



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 8 February 2023**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 4.30 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Tim Horan, Deputy Mayor Karen Churchill, Cr Adam Cohen, Cr Pat Cullen, Cr Barbara Deans, Cr Bill Fisher, Cr Ahmad Karanouh, Cr Terence Lees, Cr Brian Sommerville

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Gallagher, General Manager, Bruce Quarmby (Director Corporate Services), Dirk Jol (Acting Director Infrastructure), David Levick (Acting Manager Economic Development & Growth), Marina Colwell (Executive Support Officer)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 4.36 pm, advising the attendees of the following:

The meeting is being livestreamed and/or recorded for on-demand viewing via Council's website and a person's image and/or voice may be broadcast;

- Attendance at the meeting is to be taken as consent by a person to their image and /or voice being webcast (time will be allowed by the Chairperson for people to leave the meeting before it starts);
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- Individuals acting in a disorderly manner can be asked by the Chairperson to leave the meeting under the Council's Code of Meeting Practice;
- The meeting must not be recorded by others without the prior written consent of the Council in accordance with the Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

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 2023/1**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 14 December 2022 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Thursday, 15 December 2022 be confirmed as a correct records of the proceedings of the meetings.

CARRIED**7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Barbara Deans declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with item 10.17 Tooraweenah Road Upgrade – Monthly Status Update, as her property and place of residence is on that road. She indicated that she would remain in the room and participate in the discussion on the item.

Cr Karen Churchill declared a conflict of interest in item 10.11, discussions on the Coonamble and Gulargambone Pools, as her daughter is employed by the contractor operating the pools also in item 10.15 as she has a current Development Application.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

Mayor Horan welcomes Paul Gallagher as the new General Manager at Coonamble Shire Council and wishes him well in his new position.

MAYORAL MINUTE**RESOLUTION 2023/2**

Moved: Mayor Tim Horan

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That the Mayoral Minute be received and noted.

CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS - MAYORAL MINUTE - REPORT 2**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accepts the following item, 8.1 - Mayoral Minute - Report 2, as Supplementary Business.

RESOLUTION 2023/3

Moved: Mayor Tim Horan

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL**SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil

10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**10.1 ELECTION OF A DEPUTY MAYOR****RESOLUTION 2023/4**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 1. That Council elects a Deputy Mayor to serve until September 2023 term.**
- 2. That Council determine the method of voting be by way of a ballot.**
- 3. That following the declaration of the election of Deputy Mayor that the ballot papers be destroyed.**

CARRIED

The Returning Officer (General Manager) announced that two (2) nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor, as follows:

1. Cr Terence Lees, moved by Cr Brian Sommerville and seconded by Cr Tim Horan. Cr Lees had consented to the nomination.
2. Cr Ahmad Karanouh, moved by Cr Pat Cullen and seconded by Cr Terence Lees. Cr Karanouh had consented to the nomination.

After the ballot papers have been counted by the Returning Officer and the Director for Corporate Services, the Returning Officer advised the following:

“I declare Cr Ahmed Karanouh as the Deputy Mayor”.

RESOLUTION 2023/5

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Cr Karanouh be appointed as Deputy Mayor until September 2023.

CARRIED

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2023/6

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

That the correspondence listed in the body of the report be noted.

CARRIED

10.3 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2023/7

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the contents of Annexure 1 attached to the report on the status of Council resolutions.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council conduct a full review of the operations, entry fees and charges for the Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone pools be revisited with a report brought back to the April Council meeting.

10.4 DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER**RESOLUTION 2023/8**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

- 1. That Council notes the contents of this report.**
- 2. Instrumental of delegation for the General Manager of Coonamble Shire be again noted.**
- 3. That the attached instrument of Delegation be provided to Paul Gallagher effective from 9 February 2023 to 9 February 2028 until revoked or amended.**

CARRIED

10.5 JOINT ORGANISATION - MEMBERSHIP**RESOLUTION 2023/9**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

- 1. That Coonamble Shire Council approach the Board of the Far North West Joint Organisation seeking their support for an application by Coonamble Shire to become a member of the Far North West Joint Organisation.**
- 2. That subject to a positive response from the Board of the Far North West Joint Organisation that Coonamble write to the Minister for Local Government seeking their endorsement of the application and the enactment of the necessary legislative changes.**

CARRIED

10.6 CHANGE OF VENUE FOR JULY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING**RESOLUTION 2023/10**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

- 1. That Council changes the venue and time for the July 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting as follows:**

Date	Location	Time
12 July 2023	Council Chamber – Quambone Community Hall	10.00 AM

- 2. That the General Manager communicates the time and venue of the July 2023 Council Meeting to staff and arranges for the above information to be advertised on Council’s website and in Council’s column in the Coonamble Times.**

CARRIED

10.7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH - PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/11**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council note the information in the report.

CARRIED

10.8 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/12**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council note the information contained in the Community Services Progress Report.

CARRIED

10.9 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - JANUARY 2023**RESOLUTION 2023/13**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

CARRIED

10.10 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023**RESOLUTION 2023/14**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council notes the list of investments from 01 November 2022 to 31 January 2023 and 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

10.11 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2022**RESOLUTION 2023/15**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

- 1. That Council approves the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents distributed under separate cover.**
- 2. That Council notes, in the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer based on the information as presented in the December Budget review; that Council will be in a satisfactory financial position as at 30 June 2023.**
- 3. That Council notes the classification and position of Council's estimated restricted (reserve) funds as at 31 December 2022.**

CARRIED

10.12 COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT 2022/23 OPERATIONAL BUDGET.**RESOLUTION 2023/16**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

- 1. That Council notes the contents of this report.**
- 2. That Councillor requests for items to be considered for inclusion in the draft 2023 / 2024 Operational Plan and Budget be returned to Council's Finance Department by 8 March 2023.**

CARRIED

10.13 COONAMBLE REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKET (SALEYARDS) CHARTER**RESOLUTION 2023/17**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

- 1. That the Draft Charter as presented by adopted.**
- 2. That Expressions of Interest be called from Cattle producers with in the Local Government Area to fill the two (2) producer representative positions on the Coonamble Regional Livestock Market (Saleyards) Advisory Committee.**

CARRIED

10.14 SALEYARDS REPORT- 31 JANUARY 2023**RESOLUTION 2023/18**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council note the information provided in this report.

CARRIED

10.15 ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/19

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

That Council note the information contained within the Environmental and Strategic Planning Progress Report.

CARRIED

10.16 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2023/20

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That Council note the information in this report.

CARRIED

10.17 TOORAWEEAH ROAD UPGRADE - MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2023/21

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED

10.1 SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS - NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECOVERY GRANT**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accepts the following item, 10.1 - NSW Local Government Recovery Grant, as Supplementary Business.

RESOLUTION 2023/22

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Karen Churchill

- 1. That the information be received and noted.**
- 2. That Council endorse the betterment programme as detailed for submission to the Office of Local Government under the NSW Local Government Recovery Grant.**

CARRIED

11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 2023/23**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

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:

12.1 Request for Concession Towards Water and Sewer User Charges

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a 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 personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

CARRIED

At 6.35pm Council took a short tea break.

Council resumed in Closed session at 6.55pm.

12.1 REQUEST FOR CONCESSION TOWARDS WATER AND SEWER USER CHARGES

RESOLUTION 2023/24

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Karen Churchill

- 1. That Council notes the information contained within this report.**
- 2. Further, that as this request falls outside the guidelines of Council's adopted Concealed Leaks Policy, that Council refuses this request.**

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Karen Churchill

That local historian Angie Little be added to Coonamble's 'Nick Name Hall of Fame'.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That Council allocate \$75000.00 from the development fund to allow the completion of the walking loop project around the Coonamble Sportsground.

RESOLUTION 2023/25

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

13 Conclusion of the Meeting

The Meeting closed at 7.39 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 8 March 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON