



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 8 July 2020**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2020 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Ahmad Karanouh (Mayor), Cr Paul Wheelhouse (Deputy Mayor), Cr Karen Churchill, Cr Pat Cullen, Cr Barbara Deans, Cr Bill Fisher, Cr Robert Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Bruce Quarmby (Director of Corporate and Urban Services), Kookie Atkins (Director of Engineering Services), Pip Goldsmith (Economic Development Officer)

APOLOGY: Hein Basson (General Manager).

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.08am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet today, the Wailwan people and the Gamilaroi people and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2020/97

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 17 June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting, with the following changes made:

1. Item 7 to be corrected to reflect that Cr Wheelhouse said he would leave the meeting while the matter was being discussed.

2. Resolution 2020/84, points 1 and 2 to refer to 'Annexure 1'

CARRIED

7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Deans advised that she has a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 12.9 relative to the Inland Rail section of the Economic Development Progress Report. Cr Deans informed the meeting that her business is grain-growing and she is also a potentially affected property owner through which the current Inland Rail route is proposed. Cr Deans said she will remain as part of the meeting and discussion.

Cr Wheelhouse advised that he has a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 14.1. Cr Wheelhouse informed the meeting that his Company has submitted a tender for construction of the Coonamble Visitor Information Centre and would leave the meeting while the matter was being discussed.

8 RESOLUTION BOOK

Nil

9 MAYORAL MINUTE

The Mayor provided a verbal update on the morning's announcement of Drought Stimulus Package funding by Nationals Upper House MP, Sam Farraway; a report from Police on positive local crime trends; a petition submitted to Council calling for a change in location of the Coonamble CBD public amenities; and a request from the local radio station to erect signage at no cost to Council.

10 PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.1 ICAC PUBLICATION - SUPPLIER DUE DILIGENCE

RESOLUTION 2020/98

Moved: Cr Robert Thomas

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council notes the information contained in the ICAC Publication – Due Diligence for Suppliers – A Guide to Preventing Corruption.

CARRIED

11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

12 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

12.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2020/99

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen
Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes that no Development Applications or Complying Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority since Council's June 2020 meeting.

CARRIED

12.2 STATUS REPORT REGARDING COUNCILLOR ENQUIRIES

RESOLUTION 2020/100

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher
Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

12.3 RANGER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2020

RESOLUTION 2020/101

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen
Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

12.4 CIRCULAR FROM OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS - RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON ATTENDANCE

RESOLUTION 2020/102

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

12.5 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - AMENDMENT**RESOLUTION 2020/103**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen
Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council amends its adopted Code of Meeting Practice to reflect compliance with Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – REG 423 – that recordings of meetings be retained on Council’s website for a period of at least 12 months.

CARRIED

12.6 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER COUNCIL'S DONATIONS POLICY**RESOLUTION 2020/104**

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

- 1. That Council notes the report.**
- 2. Council agrees to provide financial assistance of \$1,500 to the Gulargambone Pioneers Memorial Presbyterian Church under the third round of funding under Council’s Donations Policy.**

CARRIED

12.7 WORKPLACE INJURY MANAGEMENT REPORT JUNE 2020**RESOLUTION 2020/105**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council notes the contents of the WHS Monthly Report for its information.

CARRIED

12.8 COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL MASTERPLAN - FINAL REPORT**RESOLUTION 2020/106**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council notes the contents of this report including the two Annexures to the report being the Coonamble Shire Masterplan Final Design Report and Coonamble Shire Council Brand Style Guidelines.

CARRIED

12.9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2020/107**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That following advice received from the Department of Regional NSW regarding the determination of the variation request for the Coonamble CBD public amenities project, that Council instruct staff to prepare a report for Council's consideration at its August Council Meeting. Noting that the following issues will be included in the report for Council:

- 1. cost comparisons and other implications such as alternative uses for sites including 79 Castlereagh Street, the former Mac's Dry Cleaning building and Skillman's Lane; and**
- 2. evidence of community support for the proposed site in order to satisfy the Department's requirements for the variation request.**

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2020/108

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

At this juncture, 10.35 a.m. the meeting adjourned for a refreshment break and resumed at 11.00 a.m.

12.10 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - JUNE 2020**RESOLUTION 2020/109**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council notes the information provided in the report.**CARRIED****12.11 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 2020****RESOLUTION 2020/110**

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the list of investments as at 26 June 2020 and also that these investments comply with section 625(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council's Investment Policy.**CARRIED****12.12 SALEYARDS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2020/111**

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information provided in the report.**CARRIED****12.13 COUNCILLOR FEES 2020/21 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RENUMERATION****RESOLUTION 2020/112**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council resolves not to increase Councillor fees for the 2020/21 financial year. Noting that the adopted fees will remain as follows:

- Mayor: \$10,674 plus \$20,256 = \$30,930 per annum;
- Councillor : \$10,674 each per annum.

CARRIED

12.14 STREET LIGHT BULK LED UPGRADE**RESOLUTION 2020/113**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

- 1. That Council note this report.**
- 2. That Council resolve to accept Essential Energy offer to fund the installation, noting that the recovery of Councils contribution will be undertaken through regulated tariffs over a 10-year period.**

CARRIED**12.15 GRANT FUNDED UPGRADES TO COONAMBLE SPORTSGROUND.****RESOLUTION 2020/114**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

- 1. That Council notes the report.**
- 2. That Council resolves to instruct the Director of Corporate and Urban Services to contact the various sportsground user groups seeking their nomination of the preferred playing field configuration for the Coonamble Sportsground**
- 3. That once the preferred configuration of the playing fields has been identified by the sportsground user groups, that this configuration be adopted by Council as the model to progress the upgrades at the Coonamble Sportsground.**

CARRIED**12.16 URBAN SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS****RESOLUTION 2020/115**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information in this report.**CARRIED**

12.17 COONAMBLE WATER SYSTEMS INVESTIGATION

RESOLUTION 2020/116

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council applies for grants as they becomes available for further analysis of its water consumption as well as addressing the identified shortcomings of the water supply system.

CARRIED

12.18 ENGINEERING SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2020/117

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council investigate the possibility of an exclusion fence rather than an electric fence for Coonamble Airport.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2020/118

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

12.19 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2020/119

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

CARRIED

13 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

13.1 NOTICES OF MOTION

RESOLUTION 2020/120

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher
Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council provide a gravel parking bay for trucks on the Baradine Road opposite the Common and on the Warren Road.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2020/121

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That a report be brought back to Council following investigation of the potential to provide turning bays for road trains on the Carinda Road.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2020/122

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council staff reintroduce the inclusion of an information pamphlet with water rates, explaining how to read your bill with the user pays water bills at the time of mailing and management to continue to investigate options for presentation of the bill.

CARRIED

14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 2020/123**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

14.1 Tender SPT172021COO Construction of Coonamble Visitor Information Centre

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CARRIED

14.1 TENDER SPT172021COO CONSTRUCTION OF COONAMBLE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**RESOLUTION 2020/124**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

- 1. That Westbury Constructions Pty Ltd be awarded the contract for \$1,002,987 as the single source provider to Coonamble Shire Council for the construction of the Coonamble Visitor Information Centre; and**
- 2. That Council allocates**
 - (a) \$315,000 previously provided for the detailed design of a roundabout to the construction of the Coonamble Visitor Information Centre**
 - (b) The balance of remaining funds required being \$49,640, be allocated from Council working funds**
- 3. That a review be carried out of the of the project budget with a view to ensure the accuracy of estimates and identify opportunities for savings, with a report of the findings of this review to be brought back to Council.**

CARRIED

Councillor Churchill requested her name be recorded as voting against the motion.

RESOLUTION 2020/125

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council and that the resolution adopted in Closed Session (Resolution 2020/124) be adopted in Open Council.

CARRIED

15 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 12.50pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 12 August 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON