



# **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **TUESDAY, 22 March 2011**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held in the **Legends room at the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club** on **Tuesday 22 March 2011**, commencing at 10.00am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

***ADOPTED: 3 May 2011***

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT LIGHTNIGN  
RIDGE BOWLING CLUB ON TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2011 COMMENCING AT 10:01 AM**

**PRESENT**

Clr I Woodcock	(Mayor)
Clr B Murray	(Deputy Mayor)
Clr L Walford	
Clr J Keir	
Clr R Greenaway	
Clr G Colless	
Clr K Smith	
Clr M Martinez	
Clr D Lane	
Don Ramsland	(General Manager)
Mr M Goodwin	(Director, Planning & Regulatory Services)
Mr F Coralde	(Director, Urban Infrastructure Services)
Mrs S Jones	(Finance Manager)
Mr T Colak	(Roads Engineer)
Mrs J Campbell	(Minute Secretary)

**Apologies**

Nil

**Welcome to Visitors**

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

**Public Forum Presentations**

*Philomena McCue from the Lightning Ridge Arts and Crafts Centre*

Mrs McCue spoke in relation to the fence around the Arts and Craft Centre and that they are having trouble getting the work done as the cost of the fencing is more than \$4000. Council has allocated \$1000 for painting and \$3000 for the Fencing. Mrs McCue asked if they could forgo the painting that is allocated and asked if they could just focus on the fence as the main priority. She also advised that they could probably do most of the labour for free and that the \$4000 combined will just be for the materials.

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

- Clr Greenaway declared a pecuniary interest in any item that is discussed in relation to gravel carting as he has an association with a gravel haulage operation.
- Clr Keir declared a Non Pecuniary interest in item 9 – Regional Local Community Infrastructure Program – Variations and Progress as she is involved in the Come By Chance Hall restoration.
- Clr Lane declared a Pecuniary interest in Item 25 - Higher Mass Limits on Local Roads as he is a grain harvest contractor.

## **Confirmation of Minutes**

*The following items were raised arising out of the February Council Meeting minutes:*

### **BEANBRI ROAD UPGRADE**

The General Manager advised that a letter is being drafted to Cargill regarding the upgrading of the Beanbri Road.

### **COUNCILLORS INSURANCE COVER**

The General Manager advised that Councillors are covered by Insurance when they use their private cars for travelling to Council meetings and other designated Council meetings or functions.

### **GOANGRA ROAD FORMATION**

A report is being prepared by Engineering Division with regards the Goangra Road formation, to the April, 2011 meeting.

## **3/2011/1 Confirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting 22 February 2011**

### **Resolution:**

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held 22 February 2011 be confirmed with the following amendment:

### **Colin McKenzie – President of Walgett Swimming Club**

Mr McKenzie spoke about the loan they received from Council some years ago to build a club house. He advised that the club did not pay the loan back as there were issues with the ownership of the clubhouse and its use. He also advised that because of this the Walgett Swimming Club has been carried over as a bad debtor and would like to rectify it.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

## Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

### **3/2011/2 Collarenebri Racecourse/Showground (D630054) Reserve Trust – New Portable Grandstand expense ledger**

**Resolution:**

1. That an expense ledger be set up for \$5,380 grant/loan received from the Minister of Lands, NSW for the installation of a new portable grandstand in Collarenebri Showground/Racecourse (D630054).
2. That Council commence advertising future supply of a new portable grandstand in April 2011.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

## Mayoral Minutes

Nil

## Motions of which Notice has been given

### **3/2011/3 Monthly Council meeting for January**

**Resolution:**

That Council resolve to hold a normal monthly meeting in January every year.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**Amendment:**

That Council resolve to hold its normal monthly December meeting on the last available Tuesday before Christmas and bring its February Meeting to the second Tuesday of February.

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**ON BEING PUT THE AMENDMENT BECAME THE MOTION**

**ON BEING PUT THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

## Presentation of Petitions

Nil

## Councillors Questions with Notice

### 3/2011/4 Councillors Questions for Discussion

**Resolution:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

*Questions for this meeting*

### Councillor Lane

**Question1:**

Can staff please provide council with a detailed breakdown of the, Administration on-cost realignment charged against the water and sewer funds in the quarterly budget review, as tabled at the February meeting.

**Response:**

1. Management sharing costs from 2007 to 2010 financial years have little variations as shown below:

Town	Average % On Cost Share (2007 to 2010)
Walgett	52%
Lightning Ridge	20%
Collarenebri	28%
Total	100%

2. Due to some concern regarding the high % for Walgett over the last four years, and possibly increase in operations in Lightning Ridge, a revised sharing plan was introduced in 2010-11:

Town	Average % On Cost Share (2007 to 2010)
Walgett	20%
Lightning Ridge	69%
Collarenebri	11%
Total	100%

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<b>WATER MANAGEMENT ON-COSTS SHARING COSTS</b>									
<b>COST CENTRE</b>	<b>FINANCIAL YEARS</b>								<b>4 YEAR AVGE</b>
	<b>2007-08</b>		<b>2008-09</b>		<b>2009-10</b>		<b>2010-11</b>		
	<b>Internal Charges (Urban)</b>	<b>% Split</b>	<b>Internal Charges (Urban)</b>	<b>% Split</b>	<b>Internal Charges (Urban)</b>	<b>% Split</b>	<b>Internal Charges (Urban)</b>	<b>% Split</b>	<b>% Split</b>
Walgett	63133	52	65659	52	61530	51	127253	20	44
Lightning Ridge	24533	20	25515	20	22752	19	433101	69	32
Collarenebri	33094	28	34418	28	35525	30	67761	11	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>120760</b>		<b>125592</b>		<b>119807</b>		<b>628115</b>		
General Comments:									
1. No major deviations (of split) over the last 3 consecutive years									
2. However, concern were raised why Walgett was having higher % hare way back in 2008-09									
3. Normal for Colla to have higher % due to longer hours spent in their water system									
4. In 2010-11, majorchanges were made.									
5. Explained to Clr. Lane that the % sharing is based on the operational costs and some capital works									

A further report is to be prepared with regards on costs for consideration at the April 2011 meeting.

**Councillor Greenaway**

**Question 1:**

Who was the Council Staff member who inspected SH road 5 (Cryon Road) after the flood for any damage and why wasn't this road included in the flood damage claims.

**Response:**

The Acting Director Rural Infrastructure Services advises that most of the water in the Rowena and northern end of SR5 area was from local rain.

He further advises that the field inspection has not been carried out on this road yet, however there are 25 Rural Roads that have been jointly inspected with RTA up to date. There are still further flood affected areas, around 55 Rural Roads (Local & Regional Roads) which will be jointly inspected/assessed with RTA including SR5 Cryon Road.

He further advises that staff will try to get flood repair funds for this road, as road damage was caused by a heavy storm.

**Question 2:**

Is it correct that Council has a roller on hire that has been parked alongside the Gundabloui road between Collarenebri and Mungindi for a number of months?

**Response:**

The Acting Director Rural Infrastructure Services advises that "Yes, a roller was parked on Collarenebri Mungindi Road for a number of months. The roller was hired from Coates Hire, and it was used on the Gundabloui road flood damage repair, and before the Christmas shutdown it was off hired.

However, Coates Hire did not transport it from site. Then after the Christmas period it could not be moved from the Gundabloui road site because the road was inaccessible due to the weather and being cut by the flood waters.

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He further advises that Council then repaired and delivered the roller to Merrywinebone Road to use on another job when the road became accessible last week. The General Manager is to double check this situation.

*These questions were brought forward from the February Council meeting.*

### **Clr Murray**

#### **Question 1:**

In relation to the Carols by candlelight event, is Council going to do something with that?

#### **Response:**

The General Manager advised that he will bring a report back to Council in April.

#### **Question 2:**

Are the Walgett Bore baths currently in use, or have they been shut down?

#### **Response:**

The Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that during this weather they are not opened. He further advised that they are usually opened during winter. He also advised that he will bring a report back to Council in April.

### **Clr Greenaway**

#### **Question 1:**

What is happening with the Pedestrian crossing at Burren Junction? Last year it was promised to have it fixed before the start of the new school term?

#### **Response:**

Council was advised that flooding had delayed the resealing programme including the street outside the school. That work has now been completed but the repainting of the pedestrian crossing can only be completed when the new work has cured otherwise the tar will bleed through the paint and the crossing will be difficult to see.

### **Clr Colless**

#### **Question 1:**

In relation to the new playground at Apex Park, Is council looking at adding in a new toilet block? At this stage users would have to go into the club or the public toilets on the other side of the Tennis Courts in Montkeila Street.

#### **Response:**

Council's attention was drawn to the fact that there was already toilet facilities available at the bore baths which adjoin this facility.

#### **Question 2:**

In relation to the Goangra Road, it has never been reformed and put back to its height since the 1974 floods. Can we reform it back to the height it was originally at?

#### **Response:**

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that he understand what the issue was and will provide a response at the next Council meeting.

**Clr Smith**

**Question 1:**

In relation to the Bus stop near the agency at Collarenebri where the school bus pulls up, the signs have faded, are we able to get these updated?

**Response:**

The Director Rural Infrastructure and Support Services advised that a response will be provided at the next Council meeting.

**Question 2:**

Are we able to get the bad pothole fixed on the Gwydir highway leading out of Collarenebri, just past the football ovals?

**Response:**

A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting.

**Clr Woodcock**

Can something be done about the dogs that roam in fantasia street, as well as the bad potholes?

**Response:**

A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting.

**Clr Smith**

Just wanted to comment on the Mungindi road, how the bitumen has held up in the latest flooding. Well done.



## Reports of Delegates and Representatives

### 3/2011/5 Walgett Local Area Traffic Committee Minutes – March 2011

**Resolution:**

1. That the minutes of the March 2011 meeting of the Walgett Local Area Traffic Committee be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein adopted by Council and further that:
  - a. The Lightning Ridge Easter Festival Committee be advised that the road closure is subject to no live feral goats being involved in any activities.
  - b. Concern was expressed that the local bus pickup area on MR7716 and HW18 be finalised at the next traffic committee meeting as the matter has been ongoing for 2 years without a decision
  - c. Any other outstanding issues be the subject of firm recommendations at the next traffic committee meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

### 3/2011/6 Award Consultative Committee Minutes

**Resolution:**

1. That Council received and note the minutes of the Award Consultative Committee meeting for 14 February 2011, 15 November 2010, 8 November 2010, and 8 August 2010.

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

The General Manager also advised the outcome of issues considered at the meeting of the Award Consultative Committee on 14 March 2011 that would be listed for information at the April, 2011 Council meeting.

## Reservation of items for Debate

Nil

## Reports of Officers

### **3/2011/7 Council decisions Action Report – 22.02.11**

**Resolution:**

1. That the report be received.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

### **3/2011/8 Circulars received from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association of NSW – March 2011**

**Resolution:**

1. That the information contained in the weekly circulars from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

### **3/2011/9 Circulars received from the Division of Local Government – March 2011**

**Resolution:**

1. That the information contained in the Departmental circulars 11/1 to 11/3 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

### **3/2011/10 Monthly Calendar – March 2011**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period March to May 2011.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**3/2011/11 Emergency Management Legislation Changes**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council receive and note the Emergency Management Legislation and procedure changes and take appropriate action to have them implemented

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**3/2011/12 Implementation of Integrated Planning Legislation**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council seek the approval of the Chief Executive, Local Government, Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet to defer the implementation of the Integrated Planning Legislation until 1 July 2012 and seek to be transferred into Group 3 of the implementation phase.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

11:13am Clr Keir declared a Non Pecuniary interest in the following item as she is involved in the Come By Chance Hall restoration and left the meeting.

**3/2011/13 Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Variations and Progress**

**Resolution:**

That Council receive and note the report and an amount of \$53,000 be voted from the Footpath Rehabilitation programme to allow restumping work at the Come-By Chance Hall to proceed in the 2010/2011 financial year.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

11:25am Clr Keir returned to the meeting

11:25am Clr Lane left the meeting

11:27am Clr Lane returned to the meeting

11:28am Clr Smith and Greenaway left the meeting

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### 3/2011/14 Request for Assistance – Lightning Ridge Men’s Shed

**Resolution:**

That Council advise the Lightning Ridge Mens’ Shed that it is unable to make an annual contribution towards the rental for the premises they occupy at Lightning Ridge.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

11:30 am Clr Smith and Clr Greenaway returned to the meeting

### 3/2011/15 Lightning Ridge Neighbourhood Centre Inc – Closure of Transcultural Community Centre

**Resolution:**

That Council advise that it is unable to assist financially in staffing functions that are outside its core business activities but is prepared to assist in facilitating meetings with higher tiers of government to lobby for the funding of the TCC activities.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

### 3/2011/16 Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors Policy

**Resolution:**

1. That Council give notice of its intention to adopt the Draft Policy for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors, in accordance with Section 253 of the Local Government Act.
2. And that the Draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors policy, then be placed on public exhibition and public submissions invited.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

11:35am Clr Colless left the meeting

**3/2011/17 2011/2014 Draft Management Plan and Budget**

**Resolution:**

That the report be received and noted and the timeline for the preparation of the 2011/2014 Management Plan and Budget be endorsed.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

11:37am Clr Colless returned to the meeting  
11:37am Clr Walford left the meeting  
11:41am Clr Walford returned to the meeting

**3/2011/18 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from General Manager – March 2011**

**Resolution:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Walford  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**3/2011/19 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 January 2011**

**Resolution:**

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 28 February 2011 be received.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

**3/2011/20 Payment to 2WEB for Advertising**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council accept the offer of Radio Station 2WEB for an annual advertising package of \$5,500 + GST for 2011/2012.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**3/2011/21 Community Assistance Scheme Donations – 2010/2011 Budget**

**Resolution:**

That Council applies funds for financial assistance under section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the two Community Assistance Scheme Applications that were received before the closing date.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**3/2011/22 Kamilaroi Highway - Stage 2 Product Development**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council endorse the Kamilaroi Highway Stage 2 Development project by provision of a letter of support from the General Manager.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

**3/2011/23 New Work Health and Safety Laws**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council receive and note the report on proposed changes to the current Occupational Health and Safety Act.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

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### 3/2011/24 Liquor Licence Application, Glengarry Hilton

#### Resolution:

1. Note the "Liquor Licence Application – Notice to Local Consent Authority" from Harald Gruenfeld to extend the trading hours of the Glengarry Hilton, located on the Glengarry opal field.
2. Respond to the notice by writing to the Casino Liquor & Gaming Control Authority and stating that Walgett Shire Council:
  - (a) Is satisfied that development consent is required and in place for the Glengarry Hilton, via development consent 2010/018.
  - (b) Has no objection to the proposal to extend the trading hours of the Glengarry Hilton on Friday and Saturday nights to a closure time of 2.00AM, provided that this does not result in significant disturbance complaints from residents in the vicinity of the premises.
3. Forward a copy of Council's response to Harald Gruenfeld.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

### 3/2011/25 Proposed Subdivision of Namoi & Gingie Settlements

#### Resolution:

1. Note the letter dated 12 January 2011 from ARUP Pty Ltd requesting Council's in principle agreement to the proposed subdivision of the former Namoi and Gingie Aboriginal Reserves and that it outline a mutually agreeable process to address issues associated with the subdivision.
2. Respond with a letter which states:
  - (a) Walgett Shire Council is prepared to enter into discussions with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council or other parties regarding the possibility of a planning agreement to take over road, water and sewerage infrastructure at the former Namoi and Gingie Aboriginal Reserves. It should be noted that Council:
    - (I) Prefers that such discussions occur prior to the lodgement of a Development Application to subdivide the land.
    - (II) Would expect that the infrastructure must comply with appropriate engineering standards prior to being taken over. This would include Auspec NSW Development Design Specifications, D1 Geometric Road Design (Urban and Rural), D11 Water Reticulation and D12 Sewerage System.
    - (III) Would be unlikely to accept any proposal which places an additional financial burden upon it.

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(b) It would be quite inappropriate to give "in principle" agreement for the proposed subdivision, because that would suggest Council is ignoring or pre-empting the evaluation process required under section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

(c) In a related matter, Council expects to issue a notice of intention to issue an order under section 121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in the near future to the Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council, as the landowner, for the demolition of unauthorised shacks associated with the Gingie settlement (lot 2, DP 752697).

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

### 3/2011/26 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

**Resolution:**

It is recommended that Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note that no Complying Development Certificate or Development Applications were approved during February 2011.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

### 3/2011/27 Update on Urban Addressing – Lightning Ridge

**Resolution:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the report regarding an Update of Urban Addressing – Lightning Ridge, as prepared by Council's Geographic Information Systems Coordinator.
2. Inform all affected owners and residents in Pandora Street and Harlequin Street Lightning Ridge that the numbering of their house has been amended to allow additional street numbers to be allocated within the street.
3. Supply reflective numbered plates to the affected landholders for the amended street numbers.
4. Inform service providers including Police, Ambulance, Fire Service, SES, RFS, Country Energy and Telstra of the amendments.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**



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**3/2011/28 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Planning & Regulatory Services**

**Resolution:**

1. That the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only, be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

11:54am Clr Lane declared a pecuniary Interest in this item as he is a grain harvest contractor and left the meeting.

11:55am Clr Smith left the meeting

11:57am Clr Smith returned to the meeting

**3/2011/29 Higher Mass Limits on Local Roads**

**Resolution:**

1. That approval is not granted for Higher Limits on Merrywinebone Road.
2. That Council indicate that the RTA should approve additional funds to road maintenance/upgrading prior to allowing HNL Usage.
3. The RTA be advised that Council believes that whenever possible the most cost effective method of transporting grain is by rail.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

12:00noon Clr Lane returned to the meeting

**3/2011/30 Strategic Plant Replacement Program 2010 – 2024 – Call Tender Approval**

**Recommendation:**

1. Council should endorse the acquisition of the remaining plant items exceeding \$150,000 for 2010-2011 – namely a road train rated Prime Mover, fitted with quick release side tipping dirt/gravel body

**Moved:** Clr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**AMENDMENT**

That Council

1. Defer consideration of the balance of the 2010/11 plant purchase programme for consideration in conjunction with the 2011/15 estimates and
2. That the suitability and viability of the proposed unit be further investigated by a working party which includes the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Colless.

**Moved:** Clr Colless  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**ON BEING PUT THE AMENDMENT BECAME THE MOTION**

**ON BEING PUT THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

**Reports of Committees**

Nil

## **Questions for the next Meeting**

### **Clr Walford**

#### **Question1: LIGHTNING RIDGE NETBALL COURTS**

In relation to the Netball organisation, if they put a letter into Council can they get the grass soccer ovals at Lightning Ridge marked out for Netball?

### **Clr Martinez**

#### **Question 1: LIGHTNIGN RIDGE NETBALL COURTS**

Why can we not fix the Lightning Ridge netball courts up when the Walgett ones were created for a lot less than \$30,000?

### **Clr Smith**

#### **Question 1: SOLAR PANEL INSPECTIONS**

For Solar panels being placed or erected on roofs at Collarenebri is there any inspection or process that ensures the premises are suitable to this type of addition?

#### **Question 2: CONDEMNED BUILDING CRITERIA**

Can staff please explain the criterion of a condemned building? Who does inspections?

#### **Question 3: SOLAR PANEL – LEGAL STANDING**

Have we had any feedback on the legal side of solar panels being erected in Collarenebri? Country Energy has installed power boxes for them, Collarenebri residents are not happy with the action being taken by Walgett Shire Council in respect of these types of installations.

#### **Question 4: OVEDUE RATE COLLECTIONS**

In relation to a review all overdue rates, has any progress been made eg. Payments from rates payers with very outstanding amounts due and has owed Council for many years and continue to do so? Timeframe can be put in place to hopefully recover Council money.

#### **Question 5: CROWN LAND LEASES**

Crown Land Leases – Do other Shires have these types of charges? The racecourse charge has increased by \$50.00 when it was \$100 and it is now \$150.00. Can we have an update of all monies received from Crown Land – each entity itemised since 2005?

#### **Question 6: COLLARENEBRI AGENCY MAINTENANCE**

Collarenebri Agency – Guttering needs urgent attention. Rain comes in behind private mail boxes wetting the carpet and lino (OH&S) and box owner's mail. The carpet then rots and becomes mildewed. Can the General Manager arrange for it to be addressed?

#### **Question 7: CRYON ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Grawin Bridge – Cryon Road Collarenebri (approx 7kms) Northern side approach is a concern as it is breaking away?

#### **Questions 8: TOWN WATER RATES**

Land and Water rates on town blocks, if water is not connected does the same fee apply? If so, why?

#### **Question 9: INSURANCE CLAIM**

Can Council lodge an Insurance Claim in respect of Collarenebri skate park slab cracking and chipping away?

**Question 10: CLEANLINESS COMPLAINT – COMMERCIAL PREMISES**

Several complaints have been brought to my attention regarding the cleanliness of a commercial premises in Walgett? (Dead smelly crickets and generally unclean) Out front entrance is smelly from dirt and cigarette butts and needs a hosing of water to clean and hopefully stop the smell and have an inviting entrance into shop, a general clean-up. Can the General Manager arrange for it to be addressed?

**Clr Martinez**

**Question 2: NEW LIGHTNING RIDGE BORE**

What stage are we up to with the 2<sup>nd</sup> bore at Lightning Ridge? Is there any progress on this? Have we started any applications for it? Feedback required.

**Clr Lane**

**LIGHTNING RIDGE FLOOD LEVY**

A vote of thanks to Director Urban Infrastructure Services and his staff for putting up the height of the levy around the Lightning Ridge bore head prior to the floods in January, 2011 as it presented the need for the towns evacuation.

**Clr Martinez**

**Question 3: LIGHTNIGN RIDGE FOOTPATH**

When is the footpath being started at the swimming pool in Lightning Ridge? It would be nice to have it completed before the opening on 7 May.

**Question 4: LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN**

In regards to the LEP, it is currently not on display, is Council still pushing for the 40 acre blocks?

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that as per council's resolution in December 2010 the rural small holding proposed rezoning for Walgett Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge has been put on hold pending the LEP being finalised.

The matter **can** be dealt with as a planning proposal. At that time it will require consultation with the Department of Planning.

**Question 5: GRANTS FUNDING**

Can our grants officer look into funding for the Lightning Ridge Men's shed and the Transcultural Community Centre?

**Clr Greenaway BUDGET REDUCTION**

I would like to see this year's budget compared to last year's budget, the corporate service budget be reduced by 20 % and transferred to the Engineering budget.

**Clr Keir**

**Question 1: NEW BRIDGE REPORT**

Can a report please be provided on the state of the 7 bridges construction in the Shire especially the Epping Bridge?

**Question 2: BRIGE REPLACEMENT**

In regards to the Wangan Bridge SR7716, can we please have a timeframe for the replacement?

**Question 3: SR7716 – UPGRADING FEASIBILITY**

In relation to feasibility study for upgrade SR7716 from Walgett end to the Bitumen. When will it be completed?

**Question 4: BURREN JUNCTION BORE BATHS**

What is happening with the evaporation ponds at the Burren Junction Bore Baths?

**Clr Murray CONGRATULATIONS – FLOOD REPAIRS**

I would like to congratulate the Roads Engineering Department for all the works through the flood period in January.

**Question 1: CLEANLINESS COMPLAINT – COMMERCIAL PREMISES**

In regards to the Health & Safety of the commercial premises in Walgett, can we as a council write to food authority and ask for something to be done. It is driving business away, people are going to other towns to buy their groceries? Also there are 2 fruit and vegie trucks in town now selling fruit and veg on a regular basis.

Can we talk to the Corporate Chain to see what can be done? The service in the IGA is excellent and the staff are pleasant, the concern is the standard and quality of the shop, surrounds and the food use by dates.

**Clr Colless CONGRATULATIONS – FLOOD REPAIRS**

I would like to thank Acting Director Tekin Colak and his staff for the quick repairs to roads during the flood period.

**Question 1: CARINDA ROAD DAMAGE**

There is damage on Warren end of the Carinda Road, there is a damage road sign waring you but you hit it before you see the sign. It is just before Bells Bridge, approx a 50 m section and it is quite difficult not to hit these potholes?

**Question 2: WALGETT LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA**

Is there any update on the report of the Light Industrial Estate area?

**Confidential Reports/Closed Council meeting**

Nil

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 12:55pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 3 May 2011

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*Mayor*

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*General Manager*