



# **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1 May 2018  
(Postponed 24 April 2018)**

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**Note: The meeting originally scheduled for 24 April, 2018 was postponed to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 when a quorum was not present at 10:30am**

**PRESENT**

Clr Ian Woodcock  
 Clr Manuel Martinez  
 Clr Bill Murray  
 Clr Tanya Cameron

**ABSENT**

Clr Jane Keir  
 Clr Robert Turnbull  
 Clr Michael Taylor  
 Clr Kelly Smith  
 Clr Lawrence Walford

<b>MINUTES OF THE POSTPONED ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE          COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON          TUESDAY 1 MAY 2018 AT 10:15AM</b>
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**PRESENT**

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

**Leave of Absence****5/2018/1 Leave of absence****Resolved:**

That leave of absence received from Clr Taylor and Clr Cameron be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

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

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

Staff/ Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/ Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr J Keir	11.4.2 15.2.1	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr M Martinez	11.4.4	Pecuniary	Related to field of work/family business
Clr R Turnbull	11.4.4	Pecuniary	Relationship to Clr Martinez

**5/2018/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved: Clr Murray**  
**Seconded: Clr Smith**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/3 Local Area Traffic Committee Minutes – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the LATC meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

**Moved: Clr Smith**  
**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/4 Walgett Level Crossing Meeting Minutes – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Walgett Level Crossing meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

**Moved: Clr Smith**  
**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/5 OROC Meeting Minutes – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the OROC meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Keir**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/6 Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

1. That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.
2. Council review the policy of providing water to both town properties and areas outside town areas.

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

**5/2018/7 Notice of Motion – Walgett Community College****Resolved:**

Can a feasibility study be undertaken into the provision, by Council, of a bus to transport high school students on a daily basis from Walgett to Lightning Ridge High School.

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

**5/2018/8 Notice of Motion – Walgett/ Collarenebri Swimming Pool****Resolved:**

That the contract for the Walgett/Collarenebri Swimming Pool be extended to include school holidays eg. Easter, End of Term I and term III and also investigate the option of including the Walgett Bore baths into the contract during the winter season.

**Moved:** Clr Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/9 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at April 2018 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Smith left the meeting at 11:24am*

**5/2018/10 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars dated 23/03/18, 29/03/18, 6/04/18 & 13/04/18 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Smith returned to the meeting at 11:28am*

**5/2018/11 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular No 18-09 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/12 Monthly Calendar April – June 2018****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period April – June 2018.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/13 Office of Local Government – Financial and Asset Management Reports****Resolved:**

Council receive and note the General Manager's Report in respect of reports prepared by T-Corp and Morrison Low.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/14 Round 2 Stronger Country Communities Fund – Determination of Priorities for Projects for Submitted for Consideration**
**Resolved:**

The following projects be made under Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund in the following prioritised ranking;

1. Lightning Ridge Sporting Precinct Multi-Purpose Facility
2. Upgrade of the Come By Chance Community Hall
3. Collarenebri Recreational Project
4. Enhancing Parks and Playgrounds Project - Stage 2
5. Walgett Cemetery Upgrade - Stage 2
6. Walgett Bore Bath Upgrade
7. Walgett Aero Club Training Accommodation Block

**Moved: Walford**

**Seconded: Murray**

**CARRIED**

**5/2018/15 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only – April 2018**
**Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Smith**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**5/2018/16 Cash and Investment Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**
**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Keir**

**Seconded: Clr Murray**

**CARRIED**

**5/2018/17 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31st March 2018**
**Resolved:**

The March 2018 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Walford**

**CARRIED**

**5/2018/18 Revised Investment Policy****Resolved:**

That the report be received and Council adopt the revised Investment policy as presented.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/19 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 Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/20 Animals and Regulatory Matters – Trial with North West Vets - Euthanasia****Resolved:**

Council note the above report in relation to a three month trial with North West Vets to provide euthanasia services to Council and anticipate a summary of the trial to be tabled in a full report to Council.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/21 Place Naming Request – Burren Junction Park****Resolved:**

Rename the Burren Junction Park to 'Coronation Park' as it is the most frequently suggested name by the community and include the words 'kindly donated by Bill Finley' on the plaque.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**5/2018/22 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Environmental Services**

**Recommendation:**

Receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention, or information only.

**Moved: Clr Walford**  
**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/23 Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering / Technical Services**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for March 2018.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**  
**Seconded: Clr Martinez**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir left the meeting room at 12:01pm*

**5/2018/24 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for March 2018.

**Moved: Clr Smith**  
**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 12.07pm*

**5/2018/25 Western Division Roads Closure**

**Resolved:**

That Council endorses action taken to consent to NSW Department of Industry's proposal to close WDR network within Walgett Shire Council Local Government Area.

**Moved: Clr Murray**  
**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Martinez and Turnbull left the meeting room at 12.15pm*



### 5/2018/26 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only – Engineering/Technical Services

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and notes items 1-6 in the report and that item 7 be deferred until the May meeting (no quorum present).

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

*Clr Martinez and Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 12:25pm*

### Questions for Next Meeting

**Clr Murray**

Q1: Can Council provide an update on the Burren Junction – Pilliga Road?

Q2: Can Council investigate the duck problem at the Walgett Bore Bath?

Q3: Can Council inspect the patching works on the Walgett to Carinda Road?

**Clr Turnbull**

Q1: Can Council talk to Telstra about boosting phone signal in the Shire?

Q2: The grids on the Burransbaa Road need fixing?

### 5/2018/27 Move into Closed Session at 12.45pm

**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:

- (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 Turnbull

**CARRIED**

### 5/2018/28 Legal Advice – Lightning Ridge Car Door Tours

**Resolved:**

It would be appropriate for Council to enter into negotiations with the DoL as the agency responsible for Western Land Leases/Crown Land to undertake maintenance of the private roads on which the “car door tours” operate or alternatively take the necessary steps to dedicate them as public roads.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**5/2018/29 Legal Advice – Status of Opal Field Tracks****Resolved:**

That Council commence a dialog in relation to the dedication of “backbone” tracks on the opal fields as public roads by DoI under the care and control of Walgett Shire Council with funding sourced by Department of Resources and Energy through mineral claims/licences be made available to Walgett Shire Council for routine maintenance.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir left the meeting room at 12:55pm*

**5/2018/30 RFT18/003 Design and Construction of Goangra Bridge****Resolved:**

1. That Council accepts the revised tender for RFT18/003 from Murray Constructions in the sum of \$1,590,256 including GST to design and construct an 80m long bridge, in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document, AND
2. That Council resolves to allocate an additional \$760,000 from loan funds to complete the project.
3. Council borrow the difference between unspent loan funds and the Council contribution required as a new loan.

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

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 1:07pm*

*Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.08pm*  
*Meeting resumed at 1.45pm*

**5/2018/31 Landfill Management & Operations - Walgett & Lightning Ridge****Resolved:**

That Council defer the matter to allow negotiations to be undertaken with the existing contractor with regards an extension to the present contract and possible acquisition of plant and equipment and prepare a report to the May 2018 meeting.

**Moved: Clr Murray**  
**Seconded: Clr Smith**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2018/32 Review of Drug and Alcohol Policy****Resolved:**

That the Draft Walgett Shire Council Drug and Alcohol Policy be adopted in principle by Council.

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**5/2018/33 Return to Open Session at 2.30pm****Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved:** Clr Smith

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**5/2018/34 Adoption of Closed Session Reports****Resolved:**

That Council adopt the following recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports;

**1. Legal Advice – Lightning Ridge Car Door Tours**

It would be appropriate for Council to enter into negotiations with the DoL as the agency responsible for Western Land Leases/Crown Land to undertake maintenance of the private roads on which the “car door tours” operate or alternatively take the necessary steps to dedicate them as public roads.

**2. Legal Advice – Status of Opal Field Tracks**

That Council commence a dialog in relation to the dedication of “backbone” tracks on the opal fields as public roads by DoI under the care and control of Walgett Shire Council with funding sourced by Department of Resources and Energy through mineral claims/licences be made available to Walgett Shire Council for routine maintenance.

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c. Council borrow the difference between unspent loan funds and the Council contribution required as a new loan.

**4. Landfill Management & Operations - Walgett & Lightning Ridge**

That Council defer the matter to allow negotiations to be undertaken with the existing contractor with regards an extension to the present contract and possible acquisition of plant and equipment and prepare a report to the May 2018 meeting.

**5. Review of Drug and Alcohol Policy**

That the Draft Walgett Shire Council Drug and Alcohol Policy be adopted in principle by Council.

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

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 2.31pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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Mayor

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General Manager