



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

24 October 2017

ADOPTED: 28 November 2017

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2017 AT 10:05AM

PRESENT

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)
 Clr M Martinez (Deputy Mayor)
 Clr L Walford
 Clr G Murray
 Clr R Turnbull
 Clr M Taylor
 Clr K Smith
 Clr J Keir
 Clr T Cameron
 Don Ramsland (General Manager)
 Michael Urquhart (Chief Financial Officer)
 Bob Harris (Relieving Director Environmental Services)
 Sylvester Otieno (Director Engineering/Technical Services)
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

Public Forum Presentations

Jenni Brammall – Australian Opal Centre – provided an update on the project and the consultant Jamie Young from Case Analytix also spoke in relation to the studies that were undertaken to produce the documents for grant funding.

Jessica Picton from Epuron – provided an update on the Solar Farm Project in Walgett

Josephine Kirchner, Jason Vidler and Michael Marom (via Teleconference) representing Telstra discussed the mobile blackspot program, Parkes Electorate NSW Infrastructure update, 4G rollout, NBN, ADSL upgrades and ways to enhance mobile coverage data.

Penny Magann Jones - Walgett Netball Association– Proposal for ClubGRANTS Category 3 – discussed a proposal regarding to construct the Jenny Wright Netball Complex that would have the following facilities: Six (6) all weather netball courts, Clubhouse with canteen, storeroom, office, toilets, Covered Outdoor Learning Area over 2 courts, Spectator seating and lighting. The current location of the Jenny Wright Netball Courts is not viable due to size restrictions. The courts are located too close to each other which is a safety issue for players, umpires and spectators. After scouting for possible locations, the preferred site to construct the complex at the eastern end of Number 3 Oval near the old Vet Clinic. This would give easy access to the electricity grid, the sewage system and also has a carpark established.

Brian Lees – Collarenebri to Lightning Ridge Road Realignment proposed options

Bob Harris – Director of Environmental Services - Waste Management Strategy

10/2017/1 Australia Opal Centre – Request for Financial Assistance

Resolved:

1. That Council provide financial assistance to the Lightning Ridge Opal Fossil Centre to enable AOC personnel to attend meetings with NSW and Federal Government representative.
2. Council allocate \$6000 from Council Economic Development ledger.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Council note the letter received on the 18th of October from Marilyn Collins and respond accordingly.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Staff/Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Keir	11.4.2 11.4.3 11.4.5	Pec	Related to field of work/ family business

Morning Tea – 11:20am to 11:40am

Lunch – 1:00pm to 1:30pm

10/2017/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 September 2017

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 26 September 2017, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting and endorse the final amendments.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

10/2017/3 Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes (LATC) – 5th October 2017

Resolved:

That the minutes of LATC held on 5th October 2017 having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

10/2017/4 Council's Decision Action Report

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

10/2017/5 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW

Resolved:

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 36-40 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

10/2017/6 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government

Resolved:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 27-29 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

10/2017/7 Monthly Calendar Oct – Dec 2017

Resolved:

That Council receive & note the regular monthly calendar for the period Oct-Dec 2017.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Martinez
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10/2017/8 Local Government NSW – Annual Conference

Resolved:

That the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the LGNSW Annual Conference in Sydney between 4-6th December 2017 be confirmed.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

10/2017/9 Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors

Resolved:

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 Martinez
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

10/2017/10 Ordinary Council Meetings – Time, Dates and Venues for 2018

Resolved:

That Council endorse the below time, dates and venues for the 2018 Ordinary Council Meetings.

13 February – Walgett – Council Chambers
 27 March – Rowena – Hall
 24 April – Walgett – Council Chambers
 22 May – Collarenebri - Hall
 26 June – Walgett – Council Chambers
 24 July – Lightning Ridge – Bowling Club
 28 August – Walgett – Council Chambers
 25 September – Carinda - Hall
 23 October – Walgett – Council Chambers
 27 November – Burren Junction – Hall
 18 December – Walgett – Council Chambers

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

10/2017/11 Ambassadors – Australia Day 2018

Resolved:

That Council participates in the Australia Day Program in 2018 hosting an Ambassador from the Australia Day Council.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

10/2017/12 2017 Australia Day Judging Panel

Resolved:

1. The Mayor and the following Councillors be members of the 2018 Australia Day Awards Judging panel Clr Taylor and Clr Murray
2. The Mayor be the chairperson of the Judging panel.
3. The Mayor and Councillors on the Panel be authorised to determine community members of the Panel and to invite community members to join the Panel.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

10/2017/13 Tourism Development – Information Only**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

10/2017/14 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 and action taken endorsed where appropriate.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

10/2017/15 Cash and Investment Report as at 30 September 2017**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

10/2017/16 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report – September 2017**Resolved:**

The 30th September 2017 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

10/2017/17 Community Development Report July - September 2017**Resolved:**

That the report for community development: July – September 2017 be received.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

Clr Cameron returned to the meeting room at 2.20pm

10/2017/18 Response to Clr Murray: Notice of motion – youth development and services in the Walgett Shire

Resolved:

That the report on youth and services to young people within the Walgett Shire be received.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

10/2017/19 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 Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

10/2017/20 Grants from the Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund

Resolved:

1. Allocate funds from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2017-2018 in the following manner:
 - a) \$5,000 to Ben Wilcox to stabilise and restore Barwon Vale Homestead, Walgett.
 - b) \$550.00 to Burren Junction CWA to repaint the exterior of the building.
 - c) \$1,100.00 to Lightning Ridge Historical Society to upgrade termite protection of the Bush Nurse Cottage.
 - d) \$5,000 to The Special District of Walgett and Collarenebri to upgrade air-conditioning of St John's Anglican Church, Collarenebri.
2. Seek further information in regards to Neil Fletcher application for the upgrade to the kitchen of Tattersalls Hotel, Collarenebri.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

Teacher Housing Authority – Development Applications – Dual Occupancy – 20 Arthur St & 61 Namoi St, Walgett 2832 – Report held over to November Council Meeting

10/2017/21 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From Director of Environmental Services

Resolved:

1. That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the Director of Environmental Services listed for October 2017 be received and noted.
2. Request more information from Cobarr Shire Council in relation to the proposed alternative route for the Western slopes pipeline.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

10/2017/22 Monthly RMCC Works Report

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

Clr Keir left the meeting room at 2.52pm

10/2017/23 Monthly Service Progress Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

10/2017/24 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

Clr Keir return to the meeting room at 2:59pm

10/2017/25 Additional funding request for urgent regional road maintenance works for 2017/2018

Resolved:

1. Approach member for Barwon for additional funding for Carinda Rd and Merrywinebone Rd because of heavy vehicle traffic by passing safety cams and point to point speed cameras
2. Seek support from local operators/land owners for this approach
2. Place road counters on Carinda Rd and Merrywinebone Rd
3. Erect signs on dangerous road sections and carry out regular inspections

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Keir left the meeting at 3.15pm

10/2017/26 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 October 2017 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 3.2pm

Clr Taylor

Q1: Can the approach to Walgett through 50k zone to the Walgett Bridge be kept mowed.

Q2: Can garden beds in front of the Lightning Ridge VIC can this be cleaned up and made presentable?

Q3: Guttering at front of Lightning Ridge VIC needs to have leaves cleaned out?

Q4: Banner in front of Opal FM needs to be untangled?

Comments

“Appreciation and thanks be passed onto Council staff who participated in the clean-up of Lions Park for Sunrise TV session in Lightning Ridge”.

“Well done to Councillor Martinez who worked on the footpath in Collarenebri”.

Clr Turnbull

Q1: I requested a skip bin to be put at the bore baths Lightning Ridge yet to be installed.

Q2: Storm water pipes are still blocked in Earl Street Collarenebri.

Clr Cameron

Q1: Can a presentation be made by me to the next Council meeting as chair on “Gloucester independent Legacy Fund” – over 70 jobs created with \$2m from AGL

Q2: “Farmer’s Hall of Fame” – can this be investigated as a project for Walgett Shire

10/2017/26 Move into Closed Session at 3.32pm**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 Murray

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

10/2017/27 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

Council receive and note the report from the Mayor including the emails from Lucy Di Paolo, Kelly Smith and Manuel Martinez.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

Clr Keir left the meeting room at 4:06pm

10/2017/28 Re-advertise Tender – Gravel sheeting on Lorne, Billybingone, Cryon, Mercadool, Angeldool & Wilga Road**Resolved:**

That Council call for fresh tenders for Gravel sheeting on Lorne, Billybingone, Cryon, Mercadool, Angeldool & Wilga Road.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 4:17pm

10/2017/29 Collarenebri Police Station**Resolved:**

1. That Council apply for an interim heritage order
2. Seek clarification on the situation on the Minister's office and from LAC
3. Request a copy of the report from the Police property branch in relation to the building

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

10/2017/30 Return to Open Session at 4.30pm**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

10/2017/31 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Martinez
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Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 4.35pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 28th November 2017.

Mayor

General Manager