

Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI

10:00AM, MONDAY 31ST JULY 2017

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUNDAGAI AT 10:00AM ON MONDAY, 31 JULY, 2017

PRESENT

Administrator, Stephen Sykes, Interim General Manager, Allen Dwyer, Director Asset Management, Phil McMurray, Director Corporate Services, Kate Monaghan, Director Development & Community, Chris Imrie and Director Operations, Ray Graham.

1. OPEN FORUM

List of Speakers

1. DENNIS PALMER:

In support of item 7.1.1.3 Minor Amendment to Gundagai LEP 2011 Under Section 73A and advocating for the minimisation of red tape to such applications wherever possible to facilitate economic development.

2. ROS WIGHT:

- Complimented Council on communication transparency.
- Expressed concern about negative comments in the report on item 7.3.1.2 Request to Amend Fees Structure Cootamundra Saleyards.

3. MARY DONNELLY:

- In relation to 7.1.1.4, Muttama Creek Flood Study and Mitigation, highlighted the need for major vegetation clearing and cleaning.
- Expressed support for the concept of redirecting heavy vehicles around the south eastern edge of Cootamundra.

4. ABB MCALISTER:

Questioned why the former Gundagai LGA town and park signage has not been replaced with Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council signage?



5. MICHAEL KINGWELL:

- Questioned whether proposed garbage changes in the village areas will be occurring?
- Enquired as to when Shed Creek bridge construction will commence?
- Enquired as to the whereabouts of the Adjungbilly Shire Photo?

6. DAVID GRAHAM:

- Noted that reference to \$0.91 on page 46 of 7.3.1.2 Request to Amend Fees Structure Cootamundra Saleyards should be \$0.091.
- In relation to item 7.2.1.1 Proposal to Combine the Water and Sewer Funds for the Regional Council, suggested there be more discussion on the matter before being determined by the new Council.
- Enquired as to why there have been variations in Council's R2R allocations?
- Enquired as to why only \$200k for road funding under the Stronger Communities Fund for each of the former Councils was included?

7. ROD CHALMERS:

Enquired as to what happens to unspent Stronger Communities Funding in the event that actual expenditure is less than the budget or Council is unable to secure matching grant allocations?

8. PETER MURRAY

- Expressed a view that Council should inform residents about the operation of the proportional voting system in the forthcoming elections.
- Advised that a sign in the village beyond Stockinbingal refers to Cootamundra Shire.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Administrator acknowledged the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land at which the meeting was held and paid his respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extended that respect to other Aboriginal people who were present.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil



4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosures of Interest:

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

01/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Monday 26 June 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6 ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTES

6.1 CORRESPONDENCE TO THE ADMINISTRATOR

02/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

The correspondence to the Administrator be noted.

6.2 COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES

03/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

Council commit to the MOU and work with the NSW Department of Education to better utilise its facilities for the benefit of the community.

6.3 MOU BETWEEN THE COALITION OF COUNCILS AND CONSOLIDATION LAND AND RAIL AQUISITION

04/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

Council provide in principle support for the draft proposal and agree to be a party to the MOU.

7 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

7.1 DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

7.1.1 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING

7.1.1.1 MINOR AMENDMENT TO GUNDAGAI LEP 2011 UNDER SECTION 73A

05/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

1. Council approves the proposed 73A Amendment to the Gundagai LEP 2011 to correct misdescriptions under Schedule 5 only.
2. 149 Certificates for the former Gundagai Shire area be manually generated and only signed off by the General Manager.

PLANNING DECISION VOTING RECORD	
FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Stephen Sykes	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Nil	Nil

7.1.1.2 PROPOSAL TO REPEAL THE COOTAMUNDRA SECTION 94 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2014

06/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

Council resolves to publically notify that the Cootamundra Section 94 Development Contributions Plan be repealed as of the date of notification.

PLANNING DECISION VOTING RECORD	
FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Stephen Sykes	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Nil	Nil

7.1.1.3 PLANNING PROPOSAL - ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USE UNDER SCHEDULE 1 OF THE COOTAMUNDRA LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2013

07/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

Council place the planning proposal for the inclusion of 'service station and liquid fuel depot' in a proposed Schedule 1 – Additional Permitted Uses amendment to the site identified in the SP2 – Infrastructure Zone, on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days, once endorsement of the Heritage Impact Statement is given by the Office of Environment and Heritage.



PLANNING DECISION VOTING RECORD	
FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Stephen Sykes	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Nil	Nil

7.1.1.4 MUTTAMA CREEK FLOOD STUDY AND MITIGATION

08/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

1. The concerns of the residents be taken into account with regard to the creek cleaning and proposed new development.
2. The proposed flood study be prepared in conjunction with local advice.
3. It be noted that funding for this project is to be funded from the Stormwater Mitigation Upgrade Project Allocation within the Stronger Communities Fund.

7.2 CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISON

7.2.1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

7.2.1.1 PROPOSAL TO COMBINE THE WATER AND SEWER FUNDS FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

09/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

The 2018-2019 Operational Plan be compiled on the basis of the water and sewer funds for the Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council being a single entity.

7.2.1.2 SPECIAL VARIATION TO RATES FROM 2008-09

10/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

Approval be sought to make application for the 2008-09 special rate variation of the former Gundagai Shire Council to be made permanent.

7.2.1.3 INVESTMENT REPORT

11/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

That the information be received and noted.



7.2.2 GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS SYSTEMS

7.2.2.1 COMMUNICATIONS

12/07/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

Council produce and distribute a newsletter on a fortnightly basis commencing 4th August, 2017

7.2.2.2 MULTI PURPOSE SHED AT THE COOTAMUNDRA SHOWGROUND

13/07/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

A letter of support be written for the APH&I application for \$28,000 funding through the 2017 Community Building Partnership Fund for the completion of the Multi-Purpose shed at the Cootamundra Showground.

7.2.2.3 DONATION REQUESTS

14/07/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

1. Council donate \$100 to contribute to the Boomerang Bags project, for the cost of silkscreens.
2. Council donate \$1,200 to contribute to the development of athletes from the Local Government Area.

7.2.3 HUMAN RESOURCES

7.2.3.1 AMENDMENT TO ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

15/07/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

The proposed changes be implemented.

7.3 OPERATIONS DIVISION

7.3.1 OPERATIONS

7.3.1.1 RATHMELLS LANE, COOTAMUNDRA – PETITION FOR SEALING

16/07/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

Council advise the signatories to the petition that the sealing of Rathmells lane will be undertaken as part of the stronger communities funding program.

7.3.1.2 REQUEST TO AMEND FEES STRUCTURE COOTAMUNDRA SALEYARDS

17/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

Note: It was noted reference to \$0.91 on page 46 should be \$0.091.

Council advertise the proposed amendment of the Saleyards Agents fees being to remove the annual fee of \$10,300 (inc GST) and replace with a per head of sheep fee of \$0.10 (inc GST) for 28 days for public comment.

.3.1.3 FIXING COUNTRY ROADS PROPOSAL - ADJUNGBILLY ROAD

18/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

An application be submitted under Fixing Country Roads Round 3 for Adjungbilly Road to a value of \$1,500,000 with Council providing a contribution of \$100,000 from the Roads to Recovery allocation from the 2017/18 financial year and \$200,000 from the Roads to Recovery allocation for 2018/19 financial year with \$200,000 from the Stronger Communities fund.

7.3.1.4 MOUNT ST – GOCUP ROAD INTERSECTION GUNDAGAI

19/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

The information be received and noted.

7.4 ASSET MANAGEMENT DIVISION

7.4.1 ASSET MANAGEMENT

7.4.1.1 MALONEY ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

20/07/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

Council adopt the Maloney Asset Management System report “Report Following the Survey of Road Assets for Cootamundra Gundagai RC June 2017” as a reference document only for planning expenditure on transport assets.

7.4.2 WATER AND SEWER

7.4.2.1 DEVELOPMENT OF A CONCEPT AND DETAILED DESIGN FOR THE GUNDAGAI STP

21/07/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

1. The General Manager be delegated authority to finalise contract negotiations generally in accordance with the draft Contractual Agreement as presented
2. The General Manager be delegated authority to enter into direct engagement of the NSW Department of Public Works to undertake the works required to expedite the construction of the Gundagai Sewer Treatment Plant and associated pump stations. The General Manager be delegated authority to accept any grant funding offered by the State or Federal Government for proposed Sewer Treatment Plant and associated works.
3. The General Manager be delegated authority to take any action necessary to expedite the progress of the proposed works.

7.4.3 SPECIAL PROJECTS

7.4.3.1 STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM

22/07/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

1. The Assessment Panel determination of projects for funding under the Stronger Communities Fund Major Projects Program as attached to this report be endorsed.
2. The General Manager be authorised to allocate appropriate resources to ensure that the Stronger Communities Fund Project Funding is spent or committed by 30th June, 2019 with all funding acquitted before 31st December, 2019.
3. The General Manager be authorised to make application for Stronger Country Communities funding before closing on 9th August, 2017 in accordance with the recommended projects outlined in this report.

LATE REPORTS

23/07/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

Late items be accepted for consideration.

1) FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NEW SEWAGE PLANT IN GUNDAGAI

24/07/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes



1. The information be noted;
2. The grant funding of \$10 million for the new Sewage Treatment Plant in Gundagai be accepted.
3. Letters be sent to the Premier of NSW, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, the Deputy Premier of NSW, the Hon John Barilaro MP, the Member for Cootamundra, Katrina Hodgkinson MP and the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water and Minister for Trade and Industry, the Hon Niall Blair MP, expressing appreciation for their assistance and support in securing the grant funding.

2) AUSTRALIAN ROAD TRANSPORT HERITAGE CENTRE GUNDAGAI

25/07/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

1. Council fund \$30,000.00 toward the costs of preparing a business case and interpretive plan for the project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.47AM.

These are the draft minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 31st July, 2017 and endorsed by:

ADMINISTRATOR

INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

