



# **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **26 June 2018**

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS HALL ON TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2018 AT  
10:20AM**

**PRESENT**

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

**Public Presentations:**

*The Mayor presided over the Citizenship Ceremony.*

*The Mayor presented the Dick Colless Scholarships Awards*

*The NSW Police – Inspector David Checkley provided an update on the re-structure of the organisation*

*Representatives from Impact Environmental presented a summary to Council of the information collected through Shire wide waste strategy surveys.*

**Leave of Absence – Nil****Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

<b>Staff/ Councillor</b>	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Pecuniary/ Non-Pecuniary</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Clr Turnbull	15.3.1 <i>Supplementary Report – Walgett Main Street Beautification</i>	Pecuniary	Related field of work and relationship to Clr Martinez
Clr Martinez	15.3.1 <i>Supplementary Report – Walgett Main Street Beautification</i>	Pecuniary	Related field of work and relationship to Clr Turnbull
Clr Keir	15.3.1 15.2.2	Pecuniary	Related field of work

**10/2018/1 Minutes of Extra Ordinary Council Meeting – 18 May 2018****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held 18 May 2018, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 22 May 2018****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 22 May 2018, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting and amendments endorsed.

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

**10/2018/3 Minutes of Extra Ordinary Council Meeting – 15 June 2018****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held 15 June 2018, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

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

**10/2018/4 Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the verbal Mayoral report.

**Moved:** Clr Walford  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith  
**CARRIED**

**10/2018/5 Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering / Technical Services****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Cameron  
**CARRIED**

**10/2018/6 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services****Resolved:**

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

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

**10/2018/7 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only – Engineering/ Technical Services**
**Resolved:**

That Council receives and notes this report from the Director of Engineering and Technical Services.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Clr Cameron  
**CARRIED**

**10/2018/8 Council's Decision Action Report**
**Resolved:**

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

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

**10/2018/9 Weekly's received from the Local Government NSW**
**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the weekly circulars dated 18/05/18, 25/05/18, 1/06/18, 8/06/18 & 25/06/18 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

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

**10/2018/10 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**
**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars No 18-18, 18-17, 18-16, 18-15, 18-14 and 18-13 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Cameron  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford  
**CARRIED**

**10/2018/11 Monthly Calendar June – August 2018****Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/12 Fees for Mayor and Councillors 2018/2019****Resolved:**

That the Council fees be set at the maximum level set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal;

1. The Councillor fee for 2018/19 be \$11,860
2. The Mayoral fee for 2018/19 be \$25,880
3. 25% of the Mayoral fee be allocated to the Councillor who occupies the position of Deputy Mayor

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/13 CMCC – Administration Function****Resolved:**

That the General Manager's Report be received and note and Council continue to provide the administrative function for the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council on a cost recovery basis.

**Moved: Clr Cameron**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/14 Organisational Structure – Additional Positions****Resolved:**

That the General Manager's Report be received and noted and the creation of eight new positions on Council's organisational structure, four landfill operators and one street sweeper operator and three engineering project officers be endorsed.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**

**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/15 Joint Organisations – Formation Update****Resolved:**

That Council endorse the action taken to commence the formation of the Far North West Joint Organisation.

**Moved:** Clr Taylor

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/16 Cross Border Tourism Concept****Resolved:**

That the General Manager's report be received and noted and the action taken be endorsed with seed funding of \$5,000 being included in Council's 2018/19

**Moved:** Clr Martinez

**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/17 Joint Project – Human Resources Management – with Bourke and Brewarrina Shires****Resolved:**

That Council receive and not the General's Managers report and endorse the action being taken.

**Moved:** Clr Cameron

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

*Clr Martinez left the meeting at 12.24pm*

**10/2018/18 Economic Development Report****Resolved:**

That the Economic Development report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

*Clr Martinez returned to the meeting at 12.28pm*

**10/2018/19 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From General Manager**
**Resolved:**

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the General Manager be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Keir**  
**Seconded: Clr Cameron**  
**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.34pm*  
*The meeting resumed at 1.21pm, Clr Keir was not present at this point in time.*

**10/2018/20 Cash and Investment Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018**
**Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Smith**  
**CARRIED**

**10/2018/21 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**
**Resolved:**

The May 2018 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Cameron**  
**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**  
**CARRIED**

**10/2018/22 Fence around Playground Equipment at Len Cram Park**
**Resolved:**

That Council finances the fencing project from a transfer from the Lightning Ridge toilet upgrade reserve in 18/19, and the \$20,000 be placed into the Len Cram park fence reserve at the 30th June 2018.

**Moved: Clr Smith**  
**Seconded: Clr Walford**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 1:41pm*

### 10/2018/23 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 in the following areas; Property Matters, Finance & Administration and Community Services be received and noted.

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

### 10/2018/24 Refund of Activity Application Fees - Review

**Resolved:**

That Council refund Mr John McGovern a total \$100.00 for fees paid for his application to Council under the Local Government Act to hold a BBQ on Council's footpath

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford  
**CARRIED**

### 10/2018/25 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

**Resolved:**

That Council note the above in relation to the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and how it impacts on development.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

### 10/2018/26 Matters for Brief Mention, Environmental Services

**Resolved:**

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

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

### Questions for Next Meeting

**Clr Taylor**

Q1: Can 2 signs advertising the weekend markets at Lightning Ridge be placed on the Highway to Walgett, from Hebel way?



**Clr Keir**

Q1: *The Office of Environment and Heritage is requesting information from local Councils in relation to land clearing, they are asking for information such as DA for the land clearing in the form of an affidavit which is not appropriate as Local Government does not have anything to do with land clearing. Moree Council has already declines the requests.*

Q2: *A local business in Peel Street has asked will there be a chiller installed on a block of land? Will this be a change of use application and will the application be on public exhibition?*

**10/2018/27 Move into Closed Session at 2:14pm****Resolved:**

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

- (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)
- (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 Smith**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/28 Northern Basin Review – Impact on Collarenebri****Resolved:**

That the General Manager's Report be received and noted and the action being taken be endorsed and further that a small working party be established to identify and investigate possible projects for Collarenebri.

**Moved: Clr Smith**

**Seconded: Clr Cameron**

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/29 Air Services Update****Recommendation:**

That Council's information.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**

**Seconded: Clr Keir**

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/30 Future of Colless Grandstand at Walgett Showground****Resolved:**

That Council (a) Conduct a broad community consultation meeting with local community and showground user groups to determine if users would like the grandstand replaced, and if community support is for a new grandstand Councils proceeds with (b) (c) and (d),  
 (b) Council call for quotations to demolish the existing Colless grandstand  
 (c) Council acquire quotations for the construction of 3 X 5 Tier X 6 m wide prefabricated grandstand system to be erected on the site of the old Colless grandstand.  
 (d) The new structure be called the "Colless Grandstand".

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

*Clr Keir left the meeting room at 2:35pm*

**10/2018/31 Loan Borrowing for Construction of Goangra Bridge****Resolved:**

That Council accepts the proposal from the Commonwealth Bank for the borrowing of \$700,000 for a period of 16 years with quarterly principal repayments at an indicative interest rate of 4.03% pa.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Smith**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Turnbull and Clr Martinez left the meeting room at 2:37pm*

**10/2018/32 Casual Plant Hire Tenders – 2018/2019****Resolved:**

That Council accepts tenders from the following businesses for RFQ18/014 Request for Quotation: Casual Plant Hire, subject to further compliance checks.

Rollers Australia Pty Ltd  
 Newbold Bulk Haulage Pty Ltd  
 Manuel Martinez  
 Hiway Stabilizers Australia  
 Hill Earthmoving  
 Stabilco Pty Ltd  
 MAAS Plant Hire  
 Barrocloud Pty Ltd  
 Thurstons Transport  
 A1 Tree Services Pty Ltd  
 Wax Grading  
 PR & JA Cochrane  
 Bow's Sand & Gravel  
 Michael Hughes Transport  
 JR Weate Pty Ltd

Coates Hire Operations  
 Earth Plant Hire Pty Ltd  
 Western Plant Hire  
 Neil Earthmoving Pty Ltd  
 Hunters Ag Services  
 Sherrin Rentals  
 Carbon Farming Pty Ltd  
 RGT Cochrane  
 Conplant Pty Ltd  
 Wintergreen Investments Pty Ltd  
 PG & ME Stewart  
 Robert Lloyd Lewis  
 Batterline Earthmoving Pty Ltd  
 Ridgerock Earthmoving & Mining  
 Doncorp Pty Ltd  
 Robert Rubie  
 The Mining Pty Ltd  
 PremiAir Serives Pty Ltd

**Moved:       Clr Smith**  
**Seconded:   Clr Cameron**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting room at 2:42pm*

#### **10/2018/33 RFT18/015 and RFT18/016 Walgett Main Street Beautification**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council accepts the tender for Replacement of Kerb and Gutter in Fox St (Euroka – Wee Waa) RFT18/015 from *Allkerb* in the sum of \$187,306.68 including GST, in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document, AND
2. That Council accepts the tender for Replacement of Footpath in Fox St (Euroka – Wee Waa) RFT18/016 from *Paul Weeks* in the sum of \$498,500.00 including GST, in accordance with the specifications forming part of the tender document,

Subject to *Allkerb and Paul Weeks* using local labour during the works.

**Moved:       Clr Keir**  
**Seconded:   Clr Taylor**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Turnbull and Clr Martinez returned to the meeting room at 2:53pm*

#### **10/2018/34 Senior Staff - Contract Renewal Procedure**

**Resolved:**

Deferred for the consideration of the new General Manager.

**Moved:       Clr Keir**  
**Seconded:   Clr Taylor**  
**CARRIED**

**10/2018/35 Interim General Manager/Selection Panel**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager and Mayor to appoint an interim General Manager.
2. The selection panel for the interviews to shortlist applicants for the position of General Manager consist of Councillors; Woodcock, Martinez, Taylor, Murray and Keir and the interviews for shortlisting be held in Dubbo on the 12/13 July 2018.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/36 Return to Open Session at 3.04pm**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved: Clr Walford**

**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**

**CARRIED**

**10/2018/37 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

**Moved: Clr Taylor**

**Seconded: Clr Cameron**

**CARRIED**

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 3:05pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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Mayor

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General Manager