



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2017

COMMENCING AT 7.15PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:

Councillors: Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. Peter Davidson, Cr. Tracey Morris, Cr. Sandra Nardi, Cr. Paul Smith, Cr. Tony Ciccia, Cr. Tony Reneker and Cr. Michael Kidd

Staff: Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Duncan McWhirter (Director Corporate Services), Barry Heins (Director Engineering and Technical Services), Garry Stoll (Director Environmental and Community Services), and Brent Lawrence (Corporate Communications Coordinator)

Press: Talia Pattison (The Irrigator)

1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Tony Reneker
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Cr Paul Maytom

A minutes silence was observed by Council as a mark of respect for the recent tragic death of Connor Irvin, son of Council's Rates Officer Mel Irvin.

3. **APOLOGIES**

17/001

Resolved

THAT the apology of Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Ciccia)

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

17/002

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, December 14 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Morris)

5. **MAYORAL MINUTES** Nil
6. **NOTICES OF MOTION** Nil
7. **OFFICER'S REPORT**

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 7.1 STUDY TOUR TO NAPIER ART DECO FESTIVAL

17/003

Resolved

THAT Council :

- 1 Resolves to send the Leeton Shire Council Event Coordinator (Alison Egan) to the 2017 Napier Art Deco Festival for the purposes of sourcing ideas and establishing relationships that will advance the relaunch of a 2019 Leeton Art Deco Festival as a destinational event for Leeton, and
- 2 That a budget provision of up to \$3000,00 be approved to be funded from the 16/17 Economic Development, Tourism and Events Conference and Training budgets.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Morris)

CORPORATE SERVICES MATTERS

Item 7.2 COUNCIL MEETING DATES APRIL 2017 - MARCH 2018

17/004

Resolved

THAT the Ordinary Council Meetings for the ensuing twelve (12) months be held at 7.00pm on each of the following dates:

- Wednesday 26 April 2017
- Wednesday 24 May 2017
- Wednesday 28 June 2017
- Wednesday 26 July 2017
- Wednesday 23 August 2017
- Wednesday 20 September 2017 (moved from 27 September to avoid school holidays)
- Wednesday 25 October 2017
- Wednesday 22 November 2017
- Wednesday 13 December 2017
- Wednesday 24 January 2018
- Wednesday 28 February 2018
- Wednesday 28 March 2018

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Nardi)

Item 7.3 ADOPTION OF INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

17/005

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Internal Audit Committee Minutes from 14 December 2016.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 7.4 INVESTMENTS - DIVIDENDS - INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 2016

17/006

Resolved

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

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS

Item 7.5 LEETON CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

17/007

Resolved

THAT the report on the CBD Enhancement Project and update on the final round of public consultation on the draft concept plans be noted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Reneker)

Item 7.6 LOCAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2016

17/008

Resolved

THAT Council formally notes the Local Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes from 24 November 2016.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

8. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Cr Nardi

Wished fellow Councillors and staff a Happy New Year. She raised concerns in relation to Henry Lawson Drive regarding recent works that were completed near the sweeping bend where potholes have reemerged and also in relation to the width of the road in the same area. The Director of Engineering and Technical Services will investigate the matter.

Cr Ciccia

Raised the issue of excess vegetation growth around the entrance area to Assumption Villa. The Director of Engineering and Technical Services will investigate the matter.

Cr Kidd

Commented that the organisers of the recent Arsenal Soccer School event held at the Leeton No 2 Ovals were extremely impressed with the condition of the grounds.

Cr Kidd has also received positive comments about the new shared footpath along Melaleuca Avenue but also some questions about tree allocations and lawn plantings on Council's road verge. The Director of Engineering and Technical Services will investigate the matter.

Mayor Cr Paul Maytom

Raised with Councillors that there has been a real explosion in the noxious weed "silver leaf night shade" around Leeton Shire. The General Manager advised the issue would be tabled at a future Weeds Committee meeting. The Director of Environmental & Community Services will make the necessary arrangements.

9. CLOSED COUNCIL – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the 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.

17/009

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 Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

**Item 9.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PLANNING INDUSTRIAL LAND
– VANCE ESTATE - SALE OF LOT 43, 6-8 CHAFFEY AVENUE,
LEETON**

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).

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 7.45pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

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17/010

Resolved

THAT:

1. Council accept the offer of \$135,000 (excluding GST) made by Mr Laurie Pagden for the purchase of Lot 43, DP 1053574, 6-8 Chaffey Avenue, Leeton, subject to public notification.
2. Council provide public notification under Section 356 of the Local Government Act, 1993, that it intends to sell Lot 43, DP 1053574, 6-8 Chaffey Avenue, Leeton, to Mr Laurie Pagden for \$135,000 (excluding GST).
3. Following the 28 day public notification period, if there are no submissions received, Council prepare a contract for the sale of Lot 43, DP 1053574.
4. Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign and seal all documentation in relation to the sale of Lot 43, DP 1053574, 6-8 Chaffey Avenue, Leeton.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

17/011

Resolved

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 7.55pm.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council one resolution was passed. The General Manager read out the resolutions made in Closed Council for Items

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.56pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
22/02/2017 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.