (b) The Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund Annual Report 2009-2010.
 - (c) The Walgett Shire Council Heritage Strategic Plan 2010-13.
3. Submit the adopted documents to the Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

195/10 Hotel License Application, Lightning Ridge RSL

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Acknowledge receipt of the notification indicating that the Lightning Ridge RSL has applied for a "Hotel – General Bar" liquor licence on lot 15, section 16, DP 758612, in Harlequin St., Lightning Ridge.
2. Respond to the Lightning Ridge RSL by stating that Walgett Shire Council:
 - (a) Notes the RSL has been operating on the site since 1981 when development consent 1981/027 was issued.
 - (b) Notes that the dominant land use in the vicinity of the RSL premises is residential.
 - (c) Believes that, in order to maintain a balance between the interests of the community and RSL patrons, it would be appropriate to generally restrict trading hours to between 8:00AM and 5:00PM.
 - (d) Council has no objection to trading hours being extended for special events, such as ANZAC day.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

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196/10 Fire Safety, Tattersalls Hotel Collarenebri

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the letter dated 24 May 2010 from the Building Compliance Unit of the NSW Fire Brigades regarding the adequacy of installed fire safety measures at the Tattersalls Hotel, Collarenebri (lot 10, section 3, DP 758262).
2. Send a notice of intention to issue order number 6 for fire safety issues under section 121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to Gavin D Grant, the owner of the Tattersalls Hotel, Collarenebri (lot 10, section 3, DP 758262), based on the draft provided to Council.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

1:04pm Adjourned for Lunch
1:36pm Returned from lunch

197/10 Water Supply Backflow Prevention Procedures

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:

1. Approve the Backflow Prevention Procedure effective 1st July 2010.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

198/10 Management of Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program

Resolution:

1. That Council notes this report.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

199/10 Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program

Resolution:

That:

1. Agree to accept the \$6.5 million capital works program for the improvement of water and sewerage systems in Walgett and Namoi communities.
2. Agree to contribute one third of all costs in excess of the \$4.2 million originally funded by the federal government.
3. Agree that the NSW Department of Water be the Project Managers of the \$6.5 million project and allow this agency to commence detailed investigation and designs as soon as possible.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

200/10 Australia Wide Rural Road Group

Resolution:

1. That Council become a member of the Australia Wide Rural Road Group and that membership be reviewed in 12 months.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

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1:47pm Clr Greenaway and Clr Keir left the meeting

201/10 Tenders – Plant Hire

Recommendation:

1. That Council accept tenders from the following businesses for E08007 Request for Standing Offers: Casual Plant Hire Walgett Shire NSW –

- Christopher Underwood
- JR Weate Pty Ltd
- Ken Sherar Contracting Pty Ltd
- Sherrin Rentals Pty Ltd
- Doncorp
- PR & JA Cochrane
- Bows Sand & Gravel
- Wax Grading
- J&J Fielding
- Ausroad Systems Pty Ltd
- Scott Stewart Earthmoving
- JWF & Y Muller
- MJ & GD Barton Transport
- RGT Cochrane
- Wintergreen Investments Pty Ltd
- Fred Walford
- Coates Hire Operations Pty Ltd
- Conplant
- Hunter's Agricultural Services
- GR & MA Freeman
- AE & NE Dewson
- McKrob Holdings Pty Ltd
- Josh Brett Contracting Services
- Ridgerock Earthmoving
- Billy T's Tippers
- MAAS Contracting
- Rollers Australia
- Batterline Earthmoving
- PG & ME Stewart
- Robert Rubie

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

1:48pm Clr Greenaway and Clr Keir returned to the meeting.

202/10 December 2009 Flood Damage Grant

Resolution:

1. That Council note the natural disasters grant for road flood damage restoration for the December 2009 Flood Event.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

203/10 Proposals for Traffic Study of Wee Waa Street Walgett

Resolution:

That consideration of this item be deferred until the July Meeting.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

Questions without Notice

Clr Murray

Question 1:

Can Council write a letter to Grain Corp in relation to the slowness it takes in loading and unloading grain and the stress this is causing on our roads?

Response:

The General Manager indicated that we can write a letter over the Mayor's signature. He further requested that Councillor Murray provide detailed points he wanted made in the letter.

Question 2:

In relation to the Carinda water supply, what is happening?

Response:

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that the pipes are ready to be installed and that work will commence in the first week of August.

Question 3:

In relation to the Walgett Showground amenities improvements and the Walgett Show Society's request, is a Development Application required?

Response:

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that a letter has been forwarded to the Walgett Show Society last week advising that a Development Application and a Construction Certificate are required because the building was being structurally altered.

Question 4:

At a meeting with Carinda residents it was stated that Council did not feel that the Carinda Road was not number one priority anymore?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure Services advised that he does not set the priorities and that Council is the one that allocates the funds and sets the priorities. He further advised that at this stage Council has not allocated any further funds for this project.

Clr Keir

Question 1:

Can we please have a report on how we determined the extent of the sealing at Come by Chance and explain why there is no sealing at the cemetery and why it is not in a straight line?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services advised yes.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1:

There was a news item on 2VM that stated that the RTA are not happy with the Walgett Shire Council. What was the story about?

Response:

The Director Rural infrastructure & Support Services advised that at the last meeting there was a report to Council advising of the issues that Rural Infrastructure were having. He further advised that Council had been struggling with its quarterly reporting to the RTA in relation to its road maintenance contract and some areas have been highlighted as needing improvement.

The Mayor also advised that at the last meeting Council allocated some funds towards Business Improvement in the road infrastructure area.

Question 2:

What is the status of the second evaporation pond at Burren Junction Bore baths?

Response:

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that the Development Application should be lodged with Regulatory Services in approximately in two weeks time .

Question 3:

In connection with the Burren Junction Sporting oval and the staff member that contacted police asking them to stop the Public School using the oval. Is something being done about it?

Response:

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that during the lunch break today he spoke with that staff member and he will continue to investigate the issue.

Question 4:

What is happening with the derelict carport associated with the former Lube Bay at Collarenebri?

Response:

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that staff had contacted one of the property owners who indicated that they have been declared bankrupt and contending that Council can't pursue them in relation to the demolition order. Council staff are reviewing this contention at the present time.

Statement:

The Doctor in Collarenebri has left. There are two rumours as to why they have left and one seems to be the issue with their water connection and trying to deal with Council and the other is the lack of child care or babysitters.

Question 6:

Why is the name of the staff member at the Agency in Collarenebri not stated on the update organisation chart that Councillors receive?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that the circumstances behind that staff members situation is the reason why her name is not used.

Question 7:

In relation to the HR Officer, is that person on casual basis for 12 months and does that entitle that person to take annual leave?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that the HR officer is on a 12 month contract and in that time is entitled to accumulate annual leave.

Clr Martinez

Question 1:

In relation to the tourism booklet, how are we going with it?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that she will take the question on notice and will provide a response at the next Council meeting.

Question 2:

Can we get a proof?

Response:

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that she will have a look. She further advised that she would assume the people involved in the process will be also be part of the proofing.

Question 3:

In relation to the Cumborah shed has there been any progress? Can Council staff give them some guidance?

Response:

The Mayor advised that he attended a meeting with the community of Cumborah. At that meeting the consensual decision was to have the shed built near the tennis club. Following the meeting a Cumborah resident contacted him and asked him for his opinion to where the meeting stated to have it built as one resident was of the view that it was to be built somewhere else. He advised the resident the consensual decision of the community is what the residents will have to go with.

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that all the committee had to do was to get quotes for what they wanted built.

Question 4:

Can council staff go out and give them some guidance?

The Mayor advised that he will go out and see them again along with Council staff.

Question 5:

Can we have a review of staff in the field in Lightning Ridge? Concerned that we might be understaffed to what tasks they have to complete?

Response:

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that he will take on notice for the Director.

Question 6:

In closed session can we have a list of money that Council has loaned?

Response:

The Manager Finance advised that she will provide a response in closed session.

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Question 7:

The railway sleepers near the silo, does the Council own them?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services advised no.

Clr Woodcock

Question 1:

In relation to the giveaway sign in Lightning Ridge, I read somewhere in the agenda about it. Has it been sorted?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services advised yes it was in the Local Area Traffic Committee report.

204/10 Move into closed session

Resolution:

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2)(b) and (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer
- (c) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

205/10 Outstanding Carinda Golf Club Loans

Resolution:

1. That Walgett Shire Council write off both loans to the provision for doubtful debts.

Moved: Clr Colless
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

A discussion was held on loans that council had provided to organisations within the Shire.

Clr Colless spoke on the history of the saleyards and then left the meeting at 2:42 pm

206/10 Future of Walgett Saleyards

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Undertake an expression of interest for lease or purchase of the Walgett Saleyards.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

2:49pm Clr Colless returned to the meeting

207/10 Contract for the Supply & Delivery of Bulk Fuel/Lubricants and above ground tanks – Regional Procurement Tender T11011OROC

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve that:

1. Manildra Park be awarded the tender as the single source supplier of Bulk Diesel to Council for the period 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2012;
2. Port Batteries be awarded the tender as the single source supplier of Lubricants to Council for the period 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2012;
3. All tenders be accepted for supply of above ground storage tanks to Council for the period 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2012;
4. No tenders be accepted for the supply of an above ground storage tank (Walgett Specification) as no tender completely meets Council's requirements and Council enter into negotiations with Freedom Fuels, as the closest to acceptable tender, for an alternative offer meeting Council's requirements;
5. Provision be allowed for a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance which may take this tender through to June 2013; and
6. Council authorise the General Manager and Mayor to execute any necessary contract documentation.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Martinez

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208/10 Move back into Open Session

Resolution:

That Council return to Open session.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded Clr Walford

CARRIED

2:54 Clr Martinez left the meeting

209/10 Thank you to General Manager

Resolution:

That we thank the General Manager for the time and effort that he has put into the Council during his time here.

Moved Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

2:58pm Clr Martinez returned to the meeting

A discussion was held on the third round of the Regional Infrastructure funding.

The meeting closed at 3:04pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 27th July 2010

Mayor

General Manager