

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH
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PRESENT: Cr Ahmad Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs Pat Cullen, Karen Churchill, Robert Thomas, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher and Paul Wheelhouse.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr Hein Basson, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Mr Bruce Quarmby, the Director of Community Services, Ms Robyn Ryan, the Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Kookie Atkins and Mrs Jill Moorhouse.

1.0 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.09 a.m.

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of this land, the Wailwan people, and paid his respects to elders past and present.

3.0 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Note: Mrs Susan Walker had made arrangements to attend the December meeting, however due to circumstances beyond her control, was unable to be present. Council resolved to defer the item from December and bring it forward at this meeting. Accordingly Mrs. Walker was invited to address Council on the proposed skate bowl to be located in Macdonald Park.

Note: The Coonamble Chamber of Commerce also was granted permission to address the meeting on the need for a supermarket in the main street. The spokesperson for the organisation was

4.0 PROGRAM FOR THE MEETING

Note: For the information of Councillors, the General Manager included a Program for today's Meeting, noting that the workshop with sala4D consultants was to be held, starting at 12.30pm.

5.0 APOLOGIES / APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6.0 DEPUTATIONS / DELEGATIONS

Note: Mr Tim Collins, Senior Planner, Department of Planning, Dubbo and Mr Wayne Garnsey, Team Leader, Department of Planning, were present at 10.00 a.m. to give a short presentation on the LSPS including the Department's stance on the size of rural residential blocks.

Note: Mr Collins was invited by the Mayor to make the presentation. He thanked Council for the invitation to attend and proceeded with the C.S.C. Local Planning Workshop.

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Council was given a brief background of agricultural planning and the framework which guides the process. Mr Collins referred to the Central West and Orana Regional Plan, which feeds to the Coonamble Local Strategic Planning Statement, then the Western Sub Regional Land Use Strategy and eventually to the Coonamble LEP.

He also spoke of the economy of agricultural land in the Coonamble Shire and the importance of not fragmenting prime farming and grazing land. Mr Collins said that there are provisions in Council's LEP to consider variations to the 1000ha, however, the reasons must be reasonable and justified. He referred to the Strategic Merit Test which takes on board requests for variations and enables the Department to make a determination on individual cases.

The Mayor spoke about the need for housing entitlements to be granted in cases where the family owned property wishes to provide housing for another member of that family who will continue farming/grazing the family farm.

Council's General Manager said he approached the reduction in size of housing entitlements with caution, saying that reasonable circumstances may prevail at the current time, however, with time these undoubtedly change and the smaller allotments are sold off to different owners.

Cr Fisher referred to his own situation, saying that the adjoining property to his is within Warrumbungle Shire and the minimum lot for a housing entitlement is 650ha – just across the creek – whilst Coonamble Shire has a minimum requirement of 1000ha. Both Mr Collins and Mr. Garnsey stated that each Local Government Area has its own 'minimum' requirements.

Mr Collins referred to the short presentation time at today's meeting and said the Department representatives would be pleased to return to Coonamble and participate in a workshop with Councillors and Staff, due to the fact there are a lot more regulations/requirements to be considered in this important topic.

The Mayor thanked Mr Collins and Mr Garnsey and said Council would welcome the opportunity to be part of a workshop at a time suitable to both parties. At this juncture, the representatives left the meeting.

Community Consultation - Mrs Susan Walker

Note: The Mayor welcomed Mrs Susan Walker to the meeting and invited her to address the Council. Mrs Walker thanked Council and said she wished to discuss the possibility of having a plaque placed in Macdonald Park in memory of her late husband, former Councillor John (Bunda) Walker.

Mrs Walker referred to her husband's service to the community from the time he was first elected until just prior to his death, saying he was a proud Aboriginal man who was honoured to serve. She referred to the need for Council to acknowledge and recognise the efforts of past members of Council. Mrs Walker said that Council's Strategic Plan refers to goal L1 *A community that is supported by active, respected members* and another goal L2.3 *Acknowledge the importance of community leader roles*. She said how better could both be achieved than by erecting plaques naming her late husband – Cr John Walker – and the late Cr Tom Cullen OAM at an appropriate location in Macdonald Park.

Other issues were mentioned that Mrs Walker said hurt herself and her family shortly after Cr Walker's death due to actions of some Councillors. The Mayor apologised to Mrs Walker on his own behalf and that of Council's – Mrs Walker accepted the apology. At this juncture, 10.45 a.m. she left the meeting.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

4648 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 11 December 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting, subject to the following amendment on Page 20 of the February Business Paper – bold the print indicating the omission:

Foreshadowed Motion

*Proposed by Cr Wheelhouse that Council negotiates with the owners of the former "Gumnuts" **and other** vacant premises to investigate the possibility of **them** being used for purposes of contributing to the size of the proposed development.*

8.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4648 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Wheelhouse that the following Disclosures of Interest be noted :

Note: **Cr Karanouh** declared a non-significant conflict of interest in regards to Item 13.25 "Coonamble Shire Masterplan Progress Report (Including a Proposal for a Supermarket Development in the Main Street)", as an owner of a business in the Main Street.

Cr Karanouh also declared a non-significant conflict of interest in regards to Item 14.1 “Rescission Motion”, as an owner of a business in the Main Street.

Note: **Cr Wheelhouse** declared a non-significant conflict of interest in regards to Item 13.25 “Coonamble Shire Masterplan Progress Report (Including a Proposal for a Supermarket Development in the Main Street)”, as an owner of a business premises in the Main Street.

Cr Wheelhouse also declared a pecuniary interest in regards to Item 11.2 “Coonamble Rodeo Association Inc.”

9.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

4649 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Churchill that the information contained in Item 9.1 and 9.2 of the Resolution Book Update be noted.

Note: **Street Naming – Gulargambone**

In response to a question from Cr Thomas regarding the naming of the street in Gulargambone, the Director Engineering Services stated that the final determination is with the Geographical Names Board, however, notification should be received shortly naming the street Hector Road.

10.0 MAYORAL REPORT

4650 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Deans that the Mayor’s Activity Report be received and dealt with.

Note: Cr Karanouh reported briefly on items in his report, which included the following:

- Drought Co-ordinator-General’s Visit – the Mayor said he did not attend this meeting due to his absence from Coonamble. The General Manager said it was an interesting meeting – the Hon Shane Stone AC QC has been successful in implementing policies and procedures in Queensland during floods and he wants to trial them in NSW to address drought issues. Mr Basson said Mr Stone asked about issues affecting our community and was provided with feedback from the Councillors and the Editor of the local paper who had attended the meeting.
- Meeting with Coonamble Chamber of Commerce.
- Australia Day Celebrations.

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Note: Included as part of the Mayor's Report was *Councillor Workshop – Closing of Shire Roads after Rain*. Cr Deans has requested that Council review its policy regarding this matter.

Note: Cr Churchill suggested the workshop be held following the March Council Meeting, however both the Mayor and Cr Deans indicated they would prefer the matter discussed earlier, within the next two weeks preferably.

4651 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Karanouh that his report be adopted, FURTHER that Council requests the General Manager, in consultation with the director of Engineering Services, to arrange for a workshop within the next couple of weeks for Councillors to obtain information and a better understanding around the current practice to close all unsealed roads after any rain event – which could potentially inform better guidelines for dirt roads during periods of wet weather going forward.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

11.1 Mr Don Schieb C6-10 (54702)

4652 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Deans that Council accepts the expression of interest received from Mr Don Schieb to participate as a member of the Roads Committee, noting he will represent the northern portion of the Shire and for the other two (2) vacancies to be advertised for a further month or so.

Note: In discussing the above matter, some Councillors were of the opinion that expressions of interest had been lodged with Council by some other local landholders. The General Manager said he was unaware of any additional submissions, but that he will follow up on the matter.

Note: Having declared an interest in the following matter, Cr Wheelhouse left the Chamber while Council discussed and determined the issue.

11.2 Coonamble Rodeo Association Inc D7(42681)

4653 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Deans :

1. That Council requests the Rodeo Association Inc to use their available funding for the purpose of getting detailed designs done on their proposed Project and to get it properly costed by a Quantity Surveyor, in order for all parties to be clear on exactly what is envisaged and what the cost implications would be.

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2. That, once this information is available, Council considers this project as part of the preparation of its 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget – and in conjunction with all other projects that will be identified during the current Master Planning process.

Note: At this juncture, 11.00 a.m., Cr Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

11.3 Minister for Local Government L10-2(54926)

4654 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Deans that the following matter be received and dealt with.

Note: The Minister refers to the Orana Joint Organisation (JO) and she is strongly encouraging Council to consider joining. She is also offering to talk with Council regarding any matters preventing it from taking up this opportunity.

4655 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Fisher:

That Council advises the Minister for Local Government, The Hon Shelley Hancock MP, that it will not make any decision on whether to join the Orana JO until after the next General Local Government Elections, however, Council reiterates to the Minister the fact that it is still potentially interested in joining the Far North West Joint Organisation.

Section B – Matters for Information Only:

11.4 NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet H5(54779)

Note: Advising that public holidays for the Shire of Coonamble have been gazetted for the second day of the Coonamble Show in 2020 and 2021 under the *Public Holidays Act 2010*.

4656 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Thomas and Churchill that Council notes this information and advertises the public holidays in the Coonamble Times weekly column periodically for the information of residents, noting the days in question are Wednesday 27 May 2020 and Wednesday 19 May 2021.

12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Minutes of Traffic Committee Meeting

4657 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Wheelhouse that Council notes the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4 December 2019.

13.0 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

13.1 Development Applications Determined under Delegated Authority

4658 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Thomas and Churchill that Council notes Development Application Nos 011/2019, 002/2020 and 003/2020, together with Construction Certificate Nos 004/2019 and 001/2020, have been approved under delegated authority since the December 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

13.2 Status Report Regarding Councillor Enquiries

4659 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Deans that Council notes the information provided.

13.3 Proposed Skate Bowl – Macdonald Park

Note: Council noted that this matter was held over from the December 2019 meeting, due to Mrs Susan Walker being unable to attend. Mrs Walker addressed the meeting earlier in the day, during Community Consultation, regarding this matter.

4660 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Karanouh:

1. That Council notes the information contained in the report and welcomes Mrs Susan Walker to the Council Meeting to address Council.
2. That Council agrees to a plaque being affixed to the newly built Skate Bowl at Macdonald Park in memory of the late John (Bunda) Walker.

13.4 Local Strategic Planning Statement – Draft

Note: Mr Tim Collins and Mr Wayne Garnsey presented to Council earlier in the day regarding Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), which is still on public exhibition until 14 February 2020.

The General Manager will arrange to have a workshop with representatives from the Department of Planning for Councillors and Staff on a date suitable to both parties.

4661 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Deans :

1. That Council notes the attendance of Mr Tim Collins and Mr Wayne Garnsey at its February 2020 meeting and thanks them for their time.
2. That Council notes the information provided in the presentation by Mr Collins regarding the Local Strategic Planning Statement.

13.5 2020 Western Division of Councils' Annual Conference

4662 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Deans:

1. That Council notes the information in this report.
2. That Council nominates the Mayor, plus Crs Cullen and Deans and the General Manager to attend the 2020 Western Division of Councils' Annual Conference in Broken Hill from 18 to 29 March 2020

13.6 Community Services – Progress Report

4663 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Wheelhouse that Council notes the information contained in the Director's Report.

Note: Cr Deans commented on the Director's Report and the number of community events successfully undertaken recently. She said it was a very informative report and covered all aspects of the Community Services portfolio.

The General Manager congratulated the Director, Ms Ryan and her staff, saying it has been a busy and, often difficult, time for her particularly without the full complement of community services staff.

13.7 Code of Conduct Complaints – Annual Complaints Statistics

Note: Council noted that this information is required by the *Procedures for Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* and relates to the reporting period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2019.

4664 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Wheelhouse that Council notes the information contained in this report and the Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics Report.

13.8 Rates and Charges Collection – January 2020

4665 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council notes the information provided in the report.

Note: Cr Wheelhouse questioned whether Council is still referring overdue amounts to its debt collectors, as it was his perception that it had been decided at the Council Meeting held in Quambone last year not to pursue this practice. The Director Corporate and Urban Services explained the debt collection procedure in term of Council's policy to the meeting.

13.9 Status of Investments – January 2020

4666 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Fisher that Council notes the list of investments as at 31 January 2020 and also that these investments comply with Section 625(2) of the *Local Government Act*

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1993, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council's Investment Policy.

13.10 Urban Services – Works in Progress – January 2020

4667 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Cullen that Council notes the information in this report.

13.11 Premises at 18 Tucka Tucka Street, Quambone – Request to Transfer Ownership to Council

Note: At the current time, \$771.35 is outstanding and annual rates are approximately \$500. The offer is made on the basis that Council pays all legal fees associated with the conveyance, estimated at \$1,200. The valuation of the land is \$1,500.

4668 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Deans:

1. That Council declines the offer from the owner of land which is a vacant allotment described as Lot 7 DP758861 Section 5, Tucka Tucka Street to accept ownership in lieu of outstanding rates and transfer to be affected at Council's expense.

2. That Council advises the property owner that the land will be included in the next sale of land for overdue rates with debt recovery action placed on hold until the sale.

13.12 Coonamble Pool and Macdonald Park Master Plan

Note: The development of a Master Plan for the pool and park precinct was intended to be considered in conjunction with and part of the development of the Coonamble Shire Master Plan. With this in mind, staff provided the consultants, GHD with a list of prerequisites, identified by Council and management. Two (2) options have been provided and were included as part of the business paper.

The Director reported that when Council determines its preferred option, further work will be undertaken with the consultant to ascertain costings, which will be brought back to Council prior to work commencing.

Considerable debate ensued regarding this matter – Cr Wheelhouse spoke against both options, referring to the necessity to have ready access to the rear of Macdonald Park for vehicular traffic from Aberford Street through a laneway traversing Macdonald Park.

4669 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Churchill:

1. That the placement of the skate bowl within Macdonald Park be in the front (south-western) corner of the park as outlined in both options presented to Council.

2. That Council nominates Macdonald Park Masterplan Option 2 as its preferred concept option and that this concept option be included in the overarching Coonamble Shire Master Plan currently being developed.

3. That Council notes the recommended location for the development of additional car parking for the Coonamble Pool as outlined in the Macdonald Park Master Plan Option 2.

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

13.13 Proposed SES Building – 92 Aberford Street, Coonamble

Note: Some time ago Council committed \$200,000 as its contribution to the construction of a new SES headquarters and the SES agreed to submission of \$150,000 from its own funds. However, the last report submitted to Council at the August 2019 meeting highlighted the potential overrun of construction costs and a shortfall in funding. The estimated cost of the project is now in the vicinity of \$415,905.00, which is not inclusive of the:

- Demolition of the existing facility;
- Additional earthworks required to provide a level site;
- Security and CCTV systems;
- Furniture and fixtures.

Preliminary estimates for the above works are currently in the vicinity of \$75,000.00 – increasing the funding shortfall to \$140,905.00

Attached to the business paper were the report from a Quantity Surveyor, Architectural Plans and the Infrastructure Grants Guide which are relative to this report.

4670 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Cullen:

1. That Council applies for the necessary additional funding required to complete a new State Emergency Services building in Coonamble under the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants in the category of Disaster Readiness and Community Infrastructure.

2. That Council obtains written confirmation from the State Emergency Services that its agreed co-contribution of \$150,000.00 will remain in place to ensure the successful completion of this important project.

13.14 Saleyards Report

4671 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Deans that Council notes the information in the report.

13.15 Engineering Services – Works in Progress

4672 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Deans that Council notes the information in the report.

13.16 Upgrade of Coonamble Sewer Rising Main

Note: Historical information indicates that more frequent problems, i.e. bursts, are occurring and it may be prudent for Council to consider allocating funds in the 2019/2020 Operational Budget to have this sewer rising main upgraded. The current one has been in operation since 1980 and was given an estimated service life of 40 years. The estimated cost of upgrading is in the vicinity of \$650,000, which can be funded from the existing externally restricted funds within the Sewer Fund.

The General Manager made the comment that asset management plans should be driving these types of renewals and projects of this nature should be included as part of the annual Capital Budget on an ongoing basis. However, he pointed out the potential health risk associated with recurrent and regular bursts of an old main sewer line and said he supports the Director's recommendation.

4673 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Wheelhouse that Council authorises the transfer of \$650,000.00 from Externally Restricted Reserves – Sewerage Services for the purpose of funding the replacement of the sewer rising main from number one (1) sewerage pump station in Aberford Street to the Coonamble Sewerage Treatment Plant, as the frequency of recent bursts and the age of this infrastructure creates a potential health risk for the community.

13.17 Upgrade of Coonamble Water and Sewer SCADA System

Note: Council's attention was drawn to the need to upgrade the telemetry system for the water and sewer reticulation networks, which is outdated and supplies only basic information. The estimated cost of the upgrade would be a maximum of \$90,000.00, which can be funded from the existing water and sewer reserve funds.

The General Manager commented that both the Externally Restricted "Water Supplies" and "Sewerage Services" have adequate funding available to fund this project proportionally; with projected year end results of \$3.1 million and \$4.85 (\$5.5) million respectively. If the proportional

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contribution from each fund is 50%, it will mean a reduction in these reserves to around \$3.05 million (water) and \$4.8 million (sewer).

4674 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Wheelhouse that Council transfers \$90,000.00 from its Externally Restricted “Water Supplies” and “Sewerage Services” funds to proportionally fund the upgrade of the telemetry system to Council’s water and sewerage reticulation to ensure the proper functioning thereof.

13.18 2019/2020 Roads to Recovery Program Funding Allocation

Note: Council’s 2019/2020 Roads to Recovery Funding allocation has increased from \$929,818.00 to \$1,394,727.00 with Council receiving an additional \$464,909.00. In addition to this, Council’s 2020/2021 allocation has also been increased from \$929,818.00 to \$1,394,727.00.

Council was provided with a list of identified projects which meet the strategic direction of the Operational Plan and the Roads Asset Management Plan:

4675 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Cullen :

1. That Council notes the information in the report.
2. That Council approves the projects identified in the body of the report for the 2019/2020 Roads to Recovery Program allocation.

13.19 Workplace Injury Management Report – February 2020

Note: Council noted that in the financial year 2019/20 incident numbers have decreased compared to this time last year (17 incidents in 2018/19 to 6 incidents 2019/20 YTD). The overall cost of claims has on the other hand increased during the reporting period.

4676 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Deans that Council notes the contents of the WHS Monthly Report.

13.20 Ranger’s Report – December 2019 & January 2020

4677 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Deans that Council notes the information in the report for the months of December 2019 and January 2020.

Note: At this juncture, 11.58 a.m. the Mayor adjourned the meeting for a short break. The meeting resumed at 12.13 p.m.

13.21 Quarterly Budget Review – December 2019

4678 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Cullen that this matter be received and dealt with.

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Note: The December review compared the estimated budget result with the actual result for the 2019/20 financial year. There are several significant variations from the estimated result to the actual for the financial year. The variations were addressed within the report submitted to the meeting.

The General Manager referred to the way in which Council's '*anticipated financial result*' is expressed, saying that in terms of accrual accounting, the estimated budget deficit currently is \$5,488,088. This is due to the expectation that Council should fully fund its depreciation costs and regard this as a "true" expense.

4679 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Cullen:

1. That Council approves the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents.
2. That Council notes that, in the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer based on the information as presented in the December Budget review, Council will be in a satisfactory financial position as at 30 June 2020.
3. That Council notes the position of Council's estimated restricted (reserve) funds at 31 December 2019

13.22 2019-2020 Operational Plan Performance Report

Note: This report provided Council with progress of all principal activities as at 31 December 2019 against the actions within the Operational Plan 2019-2020 and the progress towards meeting the outcomes in Council's four year Delivery Program.

4680 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Wheelhouse that Council notes the activity progress against the actions contained in the 2019-2020 Operational Plan and measures against the Council's 2017-2021 Delivery Program.

13.23 Economic Development Progress Report

4681 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Wheelhouse that Council notes the information in the report.

Note: Councillors referred to the revived CSC Business Bulletin, with Cr Cullen asking whether the first one has been forwarded, as he has not received a copy. The Economic Development Officer said the first business bulletin has been emailed. Cr Deans also said she has not received one either

13.24 Economic Development Strategy

4682 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Wheelhouse that Council formally adopts the condensed and updated Economic Development Strategy 2020, as attached as Annexure A to the Business Paper.

Note: At this juncture, the Mayor directed the Meeting to the Closed Session – in order for these reports to be dealt with before the Workshop with sala4D started.

15.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

4683 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Thomas that Council moves into Closed Session to consider Item Numbers 16.1 to 16.2, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which stipulate the following:

- “(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;*
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:*
 - (i) Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or*
 - (ii) Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council;*

16.0 CLOSED SESSION

16.1 Skillman’s Lane Carpark Development

4684 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Wheelhouse that Council authorises the General Manager to continue discussions with the proponent to allow for further project investigations as is discussed in the body of the report.

16.2 Tender T2019-02 – Part Two – Padfoot Roller

4685 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Deans that Council accepts the tender from JCB Construction Equipment Australia in an amount of \$207,790 (incl. GST) for the supply and delivery of a DYNAPAC CA6500PD self-propelled padfoot vibratory roller.

Resume Open Meeting

4686 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Wheelhouse that Council resumes its Open Meeting.

Adoption of Resolutions of Closed Session

4687 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Wheelhouse that Council adopts the resolutions from the Closed Council Session, being Resolution Numbers 4684 and 4685, into the Open Council Meeting.

Note: At this juncture, 12.30 p.m. the Mayor adjourned the meeting for a short luncheon break to be followed by the Coonamble Shire Masterplan Workshop with consultants sala4D. The meeting resumed at 5.51 p.m.

Reports to Council (continued)

13.25 Coonamble Shire Masterplan Progress Report (Including a Proposal for a Supermarket Development in the Main Street)

Note: Following the Workshop with consultants from sala4D and pw architects, the meeting resumed so that Council could discuss the remaining items in the Business Paper relevant to the progress of the Masterplan.

Lengthy debate ensued, with all Councillors participating in the opportunity to provide direction in regards to key elements and projects of the Masterplan.

4688 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Thomas that the Coonamble Shire Masterplan Community Consultation Summary Report be received and noted.

4689 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Thomas that the Coonamble Visitor Information Centre design reflects the Emu Foot Concept as was visually depicted by pw Architects to cater for a facility of around 250 square metres; with Council contributing an additional \$250,000 to the existing grant funding of \$480,000 allocated to build this facility – of which \$150,000 will be funded from the Development Reserve Fund and \$100,000 from Council's Working Funds.

Note: The meeting noted that these funds will not cover the costs of the fit-out of the Visitor Information Centre or any landscaping.

4690 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Thomas that staff commence a tender process for construction of the Coonamble Visitor Information Centre at the Northern end of Smith Park, after the revised design has been received and it had been circulated to Councillors for comment.

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

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Note: At this juncture, the Mayor ruled that the Rescission Motion and Notice of Motion included within the Business Paper as Items 14.1 and 14.2 respectively, be dealt with.

4691 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill, Cullen and Thomas that Council rescinds its Resolution 4645 *Proposal to Purchase Council-owned Property* adopted at the December 2019 Ordinary Meeting, which reads as follows: *Resolved on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council proceeds with the construction of the public toilets in the former Mac's Dry Cleaning premises and a tender document be prepared to allow for the works to commence as a priority and be completed by June 2020 or as soon as possible thereafter.*

Note: Thereafter, the following Notice of Motion moved by Cr Churchill and seconded by Cr Cullen was considered:

1. *That the proposal dated 4 December 2019 received from Mr Brian Sommerville for the establishment of a supermarket within the main street also utilising this old Mac's Dry Cleaning Building be further investigated for the greater good of the community.*
2. *That Council follows the legislative reclassification process to reclassify Lot 1 DP961887 as 'operational land'.*
3. *That the General Manager be given authorisation to enter into an agreement with the proponent on behalf of Council, as described in more detail in the body of the report.*
4. *That sala4D be provided with confidential information about this agreement to appropriately consider and develop planning diagrams for the Coonamble CBD precinct.*

Note: When the above motion was put to the vote, it was LOST.

Note: After the discussion of the above two (2) items, the Mayor ruled for the rest of the recommendations (paragraphs four (4) and five (5)) of **Item 13.25 Coonamble Shire Masterplan Progress Report (Including a Proposal for a Supermarket Development in the Main Street)** to be considered.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH
FEBRUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 10.09 A.M.**

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4692 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Thomas and Cullen that Council provides Messrs Brian Sommerville and Robert Khan with a further seven (7) days to make a firm offer to purchase the former Mac's Dry Cleaning building from Council at a price not less than what Council had paid for it (including conveyancing, legal and other incidental costs), as well as providing Council with a firm commitment for a supermarket development to be pursued utilising the mentioned Mac's Dry Cleaning building and the adjacent premises of Mr Sommerville.

4693 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Deans and Fisher that, if Council does not receive an offer of purchase for the former Mac's Dry Cleaning building and a firm commitment for a supermarket to be developed utilising this mentioned Mac's Dry Cleaning premises and the adjacent premises of Mr Sommerville within the Main Street of Coonamble within a period of seven (7) days, Council goes ahead with the establishment of public toilet facilities in the former Mac's Dry Cleaning building.

16.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Mayor closed the meeting at 7.28 p.m.

These Minutes Pages (1/6451 to 17/6467) were confirmed on the **11th** day of **MARCH 2020** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **12th February 2020**.

MAYOR