



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

23rd August 2016

ADOPTED: 27 September 2016

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 23 AUGUST 2016 AT 10:00 AM

PRESENT

Clr D Lane (Mayor)
Clr D Cooper
Clr L Walford
Clr G Murray
Clr R Greenaway
Clr M Martinez
Clr M Taylor
Don Ramsland (General Manager)
Prafulla KC (Acting Deputy Director Engineering/Technical Services)
Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

9/2016/1 Apologies

Resolved:

That the apologies received from Councillors Keir and Woodcock are accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Public Forum Presentations

Leigh Byron – President of the Western Division Councils addressed Council; Mr Byron discussed Balranald Shire Council's position with regards to the Local Government Reforms and its view on the Far West Initiative. Balranald Shire Council is currently pushing to remain a standalone Council.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Clr Martinez declared a pecuniary interest in items 14.4.2 and 14.4.3

Confirmation of Minutes

9/2016/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 July 2016

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 26 July 2016, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Motions of Which Notice has been Given – Nil

Mayoral Minutes

9/2016/3 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only from Mayor

Resolved:

That the matters listed for Brief Mention by the Mayor are received and noted.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

Reports of Committees/Delegates

9/2016/4 Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held 11 August 2016

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held 11 August 2016 be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Reports from Officers

9/2016/5 Council's Decision Action Report – August 2016

Resolved:

That the Resolution Register for August 2016 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

9/2016/6 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW

Resolved:

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 28-31 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cooper
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

9/2016/7 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 16-24 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

9/2016/8 Monthly Calendar August – October 2016**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period August - October 2016.

Moved: Clr Cooper

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

9/2016/9 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only – August 2016**Resolved:**

That the matters listed by the General Manager for brief mention or information be received and noted and that Council request the General Manager to prepare and issue a newsletter in respect of the FWI concept and draft a 'Fit for Purpose' Standalone case including continuing membership of a Dubbo based Joint organisation concept and any other options.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

9/2016/10 Cash and Investment Report as at 30th June 2016**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 31st July 2016 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

9/2016/11 Third Quarter Operational Plan

Resolved:

That Council accept the report made on the 2015/2016 Operational Plan as at 30th June 2016. Council also accepts the report for the Delivery Program as at 30th June 2016.

Moved: **Clr Cooper**
Seconded: **Clr Walford**

CARRIED

Clr Walford declared an interest and left the Meeting Room at 11:06am

9/2016/12 Community Assistance Scheme Donations – Round 1 2016/2017 Applications

Resolved:

That the following applicants be granted financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the first round of 2016/2017;
David Bowie Tribute Committee Carinda - \$500.00
Walgett Aero Club - \$3000.00 (To be paid once project completed)
Lightning Ridge Community Radio Inc - \$1000.00
Lightning Ridge Arts and Craft Council Inc - \$500.00

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Cooper**

CARRIED

Clr Walford returned to the Meeting Room at 11:13am

9/2016/13 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 for:

1. Installation of Air conditioning Administration Centre.
2. Spider Brown Oval Facilities
3. Walgett Long Jump Pit
4. Lightning Ridge Bore Baths
5. Disable Toilet at the Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Centre
6. Grant Application 'Come By Chance'
7. End of Year financial Statements

Moved: **Clr Martinez**
Seconded: **Clr Murray**

CARRIED

9/2016/14 Draft Walgett Shire Council Local Orders Policy Keeping Of Animals

Resolved:

1. Note and endorse the Walgett Shire Council Local Orders Policy for the Keeping of Animals.
2. Advertise the availability of the Keeping of Animals Policy via:
 - (a) Council's newspaper column in the Lightning Ridge News and the Walgett Spectator.
 - (b) Council's website.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

9/2016/15 Public exhibition of Draft Walgett Shire Development Control Plan 2016

Resolved:

1. Publicly exhibit the draft Walgett Shire Development Control Plan 2016 for a minimum of 28 days.
2. Undertake public exhibition consultation via:
 - (a) Advertising in Council's newspaper column within the Walgett Spectator.
 - (b) Notification letters to Council's precinct committees and community working parties.
 - (c) Making digital (PDF) copies of the document available via Council's web site.
 - (d) Making hard copies of the document available at the Council office at Walgett, Council office at Collarenebri and the Library at Lightning Ridge.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

9/2016/16 Heritage Activities 2015/2016

Resolved:

1. Note the report on the activities of Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison, during 2015-2016.
2. Endorse and adopt the following documents, as prepared by Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison:
 - (a) Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund Annual Report 2015-2016.
 - (b) Walgett Shire Council Heritage Strategic Plan 2016-2019.
3. Endorse submission of the documents to the Heritage Branch of the NSW Department of Planning & Environment.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

9/2016/17 Development and Complying Development Certificate applications June – July 2016

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Cooper

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

9/2016/18 Concept Priority Structure Plan – Lightning Ridge Racecourse and Spider Brown Oval

Resolved:

1. Develop a concept Priority Structure Plan for the upgrade / redevelopment of the Lightning Ridge Racecourse and surrounds.
2. Undertake community consultation once the plan is complete to gain feedback on proposed upgrades.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11:25am

The meeting resumed at 11:42am with all those previously present again present.

9/2016/19 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Environmental Services

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clr Martinez left the meeting Room at 11:54am

9/2016/20 Monthly RMCC works Report from Acting Director Engineering Technical Services – July 2016

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for July 2016.

Moved: Clr Cooper

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

9/2016/21 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical/Engineering Services

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for July 2016.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

9/2016/22 Monthly Progress report from Acting Director Engineering Technical Services

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for July 2016.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

Clr Martinez returned to the Meeting room at 12:10pm

QUESTIONS FOR THE MEETING

Clr Greenaway

Q1.What is the progress on the submission for the Grawin Bridge at Collarenebri to be renamed the 'J.H. Tomkins Bridge'?

Response: The Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services to investigate and report accordingly.

Q2. What is the progress with the Collarenebri Bank House/Agency?

Response: The Chief Financial Officer to investigate and report accordingly.

Q3. Rowena School Issues;

Clr Greenaway acknowledged receipt of the email from Paul Cecil (Headmaster of the Rowena School) and stated that he believes the mud lying on the bitumen at the drop off zone of the school is from the vehicles coming into town and subsequently dropping the mud onto bitumen when stopping. The General Manager advised that a response letter will be forwarded to Paul Cecil in response to his enquiries/matters.

Q4.Can Council notify Telstra in regards to the damaged box outside the Rowena School?

Response: The Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services to investigate and take action accordingly.

9/2016/23 Informal Discussion Session – Councillors and the General Manager

Resolved:

That the incoming Council make arrangements for six monthly round table informal discussion sessions for Councillors and the General Manager to discuss various issues that arise.

Moved: Cllr Greenaway

Seconded: Cllr Taylor

CARRIED

Cllr Cooper

Q1. Can Council provide an update on the rectification works for the Walgett levee bank?

Response: The Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services advised that the company is committed to rectifying the problem areas and has held off due to the recent wet weather.

Q2. Can Council arrange for an updated list of staff contact details to be sent to Councillors?

Response: The Chief Financial Officer to action accordingly.

Cllr Martinez

Q1. Can Council review the water rating system?

Response: The Chief Financial Officer to investigate and report accordingly.

Cllr Martinez informed Councillors of the new newspaper that is currently up and running for the Lightning Ridge area called the Lightning Ridge Times.

Cllr Martinez drew attention to the untidy/and muddy access into Rowena Town.

Cllr Murray

Q1. Can a sign be placed in Cumborah advising where the local toilets are located?

Response: The Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services to investigate and take action accordingly.

Q2. What is the progress on the solar power proposal?

Response: The Chief Financial Officer to investigate and report accordingly.

Cllr Walford

Q1. Can Council inspect a leaking pipe at the Lightning Ridge bore bath behind the building?

Response: The Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services to investigate and take action accordingly.

Q2. Can Council arrange for the road team to return to the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club to complete the top sheeting of the carpark?

Response: The Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services to investigate and take action accordingly.

Cllr Walford advised that there appears to be movement in relation the BAC building. Council's Senior Environmental Health and building Surveyor advised that there was an order issued due to the risks it posed to the public.

Clr Taylor

Q1. Can Council repair the raised footpath between the historical society building and the caravan park?

Response: The Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services to investigate and take action accordingly.

Clr Lane advised that a meeting was held on 16th August with the Deputy Ombudsman and discussions took place in regards to establishing MOU's with the Aboriginal Working Party and the Local Aboriginal Lands Council.

9/2016/24 Move into Closed Session at 12:30pm

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 Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

9/2016/25 Tender For Supply and Delivery of Concrete Pipes

Resolved:

- 1. Accept the tender from for supply Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd t/as Humes and deliver of Concrete pipes.
- 2. Make provision for a 12 month extension after the initial 24 month contract.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

9/2016/26 AOC Ancillary & Complimentary Development

Resolved:

- 1. Note the Concept Plan for Ancillary and Complementary Development for the Australian Opal Centre prepared by Case Analytix and provided to Council on 29 July 2016.
- 2. Endorse the signing of the document and comment by Council's General Manager and Town Planner.

Moved: Clr Cooper

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

9/2016/27 Return to Open Session at 12:36 pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

9/2016/28 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

- Tender for supply and delivery of concrete pipes
- AOC Ancillary & Complimentary Development

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Presentation: *At this point in the meeting Mayor Lane extended a note of Thanks to Councillor Greenaway for his many years of service to Walgett Shire Council and the community and made a small presentation. Clr Greenaway responded appropriately and extended his best wishes to those Councillors standing for re-election.*

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 12:42pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 27th September 2016.

Mayor

General Manager