

COONAMBLE
SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 10 May 2023**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2023 AT 4.30 PM**

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

Cr Adam Cohen attended via video link.

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Gallagher (General Manager), Bruce Quarmby (Director), Kerrie Murphy (Director Infrastructure), David Levick (Manager Economic Development & Growth), Devorah Tatton (Manager Finance & Procurement), Marina Colwell (Executive Support Officer), Dirk Jol (Manager Roads).

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 4.32 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);
- All speakers should refrain from making any defamatory comments or releasing any personal information about another individual without their consent;
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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.

The Mayor welcomed new staff member Kerrie Murphy, Director Infrastructure to Coonamble.

3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS****APOLOGY****RESOLUTION 2023/73**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the apology from Cr Pat Cullen be noted and approved.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****RESOLUTION 2023/74**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 12 April 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Barbara Deans declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with Item 10.6 Saleyards Report, as she is a cattle producer. She indicated that she would remain in the room and participate in the discussion on the items.

Cr Barbara Deans declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with Item 10.11 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 items.

Cr Ahmed Karanouh declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with item 12.3 Investigation into the purchase and redevelopment of the Sons of the Soil Hotel Site as he has a business within the CBD. He indicated that he would remain in the room and participate in the discussion on the item.

Cr Brian Sommerville declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with item 12.3 Investigation into the purchase and redevelopment of the Sons of the Soil Hotel Site as he has a business within the CBD. He indicated that he would remain in the room and participate in the discussion on the item.

Cr Tim Horan declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in item 12.1 as he is a family member of one of the contractors who has submitted a tender for works. He indicated that he would leave the room and not participate in the discussion on the item.

Cr Terry Lees declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in item 12.1 as he is an employee of the contractor that has submitted a tender for the works. He indicated that he would leave the room and not participate in the discussion on the item.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

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RESOLUTION 2023/75

Moved: Mayor Tim Horan

Seconded: Cr Brian Sommerville

That the Mayoral Minute be received and noted.

in Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

The Mayor delivered an additional verbal report:

Coonamble Community Radio

On the 13 February 2023, a presenter of the Coonamble Community Radio made comments that related directly to this Council but more directly the newly elected Councillors namely me, Councillors Somerville, Lees and Cohen.

I personally found the comments made on air to be untrue and grossly defamatory. I also received calls from concerned listeners of the station who believed the imputations of corruption to be true.

As such I engaged a legal firm to advise me in this matter. As this matter is still in the hands of solicitors I cannot, and will not, make any further comment on this matter except to clarify that at this point in time, proceedings have not been initiated against the Broadcaster.

I understand the importance and value of Coonamble Radio station to this community, and therefore the article that was published on the issue is untrue and shows that there are always two sides to every story, and what you read in the media is not always factual. It's disappointing that this unfortunate situation has been used for dirty politics and numbers games.

If it is the case the station is at risk of closing it is not, I repeat is NOT at all because of any action taken by me – please do not believe anything you hear. I have no intention of attacking the Radio Station in any capacity – I am merely seeking clarification and accountability. In fact, given the Broadcaster is partly funded by public money the station should have had proper protections in place, including a dump button or even errors and omissions insurance – that is does not, is unacceptable.

Since this new council came together, we have worked very amicably and in the best interest of our shire and I am proud of the fact we have done so as a group.

My encouragement to you as an elected representative would be to please carefully consider what you hear, and obtain advice before repeating something that may be untrue – and defamatory.

Any and all Councillors should be wary of disparaging me in relation to this dispute and the article that was published. I have been defamed and I am within my rights to take action. Any actions by any councillor that undermines my intentions may well find themselves a party to the dispute.

I am happy to take any questions but it will be limited to what I say because of my legal advice.

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2023/76

Moved: Cr Terence Lees

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

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

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0**10.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE****RESOLUTION 2023/77**

Moved: Cr Terence Lees
Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

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

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0**10.3 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - APRIL 2023****RESOLUTION 2023/78**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh
Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council notes the list of investments from 1 April 2023 to 30 April 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.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0**10.4 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - APRIL 2023****RESOLUTION 2023/79**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh
Seconded: Cr Brian Sommerville

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH - PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/80**

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

That the contents of this report be noted.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0**10.6 SALEYARDS REPORT- 30 APRIL 2023****RESOLUTION 2023/81**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

That Council note the information provided in this report.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0**10.7 ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2023/82**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

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

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.8 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - MARCH 2023**RESOLUTION 2023/83**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 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 March 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 March 2023.**

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.9 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023-24 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**RESOLUTION 2023/84**

Moved: Cr Terence Lees

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 1. That Council notes the information contained in this report.**
- 2. That Council places the Draft Operational Plan, as attached to the report, on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community.**
- 3. That Council authorises the draft Operational Plan 2023 / 24, and hereby makes, fixes, and levies the expenditure amounts set out in the Draft 2023 / 24 Operational Plan and Budget, in annexure under separate cover to the Business Paper, for public exhibition in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for 28 days from Thursday, 11 May 2023, with a submission closing date of 7 June 2023.**
- 4. That Council advertises the Operational Plan 2023 / 24 in the Coonamble Times, on its website and Facebook pages and displays the relevant documents on Council's Website, as well as making hard copies available to members of the public who request same.**
- 5. That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), Council makes, fixes, and levies the Rates and Charges for the 2023 / 24 financial year, and authorises same for public exhibition as part of the Council's Draft 2023 / 24 Operational Plan and Budget, in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for 28 days from Thursday, 11 May 2023, with a submission closing date of 7 June 2023.**

Residential – Coonamble:

A Residential – Coonamble rate of 1.420 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the town of Coonamble, with a minimum rate of \$520.00 per annum;

Residential – Gulargambone:

A Residential – Gulargambone rate of 1.010 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the town of Coonamble, with a minimum rate of \$520.00per annum;

Residential – Village:

A Residential – Village rate of 1.280 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the village of Quambone, with a minimum rate of \$510.00 per annum;

Farmland:

A Farmland rate of 0.230 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area being farmland, with a minimum rate of \$415.00 per annum;

Small Rural Holdings:

A Small Rural Holding rate of 0.700 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area being small rural holdings, with a minimum rate of \$540.00 per annum;

Rural Residential:

A Rural Residential rate of 0.600 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area being rural residential, with a minimum rate of \$510.00 per annum;

Business:

A Business rate of 2.000 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area being Business, with a minimum rate of \$570.00 per annum.

6. That the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2023 / 24 financial year be made, fixed, and charged by Council and authorised for public exhibition as part of the Council’s Draft 2023/24 Operational Plan and Budget in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for 28 days from Thursday, 11 May 2023, with a submission closing date of 7 June 2023.

7. That Council makes, fixes, and levies the amounts contained within the Water Supply Charge Schedule for the 2023/24 financial year, and that same be authorised by Council for public exhibition as part of its Draft 2023 / 24 Operational Plan and Budget, in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for 28 days from Thursday, 11 May 2023, with a submission closing date of, 7 June 2023. FURTHER, that Council makes, fixes, and levies the following charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 552 and Section 501(1) and Section 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993* on such land which water is connected or able to be connected to for the year ending June 2023:

Town/Village	Access Charge (\$) 20mm	Usage Charge – 1st Tier (c/kl)	2nd Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2nd Tier (c/kl)
Coonamble	400	140	450	220
Gulargambone	500	120	450	185
Quambone	500	140	430	240

The Access Charges as above are for 20mm services, the charges below allow for the size of the water meters as required by best practice pricing. The resulting charges are shown in the table following:

Item	Coonamble (\$)	Gulargambone (\$)	Quambone (\$)
Access charge (20mm meter)	400	500	500
Access charge (25mm meter)	628	785	785
Access charge (40mm meter)	1,600	2,000	2,000
Access charge (50mm meter)	2,500	3,125	3,125
Access charge (75mm meter)	5,624	7,030	7,030
Access charge (100mm meter)	10,000	12,500	12,500

8. That the Sewer Supply Charge Schedule for the 2023 / 24 financial year be approved by Council for public exhibition as part of the Council's Operational Plan and Budget in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 for 28 days from Thursday, 11 May 2023, with a submission closing date of 7 June 2023. FURTHER, that Council makes, fixes and levies the following charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 501(1), Section 502 and Section 552 of the *Local Government Act 1993* on such land which sewer is connected or able to be connected to for the year ending June 2023.

Residential Sewerage – Coonamble

Sewerage availability charge of \$750.00 per annum per assessment.

Residential Sewerage – Gulargambone

Sewerage availability charge of \$870.00 per annum per assessment.

Sewerage – Coonamble Flats

Sewerage availability charge of \$600.00 per annum per unit.

Sewerage – Gulargambone Flats

Sewerage availability charge of \$790.00 per annum per unit.

Non-residential Sewerage - Coonamble

Sewer charge for Non-residential Sewerage – Coonamble is not less than a minimum charge of \$750.00 per annum per assessment. Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. The treatment charge to be applied is 270 cents per kilolitre.

Non-residential Sewerage - Gulargambone

Sewer charge for Non-residential Sewerage – Gulargambone is not less than a minimum charge of \$850.00 per annum per assessment. Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. The treatment charge to be applied is 270 cents per kilolitre.

9. That the Waste Collection Service Schedule for the 2023 / 24 financial year be approved by Council for public exhibition as part of the Council's Draft 2023 / 24 Operational Plan and Budget in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for 28 days from 11 May 2023, with a submission closing date of 7 June 2023. FURTHER, that Council makes, fixes and levies the following charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 496 and Section 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the Waste Collection Services (with the understanding that one (1) Waste Collection Service entitles a property owner to a 240-litre weekly garbage service per assessment – unless otherwise indicated):

Particulars	2022/23 Charge per annum (\$)
Domestic – Coonamble Occupied	360.00
Domestic Coonamble – additional Service (per additional service)	200.00
Commercial – Coonamble Occupied	360.00
Commercial Coonamble – additional Service (per additional service)	200.00
Domestic – Gulargambone Occupied	380.00
Domestic Gulargambone – additional Service (per additional service)	200.00
Commercial – Gulargambone Occupied	380.00
Commercial Coonamble – additional Service (per additional service)	200.00

Domestic – Quambone Occupied	360.00
Domestic Coonamble – additional Service (per additional service)	200.00
Commercial – Quambone Occupied	360.00
Commercial Quambone – additional Service (per additional service)	200.00
Coonamble/Vacant Land – within scavenging area	70.00
Gulargambone/ Vacant Land – within scavenging area	70.00
Quambone/Vacant Land – within scavenging area	70.00

10. That Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, determines that the extra interest charges on overdue rates and charges will be levied at the maximum rate allowable and as advised by the Office of Local Government on a daily simple interest basis for the financial year ending 30 June 2024. The rate for the 2023 / 24 financial year is 9.0% per annum (6.00% for 2022 / 23).
11. That Council requests the Director - Corporate Services to present a further report, together with all submissions received, to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council's consideration and adoption of the final 2023 / 24 Operational Plan and Budget at its Ordinary Meeting in June 2023.
12. That Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 405(6) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, places a copy of its adopted Operational Plan on its website within 28 days of it being formally adopted at the June 2023 Ordinary Meeting.
13. Councillors congratulate staff involved for the work done on the budget.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.10 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2023/85

Moved: Cr Terence Lees

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council note the information in this report.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.11 TOORAWEEAH ROAD UPGRADE - MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2023/86

Moved: Cr Terence Lees

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That the information be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - VISUAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE CBD

RESOLUTION 2023/87

Council moved this item into Closed Session based on the following:

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item is:

- g advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

Moved: Cr Terence Lees

Seconded: Cr Brian Sommerville

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

Council breaks for tea at 6.10 pm and will return in Closed Session.
Council resumes the meeting at 6.41 pm in Closed Session.

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2023/88

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

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 Flood Damage - Road Repair Tender - TEN230329DJ

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(ii) 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 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

12.2 Notice of Rescission - Investigation into the Purchase and Redevelopment of the Sons of the Soil Hotel Site.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c 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

information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

12.3 Investigation into the purchase and redevelopment of the Sons of the Soil Hotel Site.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c 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 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

12.4 Tender TEN230505MS - Dual Control Suction Street Sweeper

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

RESOLUTION 2023/89

Moved: Mayor Tim Horan

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

That Council receive a late supplementary report - item 12.4 and this be bought forward for consideration as the first item in closed session.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

12.4 SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS - TENDER TEN230505MS - DUAL CONTROL SUCTION STREET SWEEPER**RESOLUTION 2023/90**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

That Council awards Tender TEN230505MS Supply of Dual Control Suction Street Sweeper to Mike Trace Engineering – Option 7 – Supply and delivery of one CityRay 6 sweeper fitted to a Hino FG 15.5 tonne dual control chassis. Nominal 6.5m3 hopper with a 1700L water tank.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Pat Cullen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

Manager Finance and Procurement, Deborah Tatton left the meeting at 6.51pm.

Cr Horan vacates the chair and leaves the room at 6.51pm for the discussion and voting on item 12.1 as he declared a pecuniary interest on this item.

Cr Lees left the room for the discussion on item 12.1 as he also declared a pecuniary interest in this item.

Cr Karanouh takes the Chair.

12.1 FLOOD DAMAGE - ROAD REPAIR TENDER - TEN230329DJ**RESOLUTION 2023/91**

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That council defer the decision of awarding the three schedules contained within TEN230329DJ-987 and a further report be provided to the June council meeting.

In Favour: Crs Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

Crs Horan and Lees return to the room at 7.04 pm.

Cr Karanouh vacates the Chair and Cr Horan resumes the position of Chairperson.

12.2 NOTICE OF RESCISSION - INVESTIGATION INTO THE PURCHASE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SONS OF THE SOIL HOTEL SITE.**RESOLUTION 2023/92**

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

That resolution 2023/1 titled Investigation into the purchase and redevelopment of the Sons of the Soil Hotel site that was passed at the meeting of 8 March 2023 be rescinded.

In Favour: Cr Karen Churchill

Against: Crs Tim Horan, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

LOST 1/7Carried

12.3 INVESTIGATION INTO THE PURCHASE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SONS OF THE SOIL HOTEL SITE.**RESOLUTION 2023/93**

Moved: Cr Terence Lees

Seconded: Mayor Tim Horan

1. That council note that the project has been identified as exceeding the capitalisation review threshold, thus, before committing to any capital expenditure, Council is obliged to carry out a Capital Expenditure Review in accordance with the guidelines issued to Council in 2010.
2. That on completion of the Capital Expenditure Review process, in accordance with the provisions contained within the Guidelines issued to Council in 2010, that Council provides formal notification to the Office of Local Government of the project.
3. Subject to Council receiving the concurrence from the OLG on the Capital Expenditure Review process undertaken in accordance with the guidelines issued to Council in 2010 proceed to purchase the Sons of the Soil Hotel.
4. That council continue dialogue and negotiations with REDI.E on the development of a private partnership.
5. That Council continue investigations to finance and redevelop the site through either grant funding, a public-private partnership arrangement, purchase-then-lease model or other models yet to be identified.
6. A further report be presented to Council on the Capital Expenditure Review and concurrence from the OLG.
7. Council make every endeavour to maintain the façade as per the existing SOTS frontage and verandah.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Cr Karen Churchill

Cr Churchill requested for her vote be recorded against the recommendation.

CARRIED 7/1

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - VISUAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE CBD

RESOLUTION 2023/94

Moved: Cr Terence Lees
Seconded: Cr Brian Sommerville

- 1. That Council begin to improve the visual improvement to the CBD by replanting bougainvillea on the existing trellis and attach screening to the trellis to promote the Shire and its activities.**
- 2. Staff investigate options for the wall on Council’s vacant block of land in Castlereagh Street.**

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

RESOLUTION 2023/95

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill
Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 14 June 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON