



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

26 September 2017

ADOPTED: 24 October 2017

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE ROWENA HALL ON TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2017 AT 10:05AM

PRESENT

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)
 Clr L Walford
 Clr G Murray
 Clr R Turnbull
 Clr M Taylor
 Clr K Smith
 Michael Urquhart (Acting General Manager)
 Sylvester Otieno (Director Engineering/Technical Services)
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests – Nil

9/2017/1 Leave of Absence

Resolved:

That the leave of absence from Clr Keir, Clr Cameron and Clr Martinez are accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

9/2017/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 22 August 2017

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 22 August 2017, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

9/2017/3 Lawn Cemetery at Collarenebri

Resolved:

That Council makes provision for establish a lawn cemetery in Collarenebri in the 2018/2019 annual budget and accept the in-kind support from the Zell family.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

9/2017/4 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the tabled mayoral report.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

9/2017/5 Notice of Motion – Clr Murray**Resolved:**

That Council prepare a report for the October, 2017 meeting which details the following:

- The number of youth workers working for the various organisations in Walgett Shire
- The number of youth centres and similar facilities in Walgett Shire, their hours of operation and costs of operation
- The number of youth attending the various youth centres/facilities on a regular daily basis
- The level of government grant being received for the operation of these centres/facilities
- What co-contributions are being made By Walgett Shire and any of the other organisations involved?

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

9/2017/6 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

9/2017/7 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 31-35 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted. Encroachment

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

9/2017/8 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government

Resolved:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 24-26 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

9/2017/9 Monthly Calendar September – November 2017

Resolved:

That Council receive & note the regular monthly calendar for the period September – November 2017.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

9/2017/10 Delegates and Representatives to, and members of External bodies 2017-18

Resolved:

That members, representatives and delegates remain as is (2016-17) schedule.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

9/2017/11 Closedown of Administration over Festive Season 2017/2018

Resolved:

1. Council operations close for the three days Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th December 2017 inclusive and the General Manager make satisfactory arrangements for the maintenance of essential services and provision of emergency call out services.
2. The closedown be effectively notified to residents along with details of essential service and emergency call out arrangements.
3. Note a shutdown period of two weeks will be put in place for all Outdoor Staff only as per the award.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

9/2017/12 Land Classification - 20 Pitt Street Walgett**Resolved:**

That Council resolve to classify 20 Pitt Street, Walgett (Lot 1 DP1083221) as operational land.

Seconded: Clr Murray

Moved: Clr Walford

CARRIED

9/2017/13 Council Policy Review**Resolved:**

That the Council confirm the Policies and associated Procedures as at 14 September 2017 on the attached schedule as current policies of the Council and, that a review of these Policies and Procedures be undertaken on a priority basis.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

9/2017/14 Regional Economic Funding – Growing Local Economies Fund**Resolved:**

That the General Manager's Report on the Regional Economic Funding concept be received and noted and a further report prepared for Council's consideration once the initial meetings with government representatives and the Council group have been held.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

9/2017/15 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only from General Manager**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

9/2017/14 Cash and Investment Report as at 31st August 2017**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 31st August 2017 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

9/2017/15 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report – 31st August 2017**Resolved:**

The 31st August 2017 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

9/2017/16 Rates and Charges Written Off During the year 2016-2017**Resolved:**

That the Council write-offs \$197,242.40 as per Council's abandonments register as at 30th June 2017.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

9/2017/17 2017/2018 Fees & Charges Correction**Resolved:**

That Council having displayed the amended fees for a period of 28 days not having received any submissions, formally adopts the revised fees for 2017/2018.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

9/2017/19 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

9/2017/20 Purchase Asset Management Software
Resolved:

That Council purchase the upgrade software licences and new GNSS antenna for \$15,364.80 (GST incl).

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

9/2017/21 Monthly RMCC Works Report
Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

9/2017/22 Monthly Service Progress Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services
Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

9/2017/23 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services
Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

9/2017/24 Electric Line Interface Agreement between Walgett Shire Council and Walgett Solar Farm

Resolved:

That Council approves signing of the Electric Line Agreement between Walgett Shire Council and Walgett Solar Farm on the following basis.

1. The agreement shall have a term of three (3) years
2. In consideration of grant of the easement, the Solar Farm shall pay Council \$30,000 per kilometre plus an additional charge on a pro-rata basis for any distance over and above a kilometre.
3. The Solar Farm has agreed to pay all legal costs and disbursements associated with negotiation, preparation and completion of the agreement (no monetary limit).
4. The Solar Farm will not grant the easement to a third party without Council's prior approval and disclosure as to who that party may be.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

9/2017/25 O'Neils Road Corridor Running through Freehold land

Resolved:

That Council resolve to acquire Mr. and Mrs Raymond Pike's land within which the current Council-maintained section of O'Neils Road runs, then surrender the Council-Controlled section of corridor to Mr And Mrs Raymond Pike.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

9/2017/26 Resolution to Authorise Acquisition of Walgett Levee Corridor by Compulsory Process

Resolved:

1. That Council resolves to authorise acquisition by compulsory process, of the Walgett Levee corridor through Lot 7024 DP1021106, Lot 7012 DP1021112, Lot 7301 DP1155276, Lot 7013 DP1030416, Lot 7300 DP1155957, Lot 702 DP1051575, Lot 7001 DP1051908, Lot 3 DP1123824, Lot 703 DP1056310, Lot 7031 DP1055946 and Lot 7009 DP1055947.
2. That Council resolves to make an application to the Minister to approve the compulsory acquisition process.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

9/2017/27 Collarenebri Water Treatment Plant- Pre-treatment

Resolved:

1. That Council engage a consultant for the investigation of the alternatives to improve pre-treatment and prepare a concept design & business case for funding for the Collarenebri Water Supply.
2. That Council proceeds with the compulsory acquisition of additional land for the construction of recommended pre-treatment.
3. Lodge an expression of interest (EOI) for the safe and secure water programme.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

9/2017/28 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only From Director of Engineering/Technical Services

Resolved:

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the Director of Engineering/Technical Services listed for September 2017 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

9/2017/29 Match grant funds for the Gray Park shade shelter for playground

Resolved:

That Council approve expenditure for matching grant funds for the shade shelter over the playground in Gray Park.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clr Taylor

Q1: Can the lights in the park opposite the hotel in Carinda be repaired for the activities this weekend?

Q2: Road to Gingie (if it is Council's responsibility can the potholes be filled in?)

Q3: Dick O'Brien Bridge Lightning Ridge end potholes need filling in.

Q4: Gravel placed in creek crossing (bridge is very narrow and wide loads use the creek crossing some trees need trimming back.

Q5: All electrical checked for the Carinda Hall before the Christmas activities begin.

Clr Turnbull

Q1: Can Council move extra staff members to help out in Collarenebri before next week for mowing, cleaning up etc.?

Q2: Can a big skip bin be placed at the bore baths in Lightning Ridge at the truck parking bay?

Clr Walford

Q1: Can Council check the position of the fire hydrant Cnr Fantasia and Lapkalle Street in Lightning Ridge?

Clr Smith

Q1: Can Council spray the weeds at the tennis courts in Collarenebri?

9/2017/30 Move into Closed Session at 12:28pm**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 Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clr smith left the meeting room at 12:29pm

9/2017/31 Purchase Property from Friend Lot 1 DP 348070 Neilly Street Walgett**Resolved:**

1. That the General Manager's report be received and noted and the General Manager's actions in making an offer on the property endorsed.
2. Council agrees to the purchase of lot 1 DP 348070 Neilly Street Walgett for the sum of \$30,000 and the contract documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.
3. The land be classified as "operational land" pursuant to Section 31 LGA.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

Clr Smith returned to the meeting room at 12:35pm

9/2017/32**Resolved:**

That Council accepts the tender for RFT17/035 from *All Kerb Pty Ltd* in the sum of \$202,959.02 in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

9/2017/33 RFT17/037 Design and Construction of Walgett Saleyards Truck wash facility – September 2017

Resolved:

That Council accepts the tender for RFT17/037 from EnvironH2O in the sum of \$475,935.90 in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document. This acceptance is subject to background checks and negotiation with the recommended tenderer in relation to remote monitoring of the proposed facility.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

9/2017/34 Walgett Levee section adjacent to Bate Street

Resolved:

The Director of Engineering/Technical Services Sylvester Otumbo to provide a report to Council in relation to the cost of moving the levee to the opposite side of Bates Street.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

9/2017/35 Return to Open Session at 12:46pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

9/2017/36 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Walford
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Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 12:46pm
 To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 24th September 2017.

 Mayor

 General Manager