

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
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PRESENT: Cr. Tom Cullen, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. M.Webb, J.Walker, B.Burnheim, D.Schieb, A.Karanouh and D.Keady.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Corporate & Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Development, Commercial & Urban Services, Mr Quarmby, the Acting Director of Engineering Services, Mr. Colwell and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 OPENING PRAYER

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

At this juncture, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land, both past and present.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Council noted that the following would be making presentations to the meeting, however they were not yet at the meeting:

- Mr & Mrs John Burton
- Quambone Resources Committee
- Quambone Business & Tourism Services (QBATS)
- Quambone School Captain
- Mr Eric Fisher

4.0 APOLOGIES

Nil

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

As above

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Don Schieb Thara Road – Mr. & Mrs Burton
Private arrangement with Burtons.

At this time, the General Manager spoke to Council regarding the recording of meetings, i.e. minutes, saying Councillors have the opportunity to discuss any issues that, in their opinion, are not recorded correctly, prior to adopting those minutes. Mr. Warren encouraged Councillors to read minutes carefully as, when adopted, they become a true and accurate record of proceedings.

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7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

(a) Extraordinary Meeting – 19 September 2012

0121 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb & Karanouh that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 19 September, 2012 be confirmed.

Business Arising from Minutes:

(a) Code of Conduct – OROC Code of Conduct Review Committee Panel

The General Manager advised that Mr. David Taylor has agreed to be Council's representative on this Panel following the resignation of Mr. Keady.

0122 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that Council accept the nomination of Mr. David Taylor to the OROC Code of Conduct Review Committee Panel and that Mr. Taylor's nomination be forwarded to OROC for consideration.

(b) Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)

0123 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Crs. Webb and Burnheim be removed from this Committee, as protocol is for the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor to be the representatives, viz Crs Cullen and Keady.

(c) Coonamble Senior Citizens Association

Cr Burnheim referred to meetings of the Association clashing with meetings of the RDA and said he may not be available, however it was agreed that Cr. Walker would attend Senior Citizen Association meetings in the absence of Cr. Burnheim.

(d) Employment Circle

Cr Walker and Cr Karanouh were elected as representatives to this Committee and their nominations were confirmed.

(b) Ordinary Meeting – 19 September 2012

0124 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 19 September 2012 be confirmed.

Business Arising From Minutes:

(a) Coal Seam Gas

The Mayor referred to recent developments in coal seam gas exploration and mining and said that following Gloucester Council's loss in the Land and Environment Court, allowing the mining activities to proceed, we must realise there is nothing more Council can do.

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Cr Cullen referred to a Forum that may be held in Coonamble, organised by either the Grain Growers Association or National Farmers Association, to make people aware of their rights. He said that the same type of forum is being called at Narrabri.

Cr Burnheim said it is important to negotiate with the mining companies, getting the best deal for our community as a Council. He said the forum must not be a protest – it should be used, where possible, as an opportunity for the community – referring particularly to employment and infrastructure.

The Mayor said 112 wells have been approved in the Pilliga State Forest.

Cr Keady said Council must have knowledge of operations, especially legal rights of landowners when negotiating with mining companies. He said it may be prudent to arrange a 'fact finding mission' to be aware of what Council may be dealing with. The General Manager agreed to make enquiries regarding this suggestion.

At this Juncture, 9.30 a.m., Mr & Mrs John Burton arrived at the meeting.

0125 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Webb that Council suspend current business to deal with Mr and Mrs Burton's issue.

Thara Road – Dispute Regarding Accesses

Mr Burton said he wished to address Council regarding its decision to take control of the section of Crown road south of Lot 21 in DP754184. He said that he had been negotiating with the Lands Department to purchase the Crown road, which includes this section. Mr Burton said he had followed the protocol set by the Department and had not been informed that his application had not been successful or that the section of land in question had been transferred to Council's control.

Council's Acting Director of Engineering Services, Daryl Colwell, outlined the history of Council's involvement. He said the Department of Lands invited comment from Council on numerous proposals for disposal of Crown land. Subsequently Council received queries from neighbouring landholders concerning issues with access relating to various proposals.

In February 2012 Council advised the Lands Department in a generic letter that it would not support any closures of Crown roads causing properties to become 'land locked'. Soon after Council received a joint letter, from three landholders, objecting to the possible closure of the area at the end of Thara road, stating that the area in question provided them with the only legal link to Thara road.

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In May 2012 Council received a letter from the Department of Lands that it had received a number of objections regarding the closure and the preferred option to resolve the matter would be for Council to request, in writing, the transfer of control of the subject area to Council. The basis for the recommendation was to provide continuous access to Lot 43 DP754187. Council dealt with this letter in correspondence at its June 2012 meeting and resolved to request the transfer.

Council then responded to the three landholders letter, notifying them of its decision to apply for transfer. In July 2012 Council received advice from the Department of Lands that the transfer was complete via gazettal notification appearing in the NSW Government Gazette of 13 July 2012. Mr Colwell said that transfer was effected under s151 of the Roads Act 1993.

This again was referred to Council as an item of correspondence at its August meeting, when it resolved to note the gazettal and inform Mr Fitzgerald that it would be in a position to form the road after fences/grids were installed. Council received a response from Mr Fitzgerald in September 2012 that he was in a position to erect a fence on the northern side of the extended road to a similar standard to that on the southern side. Council also wrote to Mr Burton advising of the transfer and gazettal, also of its intention to grade the road to an acceptable standard on the understanding that Mr Fitzgerald would fence out the area.

Mr. Colwell advised the current situation is that Council has control of the area, but is yet to dedicate it as a public road. He said the way forward now is that the road be surveyed because the boundaries are not clearly defined. Council will then publish its intentions in the local press, giving all parties the opportunity to provide a submission within 28 days of the date of publication. Mr. Colwell said Council would then make a decision, taking into account the submissions received.

In response to a question, Mr Colwell advised that should Council decide not to proceed, it would advise the Department of Lands that it no longer wishes to control the road and the land reverts to Crown land.

Mr Burton again referred to there being no consultation from the Lands Department following his application and said he was disappointed that Council did not advise him of its intentions prior to making its decision. He said the first notification he received was Council's letter in September. Mr. Burton asked the names of the objecting landholders – Mr. Colwell responded – at which time Mr Burton said all three landholders have alternate accesses.

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Cr Burnheim requested that in future, should a similar circumstance arise, Council notify the original landowner as a matter of courtesy. Mr. Colwell said this matter was not initiated by Council, nor was it the result of a report from a Council officer. Council resolved to adopt the recommended course of action provided by the Department of Lands in a correspondence item at the June meeting.

At this juncture, 10.10 a.m., Mr. and Mrs Burton thanked Council for the opportunity to present their case and left the meeting.

At this juncture, Council welcomed Mr Eric Fisher to the meeting.

Roadworks – Flood Damage Grants

Mr Fisher referred to a media release announcing that funding has been made available for repairs to flood damaged roads and asked how much was allocated to Council. The General Manager said that the last flood event was not declared a 'natural disaster' and because of this, Council did not receive flood damage funding. Mr. Fisher said it was over 10 years since any work has been done on roads in his area and stated that ratepayers are not getting value for rate dollars.

Mr. Colwell, Council's Acting Director of Engineering Services, said he did not agree with Mr Fisher's comments. He said Council had recently had a grader working on SR13 for almost a month – the same grader is currently working on MR202. Mr Colwell also advised that following the December 2009 and December 2010 flood events, roads in the Quambone area were allocated flood damage funds and these funds were spent on the nominated sections.

Mr. Fisher was advised by the Acting Director that Council applies for funding on nominated sections of roads, however assessment by the RMS dictates allocations and treatments of flood damage repair work. Mr. Fisher asked about approved tourism routes and Mr Colwell said that the Roads and Maritime Services specifies these approved routes and there are none within this Shire.

Mr. Fisher said dirt roads must be maintained and said there is a problem with loam roads. Mr. Colwell said that Council's biggest problem is its lack of access to loam pits, pointing out that legislation regulating mines also governs loam pits. He said some of the requirements, such as fencing and exclusion, are not amenable to landowners.

Mr. Fisher left the meeting, and Council welcomed Mr. Shane Wright representing QBATS to address Council

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Play Equipment / Tidy Towns

Mr Wright referred to the Quambone Park and asked whether Council would consider installing playground equipment there. The Mayor said Council would endeavour to provide some equipment.

When asked about volunteers being covered by insurance whilst undertaking mowing on Council land, the General Manager said these matters are not clearly defined and depend on the circumstances.

The Mayor suggested that management organise for its staff at Quambone to undertake mowing of the park and surrounds. Mr. Wright thanked Council for the opportunity to address these issues.

Quambone Community Resources.

Mr. Bill O'Brien & Mrs Margaret Garnsey addressed Council on several issues, including:

- A tree planting scheme
- Primitive camping ground – referred to \$15,000 allocated to this project in 2010. Saying travellers arrive expecting a place to camp and have to be taken to the Racecourse facility. Pointing out this takes time and effort because the facility has to be unlocked, then cleaned and, after the travellers move on, cleaned again and resecured. Mrs Garnsey said Quambone is missing out on tourist trade because self-sufficient travellers do not have a camping area. Asking that proper signage be provided, the toilets painted and an entry road be established. The Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services said he would discuss these issues with Mrs Garnsey. Cr Burnheim said he was Council's representative on the Quambone Resources Committee and invited Mrs Garnsey to contact him with matters requiring attention.
- Tidy Towns Competition – has spoken with Assessor and, with support from Council, would like to enter in sections of next year's Competition.
- National Parks & Wildlife Service – prior to changes being implemented, the Quambone committees had a strong working relationship with the Service, however it no longer exists. When events are planned sufficient time is not given to properly or professional organise the events. Council agreed to write to the National Parks & Wildlife Service on behalf of the Quambone Committees. Cr Keady suggested a meeting be held with the Tourism Development Manager, Tourism Committee and representatives from Quambone to formulate a plan of what can be done for tourism.

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The representatives thanked Council for the opportunity to discuss these issues.

At this juncture, the Acting Principal of Quambone Public School, Ms Kim Watt and the School Captain, Harriet O'Brien, were welcomed to the meeting.

Address by Quambone School Captain

Ms Watt introduced School Captain, Harriet O'Brien, who welcomed Council and thanked Councillors for visiting and giving their time to come to Quambone. She said Quambone was appreciative of Council's help and she wished everyone a good day and successful meeting.

The Mayor thanked Harriet and she, in company with Ms Watt, left the meeting at 10.40 a.m., when Council adjourned for morning tea. The meeting resumed at 11.00 a.m.

RESUME BUSINESS ARISING FROM ORDINARY MEETING

0126 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council resume business arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 September 2012.

(b) Problem with Pigeons

Cr Karanouh referred to this ongoing problem and said he heard that Dubbo, Orange and Bathurst have successfully culled their pigeon numbers. The General Manager said that he would instruct Council's Manager of Environmental Services to make enquiries.

(c) Playground Equipment – Pool

Cr Burnheim raised this matter – the General Manager said he was waiting on quotes for suitable equipment to include with the application for funding, pointing out that the closing date is 30 October. Mr. Warren referred to limited area at the pool and suggested that the equipment be placed towards the front of the pool, saying an area of 15m x 15m would be required. He said that rubber soft fall would be used and that the potential of incorporating the equipment with the toddlers pool would be investigated.

(d) 2 hr Parking – Input from Coonamble Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Webb was informed that no response has yet been received to Council's request for input into the proposal to again police the 2 hr time limited parking in Castlereagh Street and requested that another letter be written.

(e) Illegal Use – Disabled Parking Space

Cr Walker referred to the disabled parking space adjacent to the Chemist shop being used illegally – the General Manager said that if this is the case Council should be contacted and the Ranger would attend and issue infringement notices.

(f) Security at Coonamble Showground

Cr Keady referred to the river bank fencing at the Showground and said this should be taken into account when Council is looking at securing the Showground. The General Manager said there have been issues with this fence for over 2 years, however Council cannot afford to carry out work from the maintenance vote.

0127 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that this matter be considered as a budget item in conjunction with next year's estimates.

(g) Great Inland Way Promotions Group

0128 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that information concerning this Group be provided to Cr Karanouh, who has been nominated to the Board.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

0129 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

(a) Improvement Works – Urban – Min No 9409

0130 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council fund works in the vicinity of Coughran's Canyon/Dubbo Street from reserve funding, if additional REPAIR funding for next year is not successful and that the works be considered a priority.

(b) Roads Committee

It was decided not to form a separate Roads Committee, Councillors preferring to deal with road matters as part of normal Council meeting where all Councillors are present.

In response to a question from Cr. Burnheim, the Acting Manager of Engineering Services replied that the Roads Management Plan is reviewed annually. He explained that roads are classified by importance and productivity is also used as a guide.

9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor, Cr Cullen, gave an update of his activities since the last meeting – including:

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- Meeting on Sunday 7 October with Mr Kevin Humphries – discussed various funding, e.g. eco spa, showground covered arena and tourism.
- Met with Mark Coulton, in company with the General Manager, the Economic Development Manager and Mr Mick Wilson. Mark Coulton very positive and acting on Council's behalf. Details for completion of grant application discussed.

Cr Burnheim referred to the resignation of the CEO of Regional Development Australia and said that the grant application should include comprehensive detail because the new CEO will not be familiar with Council's position. The Mayor said he has spoken to Mr John Walkom who is up to date on developments.

It was asked whether Council intended to hire professional assistance to complete the application. The General Manager said it is well underway and when a realistic design is approved, more accurate costs will be available. Cr Burnheim asked whether the project was scaled back, the General Manager said it was initially over \$5m and now it is \$2.8m. He said amendments were made to save costs.

Cr Burnheim said he understood that Mr Humphries indicated there is no funding for social infrastructure, however money is available for roads/rail infrastructure.

0131 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Mayor's Activity Report be received.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

0131 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 CHAIRMAN ALMA S1(38463)

0132 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that a meeting of Council's Saleyards Committee be convened as a priority to identify and prioritise works for inclusion in the grant application for funding to carry out works at the Coonamble Saleyards that will assist in the safe operation of the yards, noting that the closing date for submissions is 31 October 2012.

10.2 PRESIDENT, COONAMBLE COMMUNITY RADIO INC A8+C8-8(38453)

0133 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council submit an application for funding to the Department of Family and Community

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Services, to provide toilet facilities for physically handicapped persons at the Radio Station building, noting it is under the Aged-Friendly Community Local Government Grant.

Section B – Matters for Council's Information:

10.3 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT C13(38469)

Advising the joint Local Government & Shires Associations and Division of Local Government *Councillor Handbook* has been updated and provides essential information for Councillors.

A copy of the Handbook was provided to each Councillor with the business paper.

10.4 TONY WINDSOR BEc MP S1(38442)

Forwarding a copy of the Press Release issued on 17 September 2012 advising that an extra \$10 million extra funds have been allocated to improve safety at saleyards. Pointing out it is crucial that ageing and unsafe infrastructure at saleyards is upgraded – saying that older ramps and gates put workers and truck drivers at serious risk and this is an opportunity to apply for funding to repair the old infrastructure. Saying submissions for funding should be made to both the relevant State Government and the Commonwealth by October 31.

10.5 COONAMBLE GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC D7(38443)

Thanking Council, on behalf of its President and Committee, for Council's sponsorship of the greyhound racing carnival to be held over the September/October long weekend.

10.6 HILL ROGERS SPENCER STEER A12(38493)

Forwarding a copy of the Independent Auditors' Report which was attached as an appendix to the business paper.

0134 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.3 to 10.6 inclusive be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

0135 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

0136 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that Council note Development Application No. 028/2012, together with Complying Development Certificate Application Nos. 029/2012 and 033/2012, were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

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11.2 WATER RATES FOR SPORTING BODIES

0137 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council provide assistance of \$1,000 each towards the cost of water for the Coonamble Jockey Club and the Coonamble Golf Club for the ensuing year and that the Clubs be requested to provide details of their finances prior to any assistance being given in the future.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

0138 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the report by the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

0139 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 September 2012, as amended, be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

0140 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the list of investments as 30 September 2012 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

12.3 PUBLIC ACCESS INFORMATION – DRAFT POLICY

0141 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council formally adopt the Public Access Information Policy, noting that no submissions were received during the public exhibition period.

12.4 COONAMBLE VACATION CARE – DRAFT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

0142 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council formally adopt the Coonamble Vacation Care Policies & Procedures, including the proposal to charge a fee of \$25 per child per day, noting that no submissions were received and Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges have been amended to include the Vacation Care daily fee.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND URBAN SERVICES

0143 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Development, Commercial and Urban Services be noted.

13.1 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

(a) Update on Abattoir

Cr Karanouh provided an update on developments to date at the Coonamble Abattoir. He said a meat inspector position has already been

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filled, with interviews for another position currently underway. Cr Karanouh said it was the owner's intention to have the Abattoir operational on a small scale in January 2013 and it has been decided that sheep and cattle will be included on one line.

Cr Burnheim referred to the relevant licences and said that 17 points have to be addressed prior to having the licence reinstated. He referred to problems with odour which were experienced by residents on the opposite side of the river when the abattoir was operational in the past.

0144 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the information contained in the report by the Economic Development Manager be noted.

13.2 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

(a) Proposal for Coonamble Spring Festival

0145 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the Tourism Committee investigate the feasibility of conducting the Coonamble Spring Festival to incorporate the end of football season, the Gold Cup, picnic races and greyhound racing.

0146 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in the report by the Tourism Development Manager be noted.

13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0147 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in this report be noted.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

0148 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 PROPOSED STOPPING AREA FOR CARAVANS

0149 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that Council refer to the Traffic Committee the proposal to allow caravan parking in the following areas:

- Castlereagh Street from the Telstra business entrance to the bus stop
- Namoi Street –western side – selected areas between driveways

AND FURTHER that the small block bound by Namoi and Maule Streets also be investigated for use by caravans and if approved, purchase and erect relevant signage.

14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0150 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that the information contained in the Works in Progress report be noted.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

0151 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2012

0152 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that the report by the Ranger for the month of September 2012 be noted.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

0153 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that reports from various committees, as listed below, be noted:

16.1 Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting – 28 August 2012

0154 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the minutes of the Coonamble Employment Circle meeting held on 28 August 2012 be noted.

16.2 Museum Report for September

0155 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the museum report for the month of September 2012 be noted.

16.3 Coonamble Heritage & Museum Under The Bridge Committee

Cr Webb requested that a meeting of this Committee be arranged as soon as possible.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

0156 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the Saleyards Report for the month of September 2012 be noted.

(a) Sheep Yards Maintenance

The General Manager explained that the sheep yards are part of the saleyards enterprise and maintenance works will be added to the roster. Cr. Burnheim referred to the sheep yards not having been used and suggested that Council look at disposing of them and putting the money into improving the saleyards.

The Mayor said this proposal was not acceptable when Council put it forward previously as, on occasions, a suitable area is required where sheep can be unloaded and held. Councillors suggested that this could be investigated – it is considered that the current sheep yards are under utilised and the Saleyards Committee should look at the situation and make a recommendation to Council.

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Cr Karanouh referred to the decision of the Abattoir owners to kill sheep and said it may be prudent to keep the yards should they be needed later to accommodate sheep being conveyed to/from the abattoir.

18.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

19.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr. Karanouh:

- Referred to the letter from Tony Windsor and asked whether Council has applied for money for improvements to the saleyards. The General Manager said a meeting of the Committee would be convened in order to prioritise what works would be eligible for funding.

Cr Schieb:

- Position of Grants Officer – the General Manager said that the position would be advertised – initially offering 3 days/week. Cr Schieb referred to grants that were available and said it would be prudent to have a person specifically sourcing funds.

Cr. Burnheim:

- Long Term Master Plan – OROC – Council note issues regarding health and the fact that the Department of Primary Industries, LHPA and CMA are all going, with Land Services taking over those roles – saying that it will then be a regional office and there will be people out of work.

Cr Webb:

- Caravan Park – should look at extra cabins for rodeo and greyhound carnival time – the General Manager said that the current cabins cost around \$40,000 and Council should include this as an item to be considered in conjunction with the forthcoming budget.

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Cr Karanouh:

- Storage – Showground – suggest container be located near the pavilion to provide storage. It was noted that the whole area is to be redeveloped – the General Manager said he would report back to Council on the costings for a structure compared to a container.
- Main street pavers are too high – the General Manager said that the contractor is to return to do further work and defects will be rectified at that time. Cr. Karanouh asked that the colour of the posts be changed to charcoal grey.
- Rubbish – Tooraweenah Road / Warrena Creek – the General Manager said that no names were found on the rubbish, therefore no infringement notice could be issued – the rubbish is being cleaned up.
- Trees – entrances to town. Suggested that rows of trees be planted along Aberford Street.

0157 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that a report be brought back to Council regarding the feasibility of planting of trees in Aberford Street, noting that there are optic fibres and water mains in the area.

- Industrial Estate land – referred to untidy lots in the older Industrial Estate. The General Manager said that the owner has been directed to screen the site and plant trees along the fence line.

Cr. Keady:

- Rail upgrade – no provision for culverts – will not cope with flood water – future floods will wash the line away just as in the past. Saying it is imperative that the line remain in a good state of repair and be useable at all times.

0158 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council write to John Holland Rail requesting that sufficient culverts be constructed to allow early flood water to get through which will save the line being washed away in times of flooding.

- Former Railway Station – the building has been vandalised – the Mayor said Council has sought funding to provide security fencing, but no money has been forthcoming. The General Manager said that the matter has been reported to the relevant authorities on numerous occasions, without response.
- Hazard reduction in river – referred to the overgrown state of the river bed – Cr Webb advised that the RFS has a program with the CMA to undertake some work.

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General Manager:

- Informed meeting that Round 2 of Infrastructure Funding has opened. This provides interest rate subsidy loans – minimum borrowing \$1m – with the usual interest rate it would cost Council \$142,000/year for 10 years. He said a report would be presented to the November meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 12.57 p.m.

These Pages (1/5121 to 16/5136) were confirmed on theday of
NOVEMBER 2012 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the
Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire held on 10 October 2012.

MAYOR