



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

17th December, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council was held at the **Walgett Shire Council Chambers**, on **17 December 2013** commencing at 10:17 am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

ADOPTED: 11 February 2014

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

What is a “Conflict of Interests” – A conflict of interests can be two types:

Pecuniary – an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

Non-Pecuniary – a private or personal interest that a Council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Local Government Act (eg. A friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature.)

Remoteness

A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to a matter or if the interest is of a kind specified in Section 448 of the Local Government Act.

Who has a Pecuniary Interest? – A person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of:

- The person, or
- Another person with whom the person is associated (see below)

Relatives, Partners

A person is taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter if:

- The person's spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person has a pecuniary interest in the matter, or
- The person, or a nominee, partner or employer of the person, is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter

NB. “Relative”, in relation to a person means any of the following:

- (a) The parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descends or adopted child of the person or of the person's spouse.
- (b) The spouse or de facto partners of the person or of a person referred to in paragraph (a)

No Interest in the Matter

However, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter:

- If the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative or company of other body, or
- Just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, the Council
- Just because the person is a member of, or a delegate of the Council to, a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter provided that the person has no beneficial interest in any shares of the company or body.

Disclosure and participation in meetings

- A Councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The Councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
 - (a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
 - (b) At any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

No Knowledge – A person does not breach this Clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

Participation in Meetings despite Pecuniary Interest (S452 Act)

A Councillor is not prevented from taking part in the consideration or discussion of, or from voting on, any of the matters/questions detailed in Section 452 of the Local Government Act.

Non-Pecuniary Interest – Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-Pecuniary conflicts of interest must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, Councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. Participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. Relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as if the provisions in S451 of the Local Government Act apply (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

Disclosure to be Recorded (S453 Act)

A disclosure (and the reason/s for the disclosure) made at a meeting of the Council or Council Committee or Subcommittee must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 17th December, 2013 AT 10:17 AM

PRESENT

Clr B Murray (Mayor)
Clr D Cooper
Clr R Greenaway
Clr J Keir
Clr D Lane
Clr M Martinez
Clr M Taylor
Clr L Walford
Clr I Woodcock
Don Ramsland (General Manager)
Stephen Holland (Director Corporate Services)
Andrew Wilson (Acting Director Planning & Regulatory Services)
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)
Prafulla K.C (Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services)
Victoria Renshaw (Minute Secretary)

Welcome to Visitors

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

Public Forum Presentations

Mr Robert Sirasch discussed the following;

- Robert Sirasch outlined his role as a self-employed consultant engineer, currently working with Mr George Mulder.
- Robert Sirasch noted that illegal residences at 6-8 Windlass Avenue have now been sectioned off and are not being currently used.
- A large number of unauthorised structures have been demolished.
- One section is being used as an industrial area, Robert Sirasch advised there is no one living in this section.
- It was confirmed that the original structure was built under a compliant Development Application, however work has been done without a Development Application.
- Robert Sirasch noted that George Mulder is undertaking as much work as he can with limited resources.
- He requested that Council do not issue an order today, as outlined in previous correspondence.
- Robert Sirasch circulated a letter and planning documents that were later distributed to all Councillors and relevant Council staff.

Mr Greg Rummery & Mr Paul Duncan discussed the following;

- Greg Rummery outlined the Sporting Clubs long history of providing sporting facilities to Walgett.
- Following the time the club was in administration this year, a trust was formed and 43 residents have assisted in refloating the Club.

- The new management team would like to continue providing sporting facilities to Walgett, however there is considerable cost involved in the maintenance of these facilities.
- Paul Duncan outlined the financial position of the Club.
- Prior to administration the Club reported a loss of \$128,000. The new management team have identified \$250,000 expenditure that as potential cost savings.
- Based on previous figures, approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 was previously spent on maintenance of the golf course facilities. Approximately the same amount was spent on maintenance of the bowling facilities. A small amount was utilised for maintenance of the tennis courts.
- Management anticipate that they can maintain all three facilities for approximately \$110,000.
- At the moment, a smaller amount is needed to maintain the golf course due to limited rainfall.
- The golf course is currently receiving maintenance assistance from volunteers. Council are also assisting with some mowing.
- Management have researched the possibility of employing a grounds keeping apprentice and using contract staff in order to decrease staffing costs.
- Travels for bowls competitions will also no longer be subsidised.
- Management will focus on promotions that generate income for the Club.
- If the Club are successful in receiving financial assistance from Council, they are willing to report back to Council as to how the money was spent.

Mr Terry Francis discussed the following;

- Terry Francis is representing Woodhams in support of their Development Application to place a fuel facility next to the Burren Junction Hotel.
- There is currently no operating fuel facility in Burren Junction.
- The Development Application proposes that a trans tank, 2 pump, diesel fuel system is installed. This service will offer Diesel fuel only.
- The fuel tank is an above ground, double walled tank with concrete pads either side.
- The facility will be located approximately 40 metres inside the Hotel property so a road train can use the facility so that road and footpath users are not impeded.
- It is anticipated that the peak usage time for this facility will be during harvest and cotton carting.

Superintendent Jim Stewart discussed the following;

- Supt. Stewart has recently been appointed the new Castlereagh Local Area Commander.
- Supt. Stewart outlined his 34 years of experience as a police officer in the Sydney area.
- Supt. Stewart has made visits to Lightning Ridge, Collarenebri, Goodoga and Coonamble.
- Supt. Stewart's focus as Commander is on reducing crime, and believes an important deterrent is the police addressing matters as soon as they arise.
- In the Shire there is a good police presence at the moment, with numbers currently over strength.
- Supt. Stewart noted that Burren Junction is currently problematic, however the issue is being addressed.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Clrs Keir, Greenaway & Martinez declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 26 - Monthly Flood Works from Director Engineering Services as their families are currently operating plants.

Confirmation of Minutes

12/2013/1 Minutes of Council meeting – 26 November 2013

Resolved:

1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held 26 November 2013, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

Mayoral Minutes

12/2013/2 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only from Mayor

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

Councillors Questions From Last Meeting

Clr Walford

Question 1

A Working Party was held last week in Lightning Ridge. About 25 people attended, including representatives from Government Agencies. Some Government Agencies representatives noted that they do not know what will happen regarding their employment in the future.

Response

Noted.

Clr Taylor

Question 1

There are holes developing in the bitumen on the Castlereagh Highway near the property "Gowrie" that need attention.

Response

The Director of Engineering Services to take appropriate action to carry out repairs.

Question 2

What is the progress of recovery of unpaid rates for the Carinda Hotel?

Response

The Director Corporate Services advised that the matter is in the hands of Council's collection agent. More detail is to be provided in closed session.

Clr Lane**Question 1**

What is the progress of Council upgrading previous Council Agendas and Minutes to the electronic system?

Response

The General Manager advised that a report will be prepared for a future Council meeting to discuss.

Clr Woodcock**Question 1**

What is the progress of the Lightning Ridge water samples as previously requested? Clr Woodcock also commented that a new bore at Angledool appears to be having similar problems as the new bore at Lightning Ridge with regards to water quality and flow issues.

Response

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that the water samples have been completed and are available to Clr Woodcock on his iPad.

Clr Keir**Question 1**

The Come-By-Chance main street program has been deferred four times. A stretch of bitumen is wearing away and will soon be non-existent.

Response

The Director Engineering Services advised that work is due to commence before Christmas.

Question 2

Have Council implemented a system for acknowledging incoming correspondence?

Response

The Director Corporate Services advised that a system is in place for the records staff to send an acknowledgement to all incoming correspondence. An acknowledgement is also sent to incoming emails.

Question 3

Has a request for support been received from the Walgett Sporting Club yet?

Response

The General Manager advised that the request has been received and will be the subject of a report to the December meeting.

Reports of Committees/Delegates

12/2013/3 Minutes of Health & Safety Committee Meeting – 7 November 2013

Resolved:

1. That the minutes of the Health & Safety Committee Meeting held 7 November 2013, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Walford

12/2013/4 Minutes of Consultative Committee Meeting – 20 November 2013

Resolved:

1. That the minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting held 20 November 2013, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Lane

Reports of Officers

12/2013/5 Council's Decision Action Report – December 2013

Resolved:

1. That the Resolution Register for December 2013 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Clr Walford left the meeting at 11:17am.

Clr Walford returned to the meeting at 11:21am.

12/2013/6 Circulars Received from the Local Government NSW

Resolved:

1. That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 47 - 49 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

12/2013/7 Circulars Received from the Division of Local Government – December 2013

Resolved:

1. That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 13-49 to 13-52 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cooper

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

12/2013/8 Monthly Calendar – December 2013 to February 2014

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period December 2013 to February 2014.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

12/2013/9 Hudson Pear Control Programme - Funding

Resolved:

1. That Council approach the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council with an offer to provide funds of up to \$30,000 providing that such a contribution is matched either from the County's own resources or from other environmental agency sources.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

12/2013/10 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only – General Manager

Resolved:

That the General Manager's Report on matters for brief mention or information only be received and noted;

1. Betterment Concept
2. PCYC Update
3. Walgett Community College
4. Main Street Planning
5. NSW Health Restructure

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

12/2013/11 CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2013

Resolved:

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 30 November 2013 be received.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

12/2013/12 2012/2013 Annual Report

Resolved:

2. That the 2012/2013 Annual Report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

12/2013/13 Walgett & Collarenebri Pools – Electrical Works

Resolved:

1. That the report is noted and that LRE be engaged to undertake the electrical upgrade works at the Walgett and Collarenebri pools.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

12/2013/14 Burren Junction Hall

Resolved:

1. That the report be noted and that the action taken to not take further bookings for the Burren Junction hall be endorsed.
2. That Council hold a public meeting at Burren Junction in the New Year to discuss the future of the hall.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

12/2013/15 NSW Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme 2014/2015

Resolved:

That Council submit the following projects under the 2013/2014 round of the LRS.

1. B57 Black Bridge on Billybingbone Road – Carinda
2. B69 Wanourie Bridge on Brewon Road

Moved: Clr Cooper
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

12/2013/16 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates

Resolved:

1. That Council delegate to the General Manager authority to sell the two (2) remaining properties being Assessment 4275 for 49 Mntkeila Street, Walgett – Lot 27 DP 230851 and Assessment 57521 for 29 Albert Street, Collarenebri – Lot 16 Section 9 DP 758262 by private treaty in accordance with Section 716 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. That the General Manager be delegated authority to complete the required legal documentation associated with the sale of the properties submitted for sale under Section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to affix the Council Seal where required.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

12/2013/17 Development & Complying Development Certificate Applications

Resolved:

1. That Walgett Shire Council note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority for August, September, October & November 2013.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2013/18 Review of Development Determination 2013/032 – Terry Francis

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Approve Development Application DA2013/032 by Terry Francis for a self-service diesel tank on Lot 43 DP 15645 subject to the conditions as listed in the Town Planning Report.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

Planning Division

In favour

Clr G Murray
Clr D Cooper
Clr R Greenaway
Clr J Keir
Clr M Martinez
Clr L Walford
Clr M Taylor
Clr I Woodcock
Clr D Lane

Against

Nil

Absent

Nil

12/2013/19 Public Exhibition of Draft Walgett Shire Development Control Plan 2013

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Publicly exhibit the draft Walgett Shire Development Control Plan 2014 for a minimum of 28 days.
2. Undertake public exhibition consultation via;
 - (a) Advertising in Council's newspaper column within the Walgett Spectator and Lightning Ridge News.
 - (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 Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

Planning Division

In favour

Clr G Murray
Clr D Cooper
Clr R Greenaway
Clr J Keir
Clr M Martinez
Clr L Walford
Clr M Taylor
Clr I Woodcock
Clr D Lane

Against

Nil

Absent

Nil

12/2013/20 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Planning & Regulatory Services

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Receive and note the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only, regarding:
 - Structural integrity of building, 34 Opal St, Lightning Ridge
 - Rural Residential Land Use Strategy discussion paper
 - Differential GNSS surveying
 - Pound dog rehoming.
 - Grawin Opal Fields locality proposal
 - Draft Planning Bill

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:47pm.

The meeting resumed at 1:40pm with all those previously in attendance again present.

Council's auditor, Mr Gary Mtau of Hills Rogers Spencer Steer was in attendance and delivered his Audit Report for the 2012/2013 Financial Year. Mr Mtau answered various questions arising from his presentation

12/2013/21 2012-2013 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report

Resolved:

1. That Council formally receive the Audited Financial Reports together with the Auditor's Reports for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.
2. That Council extend the time for public submissions in respect of the Audit Report to 31 December 2013.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

12/2013/22 Development Determination 2013/039

Resolved:

1. That Walgett Shire Council resolve to allow the General Manager to determine Development Application 2013/039 for a water treatment plant on Lots 1-20 Section 18 DP 759036 under delegated authority subject to the recommended conditions of development consent, and a favourable review of the Development Application Assessment Report by an independent planner.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Planning Division

In favour

Clr G Murray

Clr D Cooper

Clr R Greenaway

Clr J Keir

Clr M Martinez

Clr L Walford

Clr M Taylor

Clr I Woodcock

Clr D Lane

Against

Nil

Absent

Nil

12/2013/23 Closed circuit television (CCTV) in Public Places and Council Premises

Resolved:

That the draft CCTV policy be adopted in principle and placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

12/2013/24 RMS – Future Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities – Funding Application for 2014/2015

Resolved:

1. That Council note the funding application for future bicycle & pedestrian facilities south of the Barwon River between Castlereagh Highway and Come By Chance Road for an estimated total cost of \$81,000.
2. That Council make an application for funding with the funding allocation to be determined at the 2014/2015 Budget Estimates Meeting.

Moved: Cllr Cooper

Seconded: Cllr Keir

CARRIED

12/2013/25 New Heavy Vehicle National Law

Resolved:

That Council note and accept the New Heavy Vehicle National Law.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Walford

CARRIED

12/2013/26 Monthly RMCC Works Report from Director Engineering Services – December 2013

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC Works Report for December 2013.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Cooper

CARRIED

Cllrs Keir, Martinez & Greenaway declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and left the meeting at 3:06pm.

12/2013/27 Monthly Flood Works Report from Director Engineering Services

Resolved:

1. That Council receive and note the monthly flood restoration works report for December 2013.

Moved: Cllr Lane

Seconded: Cllr Walford

CARRIED

Cllrs Keir, Martinez & Greenaway returned to the meeting at 3:09pm.

12/2013/28 Reduced Contract Prices – Big Baroka Bridge & Big Baroka Overflow Bridge

Resolved:

1. That Council note and accept the discounted price of \$584,500 for RFQ13/015 and \$261,500 for RFQ 13/016.

Moved: Cllr Lane

Seconded: Cllr Martinez

Questions for the next Meeting

Clr Taylor

Question 1

Is Council able to approach/be included in new air route opportunities?

Response

The General Manager outlined the current position of the Shire in relation to air routes and the issues involved in retaining pilots.

Question 2

Has the Lightning Ridge Tourist Association received their quarterly contribution?

Response

The General Manager advised that he has advised the Tourist Officer that upon receipt of their invoice for the correct amount Council will make arrangements for the payment.

Clr Cooper

Question 1

What is happening regarding Weir access issues on the property of Gavin & Linda Schmetzer?

Response

The General Manager advised that the matter is now with the Department of Crown Lands for determination. Council have indicated to Crown Lands that Council do not wish for access for regular use, instead requesting for the area to be fenced out.

Clr Keir

Question 1

Road users are cutting across Gilbert Park to access Albert Street. Can some logs be placed across this area to fence it off?

Response

The Acting Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that temporary fencing is already in place.

Question 2

There is a lack of lawn and garden beds at the Walgett Court House. Can Council write to the landowner regarding maintenance?

Response

General Manager to write to the Courts Administration Section drawing attention to the issue.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1

Is Council planning on filling the centre of the artificial airstrip at Rowena with gravel?

Response

The Director Engineering Services advised that the airstrip will be sealed for 8 metres but only 6 metres of the remaining road.

Question 2

Is cardboard being collected for recycling by the Collarenebri landfill contractor?

Response

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that in the past, there was no provision in the contract for a recycling service to be provided. However, the contractors are required to provide an area for the purpose of recycling items.

Clr Woodcock**Question 1**

When will Council staff be available to move the synthetic turf at the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club? Can glue and tape be provided by Council for the task?

Response

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure advised that the task can be undertaken this Thursday and is to provide the glue and tape as requested. The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services is to also prepare the necessary risk assessment paperwork.

Question 2

What is happening regarding the leash free dog area in Lightning Ridge?

Response

The Acting Director Planning & Regulatory Services is to prepare a report for the next Council meeting.

Question 3

What is happening regarding work being done at the Lightning Ridge Racetrack?

Response

The General Manager advised that arrangements are currently being made for the fence to be re-erected and Council staff are to fix the running rail and gates. The General Manager has been advised by George Mulder that the water line has been dug out and replaced. Council staff are to inspect this work to ensure it has been done correctly. The General Manager noted that a risk assessment had not been carried out before George Mulder undertook this work. The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services noted that he was not made aware of this work being undertaken.

12/2013/29 Move into Closed Session At 3:51PM

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:

- (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)
- (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 Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Clrs Cooper, Keir & Murray declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and left the meeting at 3:52pm.

12/2013/30 Walgett Sporting Club Inc – Request for Assistance

Resolved:

1. That Council provide a one off payment of \$50,000 to the Walgett Sporting Club for the provision of the Club's sporting facilities.
2. That the Club provide to Council a detailed breakdown as to how the payment is spent.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clrs Cooper, Keir & Murray returned to the meeting at 4:08pm

12/2013/31 Shared Facilities Proposal – 2WEB

Resolved:

That Council agree to the proposal by 2 WEB to:

1. Erect their rebroadcast antennae on the Council water tower closest to Fox Street, Walgett.
2. Give Council an undertaking to provide a cable tray on the side of the tower that can be shared jointly by 2WEB and Council.
3. Provide an air conditioned hut which can be jointly shared by 2WEB and Council.
4. Provide phone links to the site and meet any ongoing costs.
5. In exchange, Council will meet the cost of power to the new facility and an agreement be negotiated and signed between both parties providing for points 1 to 5 above at a peppercorn rental of \$1 per annum subject to a periodic review.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

12/2013/32 Acting General Manager – Stephen Holland

Resolved:

That pursuant to the provisions of Sections 333/335 and 377/378 Mr Stephen Holland act in the position of General Manager during the General Manager's absence on annual leave during January, 2014 and he be delegated the General Manager's full powers and responsibilities for that period.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2013/33 Confidential Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only – General Manager

Resolved:

That the General Manager's Report on confidential matters for brief mention or information only be received and noted:

1. General Managers Performance Review
2. Collarenebri Abattoir – provision of water
3. Workers Compensation Premium

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

12/2013/34 Electronic Council Solution & Improvement

Resolved:

1. That Council accept the Tender submitted by Barry Reichelt telecommunications consulting services for \$23,060 plus \$4760 for additional short listing services (excluding GST) for EOI-015 – Design, procurement and project management of unified communications infrastructure.

2. That Council authorise the transfer of \$10,000 from the forensic study project (11.03823.3629) to the Telecommunications Project Budget (11.0823.3823)

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

12/2013/35 Lehman Brothers (Asia) Update

Resolved:

1. That the content of the report be noted.

Moved: Clr Cooper

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

12/2013/36 Damaged Fence Order, 20 Peel Street Walgett

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Endorse the quote of \$726.10 provided by Council's Engineering Services for the removal the damaged fence at 20 Peel Street, Walgett and the removal of any subsequent waste to the Walgett refuse depot.
2. That the cost of removing the damaged fence is charged to the owner of the property.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

12/2013/37 Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance: Formal Invitation to Join the Alliance

Resolved:

1. That Council
 - (i) Accept the invitation to join the Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance (LMW UA) and advise the Minister of Water of the decision
 - (ii) Withdraw membership from Water Utilities Resources Sharing Group and inform the member Councils of the decision

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Cooper

CARRIED

12/2013/38 Request for Connection to the Urban Water Supply System (raw) Walgett Graincorp

Resolved:

1. That this item is deferred to the February 2014 Council meeting.
2. That in the interim period the Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services determines the amount of water needed, who will pay, and if a filtered or unfiltered supply is requested.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

12/2013/39 Return to Open Session at 4:56pm

Resolved:

1. That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

12/2013/40 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the following recommendations of the Closed Committee:

- 1) Walgett Sporting Club – Request for Assistance
- 2) Shared Facilities Proposal – 2WEB
- 3) Acting General Manager – Stephen Holland
- 4) Confidential Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only – General Manager
- 5) Expression of Interest – Communications Infrastructure
- 6) Lehman Bros (Asia) Update
- 7) Damaged Fence – 20 Peel Street Walgett
- 8) Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance
- 9) Request for Connection to the Urban Water Supply

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 4:57pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 11 February 2014 at Walgett.

Mayor

General Manager

DRAFT