



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

19 December 2017

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE
WALGETT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2017 AT 10:06AM**

PRESENT

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)
Clr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)
Clr Tanya Cameron
Clr Jane Keir
Clr Bill Murray
Clr Kelly Smith
Clr Michael Taylor
Clr Robert Turnbull
Clr Lawrence Walford
Don Ramsland (General Manager)
Jessica McDonald (Director Environmental Services)
Michael Urquhart (Chief Financial Officer)
Sylvester Otieno (Director Engineering/Technical Services)
Peta Schiller (Minute Secretary)

Leave of Absence

Nil

Public Forum Presentations

Grant Leslie – The Balmoral Group

- *As part of the NSW Governments Growing Local Economies Fund - Cobar, Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Coonamble, Warren and Walgett Councils are working with the NSW Government to develop the Western Plains Regional Economic Development Strategy.*
- *The Balmoral Group have been engaged to conduct the Western Plains Economic Development Region Business Survey which will be used to understand the business needs of the region.*
- *All businesses within the region are encouraged to participate in the survey.*

(Late Inclusion) James Stewart and Greg Moore – NSW Police Force

- *James Stewart informed that he will be leaving the Walgett District and thanked Council for its ongoing partnership with local Police.*
- *Due to a reshuffle of the current Administration Model, Greg Moore of Bourke has been appointed as the new Commander with the restructure to take place in March 2018.*
- *Inspector David Checkley will be the Officer in Charge based at Walgett.*
- *More frontline Police will be on the beat, small villages will have manned Stations and Greg Moore stated that there will be no closures or reduced hours.*
- *Castlereagh Area Command will be renamed as Central North Area Command and the main base for the region will be based at Bourke.*
- *Greg Moore and David Checkley are to be invited to the next Council Meeting and annual “Meet and Greet Nights” arranged by Council which will be held in late February 2018.*

12/2017/1 Margaret Mansfield – Lightning Ridge Prospector (Letter received)**Resolved:**

That Council make an allocation of \$800.00 plus GST in the 2017/2018 budget to the Lightning Ridge Prospector.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

12/2017/2 Richard Buckley of Ned’s Puddling Dam Inc. – Letter received**Resolved:**

Council deferred for consideration at the next Council Meeting in February 2018.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Staff/ Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/ Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr J Keir	11.4.2	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr J Keir	11.4.3	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr J Keir	14.3.2	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr J Keir	14.3.3	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr M Martinez	11.4.4	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr M Martinez	14.4.1	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr M Martinez	14.4.2	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr M Martinez	14.4.3	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr M Martinez	14.4.4	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr R Turnbull	11.4.4	Pecuniary	Relationship to Clr Martinez
Clr R Turnbull	14.4.1	Pecuniary	Relationship to Clr Martinez
Clr R Turnbull	14.4.2	Pecuniary	Relationship to Clr Martinez
Clr R Turnbull	14.4.3	Pecuniary	Relationship to Clr Martinez
Clr R Turnbull	14.4.4	Pecuniary	Relationship to Clr Martinez

12/2017/3 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 28 November 2017**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 28 November 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

12/2017/4 OROC Minutes – 1 December 2017**Resolved:**

That the minutes of OROC meeting held on 1 December 2017 having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

11/2017/5 Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes – 29 November 2017**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the LATC meeting held on 29 November having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

Move: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

12/2017/6 Mayoral Minute**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

12/2017/7 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

12/2017/8 Local Government Weekly received from the LGNSW**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 46-48 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

12/2017/9 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 38-40 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

12/2017/10 Monthly Calendar December - February 2018**Resolved:**

That Council receive & note the regular monthly calendar for the period Dec – Feb 2018.
Traffic Committee Meeting for February be amended to Thursday 1/2/2018.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

12/2017/11 Local Government Reform – Joint Organisation Announcements**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council consider joining a Joint Organisation once it has had the opportunity to review both the new legislation and supporting regulations and had discussions with surrounding Councils.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

12/2017/12 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from General Manager**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

12/2017/13 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 30th November 2017**Resolved:**

That the Investment Report as at 30th November 2017 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

12/2017/14 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**Resolved:**

The November 2017 outstanding rates report to received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

12/2017/15 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from Chief Financial Officer**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 Smith
CARRIED

12/2017/16 Place Naming Request Burren Junction Park – Item Deferred

That the Place Naming Request Burren Junction Park report be deferred until the next Council Meeting in February 2018.

Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

12/2017/17 Matters for Brief Mention Only from Director of Environmental Services**Resolved:**

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the Director of Environmental Services be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull declared a pecuniary interest in Item No's. 14.4.1 – 14.4.4 and left the meeting room at 12:10pm.

12/2017/18 Monthly RMCC Works Report

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest for Item No's. 11.4.2 and 11.4.3 and left the meeting room at 12:15pm.

12/2017/19 Monthly Service Progress Report

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services Monthly Works Progress Report for November 2017.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

Clr Walford left the meeting room at 12:20pm.

12/2017/20 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

12/2017/21 Options to Seal 400m of Lorne Road

Resolved:

That Council in respect of the Lorne Road, reduce the gravelling scope from 4kms to 3kms and use the resulting saving to seal the 400km section at Kangaroo Hill.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

Clr Walford and Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 12:23pm.

12/2017/22 Matters for Brief Mention Only from Director Engineering/Technical Services

Resolved:

That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering/Technical Services for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 12:35pm.

Questions for Next Meeting

Clr Keir: Nil

Comment: Thanked the Director of Engineering/Technical Services and Parks and Gardens Staff for the planting of flowers and shrubs in Fox Street Walgett.

Clr Cameron: Nil

Clr Murray:

Q1: Request that signage for the School Bus Pickup Sites located on the Cryon Road (SR5) and at the T Intersection of the Cryon Road and Pian Creek Road be reviewed by the Traffic Committee as local residents have expressed their concern.

Clr Martinez: Nil

Clr Turnbull: Nil

Clr Walford: Nil

Clr Taylor:

Q1: Requested an update about the installation of a toilet block on the border of Brewarrina and Walgett Shires? Is Council progressing with this issue?

Q2: Requested that Council reassess the operations of the Collarenebri Rural Transaction Centre (Collarenebri Agency) at the February 2018 Council Meeting as it runs at a loss.

Clr Smith: Nil

Q1: Are we any closer to conducting Drug Testing in the work place?

Q2: Gundabloui Road (Mungindi – Collarenebri), has been granted \$1.2 million for another 6kms. Could we please look into this as I feel it would be an asset as it would only be fair to all Rate Payers on the northern end?

Q3: Have been approached by locals in regards to the Lawn Cemetery (eg) Preparation to establish for clearing in 2018.

12/2017/23 Move into Closed Session at 12:40pm

Resolved:

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2) (c) & (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

- (a) That information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business (or proposed to conduct business)
- (b) That the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

12/2017/24 Expression of Interest – Walgett CBD Car Park

Resolved:

That the General Manager's report be received and noted and the action proposed of drafting a memorandum of understanding be endorsed.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Martinez
CARRIED

12/2017/25 Collarenebri Sportsground Amenities Building

Resolved:

That Council endorse the actions of the Chief Financial Officer in advising Murdi Paaki Regional Rugby League Council Inc, that Council will accept a new amenities building asset for the Collarenebri Sportsground as per its concept proposal, and Council shall accept liability for on-going future maintenance of the facility.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

12/2017/26 RFT17/041 Gravel Sheeting of 4kms of Billybingbone Road

Resolved:

1. That Council accepts the tender for RFT17/041 from Batterline Earthmoving in the sum of \$149,944.30 in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document. This acceptance is subject to background checks and negotiation with the recommended tenderer.
2. That Council resolves to \$400,000 from 15/16 and 16/17 Local Unsealed Roads Maintenance budget to implement these works.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest for Item No's. 14.3.2 and 14.3.3 and left the meeting room at 12:52pm.

12/2017/27 RFT17/042 Gravel Sheeting of 3kms of Cryon Road

Resolved:

That Council accepts the tender for RFT17/042 from Batterline Earthmoving in the sum of \$117,714.00 in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document. This acceptance is subject to background checks and negotiation with the recommended tenderer.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

12/2017/28 RFT17/043 Gravel Sheeting of 3kms of Mercadool Road

Resolved:

That Council accepts the tender for RFT17/043 from Batterline Earthmoving in the sum of \$115,895.00 in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document. This acceptance is subject to background checks and negotiation with the recommended tenderer.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 12:58pm.

12/2017/29 RFT17/044 Gravel Sheeting of 3kms of Angledool Road

Resolved:

That Council accepts the tender for RFT17/044 from Ridgerock Earthmoving in the sum of \$128,260.00 in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document. This acceptance is subject to background checks and negotiation with the recommended tenderer.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

12/2017/30 RFT17/046 Gravel Sheeting of 4kms of Lorne Road

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the tender for RFT17/046 from Ridgerock Earthmoving in the sum of \$169,180.00 in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document. This acceptance is subject to background checks and negotiation with the recommended tenderer.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

Clr Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 1.00pm

12/2017/31 Return to Open Session at 1.00pm

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

12/2017/32 Adoption of Closed Session Reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

**12/2017/33 Matters for Brief Mention Only from Economic Development Officer –
Supplementary Report**

Resolved:

That the matters listed for brief mention or information only from the Economic Development Officer be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Murray
Seconded: Cllr Cameron
CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 1:10pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 13th February 2018.

Mayor

General Manager