



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 23 November 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held in the **Burren Junction RSL** on **Tuesday 23 November 2010**, commencing at 10.00am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

ADOPTED: 21 December 2010

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE BURREN JUNCTION RSL CLUB ON TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 10:03 AM

PRESENT

Clr I Woodcock (Mayor)
Clr L Walford
Clr R Greenaway
Clr J Keir
Clr K Smith
Don Ramsland (General Manager)
Ms C Medcalf (Director, Corporate & Community Services)
Mr I Taylor (Director, Rural Infrastructure & Support Services)
Mr A Wilson (Health & Building Surveyor)
Mr F Coralde (Director, Urban Infrastructure Services)
Mr T Colak (Roads Engineer)
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

345/10 Apologies

Motion:

1. That apologies from Clr Martinez, Clr Lane, Clr Murray, Clr Colless be accepted and that a leave of absence be granted for the 23 November Council meeting.
2. That an apology from Matthew Goodwin be noted.
3. That it be noted that Clr Lane may be absent from the December Council and that a leave of absence be granted for the 21 December Council meeting.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

Public Forum Presentation

Mr Brett Stevens – Burren Junction Precinct Committee

- Mr Stevens firstly apologised on behalf of Precinct Committee who were going to be present at the meeting but were unable to attend due to harvest.
- Mr Stevens spoke about the pedestrian crossing in front of the school and the constant complaints that the community have presented to Council. He asked if Council can do something about it.
- Mr Stevens also presented a petition from residents and school users.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Nil

346/10 Confirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting 26 October 2010

Motion:

1. That the Minutes of the Council meeting held 26 October 2010 be confirmed.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

Nil

Mayoral Minutes

Nil

Motions of which Notice has been given

Nil

Presentation of Petitions

Council received a presentation from residents of Burren Junction which referred to the following two statements:

"Parents of students of Burren Junction Public School request that Walgett Shire bring the current safety crossing up to RTA standards.

"We believe the crossing is inadequate, dangerous and in a poor state of repair. We request Council to develop the area into a safe and functional Pedestrian Crossing.

Councillors Questions with Notice

Nil

Reports of Delegates and Representatives

Nil

Reservation of items for Debate

Nil

Reports of Officers

347/10 Circulars received from the Division of Local Government – November 2010

Motion:

1. That the information contained in the Departmental circulars 10-25 to 10-27 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

348/10 Circulars received from the Local Government and Shires Association of NSW – November 2010

Motion:

1. That the information contained in the weekly circulars from the Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

349/10 Monthly Calendar – November 2010

Motion:

1. That Council note the intention to produce a regular monthly calendar as an agenda item to the monthly meeting.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

350/10 Council decisions Action Report – 26.10.10

Motion:

1. That the report be received.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

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351/10 Meetings of the Collarenebri Precinct Committee - Minutes

Motion:

1. That the Minutes of the meetings of the Precinct Committee be noted.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Note: A discussion was held regarding staff and Councillors having a look on Thursday evening at the shed at the Collarenebri Skate Park in the hope of removing the sides and using it as a shade structure. It was left to the General Manager to make appropriate arrangements.

352/10 Meeting Report Format

Motion:

1. That Council formally adopt the revised format for meeting reports.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

353/10 Public meeting to consider future operations of the Collarenebri Agency

Motion:

That:

1. Council recognise the concerns of the Collarenebri Community and that the General Manager carry out a detailed review of the Collarenebri Agency facility including an examination of the options for calling expressions of interest.
2. A further public meeting be held to consider the outcomes of the proposed review.
3. If possible that the public meeting be held in February 2011 and at least three week's notice be given of the meeting.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

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354/10 Establishment of One Association

Motion:

1. That Council determine that its preferred model is Model 2 – 2 delegates each from 5 zones, for future representation when the “One” Association concept is introduced and advise the NSW Shires Association and Divisional Groups accordingly.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

355/10 Provision of Council Housing

Motion:

1. That the General Manager undertake a detailed review of Council’s Housing Policy and supporting documentation and also report on the possible introduction of a housing maintenance levy.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

356/10 2011 National Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout

Motion:

1. That a letter of support should be forwarded to the Walgett Knockout Committee and as soon as Committee members are available, that a meeting be convened to discuss the proposal to upgrade the local September Knockout carnival.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

357/10 Division of Local Government – Councillor Information Seminars

Motion:

1. That all available Walgett Shire Councillors attend the Division of Local Government Councillor Information Seminar being held at Gilgandra on Thursday morning 9 December, 2011 and that arrangements be made for Council’s bus to depart the Walgett Shire Administration Centre at 7.30 am and return immediately following the conclusion of the seminar.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

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358/10 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from General Manager

Motion:

1. That the matters listed by the General Manager for brief mention, or information only, be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

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359/10 Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 September 2010

Motion:

1. That Council note the quarterly budget review for the period to 30 September 2010 and adopt the changes as follows:

General fund Operational Budget:

Income

* An increase in the Federal Assistance Grant for general use	\$154,879
* An increase to the roads component of the Federal Assistance Grant	\$507,547
	Total: \$662,426

Water and Sewer funds Operational budget:

Expense

* An increase in the Valves and Hydrants repairs budget	\$13,500
* A decrease in the reservoirs Painting and minor control repairs budget	(\$13,500)
* A decrease in the sewer treatment repairs and maintenance budget	(\$6,000)
	Total (\$6,000)

General fund Capital budget:

Income

* Round 3 Regional Infrastructure projects	
* Collarenebri Aerodrome Lighting grant	
	Total \$235,204

Expense

* Round 2 Regional Infrastructure projects with no current budget	\$182,442
* An increase in the Bus Shelter construction project	\$5,343
* Further expense for the reconstruction and seal of streets in Walgett	\$57,833
* An increase for the Collarenebri Aerodrome Lighting expense	\$70,408
* A reduction in expense for the Rowena Hall upgrade leaving \$20,000 for the non-regional infrastructure expense	(\$15,000)
* A reduction in expense for the Come-by-Chance hall repairs leaving \$15,000 for the regional infrastructure expense	(\$5,000)
* A reduction in Rural sealed pavement re-sealing	(\$57,833)
* A reduction to the urban footpaths replacement program	(\$35,204)
	Total \$202,989

Water and Sewer funds Capital budget:

Expense

* An increase for a new Sewer pump in Walgett	\$6,000
	Total \$6,000

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

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360/10 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 October 2010

Motion:

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

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

361/10 Tourism Branding Billboards and Brochure

Motion:

1. That Walgett Shire Council defer any action with regards proposed Billboards until it undertakes a community consultation process for the proposed Billboard campaign and that all options be discussed at joint sessions with all representatives available from Lightning Ridge, Burren Junction, Collarenebri and Walgett.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

362/10 DA – Caravan Park, Lightning Ridge

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Approve Development Application 2010/037 by the Land and Property Management Authority for the redevelopment and expansion of the Lightning Ridge Caravan Park (lot 1, 2 & 4 DP 1100315 and lot 25 DP 752756), Harlequin St, Lightning Ridge, subject to the conditions of development consent agreed to by that Authority in a letter dated 12 November 2010 and be subject to further negotiations with Land and Property Management Authority by the General Manager to undertake gravelling of the rear laneway in conjunction other infrastructure works forming part of the development consent.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Planning Division:

For: Clr Woodcock, Clr Smith, Clr Greenaway, Clr Walford and Clr Keir
Against: Nil
Absent: Clr Martinez, Clr Lane, Clr Colless, and Clr Murray

CARRIED

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363/10 2009/2010 State of the Environment Report

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note and endorse the Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2009-2010, as prepared by Council's Director of Planning & Regulatory Services.
1. Submit the Walgett Shire State of the Environment Report for 2009-2010, to the Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet, as a component of Walgett Shire Council's Annual Report.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

364/10 Growth Strategy & Local Environmental Plan

Motion:

1. That this item be deferred until the December Council Meeting to allow the opportunity for a member from the Department of Planning to attend the next meeting to discuss the following issues.
 - * the minimum size lots,
 - * Preserved opal fields,
 - * Workers accommodation issues

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

365/10 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the report on:
 - (a) Development Applications approved under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin, during October 2010.
 - (b) Complying Development Certificate applications approved by Council's Senior Health and Building Surveyor, Len Smyth, as a Building Professionals Board Accredited Certifier during October 2010.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

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366/10 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Planning & Regulatory Services

Motion:

1. That the matters listed by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services for brief mention, or information only, be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

367/10 AFM – Water Restriction Policy Review

Motion:

1. That this item be deferred until the next Council meeting so that further questions can be investigated.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

368/10 Lighting Improvement at Collarenebri Airport

Motion:

1. Council accept the \$35,000 grant offered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government based on the 1:1 funding arrangement for a project expenditure totalling \$70,000.
2. Council approve to reduce the 2010-2011 Footpath Rehabilitation Program to \$365,000 and use the amount of \$35,000 to fund the Collarenebri Aerodrome Lighting Improvement Project.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

11:56 pm Clr Smith left the meeting

11:58pm Clr Smith returned to the meeting

369/10 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Urban Infrastructure Services

Motion:

1. That the matters listed by the Director Urban Infrastructure Services for brief mention or information only be received and noted

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Disclosure Returns

Motion:

1. That the returns from the following staff be received:

Prafulla KC	Clarence (Jeff) Chape
Len Smyth	Tekin Colak

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

Questions from Councillors

Clr Smith

Question 1:

We are having problems with horses at the Tennis Courts in Barwon Street, Collarenebri? They have an electrical fence up, and the horses are there illegally.

Response:

The General Manager advised that he will take the question on notice for the Director Planning & Regulatory Services.

Question 2:

Is there any chance of the culverts on the corners of the streets at Collarenebri where all the water is laying can be sprayed or cleaned out?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that he will look into it.

Question 3:

Have we heard anymore on our power source in Collarenebri?

Response:

The General Manager advised that he is looking into it.

Question 4:

At the Ambulance base in Collarenebri, there is a tree that has fallen over in the front yard. Can Council have a look and maybe look into removing it.

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that he will look into.

Question 5:

Can we have someone look at the bridges out near Grawin?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services advised he will take on notice and take a further look at the bridges.

Question 6:

We are having problems on the Mungindi Road; there is a bad culvert near Blair Hill. Vehicles are getting bogged when it rains. Can we get some white gravel put down and some grading done?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services advised that it is a work in progress but the weather is preventing them from completing it at the moment as resources are moved to other areas. There is no exact timeline at this stage, but the work should recommence again next week weather permitting.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1:

In relation to the electricity grids in the main street, did they get a certificate of compliance?

Response:

The General Manager advised that it could be a complying development and be exempt. He advised that he will ask the Director Planning & Regulatory Services to investigate further.

The Health & Building Surveyor advised that he will have a look on Thursday afternoon.

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Question 2:

What will the Roller drivers be doing in the wet weather?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services advised that they will be doing various odd jobs. He also advised that they are also encouraging those staff who have leave to take some annual leave.

Question 3:

Every causeway on my drive over today has holes in them and I had to drive around them. Have we got the funds to fix them up?

Response:

The Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services advised that calculations have not been completed for the repair of the causeways. He also advised that they have been underprovided for in the renewal maintenance budget.

Question 4:

The tank at the Tennis club at Burren Junction leaks about halfway up. Can it be replaced?

Response:

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that he inspected it this morning. At this stage they will make some repairs to the leaks. He further advised that a new tank will cost about \$3000 or \$4000 and can be added to the list for next year's budget.

He further advised that he cannot guarantee that it will be replaced this year.

The meeting closed at 12:30pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 21st December 2010

Mayor

General Manager