



MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 17th December 2019

Michael Urquhart
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2019 AT 11:21am**

OPEN FORUM**Public Presentations:**

Toby Moore; Presentation requesting Council action towards creating a community grant writer position.

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:21 am

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Mr Greg Ingham

Leave of Absence**12/2019/1 Leave of Absence****Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Greg Ingham is accepted and leave of absence is granted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary
Clr Martinez	11.3.1	Pecuniary
Clr Turnbull	11.3.1	Pecuniary
Clr Keir	11.3.3 (part 3. d)	Pecuniary

12/2019/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 November 2019**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 26 November 2019, having been circulated and amended, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock

Seconded: Cllr Taylor

CARRIED

12/2019/3 Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That the Council receive and note the tabled Mayoral Report.

Moved: Cllr Walford

Seconded: Cllr Smith

CARRIED

12/2019/4 Notice of Motion – Cllr Turnbull**Resolved:**

Council investigate the options of highlighting Mr Frederick York Wolseley's contribution towards the shearing industry in the form of a monument and associated historical information.

Moved: Cllr Turnbull

Seconded: Cllr Woodcock

CARRIED

12/2019/5 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Smith

CARRIED

12/2019/6 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings and Events**Resolved:**

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

Moved: Cllr Keir

Seconded: Cllr Cameron

CARRIED

12/2019/7 General Manager Activities/Meetings for December 2019**Resolved:**

That that General Manager Activity report for December 2019 be received.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2019/8 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**Resolved:**

The outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

12/2019/9 Cash and Investment Report as at 30th November 2019**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 30th November 2019 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

12/2019/10 2017-2018 Audited financial statements and audit report**Resolved:**

That Council receive the Audited Financial Reports together with the Auditor's Reports for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

12/2019/11 Drug and Alcohol Policy - Review**Resolved:**

- That the Chief Financial Officer's report be received.
- The Walgett Shire Council Drug & Alcohol Policy as presented be adopted
- The policy be placed on display at Council work sites for a period of 28 days, and during this time staff can make submission regarding the changes.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2019/12 Local Preference Purchasing Policy**Resolved:**

That the Chief Financial Officer's report be received and noted and the local preference purchasing policy be adopted.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Murray

CARRIED

12/2019/13 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 Keir

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Mayor Martinez and Clr Turnbull declared a pecuniary interest and left the room at 11.47am. Deputy Mayor Woodcock assumed the chair.

12/2019/14 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report from Director Technical / Engineering Services**Resolved:**

That Council receive & note the monthly maintenance grading works report for December 2019.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Mayor Martinez and Clr Turnbull returned to the meeting at 11.51am and Mayor Martinez resumed the chair.

12/2019/15 Installation of Pipe System for the Lightning Ridge Miners Association**Resolved:**

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council source from the water funding for \$33,000 ex GST to complete the pipe work including a flow meter. The length of the pipe work is 1.7 km and diameter is 100mm (ID).

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

12/2019/16 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – Director of Engineering/Technical Services
Resolved:

That the Matters Generally for Brief mention or Information only from the Director engineering/ Technical Services be received and noted. (Excluding discussion on Part 3 section d; bridge approach on Cryon Road)

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest in report 11.3.3 Part 3 section d and left the room at 11.58am.

12/2019/17 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – Director of Engineering/Technical Services
Resolved:

That the Matters Generally for Brief mention or Information only from the Director engineering/ Technical Services be received and noted in regards to Part 3 section d (Bridge approach on Cryon Road).

Moved: Clr Murray

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 11.59am.

12/2019/18 BBRF Application – Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Centre
Resolved:

1. Council make an application under the Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Stream Round 4 – Drought Support for the new build of a Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Centre
2. Council fund its 25% contribution of \$598,228 from the unallocated loan borrowings.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

12/2019/19 Columbarium at the Cumborah Cemetery
Resolved:

Walgett Shire Council allocate \$5000.00 total from the reserves for the Walgett Memorial Wall towards the construction of the Cumborah Memorial Wall.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

12/2019/20 Australian Opal Centre – Funding Agreement**Resolved:**

1. That the Chief Financial Officer report be received.
2. That the Mayor be authorised to execute the official “Funding Agreement” between the Walgett Shire Council and The Lightning Ridge Opal & Fossil Centre Inc which is as per the abovementioned Council resolution

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

Note: Clr Cameron, Clr Murray and Clr Keir requested to have their vote recorded abstention the motion.

12/2019/21 Move into Closed Session

Time: 12.08pm

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 Keir

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

12/2019/22 Resignation of the General Manager Mr Greg Ingham**Resolved:**

1. Council formally accept the resignation of Mr Greg Ingham.
2. The Mayor be authorised to seek three quotes from recruitment agencies and engage the preferred agency to undertake the recruitment process for the General Manager position.
3. The full Council (9 Councillors) be involved in the recruitment process.
4. Michael Urquhart be appointed as the Acting General Manager from the 17th January 2020 until a General Manager is appointed to the position.
5. That the current General Manager be offered an exit meeting.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Note: No report presented on the PCYC proposal.

12/2019/23 Recycling Storage Shed – Lightning Ridge

Resolved:

That Council investigate the suitability of block of land near the racecourse in Lightning Ridge for the establishment of a recycling facility in Lightning Ridge.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

12/2019/24 Return to Open Session

Resolved:

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

11/2019/34 Adoption of closed session reports

Resolved:

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 12.34pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Mayor

Acting General Manager