

**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, D.Keady, A.Karanouh and D.Schieb.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Corporate & Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr. Brodbeck and Mrs Moorhouse.

Cr Bevan O'Regan, Deputy Mayor of Narrabri Shire Council, was also present.

**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**

- Mrs Karen Kennedy – Sewerage Treatment Works Lease
- Mr & Mrs John Burton – Thara Road

**4.0 APOLOGIES**

**0228 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that an apology for non-attendance be accepted from Cr Burnheim.

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Mrs Anne Kennedy will be addressing Council on recent developments on Coal Seam Gas issue and providing an update on issues of concern.

Mr. Bevan O'Regan will also be attending the meeting to speak about Public Hearings by Councils (section 734) – regarding Coal Seam Gas.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Two Declarations of Interest were received:

- Cr Webb – Sewerage Treatment Works Lease (brother of Mrs.Kennedy)
- Cr Keady – Coonamble Show Society – (President of the Society)

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**0229 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 November 2012 be confirmed, subject to the addition of the mover and seconder of Resolution No. 0181 "*Cr Schieb and Cr Keady*".

**Business Arising From Minutes:**

(a) **CCTV Cameras** – In response to a question from Cr Karanouh, the General Manager said that the cameras are not all operational as we are waiting on the contractor. He said Council is using its own IT staff to upgrade and carry out maintenance to the police station system.

**0230 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council investigate alternate arrangements for the maintenance of its CCTV camera system by inviting expressions of interest and encouraging local qualified persons to apply.

(b) **Position of Grants Officer** – Cr Schieb asked whether Council has filled this position. The General Manager said there was very little interest in the role, however the one applicant was requested to perform an exercise by writing an application for a grant and returning it to Council. The General Manager said the position is 3 days/week.

**0231 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council proceed with the current arrangement for the role of Grants Officer and, if the applicant is not suitable, Council re-advertise the position as 5 days/week in an attempt to attract more suitable applicants.

**ADDRESS ON COAL SEAM GAS**

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mrs. Kennedy to the meeting and invited her to address Council. Mrs. Kennedy provided a short home video on the results of coal seam gas mining in Tara Estates. Mrs. Kennedy said it was all here in the short film; unaccounted methane emissions, water contamination and health impacts, which are likely to be very expensive in the end. She said the Government has been requested to provide a Health Impact Assessment, but is not willing to do so.

Cr O'Regan thanked Council for allowing him to address its members. He said that councils have lost all rights – mining companies do not have to have development applications approved even when the activities are on ratepayers private land.

He referred to Section 734 – Public hearings by a council – and said it is a powerful tool and the only way councils have any rights against mining companies. Cr O'Regan referred to the four conditions of the section which give councils authority to arrange a public hearing and conduct the hearing. The report must then be furnished to the council and made public and, in his opinion, council is then in control.

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Cr O'Regan invited questions from Councillors. It was noted that mining in a big way is happening in the Gunnedah & Narrabri areas, however Moree is anti mining and have moved to support a moratorium against coal seam gas mining and exploration. The Mayor, Cr. Cullen, said this Council has taken the same action. The case of Gloucester Council was mentioned – it went to the Land and Environment Court trying to stop mining, but lost out. Cr O'Regan said Section 734 opens a wide scope and it would be no problem to arrange a panel of – say – five persons. Mrs Kennedy said she has people who are prepared to give evidence.

The Mayor said a Section 734 public hearing would set a precedent – he said the State Government openly supports coal seam gas exploration and mining and he was not convinced that a public hearing would achieve any result. Cr Cullen said the mining companies would still be in a position to take Council to the Land and Environment Court – and on past results, Council would lose.

Further discussion ensued prior to Cr O'Regan and Mrs. Kennedy thanking Council and leaving the meeting. Cr. Webb also left the room prior to Mrs. Karen Kennedy being invited to address the meeting.

**LEASE OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS**

Mrs Kennedy referred to the sewerage treatment works and requested that the area be made available for horses. The General Manager said if Council decided to lease the area, expressions of interest would be invited and the successful applicant would be required to lodge a bond for fencing. Mr Warren said the fence would need to be constructed to a standard which was acceptable to Council. Mrs Kennedy said when the lease was held by them previously they complied with all Council's requirements.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Kennedy and said Council would discuss the matter later in the day. She left the meeting at 10.12 a.m. Cr Webb returned to the meeting.

**THARA ROAD**

Mr & Mrs John Burton were present to discuss this matter. Mr. Burton referred to the survey of the area and was advised by the Mayor that a surveyor from Geolyse has been engaged to carry out the work in January. The Mayor also said the surveyor had been provided with guidelines and conditions.

Mr Burton said he went through guidelines provided by the Lands Department and applied for the area which, he said, the Government was encouraging landholders to do and due to lack of communication from both the Department and Council has been placed in his current position.

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The Mayor advised there is a process to follow, the survey will proceed and Council will make a further decision on the matter in February. He thanked Mr and Mrs. Burton for coming to the meeting.

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**0232 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Walker and Keady that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

Cr. Webb left the meeting for Council to discuss lease of the sewerage treatment works – part of Resolution No 0179.

**(a) Proposed Lease of STW Area**

**0233 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that a report be brought to the February meeting regarding this matter, outlining conditions of lease, requirements for fencing and other issues, i.e. whether the lease will have negative impact on Council's channels and lagoons.

The Director of Engineering Services said that the block on the north side of the Treatment Works is private property. He also said Council should investigate whether there will be breaches of its licence.

At this juncture, 10.29 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and the Mayor and General Manager went to the TAFE Graduation Ceremony where the Mayor was scheduled to give a short address. The meeting resumed at 11.28 a.m. Upon resumption, both the Economic Development Manager and the Tourism Development Manager were at the meeting to present their reports.

**9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor gave a short verbal report on activities since the last meeting, which included the following:

- The Clontarf Foundation – said this is working very well at the High School – said this program is making a difference to the participating students.
- Parks and Gardens staff – commented on the Zone Carnival of Little Athletics held at Coonamble last weekend. He said the officials were impressed with the standard of our oval and its preparation for the Carnival. A big thank you to the Parks and Gardens staff.
- Attended the Tourism Workshop held at the Bowling Club – said it was outstanding and congratulated the Tourism Development Manager.
- CWA Zone meeting held in Coonamble – 18 towns participated – commented that the CWA is very active in issues concerning coal

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seam gas, lobbying the government concerning cutbacks associated with services and funding.

- Attended Barbara O'Brien's farewell function at 2828 – said it was well attended. The Mayor said that Barbara is excited to be moving to Dubbo where she is already involved in a number of activities.
- Moorambilla – a meeting was held to discuss the 2013 Moorambilla festival. Cr Keady said he would provide further details in General Business.

**0234 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that the Mayor's Activity Report be received.

**13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND URBAN SERVICES**

**0235 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**

**0236 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the information contained in the report by the Economic Development Manager be noted.

The following issues were discussed:

- Eco Spa – still awaiting receipt of the Engineering report regarding water, then will be in a position to submit the Development Application. Grant has to be acquitted shortly.
- Covered Arena – transfer of Showground is awaiting Minister's signature, a preliminary valuation has been received. Handed out the final design for Councillors' information.
- Caravan Park – Council has forwarded a letter concerning the purchase of the area – no response to date, however been in contact with the Dubbo Lands Office.
- Abattoirs – owners still working towards having them operational – spent considerable funds – power supply completed and other works are being undertaken.

**13.2 AGRIBUSINESS LEASES – COONAMBLE AIRPORT**

**0237 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council:

- (a) agree to lease blocks at Coonamble Airport to both Cropjet and Rebel Ag and proceed with preparing leases of five (5) years with two (2) x five (5) year options for renewal;
- (b) set a monthly rental of \$220 for each block with annual increases to correspond with CPI (Weighted average of eight capital cities);
- (c) advise Cropjet that it has first option on choice of block given its proposal is for a more substantial presence;

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(d) not proceed with investigations into the lease of the Terminal Building.

**13.3 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**0238 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the information contained in the report by the Tourism Development Manager be noted.

The Manager answered questions on the following topics:

- Macquarie Marshes – potential for tourism – stated that access from Quambone at this stage is through private properties. Visitors have to book appointments with the National Parks and pay a fee.
- Riversmart is interested in developing the Marshes – we may be able to work with other Councils within the region.
- Warren Shire has applied for funding to establish a Marshes Information Centre.
- Tourist Information Booklet – handed drafts of the cover for Councillors to peruse and select one. It was agreed that a full report on the content of this booklet be presented to the February 2013 meeting.

**13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0239 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the information contained in this report be noted.

Cr. Walker gave a brief summary of his visit to Quambone in company with the General Manager:

- Signs have not been erected at the Primitive Camping Area at Quambone
- The swings have been located in the park – more play equipment has been requested. Maybe liaise with the School and include provision for additional equipment in the estimates.
- Met the new owners of the Quambone Store – they are stocking the shop again and will be getting petrol and diesel in the future.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**0240 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

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**Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:**

- 10.1 NSW DEPARTMENT OF FAIR TRADING S4(38926)**  
**0241 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council accept the delegation of certain functions under the Plumbing & Drainage Act 2011 from the NSW Fair Trading and authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to the Instrument of Delegation.
- 10.2 NSW DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & WATER – NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE T3(39025)**  
**0242 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that Council note the information supplied by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and convey the contents of the letter to the Quambone Resources Committee.
- 10.3 WESTERN DIVISION COUNCILS OF NSW A2-1-1(39042)**  
The General Manager informed Council that it has had Native Title Claims lodged previously and have elected to be a 'party to the proceedings' and informed of progress with the Claims.
- 0243 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council not participate in the Collective of Councils at this stage, having received legal advice from Council's Solicitor that little would be gained in participating which may involve Council in considerable expense.
- 10.4 NSW DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT B11(39071)**  
**0244 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council adopt the Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils and the Supporting Guide which has been developed by the Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities, place the document on public exhibition inviting submissions for the prescribed period before formally adopting the Policy in conjunction with any submissions received.
- 10.5 COONAMBLE ASSOCIATED AGENTS PTY LTD S1(39098)**  
**0245 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that Council agree to the request by the Coonamble Associated Agents Pty Ltd to commence Friday sales at 8.00 a.m. commencing Friday 4 January 2013.
- 10.6 TAFE WESTERN – COONAMBLE CAMPUS D7(38975)**  
**0246 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council agree to donate \$100 towards a prize for the TAFE Graduation Awards Ceremony.

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**10.7 ALF WATERS TAXI SERVICE T5(39054)**

**0247 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council refer this matter to the Traffic Committee, with a recommendation to remove the concrete median adjacent to the Taxi Rank and provide two disabled size car parks for taxi cabs in the current location.

**10.8 REGIONAL LANDCARE FACILITATOR – CENTRAL WEST REGION**

**0248 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council advise the Regional Landcare Facilitator that it is interested in the Landcare Support Project and the General Manager seek nominations from within the community to take on the role for the six month period.

Cr Keady declared an interest in the following matter and left the room.

**10.9 COONAMBLE SHOW SOCIETY INC S5(39146)**

**0249 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council defer this matter until the outcome of its application to Round 4 of the Regional Development Australia Fund is known.

Cr Keady returned to the meeting.

**10.10 MATERIAL GIRLS L4(39142)**

**0250 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council agree to the Material Girls conducting an opening night party at the Library on Friday evening 7 June 2013 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Patchwork and quilting exhibition, subject to appropriate staff being on site during the event.

**10.11 INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL (IPART)  
R4(39070)**

**0251 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council's rates forecast for 2013/2014 be prepared on the basis of a 3.4% increase, in line with IPART determination.

**Section B – For Council's Information:**

**10.12 ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES R8-18(38925)**

Advising that a new road numbering system is being introduced to the NSW network to simplify signage and reduce confusion for road users. Stating that from early 2013 the nationally recognized system will significantly improve the way motorists navigate the state's road network. Saying it is expected that implementation of the system will be completed by the end of 2013.



**10.13 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – OFFICE OF WATER  
W1-13(338928)**

Advising that approval has been given to the Section 60 Application for the Coonamble Water Treatment Plant.

**10.14 PRESIDENT, SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW L9(38973)**

Touching base with councils and hoping councillors have settled into the challenges of elected life, particularly newly elected persons. Updating members on a number of important issues and changes that will occur during the early part of this term.

**10.15 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION INC E4(38961)**

Referring to previous correspondence concerning the Association's response to the Government's Discussion Paper Funding our Emergency Services. Pointing out that, of particular relevance, is the impact of a property levy on rural and residential ratepayers and the loss of revenue in the form of levies paid by contents insurance policy holders in rental accommodation, both commercial and residential. Saying the Association is concerned that the well intentioned efforts of the Government may be misdirected by those with vested interests in cost shifting rather than equitability.

**10.16 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION F5-2**

Forwarding notes from Flood Insurance Workshop held on Thursday 30 August 2012. Advising the workshop was convened at the request of members to hear their issues, latest developments and to provide a forum with the insurance industry. Providing the main outcomes from the Workshop and other relevant and interesting information.

This information was included with each Councillor's business paper.

**10.17 THE HON CHRIS HARTCHER MP – MINISTER FOR RESOURCES AND ENERGY E5(39055)**

Responding to Council's letter of 14 August 2012 concerning the coal seam gas industry in the Coonamble LGA and apologizing for the delay. Saying the NSW Government has introduced stringent controls to address community concerns. Pointing out the Strategic Regional Land Use Policy released by the NSW Government in September 2012 establishes a comprehensive set of initiatives to balance growth in the mining and coal seam gas industries with the need to protect agricultural land and water resources.

**10.18 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL L10-2(39104)**

Forwarding Media Release headed *No simple answers for NSW country councils – there's no pot of gold or silver bullet to cure the ills of rural councils in NSW*

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according to the Independent Local Government Review's latest findings. Advising the Panel has released its discussion paper *Better, Stronger Local Government* which proposes a broad package of measures to strengthen the "strategic capacity" of councils across NSW. Saying the Panel would continue to consult on the issues raised in the Discussion Paper with comments welcome until March 2013. Copies of the Discussion Paper are available at [www.localgovernmentreview.nsw.gov.au](http://www.localgovernmentreview.nsw.gov.au) Copies of all correspondence received by Council was included with the Business Paper.

**10.19 SALINITY & WATER QUALITY ALLIANCE (CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY) E5-3(39049)**

Saying that the CMAs, NSW DPI (extension services) and LHPAs are in the process of transition into Local Lands Services and an important step in the transition has been made with the release of a draft of the LLS boundaries, which are currently open for consultation. Recommending very highly that Council consider the new boundaries and how any changes may impact on Council's current working partnerships with the CMA and other councils in the region.

A copy of the map showing the new boundaries was attached to the business paper and the General Manager said should Councillors wish to make a submission, to advise him the basis of their concerns.

**10.20 NSW DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & SERVICES W1(39056)**

Informing Council about an important review the NSW Government is currently undertaking regarding the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* (WIC Act) and the regulation of recycled water schemes under the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act). Pointing out a Discussion Paper is available at [www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/urbanwaterregreview](http://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/urbanwaterregreview) and seeking feedback – saying submissions are due by 15 February 2013.

**10.21 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L9(39053)**

Providing an update on constitutional recognition and urging councils to make a submission to the Inquiry as these are critically important in convincing the committee of the level of support within local government and to counter submissions lodged which might oppose constitutional recognition.

**0252 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.12 to 10.21 inclusive be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**0253 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the following be classified "urgent business" and dealt with.

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- 10.22 YOUTH LINK AUSTRALIA D7(39156)**  
**0254 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council not agree to donate \$40 - \$50, as requested, to Youth Link Australia, noting that local services are widely advertised and promoted.
- 10.23 COONAMBLE CHILDREN'S SERVICES C8-1(39164)**  
**0255 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that Council provide a letter of support to the Coonamble Children's Services to retain the Sustainability funding, noting that child care facilities are licensed and regulated through both State and Federal Governments.
- 10.24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL S6(39163)**  
**0256 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that Council note the Tribunal has commenced its review for the 2013 annual determination which is expected to be finalised around 30 April 2013.
- 10.25 CR BILL BURNHEIM S6**  
**0257 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council note Cr Burnheim's thanks to Engineering staff for restricting road maintenance, where possible, to allow easy flow of harvest traffic.
- 10.26 COONAMBLE YOUTH INTERAGENCY GROUP S13-1(39185)**  
**0258 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council not agree to the request to amend fees or change operating times at the Coonamble Swimming Pool.
- 10.27 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW G5(39196)**  
**0259 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Karanouh that Council note its application to the Age-Friendly Community Local Government Grants Scheme for toilets for the disabled at Coonamble Radio Station was not successful.
- 10.28 MS DORRIE ASTILL, LESSEE – COONAMBLE POOL KIOSK S13-4**  
**0260 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that Council advise the lessee of the Pool that it will not purchase the two items for use at the kiosk and advise the lessee to make her own arrangements.
- 11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**  
**0261 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**

**0262 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note Development Application Nos. 031/2012 & 034/2012 together with Complying Development Certificate Application Nos. 031/2012, 036/2012, 038/2012 & 041/2012, were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

The General Manager referred to a proposed development at 7 Herrmann Street and said he has received a complaint. Mr Warren said the complainant has been informed that it is an application from the Crown and Council cannot refuse it.

**11.2 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

**0263 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council formally adopt the Code of Meeting Practice submitted to the September 2012 meeting and which has been on public exhibition for the prescribed period, noting that no submissions were received.

**11.3 ANNUAL REPORT – 2011/2012**

**0264 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note the tabling of the 2011/2012 Annual Report and that a copy of the report was furnished to the Division of Local Government on 13 November 2012.

**11.4 NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(i) Reimbursement of Funds – Senior Citizens Association**

**0265 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council reimburse the Coonamble Senior Citizens Association the amount of \$400 for the purchase of a sound system for the Coonamble Senior Citizens hall.

**(ii) Free Admission to Pools – School Holiday Periods**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Keady **SECONDED** by Cr Walker that, following a request from the Youth Council, the swimming pools across the Shire be free admission for youth of the shire for the duration of the school holidays.

**An Amendment**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Keady **SECONDED** by Cr Walker that, following a request from the Youth Council, the swimming pools across the Shire be free admission for school children of the shire for the duration of the school holidays.

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On being put to the vote, the AMENDMENT WAS LOST – the Motion was then put AND LOST.

**ENTRY TO THE POOL – SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**0266 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that when school children leave the pool following activities with the school, then return after having been discharged from school, they be allowed back into the pool without paying another admission charge.

**12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**0267 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received and dealt with.

**12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**0268 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 November 2012, be noted.

**12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**0269 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the list of investments as 30 November 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 GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS**

**0270 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the information contained in this report be noted.

**COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION & MINING – SECTION 734 PUBLIC HEARING**

**0271 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council investigate and consider issues relating to public hearings in connection with the coal seam gas issue, also seek legal advice on the matter and present a full report to the February 2013 meeting of Council.

**14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**0272 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 COONAMBLE LEVEE**

**0273 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council adopt the final Review of Environmental Factors for the Coonamble Town Levee upgrade, as presented at the meeting.

**14.2 TELEMETRY SYSTEM**

**0274 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council:

- (a) Engage the services of Indratel to install telemetry systems at its water and sewer pump stations and that the cost be met from each of the corresponding funds;
- (b) Engage Indratel to install flood level monitors at Coonamble, Combara and Warrena if concurrence of the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) to the installations is forthcoming;
- (c) Dependent on (b), make application to the NSW Office of Water to install the flood monitors.

**14.3 MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION - UPDATE**

**0275 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the report on this project and the planned works for January 2013 be noted.

**14.4 WHEEL STOPS – CBD**

**A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Karanouh that this matter be deferred until a more comprehensive report, including costings on different types of wheel stops, is submitted to the February meeting **WAS LOST** – 4 votes against one in favour.

**0276 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council not install rubber wheel stops in the Coonamble CBD in compliance with AS2890.1 – Parking Facilities

**14.5 NSW LIVESTOCK LOADING SCHEME**

**0277 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council request the Roads & Maritime Service to fund the investigation into the structural integrity of the bridges that Council cannot guarantee will carry the increased loading from HMLs.

**14.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0278 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in this report be noted.

**15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**0279 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2012**

**0280 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the report by the Ranger for the month of November 2012 be noted.

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**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**0281 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the following matters be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with:

**15.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO 048/2012 – COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**0282 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council approve the Development Application submitted by Coonamble Shire Council to expand its operations at the Magometon Quarry located on land described as Lot 7003 DP1060849.

Councillors Cullen, Keady, Karanouh, Walker, Schieb and Webb all voted in favour of the above motion.

**15.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO 046/2012 – HAZEL JACKSON**

**0283 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council approve the Development Application submitted by Hazel Jackson for storage of scrap metal on land described as Lot 71, DP785279, 6-8 Buckley Drive, Coonamble, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The premises must be maintained to a proper standard.
- 2) Landscaping – The applicant must comply with Section 2.6 – Landscaping – in accordance with Council's Development Plan No 1.
- 3) Unreasonable Noise, Dust and Vibration - The development, including operation of vehicles, shall be conducted so as to avoid unreasonable noise, dust or vibration and cause no interference to adjoining or nearby occupants. Precautions must be taken to avoid nuisance in neighbouring residential areas, particularly from machinery, vehicles, warning sirens, public address systems and the like.

In the event of a noise, dust or vibration issues arising at the time, the person in charge of the premises shall, when instructed by Council, cause to be carried out an acoustic investigation by an appropriate acoustical consultant and submit the results to Council. If required by Council, the person in charge of the premises shall implement any or all of the recommendations of the consultant and any additional requirements of Council to Council's satisfaction.

- 4) The development shall take place in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan No 1 except where otherwise advised by Council.

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5) A pest and vermin control plan suitable to Council is to be submitted.

6) All scrap metal will have to be stored/stacked in such a way so as to keep site in a tidy and clean environment. materials are not to be stacked within three (3) metres of any boundary. All metal sheeting is to be stacked and secured so as not to become windborne.

Councillors Cullen, Keady, Karanouh, Walker, Schieb and Webb all voted in favour of the above motion.

**16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**16.1 Coonamble Heritage & Museum under the Bridge Committee**

**0284 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Coonamble Heritage and Museum under the Bridge Committee meeting held on 19 November, 2012 be noted.

It was also noted that the cash register mentioned in the minutes was owned by the Jiear Family (not Driers as stated).

**16.2 Employment Circle Notes**

**0285 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the notes from the Employment Circle Meeting held on 20 November 2012 be noted.

**16.3 Museum under the Bridge**

**0286 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the Museum under the Bridge report for the month of November be noted.

**17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**0287 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Saleyards Report for the month of November 2012 be noted.

**18.0/19.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**0288 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) *“personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)”*

**0289 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**0290 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.



**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION**

**0291 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1, 18.2, 19.1, 19.2 and 19.3, as follows:

**18.1 LESTER AND SANDRA COHEN – GARBAGE CHARGES**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Mr and Mrs Cohen be advised that prior to the adoption of Council's Scavenging District in February 2008, the subject property was included in the 'collection zone' and charges prior to this date will stand.

**18.2 COONAMBLE TIMES**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that the letter be noted.

**19.1 DIRECTION OF THE MEGLO – LEASE TO MR LANDERS**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:**

- (1) that Council offer the lease of the subject land to Mr.Landers for an annual rental of \$10,150 for a period of five years, with a CPI increase adjusted annually;
- (2) that Mr Landers be responsible for any improvements required, including fencing of the block;
- (3) that Mr Landers make his own arrangements into the supply of water to the block;
- (4) that Council is prepared to enter into negotiation for the sale of the block to Mr. Landers.

**19.2 MEGLO LAND**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council not proceed with investigations to sell the balance of "The Meglo" and it be taken off the books and kept for future development opportunities.

**19.3 BATCHING PLANT**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that staff investigate costings of a batching plant for Council's operations and provide a report to the February meeting

**21.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE** Nil

**22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Schieb:**

**Street Numbering - Quambone**

**0292 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council provide street numbers for all residences in Quambone.

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**Cr Karanouh:**

**Proposal to Close Street**

**0293 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council investigate the possibility of closing the street running from Nebea Street to Conimbia Street at the rear of properties in Yuma Street.

**Cr Keady:**

- Provided a report on the Moorambilla Meeting – he says that a committee should be formed to run the whole event, taking into account the structure of the committee and memorandum of agreement for future festivals. Cr Keady said the festival should be ‘freshened up’ and more local children should be included. He said another meeting would be held in February.
- Met with representatives from Gulargambone who stated there is lack of support for tourism from Council. The General Manager said that the representatives be invited to address Council.
- Role of the Tourism Development Manager – suggested that a review of this role be undertaken.
- Suggested that a Tourism Meeting be held and that representatives from both Gulargambone and Quambone be invited to attend.

At this juncture, 1.55 p.m., Cr. Schieb left the meeting and did not return.

**Cr Webb:**

- Advised that, in company with the General Manager, he attended the Panel Review meeting in Dubbo.

**Director of Corporate & Community Services:**

- Referred to the Quambone Park and play equipment – stated that the swings recently located there are only temporary, as consultation is continuing with the community and when completed, other suitable equipment will be installed. She said a report would be available in February/March.

The Mayor conveyed best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to Councillors and staff.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.56 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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