



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2016

COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:

Councillors: Cr. Paul Maytom (Mayor), Cr. George Weston (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Peter Davidson, Cr. Tracey Morris, Cr. Emerson Doig, Cr. Steve Dowling and Cr. Greg O'Callaghan

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: Nil

CIVIC PRAYER Cr Paul Maytom

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Cr Paul Maytom

APOLOGIES

16/036

Resolved

That the apologies submitted by Cr Tracey Valenzisi and Cr Michael Kidd be accepted.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Davidson)

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

16/037

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, February 24 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Morris)

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

16/038

That Standing Orders be suspended at 7.15pm to allow Cr Austin Evans (Mayor Murrumbidgee Shire Council) to make his presentation on Item 1 – "Faith in The Basin".

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

No further resolution was passed. (Council will consider the request to nominate a community champion and provide meeting venues at a later date)
It is noted that Cr Evans left a copy of his presentation with Council.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

16/039

That the meeting be resumed at 7.45pm to deal with the balance of the items on the Agenda.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

16/040

That Additional/Late Item – Personnel – D McWhirter appointment as Acting General Manager is to be accepted as a late item onto this Agenda and be considered at this time.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Doig)

PERSONNEL – D MCWHIRTER APPOINTMENT AS ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

16/041

Resolved

That Council:

1. Formally appoints Mr Duncan McWhirter as Acting General Manager with effect from Monday 18 April 2016 to Sunday 1 May 2016.
2. Delegates to the Acting General Manager, Duncan McWhirter, the authority to exercise all discretionary functions that Council is capable of delegating and is not prohibited from so doing under section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and also excluding any specific functions which Council has, by resolution, reserved to Council.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 2 FIT FOR THE FUTURE – PARTNERING WITH NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL FOR INNOVATION FUND APPLICATION

16/042

Resolved

1. That Council partners with Narrandera Shire Council in their application to the Innovation Fund due by 1 April 2016 for creating tools and systems to help guide the development of shared services/ joint services across local councils for the period July 2016 to June 2017 and,
2. That Council, in the event that Innovation Fund monies are approved, notes that the tools and systems developed will serve both our use and be available for use across other Councils in NSW.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

**Item 3 MAYOR/COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
UPDATE, INCLUDING A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

16/043

Resolved

That Council endorses the attendance of the Mayor and up to 5 Councillors at the 2016 Local Government National Summit to be held in Melbourne on 17 and 18 May 2016 and that all associated costs be allocated against the Councillor Training Budget for the 2015/16 financial year.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Morris)

CORPORATE SERVICES MATTERS

**Item 1 2016/17 OPERATIONAL PLAN, REVISED 2016/17-2019/20
DELIVERY PROGRAM AND RESOURCING STRATEGY**

16/044

Resolved

1. That Council endorse the revised Draft Delivery Program (2013/14 – 2016/17) and Draft Annual Operational Plan 2016/17 including the Draft Resourcing Strategy (comprising of the Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2016/17 – 2025/26, Draft Asset Management Plan 2016/17 - 2025/26 and Draft Workforce Management Plan 2016/17 - 2019/20).
2. That Council place the Draft Delivery Program, Draft Operational Plan and Draft Resourcing Strategy on public display for 28 days.
3. That the final Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy including the Making of the Rates (2016/17) be presented to Council for adoption at a Council meeting prior to 30 June 2016.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 2 INVESTMENTS - FEBRUARY 2016

16/045

Resolved

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

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Morris)

ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES MATTERS

Item 1 WATER & SEWERAGE BEST PRACTICE MANAGEMENT PLANS PROJECT

16/046

Resolved

That Council receive and note this report.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 2 LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL ROADS AND TRAFFIC DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

16/047

Resolved

1. That Council adopts the Draft Roads & Traffic Draft Asset Management Plan and places it on public exhibition for no less than 28 days.
2. If any submissions are received, a further report be prepared for Council. If no submissions are received, the revised Plan be considered as formally adopted by Council replacing the previous Road Maintenance & Management Policy, and the Traffic and Transport Management Plan.

(Moved Cr Doig, seconded Cr Morris)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS

Item 1 ESTABLISHMENT OF NARRANDERA & LEETON VISITOR SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE

16/048

Resolved

That Council:

1. Endorse the proposed formation of a Joint Council Committee to develop a joint visitor services strategy between Narrandera and Leeton Shires.
2. Endorse the attached Terms of Reference for the Narrandera and Leeton Visitor Services Steering Committee with the following amendments:

- a) The name of the committee is not to contain the word "Information", the committee name now being "Narrandera and Leeton Visitors Services Steering Committee".
 - b) The quorum clause within the terms of reference be amended to "a quorum at any meeting of the Committee shall be four (4) with both Councils having a minimum of two (2) representatives at the meeting.
3. Nominate two elected member representatives for the Steering Committee. Mayor Maytom and Cr Valenzisi were nominated and accepted by Council.
 4. Be presented with regular reports on the progress of this Committee.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Weston)

Item 2 HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE (HACC) SERVICE REVIEW

16/049

Resolved

That Council establishes a HACC Services Review Panel, comprising the Deputy Mayor and Cr O'Callaghan, the Director Environment and Community Services, the Manager Community Services, the HACC Services Coordinator, two representatives of the HACC volunteers, one representative from each HACC service, and one family representative, to investigate the option of novating Council's HACC services, including calling for expressions of interest if applicable, and making a recommendation back to Council for consideration at its June 2016 Ordinary Council meeting.

(Moved Cr O'Callaghan, seconded Cr Davidson)

STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Cr Peter Davidson

Commended the Leeton SunRice Festival Committee for facilitating a fantastic event over the Easter long weekend. All events over the weekend ran very smoothly, achieved record crowds and showcased all that Leeton has to offer in a very positive light.

Cr Tracey Morris

Expressed her sentiments for what was another excellent SunRice Festival event, well done to all involved. Requested that a letter be sent to the Leeton SunRice Festival Organising Committee acknowledging their commitment to delivering such a great event for locals and visitors to our community over the Easter period.

Cr Emerson Doig

Extended his congratulations to the hardworking SunRice Festival Organising Committee for putting on such a well attended event. Cr Doig also requested that a detailed analysis of the true costs of this event to Council be generated and presented at the upcoming debriefing session of the Leeton SunRice Festival Organising Committee so they have a true understanding of the support Council provides.

Deputy Mayor Cr George Weston

Congratulated the four Leeton SunRice Festival Ambassador entrants on raising a combined total of \$55,000 for local charities and support groups in Leeton, a fantastic achievement by the four young ladies for some very worthy beneficiaries. Cr Weston also stated that he will be attending the debrief meeting of the Leeton SunRice Festival Organising Committee and that he was looking forward to brainstorming ways to further enhance this festival in 2018.

He also stated that this year has been 100 years since Henry Lawson came to Leeton. Event preparations will commence in due course with better signage to be a strong focus point for raising the awareness of the Henry Lawson Cottage in Leeton.

George concluded his statements by thanking the General Manager for the consistent information that councillors are now receiving.

Cr Greg O'Callaghan

Cr O'Callaghan commented that a fantastic weekend was enjoyed by all over the Leeton SunRice Festival weekend. He received many complimentary comments from locals and visitors and explained there was a great vibe around town the whole weekend in what he feels was the best SunRice Festival event he has seen yet.

He also expressed his congratulations to Cr Kidd on providing such an engaging speech at Thursday night's Penny Paniz Memorial Arts Show event.

Cr O'Callaghan concluded his statements by raising what Council's intentions were for replacing the "I" signs for the Leeton Visitor Information Centre given that it no longer falls within the accredited visitor information centre operating guidelines. The General Manager explained that discussions had commenced with the Leeton Tourism & Events team to determine a suitable option moving forward.

Mayor Cr Paul Maytom

Congratulated Cr Weston & Cr Doig on their outstanding efforts assisting the Leeton SunRice Festival Organising Committee wherever needed over the Easter long weekend. It was great to see councillors being so actively involved in supporting such a premier event for the community.

Mayor Maytom commented that he couldn't have felt any prouder of all involved in facilitating the Leeton SunRice Festival after such a joyous and successful weekend for the town, it was truly a credit to all involved.

He commented that the Balloon Glow event was a great highlight. All involved with facilitating this particular event should be extremely pleased with the outcome in what he also thought was the biggest crowd of people he has ever seen at the Leeton Town Ovals in all his years of living in Leeton.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
27/04/2016 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.