



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2020
COMMENCING AT 7.00PM
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Councillors:

Cr Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr George Weston (Deputy Mayor), Cr Paul Smith, Cr Peter Davidson, Cr Tony Ciccia, Cr Tony Reneker, Cr Tracey Morris and Cr Michael Kidd

Staff:

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Brendan Leary (Director Business and Investment), Peter Keane (Director Operations), Kerrie-Anne (Manager IPR and Governance) and Guy Retallick (Waste and Recycling Coordinator)

Press: Talia Carn

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1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Tracey Morris

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** Cr Paul Maytom

3. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

20/108

Resolved

THAT Council notes an apology from Cr Nardi and a leave of absence be granted.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Davidson)

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

20/109

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22 July 2020, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Kidd)

5. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Nil

6. **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

Nil

Motion

20/110

Resolved

Cr Weston moved that Item 7.1 be delayed until the medical students would be available via Zoom.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

7. **MAYORAL MINUTES**

Item 7.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXCLUSION FROM NATIONAL CABINET

20/111

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Agrees to send letters highlighting the importance of a dedicated local government representative on the National Cabinet to:

- a. The Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister
 - b. The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, NSW Premier
 - c. The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Federal Member for Farrer
 - d. Mrs Helen Dalton MP, State Member for Murray.
2. Agrees to ask NSW Country Mayors to advocate for a dedicated local government representative on the National Cabinet.
 3. Notes that the Australian Local Government Association, Local Government NSW and other state/territory local government associations will continue to advocate for local government representation on the National Cabinet.

(Moved Cr Maytom)

8. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 8.1 DELIVERY PROGRAM - 6 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

20/112

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes for information the Leeton Shire Council Delivery Program Six-monthly Progress Report (January to June 2020).
2. Requests that the measures used for water consumption be reviewed when the first quarterly report for 2020/21 is tabled.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Ciccia)

Item 8.2 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

20/113

Resolved

THAT:

1. Council's Depot, Administration Office, Library and Visitor Information Centre (VIC) be closed to the public for the Christmas/New Year period from Friday 25 December 2020 until Friday 1 January 2021 (inclusive) and reopen on 4 January 2021.
2. The Leeton Museum and Gallery remain open from 10am to 3pm on days that are not public holidays, staffed by volunteers and/or casuals.
3. Except for a skeleton team for Open Space and Recreation and on-call

services, staff be permitted to take annual leave or other authorised leave for the days which are not public holidays during the closure period.

4. Extensive pre-Christmas publicity be given to the changes to Council's operations over the Christmas/New Year Period.
5. Signage stating that the VIC is temporarily operating from the Leeton Museum and Gallery be prominently displayed at the VIC during the Christmas/New Year period.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Kidd)

Item 8.3 MINUTES LEETON MEN'S SHED MEETINGS 9 JUNE AND 12 AUGUST 2020

20/114

Resolved

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Leeton Men's Committee meetings held on Tuesday 9 June 2020 and Wednesday 12 August 2020.

(Moved Cr Reneker, seconded Cr Kidd)

BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT MATTERS

Item 8.4 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR JULY 2020

20/115

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report for July 2020 be noted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Item 8.5 NOMINATION OF PANEL MEMBERS FOR JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

20/116

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Appoints Cr Weston and Cr Morris as Leeton Shire Council members of the Western Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) for a 3-year term commencing 27 August 2020.

2. Appoints community members Mr Emerson Doig and Mr Greg O'Callaghan as alternate members representing Leeton Shire Council on the Western JRPP for a 3-year term commencing 27 August 2020.
3. Approves a sitting fee of \$250 per day in cases where an appointed community member represents Leeton Shire Council on the Western JRPP.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Reneker)

Council Move into a Committee of the Whole

20/117

Resolved

THAT Council move into a Committee of the Whole to allow Council to hear from the medical students being hosted by Leeton Shire in 2020/21.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

Having so resolved Council moved into a Committee of the Whole at 7.25pm.

Kate Bryce and Rebecca Newton addressed the meeting.

Council Move out of a Committee of the Whole

20/118

Resolved

THAT Council move out of a Committee of the Whole.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

Having so resolved Council moved out of Committee of the Whole at 7.35pm.

Item 7.1 UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG MEDICAL STUDENTS IN LEETON 2020/2021

20/119

Resolved

THAT Council notes the combined support provided to the University of Wollongong Medical Program and welcomes two new students who will be accommodated in Leeton in 2020/21.

(Moved Cr Maytom)

Item 8.6 DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

20/120

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the DRAFT Waste Management Strategy August 2020.
2. Places the DRAFT Waste Management Strategy August 2020 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and, should there be no submissions received by Council at the completion of this period, the Leeton Shire Council Waste Management Strategy is to become adopted.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Item 10.1 COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT

20/121

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Councillor Activity Reports for 23 July – 25 August 2020.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Kidd)

Cr Michael Kidd left the meeting, the time being 8.09pm, after declaring a pecuniary conflict of interest when a question was asked about the Leeton Hospital where he works.

Cr Michael Kidd returned to the meeting, the time being 8.19pm.

11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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.

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.

20/122

Resolved

- 1 That Council moves 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 Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 11.1 WHITTON MALTHOUSE ENTRANCE ROAD UPGRADE

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).

Council closed its meeting at 8.35pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

CLOSED COUNCIL - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Item 11.1 WHITTON MALTHOUSE ENTRANCE ROAD UPGRADE

20/123

Resolved

THAT the approved works and funding related to the Whitton Malthouse entrance be noted.

(Moved Cr Ciccio, seconded Cr Reneker)

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

20/124

Resolved

THAT this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 8.52pm.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Smith)

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council one resolution was passed. The General Manager read out the resolution made in Closed Council for Item 11.1.

12. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
23 September 2020 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.