



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

24 March 2009

RAY KENT
General Manager

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE
LIGHTNING RIDGE BOWLING CLUB ON TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2009 COMMENCING AT
10:12am**

PRESENT

Clr I Woodcock (Mayor)
Clr G Colless (Deputy Mayor)
Clr R Greenaway
Clr J Keir
Clr M Martinez
Clr K Smith
Clr D Lane
Clr L Walford
Clr G Murray
Mr R Kent (General Manager)
Ms C Medcalf (Director Corporate & Community Services)
Mr M Goodwin (Director of Planning and Regulatory Services)
Mr I Taylor (Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services)
Mr F Coralde (Director Urban Infrastructure Services)
Miss J Gates (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Nil

Public Forum Presentations

Mr Ray Strong from the Lions Club - Item 9 - Proposal to establish a Lions Club in Walgett

- Mr Strong spoke to the council regarding the setting up of a Lions Club in the region.

Ms Kristy Cosier – Netwaste

- Powerpoint presentation on Netwaste

Mr Lawrie Cree – item 22 DA 2008030 – Mechanics Workshop and shade sails

- Mr Cree addressed the Council regarding his Development Application for a mechanics workshop and shade sails.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Nil

59/09 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution:

That the minutes of Council Meeting held 24 February 2009 be confirmed.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports - Nil

Mayoral Minutes - Nil

Motions of which Notice has been given - Nil

Presentation of Petitions – Nil

Councillor's Question with Notice

Councillor Greenaway

Question 1.

Is there going to be any Public Housing built in the Walgett Shire by the Dept of Housing in the near future & does the Department require approval by the Council?

Response

Planning and Regulatory Services staff are not aware of any proposals, or applications for, new housing being initiated by the Department of Housing.

Council approval may be required, as follows:

- Development Applications can only be dealt with by Council. For any Development Application made by, or on behalf of the Crown, section 116C of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act 1979 requires that Council (as a consent authority) must not:
 - (a) refuse its consent to the application except with the written approval of the Minister, or
 - (b) impose a condition of consent, except with the written approval of the Minister or applicant.
- Complying Development Certificate applications can be dealt with by Council or a private certifier. Sub-section 85A(7) of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act 1979 provides that "*council or an accredited certifier must not refuse to issue a complying development certificate if the proposed development complies with the development standards applicable to it and complies with other requirements prescribed by the regulations relating to the issue of a complying development certificate*".

In summary, the Department of Housing can build whatever it chooses, provided that:

- The development is not prohibited by an environmental planning instrument, such as the Interim Development Order No 1 – Shire of Walgett 1968, and,

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- It makes an application (which can't be refused), to the Council or a private certifier (where applicable), and,
- It complies with the Building Code of Australia. Sub-section 116G(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 imposes a requirement for Crown building work to be certified to comply with the "*technical provisions of the State's building laws*".

Question 2.

Regarding the grant of \$492,000 from the Federal Government, how & where is the money allocated to Burren Junction (\$52,000) & Collarenebri (\$115,000) being spent?

Response

Regional infrastructure projects for Burren Bore Baths -\$52,000; Collarenebri Primitive Camp Grounds \$65,000 and Collarenebri Skate Park \$ 67,000 totalling \$132,000 for Collarenebri.

Councillor Murray

Question 1.

What progress is being made with the Beautification of Fox Street, Walgett, especially the brick gardens and screens on shop windows.

Response

Councillors were notified that at December 2008 business operators in Fox St had indicated negatively to removing shutters/bars etc. Council has not recontacted in the last 3 months.

Improved street lighting is part of a strategy to improve safety in the street and to encourage removal of unsightly protection. That project is yet to commence. An Expression of Interest for street design is currently being prepared (for next Council meeting) and is in current budget.

60/09 Camps on Claims Working Group Minutes

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Camps on Claims Working Group meeting, held 11th February 2009, be noted

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

61/09 Lightning Ridge Mining Board Minutes

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Lightning Ridge Mining Board meeting, held 12th February 2009, be noted.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

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62/09 North West Weight of Loads group Minutes

Resolution:

That Council note the minutes of the North West Weight of Loads Group 1 December 2008 meeting.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

63/09 Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee Minutes

Resolution:

That Council note the minutes of the Western Slopes District Emergency Management Committee meeting held 4 December 2008.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr lane

CARRIED

64/09 Western Division Annual Conference Minutes

Resolution:

That the Minutes be noted and an additional budget of \$1,000 be provided for membership fees in 2009/10

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

65/09 Walgett Shire Youth Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution:

That Council notes the minutes of the Walgett Shire Youth Council meeting.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

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66/09 Councillor Information Seminars

Resolution:

That the letter from the Director General of the Department of Local Government be noted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

67/09 Council meeting Dates and Venues

Resolution:

That Council adopt and publicly notify the following dates and venues for Council meetings for the balance of 2009 (all meetings commence at 10.00 am):

28th April at Collarenebri
12th May at Walgett
26th May at Walgett
23rd June at Walgett
28th July at Rowena
25th August at Walgett
22nd September at Carinda
27th October at Walgett
24th November at Burren Junction
15th December at Walgett

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

68/09 Proposal to establish a Lions Club in Walgett

Resolution:

That the report be noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr keir

CARRIED

69/09 Independent Inquiry into a secure and Sustainable Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Services for Non Metropolitan NSW

Resolution:

That the report be received.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

70/09 Organisation Structure

Motion:

That the Organisation Structure be amended to change the reporting arrangements for the casual Library Officer positions at Lightning Ridge and to replace a Visitor Information Officer position at Walgett with a new position of Community Development Officer.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Colless

AMENDMENT

Resolution:

That the Organisation Structure be amended to change the reporting arrangements for the casual Library Officer positions at Lightning Ridge and to replace a Visitor Information Officer position at Walgett with a new position of Community Development Officer on a 12 month trial.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

12:12 Clr Walford Left the Meeting

71/09 Rates Overview

Motion:

That Council make the following rate categorisation changes:

- a. Business Mining to Business – Preserved Opal Fields
- b. Non-urban Residential and Non Urban Business to Residential – general and Business – General
- c. Mining – Business to Residential – Preserved opal Fields

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

AMENDMENT

Resolution:

That the staff produce a report where all rates are reasonably equitable for the services provided in each town/village; including camp claims by varying cents in the dollar.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

12:16 Clr Walford returned to the meeting

72/09 Revised Tourism Strategy

Motion:

1. That Council adopts the revised Draft Tourism Strategy 2009-2011.
2. That Council endorses the draft expression of Interest to be advertised with a view to conducting a branding Workshop/s to further develop a tourism strategy for the Shire.
3. That Council endorses the proposed change in position from Vic Officer to Community Development officer.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Lane

AMENDMENT

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3. That Council endorses the proposed change in position from Vic Officer to Community Development officer for a 12 month trial period.

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

73/09 Community Development & Tourism – December 2008 – February 2009

Resolution:

That Council receives and notes the Community Development Tourism Report – December 2008 – February 2009.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

74/09 Community Survey Results

Motion:

1. That Council note the report on the community survey.
2. That Council publicise when appropriate, those projects targeted to address the seven priority areas.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Walford

AMENDMENT

Resolution:

1. That Council note the report on the community survey.
2. That Council publicise when appropriate, those projects targeted to address the seven priority areas.
3. That police be informed of the fact that crime prevention was the main concern of residents completing the community survey.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

75/09 Industrial Relations Practices

Resolution:

That Council receive the report for information.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

12:50pm Clr Colless left the meeting

12:52pm Clr Colless returned to the meeting

76/09 Internal Audit Committee

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council supports the sharing of the establishment of an Internal Audit Committee with other member councils of the OROC region.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

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77/09 Inspection schedule March – April 2009

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the report and inspection schedule.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

78/09 Report on Walgett Mobile PCYC – March 2009

Motion:

1. Walgett Shire Council seek a review of the services and partnerships be considered in period March – April 2009.
2. That in the event of a negative review or withdrawal of the PCYC service in Walgett Shire, the allocation of \$40,000 is considered for reallocation to Youth Services in the Shire.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Walford

AMENDMENT

Resolution:

1. Walgett Shire Council seek a review of the services and partnerships be considered in period March – April 2009.
2. That in the event that the program continues that appropriate performance indicators be developed.
3. That in the event of a negative review or withdrawal of the PCYC service in Walgett Shire, the allocation of \$40,000 is considered for reallocation to Youth Services in the Shire.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:05pm

Meeting resumed at 2:00pm

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79/09 Investment Report at 28 February 2009

Resolution:

That the investment report as at 28 February 2009 be received.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

80/09 Draft Youth Strategy 2009 – 2014 – a five year plan

Resolution:

1. That Council resolve to receive the Walgett Shire Youth Strategy (Draft) 2009 – 2014
2. That Council resolves to publicly exhibit the draft Youth Strategy for twenty eight (28) days for consultation and comment.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

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The Director Planning & Regulatory Services declared a Non pecuniary interest as he is a friend of the Applicant for DA 2008030

81/09 DA – Mechanics Workshop and Shade Sails

Motion:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve:

1. To refuse the commercial mechanical workshop component of the Development Application 2008030 in the name of Lawrie Cree on Lot 16 section 21 in DP 758612 because the development:
 - (a) Would be out of character with the dominant residential land use in the vicinity.
 - (b) Is too large for the context of the site and hence could have adverse impacts on the amenity of the area.
 - (c) Would be more appropriate in an area that is predominantly commercial or industrial in character.
2. To approve the shade structure component of the Development Application 2008030 in the name of Lawrie Cree on Lot 16 Section 21 in DP 758612 subject to the conditions of development consent as set out below.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Martinez

AMENDMENT:

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to :

1. Approve Development Application 2008030 in the name of Lawrie Cree for a commercial mechanical workshop and shade sails on Lot 16 section 21 in DP 758612 in Pandora Street, Lightning Ridge, subject to the following conditions:

PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 prescribes the following conditions of development consent.

98. Compliance with Building Code of Australia and insurance requirements under the Home Building Act 1989

(1) For the purposes of section 80A (11) of the Act, the following conditions are prescribed in relation to a development consent for development that involves any building work:

(a) that the work must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia,

~~(b) in the case of residential building work for which the Home Building Act 1989 requires there to be a contract of insurance in force in accordance with Part 6 of that Act, that such a contract of insurance is in force before any building work authorised to be carried out by the consent commences.~~

~~(2) This clause does not apply:~~

~~(a) to the extent to which an exemption is in force under clause 187 or 188, subject to the terms of any condition or requirement referred to in clause 187 (6) or 188 (4), or~~

~~(b) to the erection of a temporary building.~~

(3) In this clause, a reference to the *Building Code of Australia* is a reference to that Code as in force on the date the application for the relevant construction certificate is made.

CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY COUNCIL

The following development consent conditions are imposed by Council.

GENERAL

Gen 020.

Any future development on the subject site or use of the subject land in a manner inconsistent with this development consent (approval) will require separate development consent to be obtained from council in writing prior to the commencement of any work.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Gen 030.

Council is to be immediately informed in writing if arrangements for work are changed.

Reason: To enable Council to maintain an accurate record of approvals granted.

APPROVED PLANS

Pln 010.

The development shall be implemented in accordance with:

(a) All documentation and correspondence submitted by the applicant, or their agents, in support of the Development Application,

(b) the details set out on the plans approved and stamped by authorised officers of Council, except as amended by the conditions of this development consent.

Reason: To ensure that the development proceeds in the manner proposed by the applicant and approved by Council.

CONSTRUCTION

Con 020.

All works are to be executed in a good and workmanlike manner and all materials are to be installed as per manufacturers' instructions and any applicable Australian Standards.

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Reason: To ensure that the building work is completed in accordance with the approval and is in a safe and healthy condition for use by occupants.

Con 070.

All footings and/or slabs shall be constructed as per engineer's details.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

PARKING & TRAFFIC

Par 010.

Two off street parking bays are to be provided within the site.

Reason: So adequate off street parking is provided for the commercial mechanical workshop.

Par 011.

The maximum number of vehicles that may be kept on the site in association with the commercial mechanical work is to be two in the outside parking area and two within the shed.

Reason: To restrict the commercial operations to minimise impacts on the amenity of the local area.

Par 012.

The off street car parking area is to be constructed of all weather material and maintained so that it is trafficable, free of pot holes, corrugations, erosion and does not interfere with stormwater runoff.

Reason: So adequate off street parking is provided for the development and it is maintained in an appropriate manner.

LANDSCAPING

Lan 010

The area between the carparking area and the street boundary of the property is to be landscaped and maintained with advanced shrubs or trees.

Reason: To enhance the appearance of the development site.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Env 040.

No increase or interference with the amenity of the area is to be created by reason of any process or operation on the premises causing the emission of noise, dust, smoke or any other pollution discharge.

Reason: To prevent pollution from detrimentally affecting the public or environment.

Env 050

Noise from the development (LA10) shall not exceed the background (LA90) by more than 5dB (A) at any time including any allowance for impulsiveness and tonal characteristics, when measured at the most affected residence.

Reason: To prevent the generation of a noise nuisance.

Env 056

Commercial mechanical workshop operations are only to be conducted between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Reason: To reduce potential impacts on the amenity of the area.

Env 057

The erection and display of an advertising sign which displays a message relating to the premises or goods and services that are available from the premises on which the advertisement is situated is to be restricted to an area of 0.75 square metres.

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Reason: To ensure that the signage is not out of character with the location and residential nature of the area.

Env 058

Arrangements are to be made for waste oil and/or other potential contaminants stored in 44 gallon drums to be collected by waste management service professionals.

Reason: To ensure safe management of potential contaminants.

INSPECTIONS

The applicant is to advise Council of the name and address of the body nominated to act as the Principal Certifying Authority, on the "Notice of Commencement Form" forty eight (48) hours prior to work commencing.

Inspections at the completion of stages as indicated below are required to be carried out by the Principal Certifying Authority. **Work must not proceed past any inspection stage until approval is given by the Certifier.**

Critical Stage Inspections

- After excavation for, and prior to the placement of, any footings, and
- After the building work has been completed and prior to any occupation certificate being issued in relation to the building.

Reason: Compliance Certificates cannot be issued if the Principal Certifying Authority does not carry out the designated inspections, and to ensure compliance with the approved plans.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Smith

For: Clr Muray, Clr Lane, Clr Colless, Clr Smith, Clr Keir, Clr Greenaway, Clr Woodcock, Clr Martinez, Clr Walford.

Unanimous

CARRIED

82/09 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

Resolution:

Note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager during February 2009.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

83/09 Local Orders Policy

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

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

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

84/09 Enforcement Policy

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:

1. Adopt the revised "Walgett Shire Council Enforcement Policy".

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

85/09 Walgett Landfill Environmental Plan

Resolution:

1. That Council approves implementing this plan effective 30 March 2009.
2. That Council approves incorporation of this plan to Walgett Landfill operational Contract with Yeomans Contractors
3. That Council approves incorporation of this Plan to yet to be developed Solid Waste Management Plan.
4. That Council approves an annual increase in Walgett Landfill Operating Expenditure Bore Monitoring for 5 years as shown below:
 - a. 2009 – 2010 budget = \$ 50,000
 - b. 2010 – 2011 budget = \$ 52,500
 - c. 2011 – 2012 budget = \$ 55,125
 - d. 2012 – 2013 budget = \$ 57,882
 - e. 2013 – 2014 budget = \$ 60,776

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

86/09 Airport Drug and alcohol Management plan

Resolution:

1. That Council approves implementing this Plan effective 30 March 2009..
2. That Council endorse this Plan for submission to CASA.
3. That Council approves training of new ADAMP Supervisors and SSAA employees beginning April 2009.
4. That Council approves an increase in its Aerodrome Operating Expenditure as shown:
 - a. 2009 – 2010 budget = \$ 10,000
 - b. 2010 – 2011 budget = \$ 7,000
 - c. 2011 – 2012 budget = \$ 11,000
 - d. 2012 – 2013 budget = \$ 7,700

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

87/09 Tenders – TSPT20809WAL Supply & delivery of Pavement Stabilisation Services

Resolution:

1. That Council accept tenders from the following businesses for TSPT20809WAL Supply & Delivery of Pavement Stabilisation Services -

- * Stabilco Pty Ltd
- * Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd
- * Stabilised Pavements of Australia Pty Ltd

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

88/09 Roads & Traffic Authority – Delegation to Councils

Resolution:

1. That Council note the new Roads and Traffic Authority Delegation to Councils Regulation of Traffic dated 23 February 2009

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

89/09 Council Grid Policy and Procedures

Resolution:

That Council confirm its Policy AFM - Gates and Grids on Public roads and note the Gates and Grids on Public Roads Procedures.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Questions without Notice

Clr Woodcock

Q1. A letter has been sent to Council from the Miners Association requesting financial assistance for road grading, what is happening with this?

Response. The General Manager indicated that the matter is on the budget request list and will be dealt with in the budget timeframe.

Q2. Is the Permissive Occupancy held by Walgett Shire Council at Lightning Ridge and the preserved opals the same thing?

Response. The Director Planning & Regulatory services indicated that the Permissive Occupancy and Preserved Opal fields are distinct areas, although some preserved opal fields are located with the permissive occupancy.

Clr Colless

Q1. How are we progressing with the electrical upgrade of the Walgett Showground?

Response The Director Urban Infrastructure Services indicated that an update will be provided at the next Council meeting. He also indicated that part of the upgrade had been completed.

Clr Lane

Q1. A Letter was sent to Council seeking donation of the fees for closing the road, and for the hire of the ovals from the Lightning Ridge Goat Race Committee. What is happening with this?

Response The Director Corporate and Community Services indicated that the committee should submit a request after the event has been conducted. Council is unable to waive fees but if a donation equivalent to fees is sought, it must come after the event in case of cancellations.

Clr Lane extended an invitation to all councillors and staff who have not seen the Australian Opal Centre exhibition, he would gladly take them this afternoon.

Clr Greenaway

Q1. Burren Junction Precinct Committee has complained about large potholes in the streets of Burren Junction, they need attention. The Bitumen truck has been up there and not completed them.

Response The Director Urban Infrastructure Services will investigate and respond accordingly.

Q2. What has happened to the pedestrian crossing at Burren Junction between the Burren Junction School and the pool

Response The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services indicated that the pedestrian refuge has been approved by the Traffic Committee, and the funding has been approved by the RTA, and the project is currently in the hands of the Urban Infrastructure Services section to install. It is scheduled to be completed by 30 May 2009.

Q3. The toilet that has gone to Carinda is it installed as yet?

Response The director of Urban Infrastructure services indicated that as far he knows it has been delivered but he will check.

Clr Greenaway thanked and congratulated Clr Murray on submission he prepared for the NSW Grain Review.

Clr Keir

Q1. Where are we up to with the Council flats, are we selling any council homes?

Response The Director Corporate & Community Services indicated that councillors were taken on a tour last year where staff identified the houses which were to be sold in the first stage as part of the process to pay for the new villas. The supervisors have spoken with the staff affected.

We have market values for each of the houses and an expression of interest will go out to all agents in the shire for conducting the sale of the properties.

Q2. How many are we selling?

Response The Director Corporate & Community Services indicated that council is selling 7 homes in the first stage.

Q3. If the staff member is prepared to buy the house at market value, why do we need to go through an agent?

Response The General manger advised that the Director Corporate & Community Services will check whether it is possible for a Council to treat with one party only when disposing of community/Council assets.

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Clr Martinez

Q1. What is the role of the housing committee and who is on the committee?

Response The General Manager indicated that the committee consisted of the 4 directors, General Manager, and Council's Asset officer. The role of the committee is to set rents; allocate housing; determine applications from staff to rent dwellings; oversee maintenance; oversee new housing developments undertaken by Council.

Q2. In Pandora street – Council accepted an offer on a property and then refused. Can we get clarification on this offer?

Q3. If the council accepted the offer, why did they renege on the offer a few days later?

Q4. Can we get the name of the second person who made an offer?

Response The Director Corporate & Community Services will prepare a minute on the questions.

Q5. Those staff who are in a council house that is being sold, are they being offered alternate housing?

Response The Director Corporate & Community Services indicated that there are designated positions that have housing as part of their employment package.

Clr Walford:

Q1. Who gets the final approval on the sale of the houses? Will councillors be given any information on the sale of these houses?

Response The Director Corporate & Community Services indicated Councillors had been taken on a tour of houses where the sales had been discussed.

Q2. Can we have a report on the next agenda regarding selling houses?

Response The Director Corporate & Community Services indicated that a report to the next Council meeting will be prepared.

Q3. The tractors that mow the footpaths can the staff get off the tractors and do a site inspection on the site they are mowing. There are rocks flying around which can hurt the public, or hitting cars etc.

Response The Director Urban Infrastructure indicated that he will look into this and will ensure that staff are maintaining correct safety measures.

4. PCYC – can we get an updated report on the PCYC?

Response The Director Corporate & Community Services will provide an updated report on PCYC once further information has been provided.

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Clr Smith

Q1. We discussed at a previous meeting to have the Superintendent of Police at this or another Council meeting, is this still happening.

Response The General Manager indicated that the Superintendent was invited to be at this meeting but was called away. The Superintendent is happy to have a private meeting with Councillors and senior staff.

Q2. Who decides the contract on the swimming pool?

Response The Corporate & Community Services indicated that Council will decide once the contracts are due for renewal.

Q3. Is there any chance that we can get a chemical drum ie drummuster in Collarenebri?

Response The Director Urban Infrastructure Services acknowledged the question and a response will be provided at the next Council meeting.

Clr Murray

Q1. Can we get the business papers out earlier in the week?

Response The General Manager advised that the deadline for preparation of reports will be changed to enable the Council Agenda to be distributed on Tuesdays.

Clr Colless

Clr Colless thanked the Director Urban Infrastructure services for investigating the issue with the shade sails at the Walgett Swimming Pool.

90/09 Consultant

Resolution:

That the Mayor be authorised to engage a consultant to undertake an organisational review particularly focusing on the staff needs and requirement of the organisation.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 3:18pm

To be confirmed by Council at its ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday, 28th April 2009.

Mayor

General Manager