



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

28th March 2017

ADOPTED: 28 April 2017

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 28th MARCH AT 10:20 AM

PRESENT

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)
Clr M Martinez (Deputy Mayor)
Clr L Walford
Clr G Murray
Clr J Keir
Clr K Smith
Clr R Turnbull
Clr T Cameron
Clr M Taylor
Don Ramsland (General Manager)
Jess McDonald (Director Environmental Services)
Sylvester Otieno (Director Engineering/Technical Services)
Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

Public Forum

Darryl Ferguson discussed the following proposal:

- Painting murals within the Walgett Shire townships to attract tourism and beautify the towns.
- The painters would volunteer their time and engage youth groups to become involved
- An initiative that could be co-ordinated by Walgett Shire Council

Debra Walford tabled a letter at the Council Meeting in relation to the following proposal:

- Council to consider; the naming of the Walgett Netballs courts - "Jenny Wright Netball Courts"
- To be unveiled in August on the twentieth anniversary shield
- Display banners in the Fox street for the anniversary for the Ricky Walford Shield and Jenny Wright Shield

Ross Planning provide Council with a brief presentation in relation to following:

- The consultation process that is being undertaken to development of an Active Travel Plan in order to understand the current and future needs of the community in regards to walking and cycling.
- The Plan will focus on residents, school children, older persons, mobility and vision impaired and tourists.
- ROSS Planning are inviting residents of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri to come and discuss the project and their walking and cycling needs at the three main towns

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Staff/Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Keir	11.4.2 11.4.3 11.4.5 14.1.2	Pec	Related to field of work/ business
Martinez	11.4.2 11.4.5	Pec Pec	Related to field of work/ business
Turnbull	11.4.2 11.4.5	Pec Pec	Relationship to Clr Martinez

Confirmation of Minutes

2/2017/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 14 February 2017

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 14 February 2017, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

2/2017/2 Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 9 February 2017

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held 9th February 2017, having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

2/2017/3 Minutes of Plant Committee Meeting – 7 March 2017

Resolved:

1. That the minutes of the Plant Committee meeting held 7 March 2017, having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein adopted as resolutions of Council

2. That Council amend its organisational structure to include the position of 'Street Sweeper Operator'.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

2/2017/4 Minutes of WHS Committee Meeting – 15th March 2017

Resolved:

That the minutes of the WHS Committee meeting held 7 March 2017, having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

2/2017/5 Mayoral Report

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

Clr Woodcock tabled a document provided by Hugh Percy (Percy Consulting) in relation the Expressions of Interest called for consultants – Tourist Information Centre in Lightning Ridge and suggest it be discussed at the Budget Workshop on 20 April 2017.

2/2017/6 Council's Decision Action Report

Resolved:

That the Resolution Register for March 2017 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

2/2017/7 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW

Resolved:

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 5-10 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

2/2017/8 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government

Resolved:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 17-03 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

2/2017/9 Monthly Calendar March – May 2017

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period March - May 2017.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

2/2017/10 Request to Sponsor the Lightning Ridge Easter Race Meeting

Resolved:

That Council decline to sponsor the 2017 Lightning Ridge Race Meeting and note the cost of cartage for sand and the funds that have been allocated to the upgrade of the kitchen to the value of \$25,000.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

2/2017/11 Lightning Ridge Easter Festival – Funding Request

Resolved:

1. For Council's consideration
2. That a contribution of \$2,000 be made available towards the cost of providing portaloos at the 2017 Lightning Ridge Easter Festival
3. Council investigate the costs associated with second hand mobile toilets and make provision in the 17/18 budget for the purchase of this asset.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

2/2017/12 Economic Development - Matters for Information Only

Resolved:

That the matters listed by the Economic Development Officer for information is received, noted and endorsed.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

2/2017/13 2017 National General Assembly of Local Government

Resolved:

That the Mayor and General Manager attend the 2017 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra 18-21 June 2017 and expenses be paid.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

2/2017/14 Policy Review – Flexible Work Practices

Resolved:

That the revised Flexible Work Practices be adopted.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

2/2017/15 Policy Review –Staff Training Policy

Resolved:

That the revised Staff Training Policy be adopted.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

2/2017/16 Policy Review - Staff Uniform and PPE Policy and Procedure

Resolved:

That the revised Staff Uniform and PPE Policy and Procedure be adopted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

2/2017/17 Policy Review – Time in lieu

Resolved:

That the revised Time in lieu policy be adopted.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

2/2017/18 Walgett CCTV System and Mobile Trailer – Code of Practice

Resolved:

1. Adopt the Code of Practice – CCTV System and Mobile Trailer – in principle and place it on public exhibition for a period of twenty eight (28) and invite submissions from community organisations, local businesses, specific groups and individual members of the public.
2. A Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the CCTV System and Mobile Trailer be entered into both by Walgett Shire Council and the NSW Police Force outlining the respective roles of both parties. The Memorandum of Understanding and any variations to it are to be approved by both the Mayor and General Manager.
3. During the public exhibition period consult with community organisations, local businesses, specific groups and individual members of the public.
4. Monitor the CCTV System and Mobile Trailer and periodically evaluate its effectiveness.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

Clr Murray left the meeting room at 12:09pm and returned to the meeting at 12:13pm

2/2017/19 Lightning Ridge Improvement and Beautification Section 355 Committee

Resolved:

1. That the General Manager's report be received and noted.
2. That Council formally agree to the creation of the Lightning Ridge Improvement and Beautification Section 355 Committee.
3. That members of the existing Committee executive be nominated for the new Committee and Council also call for expressions of interest from residents who are interested in being members of that Committee and then select additional committee members from those expressions of interest

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clr Taylor left the meeting room at 12:14 and returned to the meeting at 12:16pm

2/2017/20 Walgett and Collarenebri Swimming Pool Management

Resolved:

That Council invite tenders for the management of the Walgett and Collarenebri Swimming Pools for 3-5 years.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

2/2017/21 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only

Resolved:

That the matters listed by the General Manager for brief mention or information is received, noted and endorsed.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

2/2017/22 Cash and Investment Report as at 28th February 2017

Resolved:

That the Investment report as at 28th February 2017 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

2/2017/23 Gordon Pavilion Walgett Showground

Resolved:

1. That the Chief financial Officers report be received.
2. That Council make a \$10,000 cash contribution towards the Gordon Pavilion project and this be funded from the "Matching government Grants" 16/17 budget allocation.
3. Three quotes to be obtained for the works

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

2/2017/24 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From Chief Financial Officer

Resolved:

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the Chief Financial Officer in regards to the Spider Brown Oval Facilities, Other Property Matters, Lightning Ridge Bore Baths, Walgett Shire Disability Action Plan and the Walgett Library Disability Access Plan be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:51pm

The meeting resumed at 1:34pm

2/2017/25 Development and Complying Development Certificate applications July 2016 – February 2017

Resolved:

Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority for July 2016 – February 2017.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

2/2017/26 Amendment of the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013 (Planning Proposal)

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to amend Planning Proposal PP_2016_WALGE_001 – Housekeeping Amendment to Flood Clause, Heritage Items and Rezoning to:

1. Substitute 'dwellings' for 'dwelling houses' in the Land Use Table for RU1 Primary Production.
2. Propose an Additional Permitted Use – Information and Education facility (observatory) for Lot 177 DP 1073508

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

2/2017/27 RFS Bush Fire Prone – Mapping**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the information. Council's GIS Officer, DES and Senior Environmental Health Officer to conduct vegetation studies against the new maps as proposed by NSW RFS and any counter proposals to be submitted to the NSW RFS in due course.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

2/2017/28 Lightning Ridge CBD Upgrade**Resolved:**

That Council review the options and costings of pavers, stencil crete and turf in Morilla Street Lightning Ridge as part of the CBD upgrade program.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

2/2017/29 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Environmental Services**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention, or information only.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

2/2017/30 Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering / Technical Services – February 2017**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for February 2017.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull left the meeting room at 2:40pm

2/2017/31 Monthly Progress Report from Director Engineering Technical Services – February 2017

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for February 2017.

Moved: **Clr Cameron**
Seconded: **Clr Walford**
CARRIED

Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 2:43pm

Clr Keir left the meeting room at 2:44pm

2/2017/32 Reporting Detail – Completion Dates

Resolved:

That Council revert to the old reporting format but exclude any privacy information.

Moved: **Clr Martinez**
Seconded: **Clr Smith**
CARRIED

2/2017/33 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – February 2017

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for February 2017

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Smith**
CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 2:55pm

2/2017/34 Request from Community Members to have Greater Lengths of the Mercadool Road Gravel Sheeted

Resolved:

That Council meet with community members from the Mercandool Road to discuss their request for accelerated gravelling of the Road and see what approaches could be taken through selective grading and self-help.

Moved: **Clr Turnbull**
Seconded: **Clr Walford**
CARRIED

Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull left to the meeting room at 3:08pm

Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest in Item 1 of the Report and left the meeting room at 3:08pm

Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 3:10pm

**2/2017/35 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only –
Engineering/Technical Services**

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the report by the Director of Engineering/Technical Services on matters for brief mention, or information only.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 3:12pm

QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Clr Turnbull – Nil

Clr Murray- Nil

Clr Keir – Nil

Clr Walford – Nil

Clr Smith

Q1: What would be the chance of getting a drum muster depot or a few depots in the Shire for chemicals?

Clr Taylor

Q1: The drain next to Bruce Dunn's on Opal Street, when is the works due to commence?

Q2: Road opposite the old ambulance station needs urgent attention

Q3: Banners in the Lightning Ridge town need repairing

Q4: Town bypass in Lightning Ridge needs re thinking urgently

Clr Cameron

Q1: What is the progress on solar energy for the Council Building?

Clr Martinez

Q1: Streets in Lightning Ridge need tidying up prior to the Lightning Ridge Easter Festival?

Q2: What is the progress on the purchase of a street sweeper?

2/2017/35 Move into Closed Session at 3:32pm

Resolved:

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

- (a) 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)
- (b) 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 Martinez
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

2/2017/36 RFQ17/016 Construction of Kerb and Gutter in Walgett Town

Resolved:

That Council accepts the tender for RFQ17/016 from Allkerb in the sum of \$580,841.41 in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

Clr Keir left the meeting room at 3:39pm

2/2017/37 RFT16/001 Design and Construction of Wanourie, Harris and Blacks Bridges

Resolved:

1. That Council accepts the tender for RFT16/001 from Murray Constructions in the sum of \$2,198,306.00 incl GST in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document.
2. Council Investigate transferring the remainder of the funds to either Goangra or Hollywood bridges based on an economic benefit study.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 3:43pm

2/2017/38 Return to Open Session at 3:43pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

2/2017/39 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.
- RFQ17/016 Construction of Kerb and Gutter in Walgett Town
- RFT16/001 Design and Construction of Wanourie, Harris and Blacks Bridges

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 3:45pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 28 April 2017.

Mayor

General Manager