



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

20 JULY 2006

**Stephen McLean
General Manager**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE LIGHTNING RIDGE BOWLING CLUB ON
THURSDAY, 20 JULY 2006, COMMENCING AT 10.05 am**

PRESENT

Mr Vic Smith (Administrator), Mr Stephen McLean (General Manager), Mrs Emma Darcy (Acting Manager Corporate Services), Mr Alan Nelson (Manager Engineering), Mr Matthew Goodwin (Manager Regulations and Planning), Mrs Kerry Warden (Minute Secretary)

165/06 – Confirmation of Minutes – June 22 2006

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 22 2006 be confirmed by the General Manager as a correct and true statement.

Carried.

166/06 – Minutes of the Walgett Showground and Racecourse Reserve Trust (D520009)

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Minutes of the Walgett Showground and Racecourse Reserve Trust (D520009) held on 18 October 2006 be received.

Carried.

167/06 - Report on Management Plan 2005/2006

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that:

1. The Management Plan 2005/2006 report for June 2006 be received and noted.
2. The General Manager further investigate Objective E7 being:

Funding submissions for the following:

1. Burren Junction Bore Baths
2. Spider Brown Oval, Lightning Ridge
3. Carinda Road
4. Walgett Weir

and provide a report to the Council Meeting scheduled to be held 17 August 2006.

Carried.

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168/06 – Annual Income from Rates and Charges

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council authorise the General Manager and Administrator to seek exemption from the Minister under Section 512(2) of the Local Government Act for the 2006/2007 rating year.

Carried.

Note:

The Administrator, Vic Smith declared an interest in *Item 4 – Appointment of Administrator* as he is presently employed as Walgett Shire Council's Administrator.

The matter was dealt with by the General Manager.

169/06 – Appointment of Administrator

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the General Manager that Council receive and note the appointment of Mr Vic Smith as Administrator and postponement of fresh elections until 27 September 2008.

Carried.

170/06 – Organisational Structure

RESOLUTION:-

That Council endorse the addition of *1 x Full Time Customer Service Officer and 1 x Part Time Customer Service Officer* within the Customer Service Department to be included in Council's Organisational Structure.

Carried.

171/06 – Walgett Shire Family Day Care Extension of Existing Funding Agreement

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council authorise the General Manager and Administrator to sign the funding agreement between the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Walgett Shire Council for the extension of the Walgett Shire Family Day Care Project for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 September 2006 and affix the Council Seal.

Carried.

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172/06 – Walgett Shire Council Removed from Department of Local Government “Financial Monitoring” List

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council:-

1. Note the letter from the Department of Local Government dated 19 June 2006 stating that Walgett Shire Council has been removed from the DLG “financial monitoring” list.
2. Note that Walgett Shire Council staff will continue to use Local Government Reform Program “*Promoting Better Practice*” as a measurement tool to improve viability and sustainability of Council.

Carried.

173/06 – Spencer Steer Audit Management Letter

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council recognise the Audit Management Letter received from Spencer Steer dated 22 June 2006 and actions taken to resolve issues raised.

Carried.

174/06 – Change of Cheque Signatories

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council approve a change to Walgett Shire Council’s cheque signatories with the Commonwealth Bank with the following staff to be authorised:

- Stephen Mclean – General Manager
- Emma Darcy – Acting Corporate Services Manager
- John Burke – Finance Officer
- Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
- Matthew Goodwin – Manager Planning and Regulations
- Bronwyn Newton – Coordinator Human Resources

Carried.

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175/06 – Report on Rates – 30 June 2006

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that:

1. The report on rates as at 30 June 2006 be received and noted.
2. The General Manager prepare a report to be presented at the next Council Meeting on what action is in place to rectify and collect the outstanding arrears.

Carried.

176/06 – Statement of Bank Account Balances – 30 June 2006

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Statement of Bank Account Balances as at 30 June 2006 be received.

Carried.

177/06 – 2005/06 Budget Quarterly Review as at 30 June 2006

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that:-

1. Council adopt the quarterly Financial Review for the period ending 30 June 2006.
2. That Council note that the quarterly Financial Review does not reflect the year end adjustments which will be finalised prior to the preparation of General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ending 30 June 2006.

Carried.

178/06 – Local Orders Policy

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council resolve to:

1. Endorse the draft Walgett Shire Council Local Orders Policy.
2. Notify the public of the draft Walgett Shire Council Local Orders Policy through the Black Opal Advocate, Lightning Ridge News and the Walgett Spectator.
3. Place the draft Walgett Shire Council Local Orders Policy on public exhibition and invite written submissions from the public on the draft policy in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried.

179/06 – Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Walgett Shire Council resolve to note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Manager Planning and Regulation and General Manager during June 2006.

Carried.

180/06 – Urban Subdivision – Walgett

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that no action is taken to complete the proposed urban subdivision near Walgett Aerodrome until such time that there is a clear indication that the development of Walgett is being compromised by a lack of available urban land for housing.

Carried.

181/06 – Lightning Ridge Water Supply – Chlorination

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council engage the Lightning Ridge Community to discuss together with a representative from the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability a proposal to aerate and chlorinate the Lightning Ridge water supply and that the results of this engagement be reported back to the next meeting of Council.

Carried.

182/06 – Supply of Water to Grawin, Glengarry, Sheeppark Opal Fields

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council accept in principle, the broad parameters for establishing the eligibility for drought assistance subsidy to the residents of the Grawin, Glengarry, Sheeppark opal fields and that cost recovery of the unsubsidised costs be pursued with the local community if the Department permits this to occur through the rating system.

Carried.

183/06 – Water Supply to Preserved Opal Fields – Lightning Ridge

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that *Item 18 – Water Supply to Preserved Opal Fields at Lightning Ridge* not be accepted and that Resolution 147/06 (reproduced below) and endorsed at the Council Meeting held on 22 June 2006 be acted upon:

147/06 – Water Supply to Preserved Opal Fields - Lightning Ridge

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Report on Water Supply to Preserved Opal Fields at Lightning Ridge be deferred to enable the Camps on Claims Committee and Department of Mineral Resources to make submissions on the matter which will then be considered having regard to any submissions.

Carried.

184/06 – Cumborah Water Supply – Stage Two

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Resolution 348/05 (15 December 2005 Council Meeting) be rescinded:

348/05 – Cumborah Water Supply – Stage Two

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council proceed with the conceptual design for Stage 2 of the Cumborah Water Supply project and that a further report be submitted to Council with preliminary costings when this design is complete.

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council not undertake any further work on the Cumborah Water Supply – Stage Two, until such time that notification of funding has been received from the NSW State Government for the proposed augmentation.

185/06 – Cumborah Water Supply – Stage Two

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council not undertake any further work on the Cumborah Water Supply – Stage Two, until such time that notification of funding has been received from the NSW State Government for the proposed augmentation.

Carried.

186/06 – Timber Bridge Replacement Programme

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that funds totalling \$250,000 from Council's Block Grant for 2006/07, be re-allocated from construction of a bridge over the Castlereagh River on Regional Road No 333 to extension of the bitumen seal on Regional Road No 333.

Carried.

187/06 – Burren Junction Bore Baths

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that applications be submitted to State and Commonwealth agencies including, but not necessarily limited to:

- (a) NSW Health
- (b) NSW Tourism, Sport and Recreation
- (c) NSW Department of Natural Resources
- (d) Department of Environment and Heritage
- (e) Department of Health and Ageing
- (f) Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources

for financial assistance towards the cost of renovating the Burren Junction Bore Baths.

Carried.

188/06 – REPAIR Programme – 2006/2007

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council note the allocation of \$250,000 from the REPAIR Programme in 2006/07 for works on the Walgett-Carinda Road.

Carried.

189/06 – Fees for Hiring of Additional Sanitary Bins

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council amend its 2006-2007 Management Plan, by adding the additional cost of servicing Sanitary Bins, this being \$25.00 per event or as advised by the servicing contractor.

Carried.

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190/06 – Minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 29 June 2006

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held on 29 June 2006 be adopted.

Carried.

191/06 – Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee Minutes – 3 May 2006

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee Minutes of 3 May 2006 be received and noted.

Carried.

192/06 – Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee Minutes – 7 June 2006

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee Minutes of 7 June 2006 be received and noted.

Carried.

193/06 – Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee Minutes – 14 June 2006

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee Minutes of 14 June 2006 be received and noted.

Carried.

193/06 – Walgett Precinct Committee Report – Meeting held 20 June 2006

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that the Walgett Precinct Committee Report from the Meeting held 20 June 2006 be received and noted.

Carried.

194/06 – Suspend Standing Orders

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council Suspend Standing Orders at 10.20 am to deal with the Agenda of the Closed Meeting (*Lightning Ridge Trunk Watermain – Pool heating*).

Carried.

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195/06 – Resume Standing Orders

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council resume Standing Orders at 10.22 am.

Carried.

196/06 – Lightning Ridge Trunk Watermain – Pool Heating

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council not accept any of the tenders received for Contract E0608, discontinue the project in its current form and reconsider the performance criteria for the project with a view to confirming whether the proposed design is assessed as having acceptable risk, the lowest whole of life cost and whether there are other feasible solutions.

Carried.

The Meeting closed at 10.22 a.m.

Confirmed by Council at its meeting on Thursday, 17 August 2006.

Administrator

General Manager