

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH
FEBRUARY 2019, COMMENCING AT 9.02 A.M.**

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PRESENT: Cr Ahmad Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Karen Churchill, Robert Thomas, Bill Fisher, Michael Webb and Paul Wheelhouse.

Also present were the A/General Manager, Mr Inglis, the Director of Community Services, Ms Ryan, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Mr Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Atkins, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

At this juncture, there were residents representing the Combara area present in the Chamber, together with Mr Stan Leonard and representatives from Coonamble F.I.T. Inc.

i) Combara – Suggestions for Water Supply

Mr Mark Regan was spokesperson for the group and he was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Regan thanked Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and enquired whether there are means of assistance to residents who find it difficult to pay for the cartage of water. He also said that a permanent water supply is required for the long term survival of the area, saying if water was available blocks currently vacant may be utilised by new residents.

The suggestion was put forward that perhaps Council could investigate sinking a bore at Combara and, depending on water quality, it could be used for domestic use. Another suggestion was that an artesian bore at Combara may solve the problem or alternatively provide mains extensions from Coonamble town supply.

Cr Churchill referred to organisations like Rural Aid and Buy-a-Bale which may have some means of assisting residents in the short term.

The General Manager referred to programs specifically to address water issues, however reminded Councillors that guidelines for such programs contain specific criteria around scale and scope must be met. Further discussion ensued regarding subsidies available for transport of fodder and farm businesses and it was agreed that both these subsidy options be included in the A/General Manager's investigations.

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Cr Webb informed the meeting that Mr Ken Gillespie and Mr Don Murray are contacts within the NSW Premier's Department who may be able to assist in this matter. He also mentioned that Council may be able to provide funding from its Development Fund to pay for cartage of water to Combara residents.

The Mayor thanked Mr Regan and the Combara representatives.

ii) Coonamble F.I.T. Inc Representative

Ms Jill Robinson, representing Coonamble F.I.T. was next to address the meeting, saying the gym has had to relocate to a Sydney Street premises from the Coonamble High School. She said all money raised or donated goes directly into the fit out and equipment of the facility – Ms Robinson said that the gym provides healthy activities and wellbeing alternatives for the community and is a worthwhile project which will keep delivering benefits to the community. She said that the organisation is hoping Council is able to assist with its relocation and fit-out costs.

The Mayor thanked Ms Robinson.

iii) Stan Leonard

Mr Leonard spoke about his family's commitment to the Coonamble district for over 100 years. Mr Leonard said he would like the opportunity to provide work boots to Council, saying he has not been given this chance for at least 20 years. He said that due to the drought and other factors, business is the worst he has seen in his 70 years in the retail industry. Mr. Leonard said a share of Council's market could assist him to keep the family business open so asks for Council's consideration of his offer.

The A/General Manager said Mr Leonard made an offer to Council in writing and Mr Inglis said he has instructed staff to make investigations and report to him their findings. He also said that Council's adopted Procurement Policy will also dictate his determination of Mr Leonard's representations.

The Mayor thanked Mr Leonard.

3.0 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No deputations were booked for the meeting.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(a) The Mayor declared a conflict of interest in Item 10.5 *Coonamble F.I.T. Inc* of the Business Paper, for the reason that his wife is associated with the organisation. The Mayor further stated that it was a non-pecuniary interest but he would leave the Chamber and not participate in the debate.

(b) Cr Churchill declared a conflict of interest in Item 11.3(ii) *Notices of Motion* of the Business Paper, for the reason that she is an employee of LLS. Cr Churchill further stated that it was a non-pecuniary interest but she would leave the Chamber and not participate in the debate.

(c) Cr Webb declared a conflict of interest in Item 11.3(i) *Notices of Motion* of the Business Paper, for the reason that he is a bus driver and the road is regularly traversed. Cr Webb further stated that it was a non-pecuniary interest and he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

(d) Cr Fisher declared a conflict of interest in Item 11.3(i) *Notices of Motion* of the business Paper, for the reason that his son is a member of the Aero Club. Cr Fisher further stated that it was a non-pecuniary interest and he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting – 12 December 2018

4216 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Thomas and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 12 December 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

b) Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting – 17 December 2018

4217 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Fisher that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 17 December 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

c) Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting – 10 January 2019

4218 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

4219 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Churchill that the seven items listed in the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

8.2 Resolutions Completed

4220 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Wheelhouse that Council note the completed resolution.

Notes:

i) Minute No 2646(a) – Emergency Services Building Reserve

In response to a question from Cr Wheelhouse, the Manager of Environmental Services advised that the Project Manager received plans and engineering designs from Barnsons. However, a further quote has been requested from John Cook Engineering before a decision is made. Councillors noted that the building will be erected on the eastern side of the existing shed. Mr Cook said that a further report will be brought back to Council when all the information is available.

ii) Minute No 4164 – Extension of Water – Dubbo Road Residents

The Director of Engineering Services responded to a question, saying the investigation is ongoing and a consultant has been engaged to prepare a comprehensive report which will include the impact this extension will have on the current town water supply.

iii) Minute No 4199 – Relocation of Stables – Coonamble Showground

Cr Wheelhouse requested that a meeting of Showground user group representatives be held. The A/General Manager said the status of the resolution shows that a meeting will be held in February – with a report to the March meeting.

At this juncture, Cr. Walker handed a petition, signed by West Coonamble residents regarding the proposed skate bowl, to the Director. Copies were provided to each Councillor. The petitioners request Council to locate the facility on the western side of the town. The Mayor advised that the Petition will be discussed at Item 12.3

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

4221 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Karanouh that the Mayor's Activity Report be noted.

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9.1 Activities Report

The Mayor reported briefly on his activities during the time since Council's last meeting, having attended several functions to represent Council .

Cr Karanouh also welcomed our A/General Manager, Glenn Inglis, who will be in the role until the recruitment process for a replacement General Manager is made. He said Glenn commenced duty with Council on 14 January and is looking forward to continuing in the role until at least May 2019.

Mr Inglis thanked the Mayor and said he looked forward to working with Council, assisting Councillors to carry out their roles and working with the community, saying he has already met a wide range of members of various organisations.

The Mayor reminded Councillors that the process of recruitment has commenced, with a workshop scheduled for next Wednesday 20 February at 11.00 a.m. The A/General Manager said following the workshop, the process would commence with advertising and he expects it will take around 13 weeks. Councillors noted that Local Government NSW has been engaged to undertake the process and assigned Mr Mark Anderson as facilitator – Mr. Anderson will attend the workshop on 20 February.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4222 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Thomas that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

10.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION G5-1(52849)

4223 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Wheelhouse that Council note the meeting with Grants Commission personnel on Wednesday 27 February.

Note: Councillor Webb tendered an apology for this meeting, as he has a medical appointment.

10.2 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-1

4224 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Wheelhouse that this matter be received and that two workshops facilitated by the A/General Manager be organised; one following the April Council meeting (Wednesday 10th) and the other following the May meeting (Wednesday 8th), noting each session will be approximately 3 hours.

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**10.3 COONAMBLE RACECOURSE AND RECREATION RESERVE TRUST
P1-10(52046)**

Note: Council noted that the A/General Manager has been in discussion with Crown Lands, Dubbo and forwarded information in accordance with Council's resolution, along with a copy of the Bore Baths Preliminary Assessment – October 2018 and the correspondence from the Coonamble Racecourse and Recreation Reserve Trust.

4225 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Thomas that it be noted the matter is with Crown Lands to pursue Council's application.

10.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW – INDUSTRIAL OFFICER L10(52949)

4226 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Thomas that this information be noted.

Note: At this juncture, having previously declared an interest in the following matter, the Mayor vacated the Chair and left the room. The Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

10.5 COONAMBLE F.I.T. INC D7(533043)

4227 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Thomas that this matter be deferred for consideration later in the day during discussion on projects under the Drought Communities Program at Item 12.4.

NATURALISATION CEREMONY

Note: At this juncture, 10.00 a.m., Mr Chetty and Mr Pathak, together with family and friends were now present.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to conduct the Naturalisation Ceremony where he presented both persons with their Certificates of Australian Citizenship.

The Mayor congratulated Mr Chetty and Mr Pathak on their new status and invited them and their family and friends to join Council at morning tea. The meeting resumed at 10.40 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

**10.6 RURAL RESILIENCE OFFICER, NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY
INDUSTRIES – AGRICULTURE NSW D7(53037)**

4228 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Wheelhouse that Council donate \$500 to help offset costs associated with the conduct of the workshop and the funds be sourced from the Donations Vote.

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10.7 CSC CRICKET TEAM D7(53102)

4229 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Webb and Churchill that Council sponsor the Council Employees Cricket Team to the amount of \$360 to purchase shirts, noting that Council's sponsorship would be acknowledged by branding on the shirts.

Section B – Matters for Information Only:

**10.8 SUPT PETER McKENNA, ORANA MID WESTERN POLICE DISTRICT
P5(52858)**

Acknowledging Council's letter and saying he was pleased to read that Council intends to lobby for the development of a PCYC. Advising he is fully supportive of this endeavour and Council can count on his assistance in its submissions.

10.9 PETER PRIMROSE MLC L10(52857)

Pointing out that LGNSW estimates unfunded cost-shifting from state to local government is at over \$820m every year. Listing some of the initiatives NSW Labor will implement to help reduce this cost-shifting.

10.10 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION I2(52861)

Referring to the latest publication by the NSW I.C.A.C. – *Corruption and Integrity in the NSW Public Sector : an assessment of current trends and events*. Saying the report sets out the Commission's observations in a range of areas, including conflicts of interest, undue influence on decision-making, human resources, issues, procurement and regulation. Pointing out copies are available from www.icac.nsw.gov.au

10.11 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE F5-4(52860)

Referring to Council's application for financial assistance under the 2018-19 Floodplain Management Program for Stage 4 of the Coonamble levee upgrade. Saying on this occasion, the application did not receive a grant, although it was ranked highly and has been placed on a reserve list.

10.12 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY RADIO D7

Thanking Council for its generous donation of \$1,000 to assist in sound-proofing the studio to enable better presentation.

10.13 GULARGAMBONE CENTRAL SCHOOL L3(52855)

Thanking Council for its continued financial support of the annual presentation of awards function. Saying staff, students and parents all appreciate Council's generosity.

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10.14 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL L3(52911)

Extending appreciation for Council's support of the annual Speech Day Awards and the Doug Moppett Prize for Literacy. Advising the funds were used as follows:

- Coonamble Shire Award for hard work and dedication: Aiden Hegarty
- CS Caltex All Rounder Year 12: Emily Underwood
- CS The Hon Doug Moppett Memorial Prize for Literacy: Amy Ibbott.

10.15 THE HON NIALL BLAIR MLC S4-3-1(52910)

Advising that funding for a scoping study for Coonamble Sewage Treatment Plant project has been secured through the Restart NSW – Safe & Secure Water Program and that the NSW government is providing up to \$240,000 for 75% funding of the estimated cost of \$320,000 for the project.

10.16 NSW OFFICE OF SPORT – CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE C8(52997)

Advising that on 1 December 2018 the Minister for Sport, the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, launched the NSW Women in Sport Strategy – *Her Sport Her Way*. Saying the four-year strategy comprises a framework of 29 initiatives across four strategic pillars including participation, places and spaces, leveraging investment and leadership.

10.17 NSW ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES R8-16(53026)

Advising the 2018/2019 REPAIR Program allocations have been approved and the following projects have been selected for funding under the program. Pointing out the works must be completed within the 2018/19 financial year – any project not commenced by 1 June 2019 may forfeit funding :

MR383 - Council Priority No. 1 \$233,125

MR129 - Council Priority No. 2 \$137,275

10.18 THE HON MELINDA PAVEY MP – MINISTER FOR ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT R8-25(53051)

Advising the Baradine Road Rehabilitation project, submitted by Council under Fixing Country Roads 2018, has been successful in securing \$468,384 from the Restart NSW Fund. Congratulating Council for working closely with the local community, industry and the Government to secure this funding.

10.19 SENATOR THE HON BRIDGET MCKENZIE D9-2(53063)

Informing Council that funding has been approved under the Drought Communities Program Extension to Council for the Coonamble Clay Target Club (development of a new site project) \$150,000 and Coonamble Arts Alive (studio upgrade project) \$60,000.

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10.20 NSW TREASURY I3(53052)

Advising the NSW Government has provided the opportunity for councils to reduce 52 parking fines around 25% and has mandated that councils must apply a minimum 10-minute grace period from 31 January 2019 before issuing of parking fines for selected offences.

4230 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.8 to 10.20 be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

4231 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that Council note no Development Applications or Complying Development Applications were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 2018-2019 DELIVERY PROGRAM – BI-ANNUAL REVIEW 31 DECEMBER 2018

4232 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Thomas that Council endorse the 2017 – 2020 Delivery Program Bi-annual Review to 31 December 2018, as presented and publish the report to the community.

11.3 NOTICES OF MOTION

The A/General Manager said that three Councillors had submitted Notices of Motion which were included in the business paper.

i) Cr Churchill

Extension of Pool Hours

4233 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Wheelhouse that Council investigate the extension of the opening hours of Council's public swimming pools to 8.00 p.m. each evening during periods of extreme heat conditions/school holidays and expenditure to cover extended hours be considered at the next budget review.

ii) Cr Wheelhouse:

Sealing of Effie Durham Drive

4234 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Churchill that Council investigate the bitumen sealing of Effie Durham Drive.

Skypark Proposal

4235 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Churchill that Council investigate the creation of a skypark on Aerodrome land fronting Effie Durham Drive.

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Note: Cr Churchill, after previously declaring an interest in the following matter, left the room.

Local Lands Services – Travelling Stock Routes

4236 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Thomas that Council make enquiries with the LLS concerning grazing of travelling stock routes and road reserves and the difficulties associated with securing grazing permits by landowners.

Parking – Coonamble Swimming Complex

4237 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Thomas that Council investigate the need for additional and safer parking at the Coonamble Swimming Complex.

iii) Cr Thomas

Cr Thomas had given notice that he intended to move the following motion :

“That Council put in place an Avdata key system at Coonamble saleyards to enable truck drivers to shower after washing out stock crates, noting that Narrabri Shire has a similar system installed at its premises”.

Note: Cr Webb referred to this matter having been dealt with at a recent meeting and it could not be discussed until the prescribed three months time frame had lapsed.

4238 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Thomas and Churchill that this proposed motion be withdrawn.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS UPDATE

4239 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Churchill that the information contained in this item be noted.

12.2 PROPOSED BORE BATHS

4240 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Wheelhouse that Council:

- a) agree to conduct an in-house workshop on Wednesday 20 February 2019 to develop the project scope for the proposed bore baths facility; and
- b) invite expressions of interest for design concepts, including scope of works and preliminary costings.

12.3 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES – SKATE BOWL PROJECT

Council noted that Cr Walker had earlier presented a petition signed by residents of west Coonamble asking that the new facility be located on the western side of the town.

The best location for this project was deliberated at length, with Councillors speaking both for and against the idea of locating the skate bowl on the western side of town

4241 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Webb that the new skate bowl be constructed in Macdonald Park.

Note: Cr Wheelhouse requested that his name be recorded as voting against this motion.

Note: Cr Walker thanked Councillors for supporting the petition.

12.4 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES – EXTENDED – RE-ALLOCATION

The Director provided a comprehensive report on the status of the DCP Extended funding opportunities, noting that to date two projects have been approved under the program, with other applications progressing through the assessment process.

Funding of \$60,000 was approved for the Coonamble Arts Alive Group, however it was successful in securing funding of over \$87,000 under the Club Grants program and declined the DCP allocation.

Ms Ryan said Council should now determine projects to the value of \$85,000, which must comply with DSCP guidelines, for assessment as a priority.

4242 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that the report be noted **AND FURTHER** that :

- a) Council fund the Coonamble Cemetery Columbarium from the cemetery reserves and funds allocated to the Columbarium be re-allocated under the Drought Communities – Extended;
- b) Council prioritise the following projects:

Project 1 – Outback Arts	\$40,000
Project 2 – Coonamble Sportsground Infrastructure & Coonamble F.I.T. Inc Infrastructure & Equipment	\$35,000 \$10,000
Project 3 – New grandstands for Coonamble and Gulargambone Sportsgrounds	\$40,000
- c) Council submit the new projects for assessment by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

4243 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Wheelhouse that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 January 2019 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

4244 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that the list of investments as 31 January 2019 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993, s212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.

13.3 2019/2020 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN

4245 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that the information be noted and any items to be included for consideration in conjunction with the 2019/20 estimates be handed to the Director of Corporate and Urban Services no later than Wednesday 13 March 2019.

Note: The A/General Manager informed Councillors that he would prepare a simple template to enable them to submit suggestions for consideration in the next financial year's planning and budgeting process in the same format.

13.4 PROCUREMENT POLICY

4246 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that Council formally adopt the Procurement Policy, noting it has been on public exhibition for the prescribed period with submissions closing 18 January 2019 and that no submission was received.

13.5 2019-2020 RATE PEGGING – NSW LOCAL COUNCILS

4247 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Webb that Council resolve to apply the rate pegging increase of 2.7% to its 2019/20 General Rate income for the purpose of preparing its draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policies for public exhibition.

13.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS

4248 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Walker that Council note the information in this item of the Director's report.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

4249 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Churchill that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

14.2 SUPPLY OF POTABLE WATER TO RURAL RESIDENTS

4250 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Thomas and Churchill that Council agree to contractors using their individual Avdata facilities to access the standpipe and provide tax invoices for reimbursement of eligible loads and that the times of access be altered to 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon.

14.3 TOORAWEEAH ROAD

4251 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Thomas that Council note the information provided **AND FURTHER** request advice from both the State and Federal Members on grant funding strategies to complete the upgrade of Tooraweenah Road.

15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2018 / JANUARY 2019

4252 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Thomas that the Ranger's report for the months of December 2018 / January 2019 be noted.

16.0 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 31 DECEMBER 2018

4253 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Churchill that Council:

- 1) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;
- 2) note that in the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer Council is in a satisfactory financial position;
- 3) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 31 December 2018.

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

There were no reports from other Committees for this meeting.

18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – JANUARY 2019

4254 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Thomas that the saleyards report for January 2019 be received and noted and that Council investigate future strategies to improve the operating result.

19.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

20.0 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

(1) Cartage of Water – Combara Residents

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Webb **SECONDED** by Cr Thomas that financial assistance be provided to residents at Combara for cartage of water **WAS WITHDRAWN.**

(2) Cr Wheelhouse - Delays in Electricity Connections

Stated that owners of a newly constructed residence in Wilga Street have been waiting on Essential Energy to connect power since November. Asked whether Council can assist in making representations on the owners' behalf.

(3) Cr Wheelhouse – Housing

Reference made to a new housing development in West Coonamble and requested advice as to whether State Government housing construction required the normal Development Application approvals.

(4) Cr Walker – Floods Events in Northern Queensland

Requested that Council write a letter expressing concern to Townsville residents about their situation following the disastrous flood event.

(5) Mayor – Local Purchase Policy

Requested that the A/General Manager investigate local purchases following Mr Leonard's address at the meeting. Mr Inglis said that Council has today adopted its Procurement Policy and the conditions in which he will need to comply.

(6) Mayor – Grids on Rural Roads

Mentioned the \$800,000 project for repair/replacement of grids and gates – Cr Webb said that no landowners came forward when this project was being advertised and the money is no longer available from the Government.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 1.00 p.m.

These minutes Pages (1/6282 to 14/6295) were confirmed on the **13th** day of **MARCH 2019** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **13TH February 2019.**

MAYOR