



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 27th August 2019

Michael Urquhart
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2019 AT 10:20AM

OPEN FORUM**Public Presentations:**

Mr John Knight addressed Council in relation to the Burransbaa Road proposal. He was the spokesperson for a group of 13 landholders including the Australia Post mail contractor and the school bus proprietor. Focus was placed on the following;

- Farming families and residents of the area welcome the proposal; construction of a bitumen road from Lightning Ridge to Collarenebri via the Burransbaa Road.
- It is imperative that the Burransbaa Road be upgraded to meet forward contract with grain, wool and livestock. The area is highly productive and continually expanding; livestock, feed lots, wool production and grain growing.
- Currently the Burransbaa Road is impassable after small amounts of rain which affects the school bus run, emergency and medical services and the mail run. With long spells of drought the road conditions become increasingly hazardous.
- The road has been a designated school bus and mail route since 1995.
- This is the first major road project that has been recognised in the North of Lightning Ridge to support landholders and agricultural enterprises.
- It is paramount that the upgrade the Burransbaa Road to bitumen be a priority for Council, no alternative.

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:20am

PRESENT

Clr Manuel Martinez (Mayor)
 Clr Ian Woodcock (Deputy Mayor)
 Clr Bill Murray
 Clr Tanya Cameron
 Clr Lawrence Walford
 Clr Kelly Smith
 Clr Robert Turnbull
 Michael Urquhart (Acting General Manager)
 Jessica McDonald (Director Environmental Services)
 Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering/Technical Services)
 Rebecca Wilson (Minute Secretary)
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

ABSENT

Greg Ingham
 Clr Jane Keir
 Clr Michael Taylor

7/2019/1 Leave of Absence

Resolved:

That the leave of absence received from Clr Jane Keir and Clr Michael Taylor are accepted and a leave of absence is granted.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Martinez	11.3.2	Pecuniary	Family Business Related
Clr Martinez	13.2	Pecuniary	Family Business Related
Clr Turnbull	11.3.2	Pecuniary	Family Business Related
Clr Turnbull	13.2	Pecuniary	Family Business Related

7/2019/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 30 July 2019**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 30 July 2019, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting and amendment by Councillor Cameron endorsed.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

7/2019/3 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That the Council receive and note the verbal Mayoral Report.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

7/2019/4 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at July 2019 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Woodcock
CARRIED

7/2019/5 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 19-16 to 19-17 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

7/2019/6 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings and Events**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

7/2019/7 General Manager Activities/Meeting June to July 2019**Resolved:**

That the General Manager Activity report for June-July 2019 be received.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

7/2019/8 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**Resolved:**

That the outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

7/2019/9 Cash and Investment Report as at 31st July 2019**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 31st July 2019 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

7/2019/10 Policy Review – Financial Management & control, Conditions of Employment, Equal Employment Opportunity, CCTV Workplace Surveillance and Email and Internet**Resolved:**

1. That the report be received
2. That Council adopts the revised policies as presented
 - a) Financial Management and Control
 - b) Conditions of Employment
 - c) Equal Employment Opportunity
 - d) CCTV Workplace Surveillance
 - e) Email and Internet

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Woodcock
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.37am.

The meeting resumed at 10.59am.

7/2019/11 2019/2020 Fees and Charges – Correction

Resolved:

1. That Council place the new fees and charges on display for a period of 28 days calling for public comment.
2. Council note the amendment in the report in relation to the Walgett Showground Pavilion Bond refundable from \$320.00 to \$330.00.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

7/2019/12 Section 356 Sponsorship Rotary Club of Dubbo South Toyota Tour de OROC Sponsorship

Resolved:

1. Council nominate to become a silver sponsor (\$2000) for the Toyota Tour de OROC which is run by the Rotary Club of Dubbo to raise funds for the Macquarie Home Stay.
2. Council adjust the Section 356 budget allocation accordingly to accommodate the Sponsorship.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Murray
CARRIED

7/2019/13 Fourth Quarter Operational Plan and Year End Delivery Program 2018/2019

Resolved:

That the content of the report be noted and Council accept the progress made on the 18/19 operational plan and delivery program as at 30th June 2019.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Woodcock
CARRIED

Clr Walford left the meeting room at 11:18am

7/2019/14 Community Assistance Scheme Donations 2019/2020 – Round 1 Applications**Resolved:**

That Council donate to below funds to the respective organisations for the applied community projects;

1. Lightning Ridge Community Garden – For improvements to community garden - \$0 (Does not meet the guidelines for funding)
2. Collarenebri Watersports Club – For the Carp Muster and Cod Classic Event, and purchase of fingerlings - \$1000
3. Walgett School of Distance Education - Swimming Clinic - \$2495
4. Walgett Jockey Club – Covering the cost of entertainment at the race meet - \$500
5. Walgett Bushman's Carnival – Covering the cost of entertainment at the race meet - \$500
6. Lightning Ridge District Bowling Clun – Sponsorship for the Peter Williams Black Opal Bowls Classic - \$500
7. Let's Dance Carinda – David Bowie Event assistance with concert - \$3000
8. Country Education Foundation of Walgett – Fundraising/support for students and scholarship workshops and grant sourcing for Walgett branch - \$2970

Moved: Cllr Turnbull

Seconded: Cllr Murray

CARRIED

Cllr Murray declared a non-pecuniary interest in report 11.2.8 as he is a member of the Walgett Jockey Club.

Cllr Walford returned to the meeting at 11.36am

7/2019/15 Walgett Showground Watering System Contribution**Resolved:**

That Council make a contribution of \$25,000 towards the installation of an automatic water system at the Walgett Showground including the pavilion, stable and arena areas of the complex.

Moved: Cllr Cameron

Seconded: Cllr Woodcock

CARRIED

7/2019/16 Quarterly Budget Review Statement 2018/2019**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 30th June 2019 as tabled, noting the transfer to and from reserves for 2018/19.

Moved: Cllr Walford

Seconded: Cllr Turnbull

CARRIED

7/2019/17 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From Chief Financial Officer
Resolved:

That Council Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From Chief Financial Officer in the following areas: property matters, finance and administration and community services be received.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

Mayor Martinez and Clr Turnbull declared a pecuniary interest and left the room at 12:04pm. Deputy Mayor Woodcock assumed the chair.

7/2019/18 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – August 2019
Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for August 2019.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

Mayor Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting at 12.14pm and Mayor Martinez resumed the chair.

7/2019/19 Monthly Service Progress Report – August 2019
Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for August 2019.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

7/2019/20 Ned's Dam
Resolved:

That Council note and approve the request to provide five (5) mega litres to half fill Ned's Dam in Grawin as per Council's fees and chargers subject to the Office of Water approval.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

7/2019/21 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from Director Engineering Technical Services

Resolved:

That the matters generally for brief mention or information only from the Director Engineering/Technical Services be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Clr Murray left the meeting room at 12:30pm

Clr Murray returned to the meeting room at 12:33pm

7/2019/22 Alcohol Free Zone Continuation

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Keep the alcohol free zones in Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge for four years over the same areas as the existing zones.
2. Undertaken notification that alcohol free zones have been established in Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge for four years, over the same areas as the existing zones via;
 - (a) Public Notice in the Walgett Spectator and
 - (b) Public notice on the Walgett Shire Council website and Facebook page
3. Update alcohol free zone signage in Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge in accordance with the relevant legislations.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

7/2019/23 Request for Planning Proposal – George Mulder

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

Write to Mr Mulder and advise that he should engage the appropriately qualified person/s to prepare a planning proposal for the rezoning of the affected land for submission to Department of Planning and Environment.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

7/2019/24 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from Director Environmental Services

Resolved:

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

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:27pm

The meeting resumed at 1:05pm

7/2019/25 Move into Closed Session

Time: 1:05pm

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 Murray

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

7/2019/26 Discharge of Mortgage – Carinda Golf Club

Resolved:

That Council commence legal action to extinguish the mortgage held over Lot 3 DP 751556 with the cost being met by the Carinda Golf Club Committee.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

7/2019/27 Electric Line Interface Agreement between Walgett Shire Council and Walgett Solar Farm – Report deferred till next Council Meeting

Resolved:

That Council defer the report till next Council Meeting for consideration.

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Mayor Martinez and Clr Turnbull declared a pecuniary interest and left the room at 1.23pm. Deputy Mayor Woodcock assumed the chair.

7/2019/28 RFQ 19/024 Reconstruction and Sealing of 5km of RR457 Gundabloui Road

Resolved:

That Council accepts the tender for Reconstruction and Sealing of 5km of RR103 Gundabloui Road RFT 19/024 from Country Wide Asphalt in the sum of \$1,166,000.00 including GST.

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

Mayor Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting at 1.33pm and Mayor Martinez resumed the chair.

7/2019/29 Walgett Levee Stage 4 – Non Compliance Rectification Works – RFT 10024531

Resolved:

1. That the tender submitted by Countrywide Asphalt P/L be passed over as late and
2. The tender submitted by Batterline Earthmoving P/L, in the recommendation Tender Amount \$363,630 (including GST) be accepted for Contract No. RFT 10024531 for Walgett Levee Stage 4- Non Compliance Rectification Works subject to funding approval.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

7/2019/30 Return to Open Session

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

5/2019/31 Adoption of closed session reports

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

Moved: Clr Smith
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

Questions for Next Meeting

Clr Turnbull

Q1: Can a table and bench be installed at Opal Park in Light Ridge on the Southern side?

Q2: Can the street sweeper, clean up all truck stop areas?

Clr Woodcock

Q1: Can Council advertise the breakdown of funds for the Lightning Ridge Swimming Pool Complex into the respective infrastructure i.e. Olympic Pool, Theme Park, Indoor Sports Centre and Diving complex?

Q2: Can Council present a report on the Lightning Ridge Water Fund?

Q3: Can Council arrange for Dot Thompson to be listed as an Honorary Ranger of Lightning Ridge and paid an honorary fee?

Mayor Martinez

Q1: Can the overflow water from Collarenebri water treatment plant be put back into the unfiltered water system?

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 1:56pm.

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Mayor

Acting General Manager