



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST 2018
COMMENCING AT 7.05PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Councillors:

Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. George Weston (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Paul Smith,
Cr. Peter Davidson, Cr. Tony Ciccia, Cr. Sandra Nardi and Cr. Michael Kidd

Staff:

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Craig Bennett (Director Corporate and
Community), Chris Watson (Interim Acting Director Environment and Engineering),
Brent Lawrence (Manager Communications and Marketing Coordinator) and
Alison Balind (Governance and Corporate Planning Coordinator)

Press: Talia Pattison (The Irrigator)

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1. CIVIC PRAYER Cr Paul Smith

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Cr Paul Maytom

3. APOLOGIES

18/146

Resolved

THAT Council notes the apology from Cr. Tony Reneker and Cr. Tracey Morris and a leave of absence be granted.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Weston)

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

18/147

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 July 2018, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Ciccia)

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sandra Nardi declared a Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest for Item 8.6 – Requests for Financial Assistance. The reason for the declaration is that Councillor Nardi assists in raising money with this charity group. Having made the declaration, Cr Nardi will remain in the Chamber, participate in the debate and vote on the item.

Councillor Michael Kidd declared a Significant Non Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item 8.6, recommendation 2. The reason for the declaration is that Councillor Kidd is an employee of Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD). Councillor Kidd will vacate the Chamber, take no part in the debate or vote on this matter.

Councillor Paul Maytom declared a Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest for Item 8.6 – Requests for Financial Assistance. The reason for the declaration is that Councillor Maytom is a member of the Murrumbidgee Local Health Advisory Committee. Having made the declaration, Cr Maytom will remain in the Chamber, participate in the debate and vote on the item.

6. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

8. OFFICER'S REPORT

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 8.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

18/148

Resolved

THAT:

1. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, any interested Councillors and the General Manager be authorised to represent Council at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference which is being held in Albury from Sunday 21 October to Tuesday 23 October 2018.
2. 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 conference.
3. The Draft Motions in relation to library funding and the waste and recycling levy as discussed and approved by Councillors for submitting to the conference at the 22 August 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting of the Leeton Shire Council be endorsed for consideration at the conference.
4. Any expenses for attending the conference be paid in accordance with the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 8.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS - PRIMARY RETURNS 1 APRIL 2018 TO 30 JUNE 2018

18/149

Resolved

THAT Council notes that all Primary Disclosure of Interests Returns for Councillors and Designated Persons from 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018 have been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and are tabled at this Ordinary Council Meeting for the following positions:

- Marketing & Cultural Services Coordinator
- Manager Information Technology
- Manager Communications and Marketing
- Assistant Engineer – Water and Sewer
- Assistant Engineer
- Interim Director Environment and Engineering

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

Item 8.3 INVESTMENTS REPORT JULY 2018

18/150

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report for July 2018 be noted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 8.4 PROJECT REVOTES AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

18/151

Resolved

THAT the following projects be revoted from the 2017/2018 financial year into the 2018/2019 financial year and the required adjustments be made to the Adopted Operational Plan for the 2018/2019 Financial Year:

Operational

IT Special Projects	\$ 84,800
Street Lighting	\$ 55,625
<u>SUBTOTAL</u>	<u>\$140,425</u>

Capital

Roxy Theatre	\$ 70,000
Almond Road	\$110,000
Gravel Resheeting	\$ 66,000
General Drainage	\$ 47,000
Heritage Near Me (LLL)	\$ 69,378
Depot Shed	\$ 30,000
<u>SUBTOTAL</u>	<u>\$392,378</u>

TOTALS **\$532,803**

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Nardi)

Item 8.5 REVIEW OF COUNCILS APPROACH TO PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LEETON COMMUNITY

18/152

Resolved

THAT Council receives the report in Item 8.5 – REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S APPROACH TO PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LEETON COMMUNITY for discussion.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

18/153

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the Draft Donations/Assistance, Grants and Sponsorship Policy and places it on public exhibition for 28 days with submissions to be received up to 42 days after the first date of exhibition. If no submissions are received which suggest a significant change in the direction of the policy, then the policy will be adopted by Council. Otherwise a further report will be prepared to consider the submissions received.
2. Adopts the Draft Community Grants Guidelines with the following amendment - "Should unforeseen circumstances occur and the planned event is either not held or not attended, then the grant funds are to be returned in full to the Council before the expired timeframe"
3. Investigates developing a Sponsorship and Donations Guideline.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Nardi)

Councillor Sandra Nardi declared a Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest for Item 8.6 – Requests for Financial Assistance. The reason for the declaration is that Councillor Nardi assists in raising money with this charity group. Having made the declaration, Cr Nardi will remain in the Chamber, participate in the debate and vote on the item.

Councillor Michael Kidd had declared a Significant Non Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item 8.6, recommendation 2. The reason for the declaration was that Councillor Kidd is an employee of Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD). Councillor Kidd vacated the Chamber at 7.25pm and took no part in the debate or vote on this matter.

Councillor Paul Maytom declared a Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest for Item 8.6 – Requests for Financial Assistance. The reason for the declaration is that Councillor Maytom is a member of the Murrumbidgee Local Health Advisory Committee. Having made the declaration, Cr Maytom will remain in the Chamber, participate in the debate and vote on the item.

Item 8.6 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

18/154

Resolved

THAT Council receives the report in Item 8.6 – REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for discussion.

(Moved Cr Nardi, seconded Cr Ciccia)

18/155

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Provides sponsorship to the Leeton Harness Racing Club for 2018/19 up to the value of \$1,500 for promotion of Leeton in general and not for a specific race.
2. Provides financial assistance to the Leeton Health Advisory Committee Forum up to the value of \$500.
3. Provides financial assistance of \$1,584 to Multiple Sclerosis Limited by covering the cost of hiring the Leeton Shire Pool for the 24 Hour Mega Swim Event.
4. Does not provide financial assistance to the Yanco Agricultural High School P & C Association Inc. 'Wild Wacky Wonderful Woman Workshop'.
5. Provides financial assistance of \$675.60 to the Calo's Riders Club by covering the cost of hiring the Roxy Community Theatre for the Mental Wellbeing Workshop.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Davidson)

Councillor Kidd returned to the Chamber at 7.43pm.

**Item 8.7 PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE UNDER SECTION 36B ROADS ACT 1993 -
NARADHUN STREET BETWEEN BETWEEN LOUGHNAN STREET AND
DOUGLAS STREET WHITTON**

18/156

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Supports the closure of a Council public road being Naradhun Street, between Loughnan Street and Douglas Street Whitton.
2. Advertises in the Irrigator for 28 days the proposal to close Naradhun Street, between Loughnan Street and Douglas Street Whitton.
3. Notifies all adjoining owners and notifiable authorities of the proposal to close Naradhun Street, between Loughnan Street and Douglas Street Whitton.
4. Invites any interested parties to make public submissions concerning the proposal, within the 28 day submission period.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Nardi)

**Item 8.8 PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE UNDER SECTION 38B ROADS ACT 1993 -
NIGHTSOIL LANE BETWEEN DOUGLAS STREET AND LOUGHNAN STREET
WHITTON**

18/157

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Supports the closure of a Council public road being Nightsoil Lane, between Douglas and Loughnan Streets Whitton.
2. Advertises in the Irrigator for 28 days the proposal to close Nightsoil Lane, between Douglas and Loughnan Streets Whitton.
3. Notifies all adjoining owners and notifiable authorities of the proposal to close Nightsoil Lane, between Douglas and Loughnan Streets Whitton.
4. Invites any interested parties to make public submissions concerning the proposal, within the 28 day submission period.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Kidd)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

Item 8.9 LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE 2 AUGUST 2018

18/158

Resolved

THAT Council resolves to note the minutes and endorse the following recommendations of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held on 2 August 2018.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Ciccia)

**Item 8.10 REQUEST TO WAIVE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FEES KURRAJONG
SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES**

18/159

Resolved

THAT Council waives the payment of fees totaling \$2,539.25 by Kurrajong Supported Living Services for a Development Application to refurbish the building at 28-30 Pine Avenue, Leeton made up of the following:

Occupation Certificate	\$ 34.00
Development Fee	\$ 825.00
Principal Certifying Agent Fee	\$ 200.00
Section 94A Levy	\$ 900.00
Construction Certificate	\$ <u>580.25</u>

TOTAL **\$ 2,539.25**

(Moved Cr Nardi, seconded Cr Smith)

The Mayor Cr Maytom vacated the Chair at 8.15pm and the Deputy Mayor Cr Weston assumed the role of meeting Chair.

Item 8.11 RECLASSIFICATION OF LAND AS OPERATIONAL - GOLF COURSE ESTATE

18/160

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Resolves to initiate the process to reclassify Lot 49 in DP 1114977, 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Golf Course Estate, from Community Land to Operational Land under Section 32 of the Local Government Act 1993, as Council is satisfied that this land is unsuitable for the purpose of recreation and open space due to its size and shape.
2. Commences public notice of its intention to reclassify Lot 49 in DP 1114977 from Community Land to Operational Land for a period of 28 days.
3. Considers a further report at the completion of the public notification period seeking a formal resolution to reclassify Lot 49 in DP 1114977 from Community Land to Operational Land under Section 32 of the Local Government Act 1993.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Nardi)

9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

The Mayor returned to the Chamber at 8.17pm and resumed the Chair.

Councillor Sandra Nardi

Farewell to Roxy Manager – Would like to acknowledge the work that Clay Pasquetti has undertaken at the Roxy Community Theatre. Working along side him for the McLeods Daughters event was appreciated. I would like to wish him all the best.

Signage at Courthouse – A sign attached to the Court House is looking a bit depleted. Does the old sign have any heritage listing? It is difficult to read and the paint is peeling and it could do with a refresh. The General Manager advised the question would be taken on notice.

Councillor George Weston

Murray Darling Association Conference – Asked the Mayor to provide a comment on the Conference coming up.

Cr Peter Davidson

Light Up Leeton – The first meeting of the committee for this year's event has been held. The committee has locked in the first weekend in December for the event. Carl King has been voted in as Chairman again.

Cr Tony Ciccio

Gogelderie Weir Bore – Are we still taking water out to Gogelderie Weir? Councillors were advised by the Director Environment and Engineering that Council was awaiting approvals before the work on the bore can be undertaken.

Cr Michael Kidd

Roxy Theatre Manager - I would join with Cr Nardi in thanking Clay Pasquetti for his quiet professionalism. He put a lot of work in and had the knack of getting things done, particularly in relation to the change rooms.

Coolamon and Hickory Streets – Thanked all those who undertook work that has been done. Even without bitumen seal it looks much better.

Works at Library – The artificial grass outside the library looks terrific. It's something that we have been looking forward to for a long time.

Cr Paul Smith

Rally on Monday – Question for Cr Kidd. Cr Kidd responded that NSW Nurses Association is running an awareness campaign on nurse/patient ratios. The Leeton rally attracted a reasonable crowd as well as Fairfax and Channel 7 news. Helen Dalton, former Shooters and Fishers Party candidate at the last State election, came along as well.

Cr Paul Maytom

Local Health Advisory Committee meeting – Contact made with hospital about when the next meeting is to be held. I also attended the Suicide Prevention meeting in Griffith which is conducted by Wellways and they will be coming along to present to LHAC. Last weekend we did not have a doctor on call, which is a concern. There were attempts made to ensure we would have coverage from Griffith Base Hospital with no success. This will be something we will follow through on LHAC.

Murrumbidgee Customer Advisory Meeting – Water NSW do the presentation and minutes will be sent out to Councillors. Water NSW is discussing different dams with a possibility of another storage area between Burrinjuck Dam and where the water is to be delivered.

Murrumbidgee Irrigation channel work – The channel between Yanco and Leeton is being worked on at present. It is important that we are aware of what is happening as well as making sure that the land is cleaned up once they have completed the work. The General Manager advised staff had spoken with MI and they have informed that the channel banks would be cleaned up.

Murray Darling Association 74th Annual Conference – Conference will be held in Leeton next week and is a good opportunity to showcase Leeton as well as talk about some of the efficiency gains in the MIA in relation to productive water. It is important to show other regions that we are being efficient and effective in using water. I would like to thank all the staff who have been involved in planning the conference.

Whitton Museum Meeting – We need to try and promote what we have. The history of Whitton is immense and it is important that we help the museum to keep going. We need volunteers to help and there will be a story in the Irrigator to try to encourage more volunteers for the Museum.

Honour Boards at Whitton Museum – The boards will acknowledge those who have worked to preserve the history of Whitton. Without their efforts, much of the history would be lost.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
26/09/2018 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.