



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2015

COMMENCING AT 7.04PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:

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

Staff: Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Duncan McWhirter (Director Corporate Services), Barry Heins (Director Engineering and Technical Services), Kelly Tyson (Acting Director Environmental and Community Services), Peter McFarlane (Financial Services Manager) and Kathy McMahon (Executive Support Officer)

Press: Talia Pattison

CIVIC PRAYER Cr. Paul Maytom

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Cr. Paul Maytom

APOLOGIES

15/171

Resolved

That the apologies submitted by Cr. Tracey Morris, Cr. Steve Dowling and Cr. Greg O'Callaghan be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Doig)

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

15/172

Resolved

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Kidd)

The Mayor welcomed recently appointed General Manager, Mrs Jackie Kruger to Leeton Shire. The Mayor stated that he was looking forward to a strong working relationship with the new General Manager.

General Manager Mrs Jackie Kruger responded by saying she had received a very warm welcome from the staff, Councillors and community of Leeton and thanked the Mayor for the time he has spent orientating her to the shire over the last three weeks.

The Mayor expressed Council's sympathy in relation to the recent passing of Mr Ken Croskell, General Manager, Carrathool Shire Council.

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW RESOLUTIONS TO 2015 CONFERENCE

15/173

Resolved

That Council endorse the two draft resolutions (a) and (b) in the report and authorise their presentation for consideration at the 2015 Annual Conference of Local Government NSW along with appropriate supporting documentation.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Doig)

**Item 2 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC - GENERAL MANAGER
ENDORSEMENT OF MAYOR REGION 9 CHAIR**

15/174

Resolved

That Council formally endorse the appointment of the Mayor, Cr Maytom as Chairman of Region 9 Murray Darling Association Inc and agree to meet the travelling and accommodation costs associated with his attendance at MDA Inc Board meetings.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Kidd)

CORPORATE SERVICES MATTERS

**Item 1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Annual Financial Statements 2014/15
Statements by Council**

15/175

Resolved

That:

1. Council's Financial Reports be referred to audit in accordance with Section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. Council note that the Annual Financial Reports have been compiled in accordance with:
 - The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder;
 - The Australian Accounting Standards and Professional pronouncements, and
 - The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
3. The Annual Financial Reports presents fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and accords with Council's accounting and other records.
4. Council is not aware of any matter that would render this report false and misleading in any way.
5. In accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 the Mayor, one Councillor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the required Statements relating to the General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report.
6. The General Manager be delegated authority to issue the financial statements upon receipt of the auditor's reports.
7. Council endorse the internal cash restrictions listed at 30 June, 2015.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

**Item 2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - UNCOMPLETED WORKS - REVOTES
OF EXPENDITURE 30.6.2015**

15/176

Resolved

That the uncompleted works be revoted and adjustments made to the 2015/16 adopted Budgets.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Doig)

**Item 3 INVESTMENTS - DIVIDENDS
Investments - July 2015**

15/177

Resolved

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

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Davidson)

**Item 4 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND ROAD RECOVERY
PROGRAM**

15/178

Resolved

That the information regarding the Financial Assistance Grants and Roads to Recovery funding be noted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES MATTERS

Item 1 PETERSHAM ROAD PRECINCT PROJECT - PROGRESS REPORT

15/179

Resolved

That Council:

1. Submit a change of scope to the Office of Local Government as part of the LIRS requirements.
2. Pending approval from the Office of Local Government proceed with the construction of Area 9 of the Petersham Road Precinct Project.

3. Vote the additional \$49,500 from a combination of Stormwater Levy External Restriction \$13,182 and Internal Roads Restriction \$36,318 as outlined in the report.
4. Commence consultation with the local residents in the Area 9 vicinity.

(Moved Cr Valenzisi, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 2 EMERGENCY SERVICES - MEETINGS
Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting
11 June 2015

15/180

Resolved

That the information contained within this report regarding the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on Thursday, 11 June 2015 be received and noted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Valenzisi)

Item 3 PARKS AND RESERVES - HORTICULTURAL SERVICES - TREES
- LEETON TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tree Reference Group Meeting held on 16 July 2015 - Trees on
Melaleuca Avenue

15/181

Resolved

- a) That the information contained within this report regarding the removal of 14 trees from Melaleuca Avenue as discussed at the Tree Reference Group Meeting held on 16 July 2015 be received and noted.
- b) A report be presented to the September Council meeting in relation to the reviewed Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Doig)

**Item 4 ROADS - APPLICATIONS - ROAD CLASSIFICATIONS - HIGHER
MASS LIMIT - B-DOUBLE AND ROAD TRAIN
2015/16 Grain Harvest Management Scheme**

15/182

Resolved

That Council responds to the Transport of NSW, Roads and Maritime Services and advise that Leeton Shire Council supports the "NSW Grain Harvest Management Scheme" for the upcoming year.

(Moved Cr Valenzisi, seconded Cr Doig)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS

Item 1 ORGANIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROGRAM

15/183

Resolved

That Council support an application for funding under Round 3 of the Organics Infrastructure Fund Program based on the recommendations of the compost study.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 2 RANGER SERVICE AWARD

15/184

Resolved

That Council formally congratulate Mr Peter Skarlis on his Service Award.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Valenzisi)

Item 3 INLAND TOURISM AWARD 2015

15/185

Resolved

That Council formally congratulate and acknowledge Cr Tracey Valenzisi for her outstanding contribution to the tourism industry and her recent accolade at the NSW Inland Tourism Awards.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Doig)

Item 4 COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM - APPLICATION FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - BAILEY STANMORE

15/186

Resolved

That upon receipt of the required information (tax invoice, media story) as required under the Grant guidelines Council support the application by Bailey Stanmore for a \$250 youth development grant to assist with his representation in the NSW State Junior Golf Titles.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Davidson)

STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

1. Cr Peter Davidson

- Advised that Wagga residents have access to a computer application for mobile phones, ipads, etc that they are able to report maintenance issues back to Council. General Manager Mrs Jackie Kruger advised Council will investigate at a future stage. Director of Engineering and Technical Services Mr Barry Heins advised that customer requests can be logged directly via Council's website.
- Discussed the town entrance signs project that is currently being worked upon and advised that Wamoon and two further signs within Leeton were the next to be undertaken. Also commented that Shepparton has an electronic sign within its main central business district which displays events and other relevant information.

2. Cr George Weston

- Raised an issue that the Heritage Committee is looking into in relation to old historic equipment and items that was previously located at the old Crown Lands Office in Chelmsford Place, Leeton.
- Advised the Chamber of Commerce had elected the new committee of President Mr Graham Heffer, Vice President John Washington, Treasurer Fran McLaughlin and Secretary Melinda Angel.
- Enquired if the review of Council Committees would be discussed at the next Workshop. The Director of Corporate Services Mr Duncan McWhirter advised that further information is still being collated and this would be discussed at a future Workshop.
- Stated he was planning a future Friends of Luro trip to East Timor.

3. Cr Michael Kidd

- Commented on the repair work that is required to kerb and guttering in Cherry Avenue.
- Discussed that the Henry Lawson Centenary will be in 2017 and the need for relevant signage for the Henry Lawson Cottage.
- Advised that the Tidy Towns Committee request that Council consider reconstituting a central business district enhancement committee.

4. Mayor Paul Maytom

- Advised that the Men's Shed have offered to look after the bird aviary in Mountford Park.
- Discussed that the plaque for the Centenary tree in Graham Park will be placed on the tree when the tree is further established.
- Notified Council that he had received an inventory listing for the Whitton Museum. Mayor Maytom acknowledged the dedication of Mr Peter Ward at the Whitton Museum, who recently passed away.
- Commented that Leeton Shire Council has taken proactive approach to the Ice issue which is being faced by many rural areas and that Council is looking to have a strategic approach to the issue with the assistance of the Federal Government.
- Notified Council that a \$1000 multicultural grant had been received which will fund a movie night in September 2015.
- Attended a recent meeting of the Health Advisory Committee.
- Advised Council that he had received many favourable comments in relation to the upgrade of the amenities complex at No. 1 Oval.

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.

15/187

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 Kidd)

Item 1 LEETON LANDFILL & RECYCLING DEPOT - SECONDHAND RECOVERY BUSINESS CONTINUED OPERATION

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 PREPARATION OF SALE VALUATION FOR LOT 1, DP 1056420 AND LOT 91, DP 751742 - 124 FIVEBOUGH ROAD

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 8.10pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

Item 1 LEETON LANDFILL & RECYCLING DEPOT - SECONDHAND RECOVERY BUSINESS CONTINUED OPERATION

15/188

Resolved

That Council resolve to

1. Enter into a one (1) year performance based lease agreement with Mr Bunbury to run a secondhand recovery business as outlined in Option 3 of this report.

2. Fund up to \$20,000 for a skillion roof for the recycling shed and a \$400 per week retainer for the recycling business from the external waste restriction.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 2 PREPARATION OF SALE VALUATION FOR LOT 1, DP 1056420 AND LOT 91, DP 751742 - 124 FIVEBOUGH ROAD

15/189

Resolved

THAT

- a) Council undertake a tender process to sell Fivebough Road, Leeton (Lot 1, DP 1056420 and Lot 91, DP 751742). The existing 169 ML general security water allocation be retained by Council.

- b) A further report be presented to Council at the end of the tender period.

(Moved Cr Valenzisi, seconded Cr Kidd)

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

15/190

Resolved

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 8.14pm.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Davidson)

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
16/09/2015 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.