



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2015

COMMENCING AT 7.08PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:

Councillors: Cr Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr George Weston (Deputy Mayor), Cr Peter Davidson, Cr Tracey Morris, Cr Emerson Doig, Cr Steve Dowling, Cr Greg O'Callaghan and Cr Michael Kidd

Staff: Ray Pluis (Acting General Manager), Duncan McWhirter (Director Corporate Services), Barry Heins (Director Engineering and Technical Services), Garry Stoll (Director Environmental and Community Services), Val Harrison (Executive Support Officer), Nicola James (Economic Development, Tourism and Events Manager) and Kathy McMahon (Executive Support Officer)

Press: Nil

CIVIC PRAYER Cr Michael Kidd

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Cr Paul Maytom

APOLOGIES

15/151

Resolved

That the apology submitted on behalf of Cr Tracey Valenzisi be accepted and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

(Moved Cr O'Callaghan, seconded Cr Morris)

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

15/152

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, June 24 2015, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 30 2015, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr O'Callaghan, seconded Cr Kidd)

15/153

Resolved

That Environmental and Community Services Matters Item 2 be brought forward and dealt with at this time.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

15/154

Resolved

That Standing Orders be suspended at 7.15pm to allow for a power point presentation by representatives from Grainlink (NSW).

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Morris)

The Mayor welcomed Mr Paul Pearsall and Mr Richard Gale to Council. Mr Pearsall gave a presentation on the Wumbulgal site and answered questions regarding the proposed business park development.

The Mayor thanked Mr Pearsall and Mr Gale for their presentation.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

15/155

Resolved

That the meeting resume at 8.15pm to deal with the remaining matters on the agenda.

(Moved Cr Dowling, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - LOCAL INDUSTRIES National Stronger Regional Fund

15/156

Resolved

That Council:

- 1 Undertake the role of the lead member of the Grainlink (NSW) consortium and make an application under National Stronger Regions Fund - Round 2 for funding for a high voltage power supply, the extension of the wireless broadband communications network to cover the site, the provision of a 400 ML water supply and storage structures and the connection of High Pressure Natural Gas to the Grainlink (NSW) site at Wumbulgal at a total project value of \$5,002,937.
2. Prepare a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the roles and responsibilities of Council and the role of the lead member of the Grainlink (NSW) consortium as part of the application process.
3. In the event that the application be successful, acceptance of the grant monies by Council will only occur on the completion of a Contract between Council and the Grainlink (NSW) Consortium as outlined in the report, which will also include adequate security to the satisfaction of Council in relation to the potential repayment on any grant monies back to the Federal Government.
4. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign and affix the Common Seal Of Council to all required documentation in relation to the funding application.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr O'Callaghan)

Note: N James left the meeting at this time.

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Note: Cr Paul Maytom advised Council that he intends to submit two (2) motions for consideration at the LGNSW Conference. These two (2) motions will be:

- Reporting of Vehicle Accidents to NSW Police (This motion has been forwarded to RAMROC and has also been endorsed by the Country Mayors Association).
- ICE and National Drug Taskforce, Funding for NSW for advertising campaign.

Item 1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW Local Government NSW Conference 2015

15/157

Resolved

- 1 That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Morris and General Manager be authorised to represent Council at the LG NSW Annual Conference from 11 - 13 October 2015.
- 2 That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, or in either one's absence the General Manager or other attending Councillor, be appointed as Council's Voting delegates at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference in Rosehill from 11 to 13 October 2015.
- 3 That motions to be submitted for consideration at the LG NSW Annual Conference be presented to the August 2015 Council meeting for endorsement.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Weston)

CORPORATE SERVICES MATTERS

Item 1 HUMAN RESOURCES Employment Update

15/158

Resolved

That the report on Human Resources – Employment Update be noted.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Weston)

Note: Cr Maytom thanked Executive Support Officer, Val Harrison for her commitment to Council and extended his and Council's appreciation of her efforts over the last 21 years and wished her well for her retirement. Cr Maytom also welcomed new Executive Support Officer Kathy McMahon to Council and wished her all the best for the future.

Val thanked everyone, including Councillors and staff, for all their help and support over the years.

Item 2 INVESTMENTS - DIVIDENDS
Investments - June 2015

15/159

Resolved

That the information contained in the report on Investments be noted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Dowling)

Item 3 MEETINGS/BUSINESS PAPER
Council Meeting Dates

15/160

Resolved

That the Ordinary Council Meetings for the ensuing six (6) months be held at 7.00pm on each of the following dates:

- Wednesday 28 October 2015
- Wednesday 25 November 2015
- Wednesday 16 December 2015 (3rd Wednesday to avoid holidays)
- Wednesday 27 January 2016
- Wednesday 24 February 2016
- Wednesday 23 March 2016

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 4 LEETON GOLF COURSE
June 2015

15/161

Resolved

That Council note the June 2015 report on the activities of Leeton Golf Course and further that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Leeton Golf Club Committee members for the volunteer work that they provide at the Golf Course.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Weston)

ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES MATTERS

Item 1 MATTERS/BUSINESS PAPER

15/162

Resolved

That the information regarding matters arising from former meetings contained within the report be received and noted.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr O'Callaghan)

ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEM:

15/163

Resolved

THAT the following items, namely:

2. SEWERAGE - SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION - GENERAL
CORRESPONDENCE
Wamoon Sewerage - Submission for Funding

are accepted as late items onto this Agenda for discussion and be brought forward and dealt with at this stage.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 2 SEWERAGE - SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION - GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE Wamoon Sewerage - Submission for Funding

15/164

Resolved

1. Accept the invitation to submit an Expression of Interest for funding.
2. Prepare a submission addressing the project assessment criteria, based on the preferred option to provide sewer to serve the total village of approximately 65 properties, plus the school.

3. Engage with the Wamoon Community regarding the submission to assess the level of interest in the proposal.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Morris)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS

Item 1 MATTERS/BUSINESS PAPER

15/165

Resolved

That the information regarding matters arising from former meetings contained within the report be received and noted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - LOCAL INDUSTRIES National Stronger Regional Fund

This matter was dealt with earlier on in the meeting.

Item 3 OPERATIONAL DUTIES & FUNCTION OF RANGERS

15/166

Resolved

That the information on the operational and functional duties of the Rangers be noted.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Kidd)

STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Cr Peter Davidson

Thanked Val Harrison upon Val's retirement for her twenty one years of dedicated service to Leeton Council. Cr's Morris, Doig, O'Callaghan, Weston and Kidd also conveyed their thanks.

Noted that young children have been vandalising property around the town and he reported this to the police. Mayor suggested putting CCTV into

Mountford Park, which is a high activity area. Need to look at opportunity to install CCTV when funding is available.

The proprietors of the Yanco Store reported that there are three (3) parking spaces in front of her shop which need to be policed. Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings but Sunday monthly markets are a problem as the cars remain parked in front of her shop regardless of a parking time limit.

Cr Tracey Morris

Announced last night (21 July 2015) Telstra NSW Regional State Award was won by Southern Cotton.

Requested a leave of absence from August and September Council Meetings.

Cr George Weston

Raised the issue of the Yate and James Roads complaint. Barry Heins said several matters being discussed and still under investigation. Further information will be presented to Council if necessary.

Cr Greg O'Callaghan

Thanked Ray Pluis for undertaking current Acting General Manager role and for his help through this transition period.

Noted he had received a questionnaire from New General Manager Jackie Kruger.

Requested Leave of Absence from August Council Meeting.

Suggested that consideration be given for a heavy vehicle bypass route that includes Houghton Road from Yanco to Kirkup Road, a small section of the Back Whitton Road, Murrami Road and Trunk Road 80 intersection. He also noted that there is an increasing number of businesses that utilise Houghton Road.

Cr Michael Kidd

Made note of the opening of the Change Rooms and Amenities at No.1 Oval, very impressed and "a real winner in the future". He also mentioned No.2 Oval regarding drainage problems. He has received a number of complaints regarding the state of the Oval and suggested that Council may investigate the possibility of providing tile drainage under the ovals in the future.

Cr Paul Maytom

Noted that his appointments and meetings are always provided in the Mayoral update in the Monthly Information Circulate.

Advised that he will be attending the Murray Darling Association's Echuca Office opening of the new office and Board Meeting on the 23 and 24 July 2015.

He will also be attending a LGNSW Financial Summit in Sydney on the 27 and 28 August.

Whilst in Sydney on the 27 August he will meet with Niall Blair (MLC) and Adrian Piccoli (MP) regarding Yanco Agricultural Institute.

Nicola James (Economic Development, Tourism and Events Manager) plans to contact local Transport Companies to discuss a Heavy Vehicle bypass and to gain an understanding of their future requirements.

Note: V Harrison and K McMahon left the meeting at this time.

CLOSED COUNCIL – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the Acting General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Note: Pursuant to Section 10A(4), the public were invited to make representations to the Council meeting before any part of the meeting is closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

15/167

Resolved

- 1 That Council move into Closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
- 2 That in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine items listed in Confidential Matters for the reasons indicated.
- 3 That the report relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by Section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Weston)

**Item 1 ROADS - TENDERING/QUOTATIONS - ROADS GENERAL
Tender - Quarried Products Roadbase, DGB and DGS**

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business(Section 10A(2)c).

**Item 2 MODIFICATION OF DA 123/2011/2 TO ALLOW AN INCREASE IN
COTTON PROCESSING (GINNING)**

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, as the report contains 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 the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret(Section 10A(2)d).

The Mayor asked the gallery if there were any objections to Council going into Closed Session to consider the matters listed.

No objections were received from the Gallery.

Council closed its meeting at 9.45pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

**Item 1 ROADS - TENDERING/QUOTATIONS - ROADS GENERAL
Tender - Quarried Products Roadbase, DGB and DGS**

15/168

Resolved

From an assessment of the Tender LSC03 – 15/16, it is recommended that the tender submitted by Milbrae Quarries, for the supply of Quarried Products, Roadbase, DGB and DGS materials is accepted for the 2015/16 financial year.

(Moved Cr O'Callaghan, seconded Cr Davidson)

**Item 2 MODIFICATION OF DA 123/2011/2 TO ALLOW AN INCREASE IN
COTTON PROCESSING (GINNING)**

15/169

Resolved

1. That Development Application 123/2011/2 (Modification of Consent) for intensification of Agricultural Produce Industry (Cotton Gin) from less than 30,000 tpa to 150,000 tpa and composting involving processing of up to 4,500 tpa to produce 12,500 tpa compost, be approved subject to Conditions of Consent 1 to 58 as well as the EPA General Terms of Approval.

2. That Council advise Crown Lands that:
 - a) It will make application to take over the existing private road from River Road to Southern Cotton over Reserve 7311.
 - b) The private road should be dedicated as a public local road for which Council has responsibility.
 - c) The Crown negotiates to extinguish or waive the Aboriginal Land Claim (ALC) prior to the dedication of the road.
3. Council advise the proponent that all costs associated with the road dedication are to be borne by Southern Cotton, including potential future maintenance.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Weston)

**Upon being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.
For the Motion were Crs E Doig, P Davidson, G O'Callaghan, G Weston,
M Kidd, S Dowling, P Maytom and TA Morris. - Total (8)
Against the Motion was Nil. - Total (0)**

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

15/170

Resolved

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 9.52pm.

(Moved Cr O'Callaghan, seconded Cr Weston)

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council two (2) resolutions were passed. The Acting General Manager read out the resolutions made in Closed Council for Items

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
26/08/2015 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.