



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2015

COMMENCING AT 7.05PM

ROXY THEATRE

Present:

Councillors: Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. Peter Davidson,
Cr. Tracey Morris, Cr. Emerson Doig, Cr.
Tracey Valenzisi and Cr. Michael Kidd

Staff: Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Duncan McWhirter
(Director Corporate Services), Garry Stoll (Director
Environmental and Community Services), Peter
McFarlane (Manager Financial Services) and Kathy
McMahon (Executive Support Officer)

Press: John Gray (The Irrigator)

CIVIC PRAYER Cr. Tracey Valenzisi

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Cr. Paul Maytom

The Mayor observed one minute's silence in recognition of the suffering the citizens of France have endured as a result of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris.

APOLOGIES

15/233

Resolved

That the apology submitted by Cr. George Weston (Deputy Mayor), Cr Greg O'Callaghan and Cr Steve Dowling be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

(Moved Cr Valenzisi, seconded Cr Doig)

Apologies from community members Brian and Jan Munro and Margaret Sands were noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

**Item 1 FIT FOR THE FUTURE
SUBMISSION TO PREMIER AND CABINET**

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Resolved

15/234

That Standing Orders be suspended at 7.10pm to permit a presentation to be made by the General Manager Jackie Kruger and Mayor Paul Maytom in relation to the 'Fit for the Future' submission.

Standing orders were also to remain suspended to allow members of the public to address Council in relation to the 'Fit for the Future' submission.

(Moved Cr Valenzisi, seconded Cr Doig)

General Manager Jackie Kruger and Mayor Paul Maytom provided the meeting with an extensive presentation into the history of the 'Fit for the Future' process and the current options available to Leeton Shire Council.

The following community members spoke in favour of Leeton Shire Council remaining as a 'Stand Alone' Council :

- Rick Ifield
- Dale Ritchie

- Sam Ciccia
- Graham Heffer
- Roy Curry
- Darryl Odewahn
- Laurie Lewin
- Janine Bird
- Iris Herrmann
- John Leech
- Maryanne Vitelli

COMMUNITY MOTION

The following motion was moved by Rick Ifield and seconded by Frank Kennedy:

- That the Leeton Shire community firmly believe in the retention of Leeton Shire Council in its present form. The community call on the NSW Government to honour its previous commitment and not force our Council to merge with another Council.
- That Leeton Shire Council continues to work beside the NSW Government, RAMROC and the potential Murrumbidgee Joint Organisation to ensure Local Government reform continues creating efficiencies for the Leeton Shire Community.

Community members in attendance voted to support the community motion.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

15/235

Resolved

That the meeting resume at 8.15pm to deal with the balance of Item 1 on the Agenda.

(Moved Cr Valenzisi, seconded Cr Doig)

15/236

Resolved

In relation to the NSW State Government's extended 'Fit for the Future' process, whereby a submission on voluntary amalgamations is invited by 18 November 2015, Council resolves to 'Stand Alone' and initiate an "Our Council, Our Voice, Our Choice" campaign against forced amalgamations.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
25-Nov-15 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.