

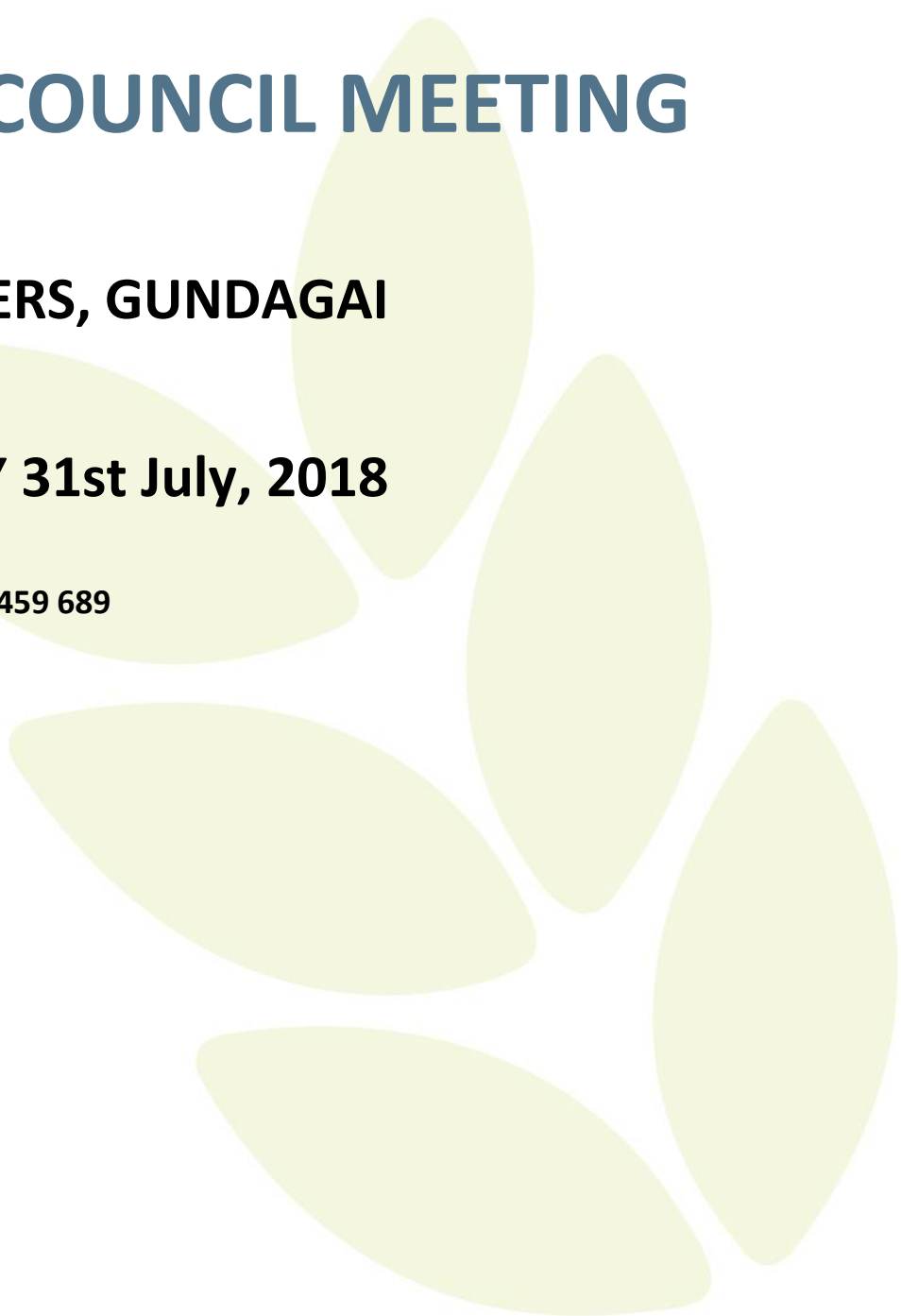
Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI

6:00PM, TUESDAY 31st July, 2018

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**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI
ON TUESDAY, 31 JULY 2018 AT 6:00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor), Cr Dennis Palmer (Deputy Mayor), Cr Leigh Bowden, Cr David Graham, Cr Gil Kelly, Cr Penny Nicholson, Cr Doug Phillips, Cr Charlie Sheahan, Cr Craig Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: Allen Dwyer (General Manager), Phil McMurray (Deputy General Manager), Paul, Woods (Executive Director PMO), Tim Swan (Manager Finance)

1 OPEN FORUM

List of Speakers

1. Roslyn Burge – Spoke in relation to the rates applicable to 59 Cooper Street, Cootamundra, owned by the Town and Country Club, and the commercial zoning of the premises. The commercial land rates are \$4932.91 per annum, however, if the property was to be zoned as residential the comparable amount would be \$2109.58. Mrs Burge explained the use of the premises and questioned the zoning as it is not used as a commercial business but for community based activities, and requested the zoning category be changed to residential.

It was noted that rezoning is not permissible to address such issues, however, Mrs Burge was advised to make written representations to Council to request alternative support.

2. Colin Field – expressed his dissatisfaction in relation to Council’s response to his request for the removal of oleander trees, which overhang his property, from a neighbour’s property.

It was noted that the issue raised is a civil matter in which Council does not have jurisdiction.

Mr Field also expressed opposition to the green waste charge as he has chosen not to utilise the service.

3. Steven Mills – Spoke in relation to item 8.4.1 Stormwater Mitigation Project and item 9.2 Muttama Creek Walkway on the agenda.

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

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest received.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2018****RESOLUTION 144/2018**

Moved: Cr Dennis Palmer

Seconded: Cr Craig Stewart

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 26 June 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 Mayoral Minutes**6.1 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Note: It was noted that Cr Sheahan was also present at the meeting with representatives of Roads and Maritime Services attended by the Mayor, General Manager and Council staff on 26th July, 2018.

Note: It was noted that REROC requested Council to formally resolve to support the Southern Lights Project including the provision of relevant Council electricity usage data.

Note: The requirement for Council to have an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee was noted and it was highlighted that Council may enter into an arrangement with another body, such as the new Joint Organisation, to appoint and administer such a committee on a shared arrangement.

RESOLUTION 145/2018

Moved: Cr Dennis Palmer

Seconded: Cr Charlie Sheahan

- 1. The Mayoral Minutes and attached correspondence be received and noted.**
- 2. Council formally resolves to support the Southern Lights Project.**
- 3. Council investigate the option for the new Joint Organisation to appoint and administer an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) for its member councils.**

CARRIED

6.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIBRARY FUNDING ADVOCACY INITIATIVE, RENEW OUR LIBRARIES

RESOLUTION 146/2018

Moved: Cr Charlie Sheahan

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

- 1. Council endorse the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative, Renew Our Libraries.**
- 2. Council make representation to Steph Cooke, MP Member for Cootamundra in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services.**
- 3. Council write to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for the provision of a significant increase in state funding for NSW public libraries, supported by a sustainable future funding model.**
- 4. Council take a leading role in activating the campaign locally.**
- 5. Council endorse the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions arising from the initiative.**
- 6. Council formally advise the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW that Council has endorsed the library funding advocacy initiative.**

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8.1 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

8.1.1 INVESTMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 147/2018

Moved: Cr Dennis Palmer

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

The Investment Report as at 30th June, 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.1.2 INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW

RESOLUTION 148/2018

Moved: Cr Dennis Palmer

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

That the Draft Investment Policy attached to the report be adopted.

CARRIED

8.1.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTING

RESOLUTION 149/2018

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

The Draft Financial Reporting pack be adopted.

CARRIED

8.1.4 COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

RESOLUTION 150/2018

Moved: Cr Charlie Sheahan

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

Council re-determine the organisation structure in accordance with the organisation structure document attached to the report.

CARRIED

8.1.5 AUTHORITY TO AFFIX THE COMMON SEAL OF COUNCIL - RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY DEED OF AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION 151/2018

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Dennis Palmer

Authority be granted for the common seal of Council to be affixed to the Riverina Regional Library (RRL) Deed of Agreement for the period 2018/2020.

CARRIED

8.1.6 TOURISM ACTION COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR S.355 COMMITTEE STATUS**RESOLUTION 152/2018**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

1. **Approval be granted for the Tourism Action Committee (Gundagai) to be reinstated as a Section 355 Committee.**
2. **Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor) and Cr Nicholson be nominated as members of the Tourism Action Committee (Gundagai) Section 355 Committee.**
3. **The option for the Cootamundra Tourism Action Group to become a Section 355 Committee be investigated.**

CARRIED

8.1.7 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE UPDATE**RESOLUTION 153/2018**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Dennis Palmer

1. **The report on the status of Section 355 Committees be noted.**
2. **The office bearers and membership of the following Section 355 Committees, as detailed in the report, be endorsed;**
 - (a) **Cootamundra Showground Users Section 355 Committee**
 - (b) **Wallendbeen Memorial Hall Section 355 Committee**
 - (c) **Stockinbingal Ellwood Hall Section 355 Committee**
3. **The schedule of hall hire charges for the Stockinbingal Ellwood Hall and Wallendbeen Memorial Hall attached to the report, be endorsed.**

CARRIED

8.1.8 DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DRAFT WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**RESOLUTION 154/2018**

Moved: Cr Dennis Palmer

Seconded: Cr Charlie Sheahan

The draft 2018/2028 Asset Management Plan and draft 2018/2021 Workforce Management Plan be endorsed for Public Exhibition.

CARRIED

8.1.9 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT**RESOLUTION 155/2018**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Craig Stewart

The report submitted to Council, by Councillor Bowden, on her attendance at the National General Assembly of Local Government in June, 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.1.10 GUNDAGAI TOURISM ACTION COMMITTEE - 11TH JULY, 2018 - MINUTES**RESOLUTION 156/2018**

Moved: Cr Doug Phillips

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

- 1. The Minutes of the Gundagai Tourism Action Committee held on 11th July, 2018 be received and noted.**
- 2. An amount of \$8000 be allocated to the Gundagai Tourism Action Committee to conduct pilot programs for the Main Street Mural, Shop Front Wraps and HIT Riverina Live Events.**

CARRIED

8.1.11 COOTAMUNDRA TOURISM ACTION COMMITTEE - 19TH JULY, 2018 - MINUTES**RESOLUTION 157/2018**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr David Graham

The Minutes of the Cootamundra Tourism Action Committee held on 19th July, 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.1.12 COUNCIL MEETING ACTION REPORT**RESOLUTION 158/2018**

Moved: Cr Craig Stewart

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

The Council Meeting Action report attached to this report be received and noted

CARRIED

8.1.13 COOTAMUNDRA TOURISM ACTION GROUP - 19TH JULY 2018 - MINUTES

Note: Dealt with at item 8.1.11

8.1.14 COUNCILLOR WORKSHOP - 10TH JULY, 2018 - MINUTES**1 ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER MITRE 10 SITE LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF PARKER AND ADAMS STREETS AND MURRAY STREET, COOTAMUNDRA****RESOLUTION 159/2018**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Charlie Sheahan

1 Council relinquish its option to purchase the former Mitre 10 site, located on the corner of Parker and Adams Streets and Murray Street, in view of the possible probity issues it may face in regard to the rezoning taking place during the option period.

2 Advice be given to the agent that Council could be interested in the future acquisition of a portion of the site which would provide the opportunity for the balance of the site to be available to a private developer for unit type development.

3 It be noted that the action referred to in 1 and 2 above could provide an impetus for a private developer to partner with Council in the purchase and redevelopment of the site.

4 If, after the property has been rezoned and advertised for an acceptable period with no satisfactory results, Council revisit the issue of purchasing the site.

CARRIED

2 THE DOG ON THE TUCKERBOX SITE**RESOLUTION 160/2018**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Dennis Palmer

1 A report be prepared and submitted to Council on various options for the sale or long term development lease of the site conditional upon the Dog on the Tuckerbox memorial and the Carberry Inn site being retained by Council in community ownership.

2 The proponents of the Australian Road Transport Heritage Centre be advised Council considers the use of the site for the development of a Heritage Centre would be inappropriate.

3 The current occupier of the site, Denny Allnutt, be advised of Council's intention for the development of the area and be requested to enter into a month by month lease for the premises.

CARRIED

3 REQUEST TO RETURN LAND PREVIOUSLY DONATED TO COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 161/2018

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Dennis Palmer

Council not accede to the request for the return of the subject land previously donated to Council

CARRIED

8.2 DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

8.2.1 RAIL TRAIL

RESOLUTION 162/2018

Moved: Cr Charlie Sheahan

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

- 1. Council adopt the Gundagai Rail Trail – Trail Development Plan Final Report May, 2018 and the Gundagai Railway Bridge and Viaducts – Conversion to Rail Trail Feasibility Report May, 2018.**
- 2. Council consider its position with regards to the project (both the Gundagai Rail Trail Stage One and the conversion of the Railway Viaduct as a combined or stand-alone project) with a view to seeking appropriate funding.**

CARRIED

8.2.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED JUNE 2018

RESOLUTION 163/2018

Moved: Cr Charlie Sheahan

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

The information on Development Applications Approved in June 2018 be noted.

8.3 OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE

8.3.1 JULY OPERATIONS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 164/2018

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Charlie Sheahan

The July Operations Update report be received.

CARRIED

8.3.2 COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S COOTAMUNDRA WORKS DEPOT SITE REVIEW

RESOLUTION 165/2018

Moved: Cr Doug Phillips

Seconded: Cr Craig Stewart

- 1. Council Pursue the option of developing the Bradman Street Depot And Hovell Street Depot 2 to accommodate the Cootamundra component of the works staff and the Cootamundra Men's Shed in a portion of the Hovell Street Depot 2 Site.**
- 2. The estimated cost of the refurbishment, referred to in 1 above, of \$900,000 be offset with the sale of depot 1 in Hovell Street and unexpended funds from the \$9,000,000 Stronger Community Fund projects.**

CARRIED

8.4 ASSET MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE

8.4.1 STORMWATER MITIGATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION 166/2018

Moved: Cr Charlie Sheahan

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

- 1. *\$100,000 be allocated to prepare a new flood study for Cootamundra and Stockinbingal, to support future grant applications under the NSW Government's Floodplain Management program for a Floodplain Risk Management Plan, and subsequent design and construction of flood mitigation works***
- 2. *\$100,000 be allocated towards a program of inspection and drain/creek cleaning in Cootamundra and Gundagai, with priority given to the following locations:***
 - *Muttama Creek, Cootamundra***

- *South St and Isaac St South, Gundagai*
 - *Nashs Lane and Muttama Road, Cootamundra*
3. *\$150,000 be allocated towards projects that can be constructed without design plans, including:*
- *Corner of Eagle and Luke St, South Gundagai - Construct kerb and gutter to divert run off down Luke St*
 - *Continue the construction of concrete "v" drain and grassed channel sides at various locations throughout Cootamundra.*
4. *\$150,000 be allocated towards survey, investigation and design of the following projects:*
- *Tor St, Gundagai. East side road drainage between Nurse Murray St and Jack Moses Avenue, noting that this is the highest priority project for Gundagai*
 - *Open stormwater drain between Middle and South St, South Gundagai (Concrete "v" drain with selective improvements to channel sides and inlet/outlet to structures)*
 - *Southee Circle, Cootamundra. CCTV inspection of pipes. Analyse stormwater capacity and overland flow paths. Design improvements to minimise flooding risk.*
 - *Sheahan Dr, Gundagai between Nurse Murray St and Jack Moses Avenue- design of roadside drainage including pipes, pits, kerb and gutter*
 - *Drain on private property between Tor St & O'Hagan St, Gundagai - Design a piped drainage system and overland flow path through private properties*
 - *Drain on private property at 48 Mount St South Gundagai - Design a piped drainage system and overland flow path through private property*
5. *The remaining \$500,000 be allocated towards construction of the projects listed in priority order in Recommendation 4, subject to design work and costing. The expected funding shortfall is to be considered in conjunction with competing priorities in future budgets.*
6. *All unfunded stormwater projects be listed in the Stormwater Asset Management Plan and that the expected funding shortfall be considered in conjunction with competing priorities in future budgets*

CARRIED

8.4.2 DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

RESOLUTION 167/2018

Moved: Cr Dennis Palmer

Seconded: Cr Craig Stewart

Council's draft Asset Management Plans for Transport, Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Buildings, Parks, and Waste Assets, be placed on Public Exhibition for 28 days.

CARRIED

8.4.3 REQUEST FOR TENDER 007/2018 - COOTAMUNDRA WATER SUPPLY - TOWN WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION 168/2018

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Doug Phillips

- 1. Council award Killard Excavations Pty Ltd a contract to the value of \$2,000,000 for the replacement of watermains.**
- 2. A further contract of \$2,287,600 be awarded to Killard Excavations Pty Ltd by means of a contract variation subject to a further report being adopted by Council to determine funding sources.**

CARRIED

8.4.4 WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 169/2018

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

- 1. The Water and Sewer Operations Update report be received and noted.**
- 2. The draft Drinking Water Quality Policy, attached to the report be Council adopted.**

CARRIED

9 MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCIL TO FACILITATE CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITIES

RESOLUTION 170/2018

Moved: Cr Charlie Sheahan

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

Council is to facilitate consultation between local property owners, potential investors/developers, local real estate agents and builders with the intention of identifying development opportunities in the local government area.

CARRIED

9.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – MUTTAMA WALKING TRACK**RESOLUTION 171/2018**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Dennis Palmer

Council, in collaboration with the Muttama Creek Regeneration Group, investigate the feasibility of creating a walking track alongside sections of Muttama Creek.

CARRIED**9.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING****RESOLUTION 172/2018**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Dennis Palmer

Council undertake the necessary steps to create a Recreational Vehicle (RV) parking site in Cootamundra

CARRIED**9.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - POOL FEES FOR THE SUMMER SEASON****RESOLUTION 173/2018**

Moved: Cr Doug Phillips

Seconded: Cr Dennis Palmer (Deputy Mayor)

- 1. Council consult with the operator of the Gundagai Swimming Pool on the implications of Council adopting the following charges for the 2018/19 swimming season.**

Cootamundra and Gundagai outdoor pools**Family season pass \$250****Adult season pass \$125****Concession season pass \$100****Children's season pass \$100****Adult single entry \$3.50****Concession / child single entry \$2.50****Non swimmers entry - free****Cootamundra heated pool****Adult single entry \$3.50**

Concession/ child single entry \$2.50

Non swimmers entry – free

- 2. The results of the consultation, referred to in 1 above, be the subject of the Councillor Workshop scheduled for 10th August, 2018.**
- 3. A report be prepared on the outcomes of parts 1 and 2 above and be submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for 28th August, 2018.**

Carried

The following Motion was moved by Cr's Sheahan and Kelly:

In addition to the current annual fees and charges Council adopt the following charges for the 2018/19 summer swimming season at both Cootamundra and Gundagai Swimming Pools:

Cootamundra and Gundagai outdoor pools

Family season pass \$250

Adult season pass \$125

Concession season pass \$100

Children's season pass \$100

Adult single entry \$3.50

Concession / child single entry \$2.50

Non swimmers entry - free

Cootamundra heated pool

Adult single entry \$3.50

Concession/ child single entry \$2.50

Non swimmers entry – free

As a result of the voting, the motion was LOST

9.5 NOTICE OF MOTION - TOURISM IN GUNDAGAI

RESOLUTION 174/2018

Moved: Cr Abb McAlister

Seconded: Cr Dennis Palmer

Council consider and discuss the enterprises I propose to Council for Gundagai

CARRIED

9.6 NOTICE OF MOTION - RATING CATEGORY AT 59 COOPER STREET

Note: Cr Leigh Bowden left the meeting at 8:30pm.

RESOLUTION 175/2018

Moved: Cr Abb McAlister
Seconded: Cr Dennis Palmer

Town and Country Club (Cootamundra) be invited to submit a request to Council for a contribution of the amount equal to the difference between the land rates levied on the property, 59 Cooper Street, and the rates that would be levied if the property was zoned residential.

Note: Cr Leigh Bowden returned to the meeting at 8:38pm

CARRIED

10 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

RECOMMENDATION

The Questions with Notice from Councillors and related responses from Council officers be noted.

10.2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE (LATE REPORT)

RECOMMENDATION

The Questions with Notice from Councillors and related responses from Council officers be noted.

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 8:46pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2018.

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CHAIRPERSON

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GENERAL MANAGER