

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COONAMBLE, ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH
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PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Karen Churchill, Tom Cullen, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Mr. Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Chudek 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 – past, present and future.

3.0 APOLOGY

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

At 9.30 a.m., representatives from APA will be in attendance to address Council and answer questions on the proposed Western Slopes gas pipeline that will traverse the Shire. Mrs Anne Kennedy has also sought permission to be present and address Council on the same issue.

Mrs Margaret Casey has requested permission to address Council on the issue of charges incurred by the Anglican Church in Gulargambone – she will be in attendance at 9.45 a.m.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

2492 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 8 March 2017 be confirmed.

Business Arising from Minutes:

i) **Security Cameras** – the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said that work on updating security cameras is almost complete – the pole being installed by Council for the camera adjacent to the National Australia Bank is in progress.

ii) **Insurance Claim – Gulargambone Memorial Hall** - Council was advised that mould on the ceiling was evident prior to water ponding underneath the structure and it has been decided to put money aside in next year's budget to repaint the ceiling area – noting that Council's excess on a claim is \$10,000.

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iii) **Investigations into providing a security service** – Council was informed that a vote would be included for consideration in conjunction with the estimates at the May meeting.

iv) **New amenities at pool** – the General Manager said there have been issues with the layout – Council's H&B staff carried out an inspection last week.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

2493 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

i) **Sportsground – Irrigation** – it was noted that an item linked to this work in on today's agenda in Closed Session.

ii) **Relining – Quambone Hall** – the General Manager said he is having difficulty in getting local contractors to quote to carry out this work, as well as works required at the Combara Hall, stating that local builders are not prepared to submit offers.

iii) **Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre**

2494 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council inform the Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre that will commence legal proceedings to recover management of the building.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

2495 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his Mayoral activity report be received and dealt with.

Cr Webb provided a report on his activities on Council's behalf since the February meeting, which included:

i) **Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)** – attended the recent Board Meeting at Dubbo and raised the current position of proposed Joint Organisations. Member councils do not want a fourth tier of government – they wish to retain their function. It would appear that J.Os. could be used as a vehicle for the State Government to achieve its own agenda in regional NSW. Finally, it was resolved that OROC write to the Minister for Local Government and LGNSW expressing its concerns and put forward the view that the ROC model is sufficient to manage the efficient co-operative working relationships of member councils.

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ii) Warrumbungle Bush Fire Appeal – the Mayor of Coonabarabran has established an appeal to raise funds to provide directly for victims of the recent bush fire.

2496 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council donate \$1,500 to the Warrumbungle Bush Fire Appeal to directly assist victims of the disaster – funds to be sourced from the Donation Fund.

iii) Meeting with Police – together with Cr Wheelhouse, met with the Duty Officer for Coonamble District, Inspector David Checkley, who is also the Professional Standards Officer for the Castlereagh Local Area Command. Discussions included the community's concern and perception of police activity and presence around Coonamble. The Mayor said it was encouraging to hear that Inspector Checkley is a believer in "visible" policing and is encouraging officers to be seen around the community as often as possible.

The Mayor also informed the meeting that he has been endeavouring to secure a meeting with the Minister for Police, Troy Grant, since November 2016 and was informed that a meeting has been arranged for 1 May 2017 in Dubbo. Cr Cullen suggested that the Mayor draw attention to issues being caused by youth aged between 12 – 15 years. The Mayor said that the PCYC held a Blue Light Disco in Coonamble recently and the interagency is trying to get activities organised which will cater for this age group.

The Mayor also advised that he attended the Country Mayors' meeting recently and yesterday had a meeting regarding the future of the local Court House upon the retirement of the incumbent Registrar. Cr Webb said the Registrar position would be run from Coonabarabran for 2 days/week, but the conduct of Court would not be affected.

2497 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb that the information in his report be noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

2498 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 COONAMBLE RODEO ASSOCIATION D7(49192)

2499 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that Council note its annual contribution to the Coonamble Rodeo Association for the event in paying for the additional toilets, carrying out ground maintenance and providing necessary materials - for 2016 Council expended \$18,273.75.

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Australian Pipeline Association – Presentation

At this juncture, Mr Jim Fjeldsoe and Mr Tom Smith arrived at the meeting to address Council. Prior to their arrival, there was a huge attendance of landowners who had congregated to hear the address.

Mr Fjeldsoe went through the process APA was undertaking – he gave a comprehensive report on all aspects of the project and both Messrs Fjeldsoe and Smith said they would answer questions as the presentation progressed.

The Mayor stipulated that representatives from APA were here today at Council's invitation to give a presentation to Council, not in the capacity of a public forum and, with that being the case, only two members of the "concerned landowners" delegation were to ask questions of APA - being Mrs Anne Kennedy and Mr David Chadwick. Councillors were free to ask questions as they saw fit. There was a question and answer period following the presentation and it concluded at 10.15 a.m.

Mrs Anne Kennedy also made a presentation on behalf of the 'concerned landowners' – showing sites of other areas badly affected by pipeline activities.

Gulargambone Anglican Church – Disputed Account

At 10.35 a.m., the Mayor invited Mrs Margaret Casey to present her case on behalf of the Gulargambone Anglican Church. Mrs Casey said that although the Church had been closed for four years it was still being billed for water and garbage.

The Director of Corporate & Urban Services explained that these are "access" charges – not rates – the General Manager said that charges are imposed by legislation and vacant land, where access to services is available, is charged a lesser charge than that of residential (where there is a property).

Mrs Casey was advised that rates are not charged and agreed to meet with the Director to further discuss the issue. She left the meeting and Council dealt with the matter.

10.2 ST BARNABAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PR2788-01(49201)

2500 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council waive the domestic waste charge of \$365 from the Gulargambone Anglican Church account with funds from the Donation Vote.

Update on Quambone Activities

At this juncture, the Mayor invited Mrs Margaret Garnsey to address the meeting. Mrs Garnsey said she wanted to provide an update on progress with the proposed fuel outlet. She informed Council that the Committee is in the

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process of purchasing Lot 6 and has Lot 5 under offer – these allotments are directly opposite the Sundowner Hotel and will be suitable for the proposed project. Mrs Garnsey said the process is moving as quickly as possible.

She also informed Council that the Marthaguy Races are scheduled for next month, along with a big program of events for a *Back to Quambone Day*, which will include coach rides around the village, open day at the RFS and School and, at night, a dance, band and dinner at the Hotel. Mrs Garnsey requested Council have removed the old cars on footpaths in Quambone. Mrs Garnsey thanked Council and left the meeting at 11.00 a.m.

At this juncture, Cr Walker declared an interest in the following matter and left the room.

- 10.3 2829 BIRRAY'S BOYS' COMMITTEE D7(49220)**
2501 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Cullen that Council provide \$500 as sponsorship to assist with transport, accommodation and playing gear for the team to participate in the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout being held in Sydney during the 2017 October long weekend – funds to be sourced from Donation Vote.

Cr Walker returned to the meeting.

- 10.4 MAYOR, EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL E5(49238)**
2502 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note the action being taken by Eurobodalla Shire Council in banning balloon releases in its area for the protection of the natural environment.

- 10.5 SANDRA WINSOR R2**
Formally approaching Council for assistance regarding the impact of the inland rail proposal. Stating there will be no economic advantage to the towns of Gulargambone or Coonamble. Asking for Council's support in having this proposal removed as an option.

- 2503 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council advise Ms Winsor that, in accordance with its previous resolution, a submission has been provided to Inland Rail recommending the line come through Coonamble on the route to Narrabri.

- 10.6 COONAMBLE GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC D7(49298)**
2504 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council provide \$2,500 as sponsorship to the greyhound racing carnival which is conducted over the October long weekend, if the Club is cleared to race by that date – funds being sourced from Donation Vote.

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10.7 MICHAEL LEONARD PR3651-502(49352)

2505 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council agree to sell the parcels of land within and bordering the property "Moorambilla" at the 2017 valuation rate, advising that Mr Leonard will be responsible for all costs to Council, including identification, subdivision and fencing (if necessary) and that authority be given to affix the Common Seal to documents relative to the transaction.

Section B: For Information Only:

10.8 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L10(49237)

Seeking Council's assistance in reference to the submission to the Commonwealth Government regarding the development of the 2017/18 Federal budget and enclosing a copy of the submission (www.alga.asn.au) which is entitled *Investment in Tomorrow's Communities*. Pointing out ALGA's number one priority is to ensure the Government keeps its commitment to restore indexation to Financial Assistance Grants in the 2017/18 Federal budget.

10.9 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, WESTERN HEALTH S13(49246)

Thanking Council for its support of the community health aqua program at the Coonamble Pool. Saying the season is now complete and there were over 260 occasions of service for the program. Referring to the Zumba Promotion Day and saying that there were another 26 attendances at the pool.

10.10 ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER E2(49243)

Advising the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) has released its report on the conduct of the 2016 Local Government Elections. Informing the public the report can be accessed at <http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/lge2016reports>

10.11 NSW ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES R8-16(49303)

Notifying Council that its Traffic Route Lighting Subsidy Scheme (TRLSS) payment for 2016/17 will be \$36,000. Saying the level of subsidy is approximately 50% of costs, based on two reference lighting types in each electricity distribution utility region and a benchmark electricity contract.

10.12 TWO EIGHT TWO EIGHT COMMITTEE C6(49376)

Saying it will be leasing the premises to a local community member who will continue to run the café and the visitors centre. Pointing out it will not be disbanding the committee, which will continue as a fully functioning committee. Saying it will continue to run and maintain the library, continue movie nights and concentrate on the community for future events.

2506 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that the information in Item Nos. 10.8 to 10.12 inclusive be noted.

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11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

2507 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2508 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council note Development Application Nos 004/2017, 005/2017 and 006/2017 have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 GARBAGE SCAVENGING AREA – COONAMBLE DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Council noted that the amended area for the proposed new scavenging district for Coonamble has been on public exhibition and three submissions were received.

Details of the submissions are:

- i) include 1 Conimbia Street
- ii) include residences in the 90km zone south on the Castlereagh Highway
- iii) extend the area to Euronne Gully on the Carinda Road.

2509 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council formally adopt the amended Scavenging District Boundaries for the domestic waste service area of Coonamble, which includes the three areas above, with the new boundaries to take effect from 1 July 2017.

11.3 BORE BATHS PROPOSAL – COONAMBLE RACECOURSE AREA

The General Manager provided a report and estimates associated with the development of a bore baths facility at the Coonamble racecourse, noting this was a request from the February 2017 meeting.

Council noted that, exclusive of the land purchase costs, the estimated outlay to develop the facility would be in the vicinity of \$570,000.

2510 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note preliminary costing information associated with the development of a basic bore baths facility is in the vicinity of \$570,000.

2511 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Wheelhouse that Council resolved to proceed with the project, firstly by making contact with representatives of the Racecourse Recreation Trust to gauge their willingness to cooperate and set an amount of \$30,000 to allow for a feasibility study and the processes to be granted approvals and licences necessary for the desired project.

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At this juncture 11.26 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.40 a.m.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

2512 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

2513 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

12.2 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

The Director of Community Services provided five separate reports for Council's information and consideration:

- Community Consultation Report
- Community Strategic Plan 2026
- End of Term Report 2016
- Community Engagement Strategy 2016
- Community CSAP Review Discussion Paper 2016

2514 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Community Strategic Plan be altered to reflect the current community consultation by:

- 1) deleting "health services" from "Top 5 things working well in Coonamble Shire";
- 2) deleting "better water quality" from "Top 5 things people would like to see in Coonamble Shire";
- 3) deleting reference to "passenger air services" and "roads damaged by extreme weather" from "Top 5 issues in Coonamble Shire";
- 4) adding the strategy "P3.6 – Increase community capacity to attract and retain volunteers";
- 5) deleting the strategies:
 - a) promote production of local produce including home grown and domestic product;
 - b) promote the establishment of a community playhouse and movie theatre;
 - c) attract investment in alternative energy production;
 - d) promote rural entrepreneurial ventures;
 - e) promote industries and endeavours for people to work from home.

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13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

2515 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

2516 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 March 2017 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

2517 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that the list of investments as 31 March 2017 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.

13.3 DRAFT REVENUE POLICY 2017/2018

2518 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council agree to place the Revenue Policy for 2017/2018, on public exhibition in conjunction with the Operational Plan, Budget and Delivery Program, calling for submissions for the prescribed 28 days, prior to formally adopting them at the June 2017 meeting, together with any submissions received.

13.4 DRAFT FEES & CHARGES FOR 2017/2018

2519 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Walker that Council agree to place the draft Fees and Charges for 2017/2018, on public exhibition, in conjunction with the Operational Plan, Budget and Delivery Program, calling for submissions for the prescribed 28 days, prior to formally adopting them at the June 2017 meeting, together with any submissions received.

13.5 GENERAL REVALUATION OF LAND – COONAMBLE SHIRE

The Director informed the meeting that the Valuer General has conducted a general valuation for the entire State to allow for the implementation of the Fire and Emergency Services levy to be calculated fairly State-wide. A copy of the "Overview of Land Values" provided by Property NSW was included with the business paper for Councillors' information.

2520 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note the information provided in the report

13.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2521 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the information contained in this section of the report.

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14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

2522 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2523 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

The Director informed the meeting of the following:

- The RMS has reduced funding for day to day maintenance of the Castlereagh Highway – slashing of the road sides will not be done as often due to this reduction.
- Improvements at the STP – improved quality of recycled water, there is ample quantity of water available for pumping to the racecourse/golf course.
- Shortly will be commencing to clean and reline sewerage mains in some parts of both Coonamble and Gulargambone.
- The new bore at Gulargambone is complete – installation is in progress – test results had to be completed prior to installation of equipment.

14.2 LOCAL AND REGIONAL ROAD SEALING

2524 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that savings on the Box Ridge Road (SR87) and Carinda Road (SR86) be returned to reserves to assist in the funding of the 2017/2018 Roads Maintenance Program.

Cr Churchill suggested that Council consider sealing 1km of the Back Combara Road each year – pointing out the road is sandy and dangerous. The General Manager referred to the Roads Management Plan, which was handed out to each Councillor today, along with other Management Plans, for their perusal and input. He said any alteration to Council's priorities would need to be addressed by Council in the Operational Plan when it is presented in May for the 2017/2018 year.

15.0 REPORT FROM RELIEVING MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2525 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Walker that the report by the R/Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – MARCH 2017

2526 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Ranger's report for the month of March 2017 be noted.

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16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

No reports or minutes were presented to the meeting.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – MARCH 2017

2527 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that the saleyards report for March 2017 be dealt with.

17.1 Sales / 17.2 Saleyards Account

2528 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Karanouh that the above two items in the report be noted.

18.0 CLOSED SESSION

2529 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council resolve into Closed Session, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Section 10A:

“section 2 :

(d) “commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

(i) Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it”.

2530 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

2531 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

2532 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1, 18.2 and 18.3 as set out hereunder:

18.1 Quambone Fuel Depot Proposal

Council resolves to note the status of the Tucka Tucka Street application for a fuel depot, also Crown Lands’ response that it is unlikely approval will be given for such use and that Council will transfer the development application already submitted to the new site.

18.2 Tender – Design & Replacement of Trunk Main – Castlereagh Highway, Coonamble – Contract No. PT2017/02

Council resolves :

i) that ANT Engineering be awarded this contract for the design of the water mains replacement on the Castlereagh Highway, at a tendered price of \$39,180;

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- ii) *that the construction tender be advertised at a later stage, based on the detailed design.*

18.3 Plant Replacement – Patching Truck

Council resolves to accept the offer submitted by Tracserv for the supply and delivery of one Isuzu FXY 1500 Auto Truck, with PaveLine back and trade-in of Plant No 152, at a net change-over cost of \$302,933.64.

19.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

20.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Wheelhouse:

- Extension of water mains to Jehovah's Witness premises – Director of Engineering Services will re-submit to the May meeting a report compiled previously on this matter.
- Include the issue of stationing the highway patrol officer at Coonamble in discussions with Police Minister, Troy Grant.
- Solar panels – the GM advised this matter is under investigation by OROC – all member councils' buildings which will allow solar panels will be included.

Cr Karanouh:

- On behalf of Streets Ahead – saying John Murray – artist – has agreed to paint a mural on the reservoir at the Coonamble sportsground free of charge, in company with two local Aboriginal artists. The GM requested that a proof be provided so that Council is satisfied with the proposal.

2533 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that \$25,000 be provided from the Development Fund to cover the cost of paint, hire of cherry-picker and payment of the two assisting artists.

Cr. Cullen requested that his name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

Cr Fisher:

- Complaints received regarding trees being too low over some roads – the GM said that Council does not take action unless there is an obvious danger – Mr Warren also said that residents are encouraged to report trees they consider to pose any danger to road users.
- Complaint from Halcroft & Bennett's office regarding the need to use new bins for garbage collection from 1 July 2017 – the GM advised a response has been provided.

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Cr Churchill:

- Traffic issues – need for signage – a) dip in Limerick Street; b) “Reduce Speed” sign Dubbo Street / King Street; c) line marking re-done on some streets, especially those onto the highway.
- Enquiry from local retailers regarding outdoor clothing supply – the GM said he would investigate – purchases are usually made locally unless cost prohibitive

Cr Karanouh:

- When renewing signage at Smith Park – His & Hers Hairdressing has been omitted. The Director said he would investigate.

Cr Fisher:

- Congratulated the GM on arranging the submission regarding the Inland Rail Proposal – noting he read it on Council’s website.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 12.55 p.m.

Pages (1/6001 to 13/6013) confirmed on the **10th** day of **MAY 2017** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **12TH April 2017**.

MAYOR