



# **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**26th June, 2012**

**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 **Walgett Shire Council Chambers** on **26<sup>th</sup> June, 2012** commencing at 10:11am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

**What is a "Conflict of Interests"** – A conflict of interests can be two types:

**Pecuniary** – an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

**Non-Pecuniary** – a private or personal interest that a Council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Local government Act (eg. A friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature.)

### **Remoteness**

A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to a matter or if the interest is of a kind specified in Section 448 of the Local Government Act.

**Who has a Pecuniary Interest?** – A person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of:

- The person, or
- Another person with whom the person is associated (see below)

### **Relatives, Partners**

A person is taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter if:

- The person's spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person has a pecuniary interest in the matter, or
- The person, or a nominee, partners or employer of the person, is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter

N.B. "Relative", in relation to a person means any of the following:

- (a) The parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descends or adopted child of the person or of the person's spouse.
- (b) The spouse or de facto partners of the person or of a person referred to in paragraph (a)

### **No Interest in the Matter**

However, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter:

- If the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative or company of other body, or
- Just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, the Council
- Just because the person is a member of, or a delegate of the Council to, a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter provided that the person has no beneficial interest in any shares of the company or body.

### **Disclosure and participation in meetings**

- A Councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The Councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
  - (a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
  - (b) At any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

**No Knowledge** – A person does not breach this Clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

### **Participation in Meetings despite Pecuniary Interest (S452 Act)**

A Councillor is not prevented from taking part in the consideration or discussion of, or from voting on, any of the matters/questions detailed in Section 452 of the Local Government Act.

**Non-Pecuniary Interest** – Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-Pecuniary conflicts of interest must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, Councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. Participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. Relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as if the provisions in S451 of the Local Government Act apply (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

### **Disclosure to be Recorded (S453 Act)**

A disclosure (and the reason/s for the disclosure) made at a meeting of the Council or Council Committee or Sub-Committee must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 AT 10:11AM**

**PRESENT**

Clr B Murray (Mayor)  
Clr I Woodcock  
Clr K Smith  
Clr J Keir  
Clr M Martinez  
Clr L Walford  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Stephen Holland (Director Corporate Services)  
Matthew Goodwin (Director Planning & Regulatory Services)  
Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Fred Coralde (Director Urban & Infrastructure Services)  
Bronwyn Newton (Minute Secretary)

**Welcome to Visitors**

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

**Apologies**

**6/2012/1 Apologies – 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2012**

**Resolved:**

That apologies from Clr Greenaway & Clr Lane be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**Moved:** Clr Walford  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**Public Forum Presentations**

Anne Kennedy addressed the Council in relation to the issues raised in her letter of 14 June 2012.

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

**Nil**

## **Confirmation of Minutes**

### **6/2012/2 Minutes of Council meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2012 be confirmed.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

### **6/2012/3 Minutes of Extraordinary Council meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 be confirmed.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

## **Matters Arising**

Clr Keir again raised the issue of all weather access to cemeteries within the Shire.

### **5/2012/1A All Weather Access Cemeteries**

**Resolved:**

That Council investigate the cost of providing all weather access to all cemeteries within the Shire and provide a report to the June, 2012 Meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

The Director of Urban & Infrastructure Services indicated that a report would be prepared for the next meeting.

## **Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports**

Nil

## **Mayoral Minutes**

Nil

**Motions of which Notice has been given**

Nil

**Presentation of Petitions**

N/A

**Councillors Questions From Last Meeting**

**Clr Greenaway**

**Question 1**

Enquired as to the NSW Shires Association Position with regards the recently released report into the LHPA

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that a report is being prepared for the May Meeting and a submission will be lodged if required.

**Clr Keir**

**Question 1**

Just another reminder for the Bus Stop at Burren Junction Pre-School as well as putting more gravel at the entrance of the Carinda cemetery

**Response:**

1. The Director of Engineering Services advised that works are underway using Councils day labour force and should be completed by 30 May 2012
2. The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services advised the maintenance will be investigated

**Question 2**

Can Council look into redirecting/alternate route for heavy vehicles to access rather than driving through the main street? Clr Keir advised that a response is needed to a letter received from Ms Prue Hutchinson (c/- Sam Hergerty Solicitors)

**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services advised that a reply has been prepared to the complainant and the matter listed for consideration at the June Traffic Committee

**Clr Martinez**

**Question 1**

Can we get some quotes for resurfacing the Netball courts at Lightning Ridge as a matter of urgency?

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### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services advised that an upper estimate to the project was \$100,000 – see item in Director Engineering Services Matters for Brief Mention or Information

The Director Engineering Services provided additional advice that he now had a quotation in the sum of \$47500 (approx) for the resealing of the Netball Courts with Asphaltic Concrete (AC)

### **Question 2**

Lightning Ridge Tourism Association gives \$10,000 grant to the Easter Festival Committee at Lightning Ridge. It would be good if Council could match the funding they receive, a 50/50 basis ie: if they receive \$10,000 Council will then also contribute the same amount.

### **Response:**

The General Manger advised that Lightning Ridge Tourism Association should make a written approach to Council through the General Manager. A letter was received from the Lightning Ridge Tourism Association on Tuesday 15 May, 2012

### **Clr Kelly**

### **Question 1**

Can water hydrants at Collarenebri be inspected and where necessary lifted as many have sunk

### **Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services advised that the appropriate repairs will be carried out.

### **Question 2**

Can something please be done about the Shire house at Collarenebri, the windows were recently fixed and now they have been broken again. The house is in very bad state and needs to be sold or maintained.

### **Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services advised that quotations for repairs have been obtained and work is being approved.

### **Question 3**

At the previous meeting it was requested that the switchboard at the Collarenebri Show Ground be fixed. This still has not happened and need to be done as a matter of urgency

### **4/2012/36 Switchboard – Collarenebri Showground**

#### **Resolved:**

That the switchboard repairs be carried out as soon as possible and the General Manager ascertain the reason for the delay and position with regards to insurance.

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

**Note:** The General Manager preparing a report in relation to this matter for the June 2012 Meeting.

**Clr Woodcock**

**Question 1**

There appears to be some sort of water leak coming from the rear of a property at Black Prince Drive at Lightning Ridge. Complaints received that it smells like sewerage, can this please be investigate.

**Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services advised that the matter will be investigated.

**Clr Walford**

**Question 1**

Is it true that if you cannot produce a doctor's certificate for sick leave you have to fill out a statutory declaration?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that standard procedure is that if you cannot produce a Doctors certificate then the staff member has to produce a statutory declaration signed by a Justice of the Peace.

**Clr Murray**

**Question 1**

Ill the power pole in the Walgett CBD that was recently damaged by a vehicle be repaired?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that the matter up with Essential Energy on May 2012 but a response has not been received at the time of distribution of this agenda.

**Question 2**

There are also some lights that are out in the main street of Walgett, could they please be repaired?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that the matter was followed up with Essential Energy on May 2012, but a response has not been received has not been received at the time of distribution of this agenda.

## Reports of Delegates and Representatives

### **06/2012/4 Netwaste Strategic Waste Plan**

**Resolved:**

That Council:

1. Note the Strategic Waste Plan prepared by Netwaste on behalf of all member Councils.
2. Considers integrating the six priority areas into the final development of its Solid Waste Management Plan.
3. Place the Strategic Waste Plan on Walgett Shire Council's website for general public information.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

### **06/2012/5 Netwaste Committee Minutes – 1 June 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Netwaste Committee minutes held on 1<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

### **06/2012/6 Local Area Traffic Committee Minutes – 7 June 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Walgett Shire Local Area Traffic Committee minutes held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

## Reservation of items for Debate

Nil



## Reports of Officers

### **6/2012/7 Council Quarterly Decisions Action Report – May 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the Action Register for May 2012, be received and noted

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

### **6/2012/8 Circulars received from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association of NSW – May 2012**

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Kelly

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

### **6/2012/9 Circular received from the Division of Local Government – May 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 12-13 to 12-18 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

- Circular to Councils 12-13 – Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal
- Circular to Councils 12 -14 – Candidate Diversity Strategy and Thinking about becoming a Councillor
- Circular to the Councils 12 – 15 – Release of the Destination 2036 Action Plan
- Circular to the Councils 12 - 16 – Boarding House Tariffs for Residential Rating and Fee for Section 603 Certificates for 2012/13
- Circular to Councils 12 – 17 – Information about Ratings for 2012/13
- Circular to Councils 12 – 18 – Councillor Induction and Professional Development – A Guide for Councils.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

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### 6/2012/10 Monthly Calendar – June 2012

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period June 2012 to August 2012

**Moved:** Clr Kelly  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

### 6/2012/11 Review of Model Code of Conduct

**Resolved:**

That Council await the outcomes from the Division of Local Government's consultation process.

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

**CARRIED**

### 6/2012/12 Destination 2036 Action Plan

**Resolved:**

That Council establish a small working party, comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and MANEX to review the Plan and report on how best to contribute to the 5 key strategic directions identified in the Destination 2036 Action Plan

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

### 6/2012/13 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

*Susie Jones arrived at the meeting at 11.15am and left at 11.16am*

*Fred Coralde left the meeting at 11.19am and returned to the meeting at 11.26am*

*Susie Jones returned to the meeting at 11.19am*

*Stephen Holland left the meeting at 11.28am and returned to the meeting at 11.31am*

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**6/2012/14 Community Assistance Scheme**

**Resolved:**

That the Eligibility Criteria detailed in this report be adopted as criteria for evaluation of the applications under the Community Assistance Scheme

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

*Clr Walford left the meeting at 11.42am*

**6/2012/15 Walgett Shire Ten (10) Year Community Strategic Plan**

**Resolved:**

That the Council, having considered any submissions received, formally adopt the Draft Walgett Shire Ten (10) Year Community Strategic Plan and that the Plan be submitted to the Division of Local Government for endorsement

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

*Clr Walford returned to the meeting 11.19am*

**6/2012/16 Delivery Program, Operational Plan, Long Term Financial Plan Including Fees and Charges**

**Resolved:**

That Council having considered any submissions received:

1. Adopts the 2012/2013 Operational Plan and Budget, 2012/2016 Delivery Program and Long Term Ten (10) Year Financial Plan incorporating the following changes:
  - A variation in the budget for the 2012/13 year of \$92kIndicative figures for revenue/expenditure from RMS for 2012 Flood Damage have been received - \$10.3M  
Indicative figures for revenue/expenditure from RMS for 20122013 RMCC Works have been received - \$13.5M  
Provision has now been made for a capital grant of \$250K for the establishment of lower level PCYC Facility
2. Adopts Fees and Charges 2012/2013 as listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2012/2013 with Council reserving the right to vary fees and charges of a commercial nature as circumstances require.
3. Makes the annual charge for the provision of domestic waste management services for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available in accordance with section 496 of the Local Government Act (1993)

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4. Adopts the increase of 10% in Walgett and Collarenebri, and 3.6% in Lightning Ridge in the annual Sewer charge
5. Adopts the Water Pricing Structure as set out in the Schedule of Fees and Charges
6. Provision is made for the following additional strategies/action plans:
  - \* Establishment of an effective Interagency Committee
  - \* Council operations, organisational structure and plant utilisation
  - \* Provision of a new works depot at Walgett
    - \* Additional Road Infrastructure initiatives to provide for the establishment of an effective landholders in local road maintenance/flood damage works.
  - \* Provision of Walgett Airport maintenance work - \$1M
  - \* Provision of Walgett Town Levee work - \$1m and ongoing
  - \* Provision for lobbying for a range of community and economic development proposals.
7. No capital projects over \$20,000 will be commenced without a detailed project cost and funding summary and supporting documentation being available.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

*Clr Woodcock left the meeting at 12.01pm and returned to the meeting at 12.03pm*

*Clr Woodcock left the meeting at 12.11pm and returned to the meeting at 12.13pm*

*Council Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.16pm and resumed at 12.49pm with all those previously in attendance being present*

*Fred Coralde left the meeting at 12.49pm*

**6/2012/17 Audit and Risk Management Committee**

**Resolved:**

That:

1. The Three Year Internal Audit Plan as attached be adopted.
2. The Walgett Shire Council Audit & Risk Management Charter as attached be adopted.
3. The minutes of the Audit & Risk Management meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

| 6/2012/18                                                                                                                                                              | Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 May 2012 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 May 2012 be received.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Smith<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Keir</p> |                                                      |

| 6/2012/19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Water Fund Reserves |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council consolidate the water funds for reporting purposes. For pricing purposes, the individual funds need to be kept to ensure that the water tariff set for the towns is reflective of the costs incurred in providing the service. However for reporting purposes, there would be no internal loans, or separate reporting of individual water fund reserves</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Woodcock<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Smith</p> <p>Clr Martinez requested that his name be recorded as having voted against this resolution.</p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p> |                     |

| 6/2012/20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Making of the Ordinary Rates for the 2012/2013 year |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Resolves in accordance with Section 566 of the Local Government Act 1993, to make the rate of interest to charge on overdue rates and charges be 10% for 2012/2013.</li><li>2. Resolves in accordance with Section 563 of the Local Government Act 1993, to make the discount 3.6% for payment in full of total rates and charges (less any rebates) for ratepayers whose payments are received in full on or before the 31 August 2012.</li><li>3. Resolves to make the Ordinary Rates for the 2012/2013 year as set out below on the land value for all ratable land within each category and sub-category specified, including each base amount and percentage of the total amount payable the base amount produces in conformity with section 500 of the Local Government Act 1993.</li></ol> |                                                     |

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| Ordinary Rates                      |             |            |        |         |                     |                   |                        |                |                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------|---------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Description                         | No Assess   | Rate in \$ | Base   | Minimum | 2012/13 Ad Valorum  | 2012/13 Base      | 2012/13 Total          | 2012/13 Base % | Avg Per Assess      |
| Walgett Residential                 | 651         | 0.03201467 | 170.00 | 0       | 174,181.25          | 110,670.00        | 284,851.25             | 38.85%         | 437.56              |
| L/Ridge Residential                 | 653         | 0.01343905 | 136.38 | 0       | 215,440.02          | 89,056.14         | 304,496.16             | 29.25%         | 466.30              |
| Collarenebri Residential            | 202         | 0.10847271 | 141.64 | 0       | 48,529.60           | 28,611.28         | 77,140.88              | 37.09%         | 381.89              |
| B/Junction Residential              | 96          | 0.03356278 | 130.99 | 0       | 21,637.92           | 12,575.04         | 34,212.96              | 36.76%         | 356.39              |
| Carinda Residential                 | 68          | 0.06234594 | 74.02  | 0       | 6,315.64            | 5,033.36          | 11,349.00              | 44.35%         | 166.90              |
| Cumborah Residential                | 56          | 0.00504852 | 68.88  | 0       | 4,695.12            | 3,857.28          | 8,552.40               | 45.10%         | 152.72              |
| Rowena/CBC Residential              | 38          | 0.33320473 | 70.00  | 0       | 2,848.90            | 2,660.00          | 5,508.90               | 48.29%         | 144.97              |
| Residential - Preserved Opal Fields | 1772        | 0.03918705 | 115.00 | 0       | 231,085.24          | 203,780.00        | 434,865.24             | 46.86%         | 245.41              |
| Residential - Other                 | 96          | 0.00623089 | 125.67 | 0       | 24,995.21           | 12,064.32         | 37,059.53              | 32.55%         | 386.04              |
| Walgett Business                    | 123         | 0.03802968 | 239.63 | 0       | 72,399.38           | 29,474.49         | 101,873.87             | 28.93%         | 828.24              |
| L/Ridge Business                    | 107         | 0.00806703 | 380.00 | 0       | 52,078.76           | 40,660.00         | 92,738.76              | 43.84%         | 866.72              |
| Collarenebri Business               | 33          | 0.07611660 | 190.00 | 0       | 13,430.01           | 6,270.00          | 19,700.01              | 31.83%         | 596.97              |
| B/Junction Business                 | 19          | 0.03230829 | 186.38 | 0       | 8,471.23            | 3,541.22          | 12,012.45              | 29.48%         | 632.23              |
| Carinda Business                    | 18          | 0.01999218 | 100.00 | 0       | 2,818.90            | 1,800.00          | 4,618.90               | 38.97%         | 256.61              |
| Rowena/CBC Business                 | 7           | 0.25338923 | 109.69 | 0       | 848.85              | 767.83            | 1,616.68               | 47.49%         | 230.95              |
| Business - Preserved Opal Fields    | 55          | 0.04816141 | 186.38 | 0       | 15,026.36           | 10,250.90         | 25,277.26              | 40.55%         | 459.59              |
| Business - Other                    | 112         | 0.00789246 | 148.03 | 0       | 19,624.76           | 16,579.36         | 36,204.12              | 45.79%         | 323.25              |
| Rural (Farmland)                    | 726         | 0.00267249 | 0.00   | 181.65  | 2,502,485.23        | 0.00              | 2,504,579.00           | 0.00%          | 3,449.83            |
| Rural Irrigable                     | 86          | 0.00267249 | 0.00   | 181.65  | 678,853.13          | 0.00              | 680,946.91             | 0.00%          | 7,917.99            |
| <b>Total Ordinary Rates</b>         | <b>4918</b> |            |        |         | <b>4,095,765.53</b> | <b>577,651.22</b> | <b>4,677,604.30</b>    |                | <b>963.19</b>       |
|                                     |             |            |        |         |                     |                   |                        |                |                     |
|                                     |             |            |        |         |                     |                   | Notional Yield         |                | 4,515,128.30        |
|                                     |             |            |        |         |                     |                   | Increase 3.6%          |                | 162,544.62          |
|                                     |             |            |        |         |                     |                   | <b>Allowable Yield</b> |                | <b>4,677,672.92</b> |

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**6/2012/21 Rates write off following Sale of Land for Overdue Rates**

**Resolved:**

That subject to Council’s auditor’s approval Council authorise the write off of rates and charges totalling \$ 20,910.46 on Assessment 11684 Wilson Street, Collarenebri being the last property to be settled following the Sale of land for Overdue Rates that took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**6/2012/22 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Corporate Services – June 2012**

**Resolved:**

That the matters listed by the Director Corporate Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

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**Resolved:**

That:

Council thank the Electoral Commission for the offer of a Polling Booth at Pilliga however Council decline to accept this offer.

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**6/2012/23 Friday Night Engagement Program Funding**

**Resolved:**

That the funding agreement for the Friday night youth activities under the Remote Service Delivery Program be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

Director of Corporate Services, Mr Stephen Holland noted on the record that he would like to thank the staff that work Friday nights in regards to the above program

**6/2012/24 Family & Community Services Agreement**

**Resolved:**

That the funding agreement for services auspice by Council under the *Department of Families and Community* be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

**6/2012/25 Variation to extend Strong Collie Project**

**Resolved:**

That the funding agreement variation for the activities under the "Strong Collie" Program be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

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### 6/2012/26 Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

**Resolved:**

That Council note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority from April to May 2012.

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

*Susie Jones left the meeting at 2.07pm*

*Don Ramsland left the meeting at 2.07pm and returned to the meeting at 2.08pm*

*Steve Holland left the meeting at 2.17pm and returned to the meeting at 2.20pm*

### 6/2012/27 Draft Walgett Local Environment Plan 2012

**Resolved:**

That Council seek clarification from Regional Manager Western Region Mr Ashley Albury, Department of Planning & Infrastructure in regards to the wording/guarantee for the provision of Rural Life Style zoning approval.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**Planning Division:**

**For:** Clr Murray, Clr Smith, Clr Walford, Clr Martinez, Clr Keir, Clr Woodcock

**Against:** Nil

**Note:** Clr Greenaway and Clr Lane were absent from the meeting

**CARRIED**

### 6/2012/28 Development Application, Rural Subdivision

**Resolved:**

That Council defer the consideration of the report to the July 2012 meeting of Council

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**Planning Division:**

**For:** Clr Murray, Clr Smith, Clr Walford, Clr Martinez, Clr Keir, Clr Woodcock

**Against:** Nil

**Note:** Clr Greenaway and Clr Lane were absent from the meeting

**CARRIED**



## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

*Fred Coralde returned to the meeting*

| <b>6/2012/29</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Planning &amp; Regulatory Services</b> |
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| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only, be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Keir<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Walford<br><br><b>CARRIED</b> |                                                                                                                    |

| <b>6/2012/30</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Urban Infrastructure Services</b> |
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| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That the matters listed by the Director Urban Infrastructure Services for brief mention or information only be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Woodcock<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Smith<br><br><b>CARRIED</b>                                                        |                                                                                                            |
| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That Representative of NSW Office of Water (Mr Bill Ho) be invited to attend the July meeting of Council to discuss operational issues surrounding the Collarenebri Water Filtration Plant<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Smith<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Walford<br><br><b>CARRIED</b> |                                                                                                            |

| <b>6/2012/31</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Monthly flood works Report from Director Engineering Services – June 2012</b> |
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| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That Council receive and note the June 2012 flood works report.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Woodcock<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Smith<br><br><b>CARRIED</b> |                                                                                  |

*Fred Coralde left the meeting at 3.08pm*

**6/2012/32 Asset Management Strategy June 2012**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the Draft Asset Management Strategy, as circulated with this report

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**6/2012/33 Monthly Report from Director Engineering Services – May 2012**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly road and bridge report which includes as to date information with regards flood damage estimates and RMS funding approvals.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

*Steve Holland left the meeting at 3.14pm and returned to the meeting at 3.16pm*

*Fred Coralde returned to the meeting at 3.16pm*

*KC arrived at the meeting at 3.16pm*

**Confidential Reports/Closed Council meeting**

**6/2012/34 Move into Closed Session at 3:45pm**

**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:

- (c) 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)
- (d) 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 Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**06/2012/35 Walgett Levee Rehabilitation-Grant funding**

**That Council:**

1. Endorse the NSW Public Works tender recommendation for Stage 1 of Walgett Levee Refurbishment Program.
2. Accept the tender offer submitted by Batterline Earthmoving in the amount of \$494, 210.00
3. Subject to satisfactory performance Council extend the Contract for expenditure of up to \$1 million
4. Sign documents the necessary Legal documentation under the Common Seal of Council

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

**6/2012/36 Return to Open Session at 3.50pm**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Smith

**CARRIED**

**Reports of Committees**

**6/2012/37 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendation of the Closed Committee:

\* Walgett Levee Rehabilitation Grant Funding

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**Questions for the next Meeting**

**Clr Woodcock**

**Question 1:**

Can Council look into connecting 3 phase power to the Lightning Ridge Bore pump to reduce the electricity costs? Would also need to change over the pump switch board.

**Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services will investigate and seek quotes

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### **Question 2:**

Can Council inspect and fix the hole within the Khans Supermarket carpark at Lightning Ridge

### **Response:**

Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that Council have written to Mr Khan requesting repairs be carried out immediately. The Director of Engineering Services advised Khan's were approached when Council were in Lightning Ridge completing the work on the netball courts and offered to help with repairs however this offer was not taken up.

### **Clr Keir**

### **Question 1:**

Can Council inspect & repair Keepit Street, Walgett as it is a gravel road in a terrible condition, This street provides access to Teacher Housing Units.

### **Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services will investigate

### **Clr Martinez**

### **Question 1:**

Can Council inspect and repair the hole in the footpath at Lightning Ridge Khan's supermarket Carpark

### **Response:**

Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that Council have written to Mr Khan requesting repairs be carried out immediately. The Director of Engineering Services advised Khan's were approached when Council were in Lightning Ridge completing the work on the netball courts and offered to help with repairs however this offer was not taken up.

### **Question 2:**

Can Council advise what happened to the RFDS airport lighting at Lightning Ridge which is needed especially during foggy conditions

### **Response:**

The General Manager to investigate

### **Clr Walford**

### **Question 1:**

The town truck at Lightning Ridge needs to be inspected and repaired. When the boys start the truck there seems to be a litre of oil on the roof of the truck and when they recently completed the town run you could see hydraulic oil left on the road all around town.

### **Response:**

The General Manager to investigate

### **Question 2:**

The Lightning Ridge Sporting Field carpark is a sea of water and needs gravel to tidy up and level the area.

### **Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services noted to investigate.

### **Question 3:**

The road to Namoi Village needs to be inspected and repaired. Apparently the school bus lost a wheel due to the poor state of the road.

### **Response:**

Director of Engineering Services to inspect and provide a quote to the Walgett Aboriginal Lands Council to cover the costs of the repairs.

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

### **Clr Smith**

#### **Question 1:**

Can Council commence planting the trees in the main street of Collarenebri

#### **Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services to arrange for these works to be carried out

#### **Question 1:**

The house boat in the Barwon River at Collarenebri has resurfaced and is located in the area where water sports activities occur it needs to be removed to prevent any accidents.

#### **Response:**

The General Manager to speak to the State Emergency Services regarding removing

#### **Question 2:**

Can Council investigate and repair the drainage issues within the Collarenebri township. Need to look into properly laser levelling the ground installing culvert pipes and/or white gravel.

#### **Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services will investigate.

### **Clr Murray**

#### **Question 1:**

Advised that the Principal at St Joseph's has requested trees need to be lopped near the school. She has also requested that when Council next get A1 tree trimming services to carry out work within Walgett, can Council let the school know as they need some trees lopped within the school yard.

#### **Response:**

The Director Urban & Infrastructure Services noted the need to arrange works and advised this is under control.

#### **Question 2:**

Clr Murray advised that he has received a letter from Mr Mark Evans requesting Council support trying to improve the mobile telephone service to the south of Walgett by utilising the tower 30kms south of Walgett

#### **Response:**

The General Manager to investigate

### **Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 3.57pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 24 July 2012.

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Mayor

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General Manager