



Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI

Tuesday, 28th November, 2017

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS GUNDAGAI AT 6:00PM ON TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER, 2017

PRESENT

The Mayor, Cr Abb McAlister (Chairperson), Cr Leigh Bowden, Cr David Graham Cr Gil Kelly, Cr Penny Nicholson, Cr Dennis Palmer (Deputy Mayor), Cr Doug Phillips, Cr Charlie Sheahan, Allen Dwyer (General Manager), Phil McMurray (Director Asset Management), Kate Monaghan (Director Corporate Services), Chris Imrie (Director Development & Community), Ray Graham (Director Operations).

1 OPEN FORUM

List of Speakers

1. **Garry Salvestro** – Objecting to DA 2017/267 for a Highway Service Centre and Associated Subdivision, (item 7.1.1.4).
2. **Rod Chalmers** – Expressing concerns about some of the Questions with Notice (Item 9), and in particular question 5.
3. **Nancy Lawton** – Requesting consideration of the relocation of the Award and Mayoral Honour Boards from the Gundagai Chambers to a more publicly visible location.
4. **Bill Wright** – Complimented Council on the new park name signage. He noted that the sign for Haydon Park has yet to be installed and a plaque associated with the naming of the park was no longer in the park.
5. **Ian Casnave** - Objecting to DA 2017/267 for a Highway Service Centre and Associated Subdivision, (item 7.1.1.4).
6. **Pip McAlister** – Advised that debris remains in Morleys Creek and requested the status of the replacement of Morleys Creek footbridge.
7. **Ros Wight:**
 - Expressed an objection to Riding for the Disabled receiving an invoice from the Showground Society in relation to hire of the Showground.
 - Expressed concern that two grants have been received by Council for the Showground approximately nine months ago and since that time no related maintenance has been undertaken.
 - Noted that the plaque associated with the naming of Stan Crowe Oval was removed and requested its return.
 - Expressed concern that Christmas lights and decorations are to be provided in the main street of Gundagai, whereas no action has been taken for this to occur in Cootamundra.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson 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

An apology was received on behalf of Cr Stewart.

01/11/2017 - Resolved – Moved: Cr McAlister – Seconded: Cr Palmer

That the apology be accepted and leave of absence granted.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No Disclosures of Interest were received.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

02/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Palmer Seconded: Cr Kelly

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 31st October, 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6 MAYORAL MINUTES

Note: It was noted that there were additional engagements attended by Councillors representing Council as follows:

- 3rd November, 2017 – Cr Nicholson attended the opening of the Hall at Nangus;
- The Mayor, Cr McAlister and the Deputy Mayor, Cr Palmer met with Jason Graham, Manager of Manildra Meats in relation to the future of the Cootamundra plant. At that meeting Mr Graham offered to attend a future meeting to address Council on this matter.
- 28th November, 2017 - The Mayor, Cr McAlister and the Deputy Mayor, Cr Palmer attended the opening of Intereach's Cootamundra Hub.

03/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Palmer Seconded: Cr Kelly

The Mayoral Minutes, including details of the additional engagements, be received and noted.

7 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

7.1 DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

7.1.1 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING

7.1.1.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED OCTOBER 2017

04/11/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Palmer** **Seconded: Cr Graham**

The information on Development Applications Approved in October 2017 be noted.

VOTING RECORD	
FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Cr Bowden Cr Graham Cr Kelly Cr McAlister (Mayor) Cr Nicholson Cr Palmer Cr Phillips Cr Sheahan	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Cr Stewart	Nil

7.1.1.2 DA2017/83 – 2 LOT SUBDIVISION - GUNDAGAI ROAD, COOTAMUNDRA

05/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Palmer Seconded: Cr Sheahan

DA2017/83 be approved subject to the Conditions listed in the report.

VOTING RECORD	
FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Cr Bowden Cr Graham Cr Kelly Cr McAlister (Mayor) Cr Nicholson Cr Palmer Cr Phillips Cr Sheahan	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Cr Stewart	Nil

7.1.1.3 DA2017/106 – CONSOLIDATION AND BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT - 940 WEST JINDALEE ROAD, COOTAMUNDRA

06/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Kelly Seconded: Cr Graham

DA2017/106 be approved subject to the Conditions listed in the report.

VOTING RECORD	
FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Cr Bowden Cr Graham Cr Kelly Cr McAlister (Mayor) Cr Nicholson Cr Palmer Cr Phillips Cr Sheahan	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Cr Stewart	Nil



**7.1.1.4 DA2017/267 – HIGHWAY SERVICE CENTRE AND ASSOCIATED SUBDIVISION -
495 COOLAC ROAD, COOLAC**

07/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Palmer Seconded: Cr Sheahan

Consideration of DA2017/267 be deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

VOTING RECORD	
FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Cr Bowden Cr Graham Cr Kelly Cr McAlister (Mayor) Cr Nicholson Cr Palmer Cr Phillips Cr Sheahan	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Cr Stewart	Nil

7.1.1.5 EXHIBITION OF DRAFT STOCKINBINGAL VILLAGE STRATEGY

08/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Palmer Seconded: Cr Graham

The Draft Stockinbingal Village Strategy be placed on exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.

VOTING RECORD	
FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Cr Bowden Cr Graham Cr Kelly Cr McAlister (Mayor) Cr Nicholson Cr Palmer Cr Phillips Cr Sheahan	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Cr Stewart	Nil

7.2 CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

7.2.1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

7.2.1.1 PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note: Mr Chris Clayton of the NSW Audit Office and Mr John O'Malley of Intentus Chartered Accountants, provided a presentation to Council on the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2017.

09/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Graham Seconded: Cr Kelly

- 1. The General Purpose Financial Statement, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2017, be adopted.**
- 2. Council staff be congratulated on their efforts in preparing the Financial Statements.**

7.2.1.2 FUTURE RATING OPTIONS

10/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Palmer Seconded: Cr Bowden

- 1. Consultation be undertaken with the community with a view to consider an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a Special Rate Variation commencing on 1 July 2018 to renew the existing special variation that applies to the ratepayers of the former Gundagai Shire Council area.**
- 2. The Community Engagement Strategy attached to the report be endorsed.**
- 3. Options 1 and 2 as outlined in the report form the basis of rating options on which the community will be consulted.**
- 4. A further report be presented to Council on the outcomes of the community consultation to determine if a Special Rate Variation to renew the existing special variation is submitted to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.**

7.2.1.3 SEPTEMBER 2017 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

11/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Phillips Seconded: Cr Palmer

The September 2017 Quarterly Budget Review be accepted, and the recommended budget changes listed in the attachment to the report be adopted.



7.2.1.4 INVESTMENT REPORT

12/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Graham Seconded: Cr Bowden

The Investment Reports as at 31st October, 2017 be received and noted.

7.2.2 GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS SYSTEMS

7.2.2.1 SWIMMING POOL AUTHORITIES SEAL APPROVAL REPORT

13/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Sheahan Seconded: Cr Graham

The seal of Council be affixed to the certificates of identification issued, under the Swimming Pools Act 1992, to staff with the delegated authority to exercise Council's powers under that Act.

7.2.2.2 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

14/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Palmer Seconded: Cr Nicholson

The draft Code of Meeting Practice attached to the report be adopted as Council's Code of Meeting Practice with the following amendments:

- I. 'Questions with Notice' being included in the Order of Business as detailed in the report.
- II. Removal of the obligation of Councillors to stand when speaking at Council Meetings in Part 1 of Section 3.3.

7.2.2.3 SUMMARY OF COUNCILLOR AND STAFF WORKSHOP HELD 2ND NOVEMBER, 2017

15/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Bowden Seconded: Cr Kelly

The summary report on the Councillor and Staff Workshop held on 2nd November, 2017 be received and noted.

7.3 OPERATIONS DIVISION

7.3.1 OPERATIONS

7.3.1.1 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS 2017

16/11/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Sheahan** **Seconded: Cr Palmer**

The information on the National Local Roads and Transport Congress 2017 be received and noted.

7.3.1.2 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION CENTRE SIGNAGE DESIGNS

17/11/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Sheahan** **Seconded: Cr Kelly**

The information on the signage designs for the Council Administration Centres be received and noted.

7.3.1.3 NOVEMBER OPERATIONS REPORT

18/11/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Phillips** **Seconded: Cr Bowden**

The November Operations report be received and noted.

7.3.2 FACILITIES

7.3.2.1 WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

19/11/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Sheahan** **Seconded: Cr Kelly**

Proposals be invited from suitably experienced and qualified wastes consultants to undertake a full Council waste service review and produce a waste strategy.

7.3.3 WATER AND SEWER

7.3.3.1 COOTAMUNDRA WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

20/11/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Phillips** **Seconded: Cr Nicholson**

The Cootamundra Water Mains Replacement Program report be received and noted.



7.3.4 MAJOR PROJECTS

7.3.4.1 GUNDAGAI MAIN STREET PROJECT UPDATE

21/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Graham Seconded: Cr Sheahan

1. The Cootamundra Water Mains Replacement Program report be received and noted.
2. Council staff who have worked on the Gundagai Main Street Project be congratulated and thanked for their efforts.

8 MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN (NOTICES OF MOTION)

8.1 CITIZENSHIP CERMONIES

22/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Sheahan Seconded: Cr Bowden

1. As a matter of Policy, Council's Citizenship Ceremonies be conducted:
 - where possible, as a separate special event;
 - at a suitable venue provided by Council;
 - at a mutually agreed time with the recipient and Mayor;
2. Family and friends of the recipient be welcomed to the Citizenship Ceremony, in addition to any attending Councillors; and
3. Morning or afternoon tea be provided to celebrate the significance of such an occasion welcoming the new citizen.

8.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OBSERVATION OF DAYS AND WEEKS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

23/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Bowden Seconded: Cr Phillips

The community be requested to advise Council on the days and weeks of national and international significance which Council could acknowledge and observe in a suitable manner.

9 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

24/11/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Cr Kelly Seconded: Cr Sheahan

The questions with notice and responses from officers be noted.



There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:05pm.

These Minutes were confirmed by resolution of Council at the Council Meeting held on 12th December, 2017 and endorsed by:

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER