



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

25 July 2017

ADOPTED: 22 August 2017

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE ROWENA HALL ON TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017 AT 10:05AM

PRESENT

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

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

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

7/2017/1 Leave of Absence

Resolved:

That the leave of absence received from Clr Smith be accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

7/2017/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 29 June 2017

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 29 June 2017, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

7/2017/3 Minutes of the OROC Meeting – 7 July 2017**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

7/2017/4 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the mayoral report that was delivered verbally.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

7/2017/5 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

7/2017/6 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 25-27 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

7/2017/7 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 18-20 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

7/2017/8 Monthly Calendar July – September 2017

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period July – September 2017.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

7/2017/9 Creation of the NSW Regional Growth Fund

Resolved:

Council receive and note the report.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

7/2017/10 Local Government Reform – Western Division Group of Council – Strategic Proposal – Update July

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council renew its support for the approach outlined in the Western Division Group of Councils Strategic concept paper and the four year commitment to the concept and to paying a \$9,000 (ex GST) p a membership fee subject of course to Council being able to continue to have access to membership of more than one regional organisation.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

7/2017/11 Tourism development – Information only

Resolved:

That the items listed by the Senior Visitor Information officer for information is received, noted and endorsed.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

7/2017/12 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 Taylor

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

7/2017/13 Follow up on 17/18 budget initiatives – various projects

Resolved:

That the General's Manager's Report be received and note.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

7/2017/14 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only

Resolved:

That the above matters listed for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

7/2017/15 Cash and Investment Report as at 30th June 2017

Resolved:

That the Investment report as at 30th June 2017 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

7/2017/16 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report – June 2017

Resolved:

The June 2017 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

7/2017/17 Stock Take Variance Financial Year 2016**Resolved:**

That Council approve to write off of stock with a total value of \$11,781.81 to the stores ledger and control account and the adjustments to the stores ledger.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

7/2017/18 Internal Reserve Movements 16/17**Resolved:**

That Council approve the transfers to and from reserves as per the attached 30th June 2017 Internal Reserve Listing.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

7/2017/19 2017/2018 Fees and Charges correction**Resolved:**

That Council place the attached fees and charges on display for a period of 28 days commencing 2nd August to 29th August 2017 and call for submission from the general public.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

7/2017/20 Opening hours Walgett and Collarenebri Swimming pools**Resolved:**

That the chief financial officer's report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

7/2017/21 Community Development Report April – June 2017**Resolved:**

That the report for Community Development April- June 2017 is received and noted.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

7/2017/22 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From CFO**Resolved:**

That the matters generally for brief mention or information only from the Chief Financial Officer be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

7/2017/23 Development Application, Amigo's Castle Fence**Resolved:**

Approve Development Application 2017/016 for a fence on Lot 78 DP 1120765.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

DIVISION**For**

Clr Cameron
 Clr Ian Woodcock
 Clr M Martinez
 Clr L Walford
 Clr G Murray
 Clr R Turnbull
 Clr T Cameron
 Clr M Taylor

Against

Nil

Absent

Clr Smith

7/2017/24 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 Cameron

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

7/2017/25 Monthly RMCC works Report from Acting Director Engineering / Technical Services – June 2017**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

Clr Keir, Martinez and Clr Turnbull left the meeting at 11:59am

7/2017/26 Monthly Service Progress Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting at 12:01pm

7/2017/27 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 12:02pm

7/2017/28 Request for Pre-Approval of Performance Based Vehicles on Local Government Roads

Resolved:

That Council resolves to pre-approve PBS Level 1 and 2 vehicles to operate on its road network.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

Clr Taylor

Q1: Have the new Council neckties and scarfs for the lady Councillors been ordered and when is the likely issue date?

Q2: The Container Deposit scheme when is the scheme due to commence?

Q3: Will Council acknowledge the achievement of George McCormick and his staff for their efforts, would Council also congratulate the participants.

Clr Turnbull

Q1: Can Council check the new tar that's been laid near Kalomos as its starting to lift?

Q2: Bigger pipes may need to be installed on the Western end of Earl Street in Collarenebri as they are blocking up regularly.

Q3: Can Council send out the agendas earlier?

Clr Murray

Q1: BAC Building in Fox street Walgett boarded up and being vandalised – Who owns it and what are the plans for the building?

Clr Keir

Q1: GRN – GOVT Radio network receivers called in 7.7.17 Subcontractor Comserve to service stream – can a letter be written supporting local contractors who have not been paid to Kevin Humphries and service stream.

Q2: Grawin Bridge Collarenebri – where are we up to with the renaming of the Bridge?

Clr Martinez

Q1: What is happening with the burnt out building behind IGA in Lightning Ridge?

7/2017/29 Move into Closed Session at 12:18pm**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 Keir

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

7/2017/30 Transfer from Reserve Footpath Replacement Fund**Resolved:**

That Council transfer \$176,000 from the reserve fund (footpath replacement) to the Lightning Ridge CBD beautification budget for 17/18 to fund the footpath proposal (from Opal Street to Onyx Street – both sides)

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Walford

Clr Cameron requested her vote recorded against the motion

CARRIED

7/2017/31 Lightning Ridge Beautification Project**Resolved:**

1. That Council allocate \$80,000 to fund the supply, installation and irrigation of Buffalo grass on Morilla Street as proposed in the report.
2. Council review funds available for the proposed project at the September quarterly budget review.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

7/2017/32 Performance Review Arrangements – General Manager Don Ramsland

Motion:

That a panel comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Keir and a Councillor be nominated by the General Manager undertake the review on Tuesday 1 August, 2017 in conjunction with the facilitators from Blackadder and Associates.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Cameron

The following amendment was moved

Amendment

That Council write to Local Government Office seeking consent to permit for the 'whole' of Council to be on the panel for the General Manager's review.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Walford

On being put the amendment was carried and then became the motion.

The motion was then resolved.

CARRIED

Clr Cameron, Clr Keir and Clr Murray requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the motion.

7/2017/33 Organisational Restructure Progress

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the General Manager's report with regards to the progress of the current Engineering/Technical Services Organisational restructure.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

7/2017/34 Return to Open Session at 12:45pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

7/2017/35 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

Moved: Cllr Keir

Seconded: Cllr Turnbull

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 12:46pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 22 August 2017.

Mayor

General Manager