



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2017

COMMENCING AT 7.03PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:

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

Staff: Craig Bennett (Acting General Manager), Brian Ashcroft (Director Environment and Engineering) and Roslyn Burke (Communications and General Assistant)

Press: Nil

1. **CIVIC PRAYER** Cr Tracey Morris

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

17/076

Resolved

THAT the apology of Cr Michael Kidd be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Nardi)

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

17/077

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23 August 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Morris)

5. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - Nil

6. **MAYORAL MINUTES** - Nil

7. **NOTICES OF MOTION** - Nil

8. **OFFICER'S REPORT**

17/078

Resolved

THAT Item 8.7 McCaughey Park Splash Park Environment and Engineering Matters be brought forward to allow discussion on this item.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Nardi)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

Item 8.7 MCCAUGHEY PARK SPLASH PARK

MOTION

THAT the report be received and that:

1. The author who commissioned the petition be thanked for their enquiry and foresight.
2. That Council takes no further action until:
 - (a) The final outcome of the pool upgrade submission is known and/or until the end of this current Council term.
 - (b) That only when an outcome is known regarding the pool upgrade, further costing and time is allocated to an investigation of a water feature in the Shire.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Morris)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

17/079

THAT Standing Orders be suspended at 7.20pm to allow Fran Porter, Buster Ryan (representing Yanco Lions Club), Beryl Coelli (representing Yanco Hall Committee) and Dick Porter to make a presentation to Council regarding the water feature for McCaughey Park, Yanco.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Ciccia)

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

17/080

THAT the meeting be resumed at 7.29pm to deal with Item 8.7 and the balance of the items on the Agenda.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Nardi)

AMENDMENT

THAT the report be received and considered and that the “discharge to waste” type facility be endorsed as the preferred option as a basis for detailed design, noting that the:

- Implementation would utilise a combination of suitable proprietary suppliers and local contractors to achieve best risk management and cost.
- Working budget should be \$65,000 but would be subject to final specification and quotes, and
- Council will need to consider and advise on the program and budget source for the project once detailed design is completed.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Smith)

The Amendment was put and carried.

The Amendment became the Motion.

The Motion was put and carried.

17/081

Resolved

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- Working budget should be \$65,000 but would be subject to final specification and quotes, and
- Council will need to consider and advise on the program and budget source for the project once detailed design is completed.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Smith)

Councillors Weston and Reneker wished to have their names recorded as voting against the resolution.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 8.1 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS (FAG) 2017/2018 ENTITLEMENTS ADVICE TO COUNCIL

17/082

Resolved

THAT:

1. The letter of 22 August 2017 from the Local Government Grants Commission (relating to 2017/18 grant calculations) along with the Appendices be tabled and noted by Council.
2. Council acknowledges the importance of Federal Funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of Council services and infrastructure.
3. Council chooses not to make a special submission in relation to the distribution of Financial Assistance Grants for 2018/19.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Ciccia)

Item 8.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW (LGNSW) 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

17/083

Resolved

THAT:

1. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager be authorised to represent Council at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference which is being held in Sydney from 4-6 December 2017.
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 Local Government NSW Annual Conference being held in Sydney from 4-6 December 2017.
3. The Draft Motions included in this report be submitted for discussion and Council endorsement for consideration at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.
 - a) That **Leeton Shire Council/RAMROC** recommend that the NSW and Federal Governments provide all appropriate support to facilitate the early development and future potential of the Western Riverina Intermodal Logistical Centre as a fundamental investment to support the continued growth of the Western Riverina Region.
 - b) That **Leeton Shire Council/RAMROC** encourages the NSW State Government to extend the application of rumble strips as a very effective and active road safety measure.

4. Any further Draft Motions for inclusion in the Conference business paper are to be submitted to the General Manager by Friday 13 October 2017 and these draft motions be reported to the 25 October 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting for consideration.
5. Expenses for attending the 2017 Local Government NSW Annual Conference be paid in accordance with the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Reneker)

Item 8.3 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS

17/084

Resolved

THAT:

1. All Councillors complete a disclosure of interests form and return to the General Manager by 30 September 2017 for the financial year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.
2. The staff occupying the positions below be formally declared Designated Persons by Council in accordance with Section 441 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and be required to lodge disclosure of interests to the General Manager by 30 September 2017 for the financial year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017:

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| General Manager | Determined by the Act |
| Directors | Determined by the Act |
| Managers | Deemed to exercise designated persons functions |
| Governance & Corporate Planning Coordinator | Exercises designated persons functions |
| GIS & Assets Coordinator | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Plant Superintendent | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Purchasing Officer | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Rates & Property Officer | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Survey & Design Engineer | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Building, Planning & Health Inspector | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Senior Ranger/Rangers | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Roads Maintenance Superintendent | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Roads Construction Superintendent | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Water & Waste Water Superintendent | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Parks & Recreation Superintendent | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Works Depot Supervisor | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Water & Waste Water Engineer | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Waste Management & Environmental Projects Coordinator | Exercises designated persons functions |

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| Development & Drainage Engineer | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Planning Officer | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Assistant Engineer | Exercises designated persons functions |
| Building Services Officer | Exercises designated persons functions |

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 8.4 INVESTMENTS REPORT AUGUST 2017

17/085

Resolved

THAT the information contained in the Investments Report be noted.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Ciccia)

Item 8.5 UNION PICNIC DAY 2017

17/086

Resolved

THAT:

1. Council approve Friday 27 October 2017 as Union Picnic Day.
2. Council offices remain open on Friday 27 October 2017.
3. All employees who are not financial members of the union(s) are required to work on Friday 27 October 2017.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Davidson)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

Item 8.6 MODIFIED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

17/087

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Approve the widening upgrade of 860 metres of Innisvale Lane.
2. Approve the construction of the Graham Park carpark.
3. Approve the upgrade and widening of the Wamoon urban roads.
4. Approve the widening upgrade of Almond Road.
5. Approve the Kerb and gutter installation and pavement rehabilitation of Palm Avenue.

6. Fund the required \$840,000 construction cost as detailed under the Financial Implications section of this report.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Davidson)

Item 8.8 ROADS TENDER - VARIOUS QUARRIED PRODUCTS

17/088

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Accepts the tender/quotation of Milbrae Quarries Pty Ltd for the supply of rock and gravel quarried products at the submitted exclusive supply rates. This includes twenty-six different products, excluding Item 26 – River Sand and Item 27 Pit Sand as per Table 1.
2. Accepts the tender/quotation of HRD Readymix Pty Ltd for the supply of Item 26 – River Sand and Item 27 Pit Sand as per Table 1.

(Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Morris)

9. STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Cr George Weston

Received a phone call advising the free camping site at the Murrumbidgee River is a mess. He would like to know whose responsibility it is. The Director of Environment and Engineering will look into it.

Telstra Mobile Van was parked in the main street on a Saturday morning, taking up several parking places.

Cr Weston hopes we don't have to have a debate on whether Australia Day should change.

Recently a member of the public contacted Cr Weston to advise that the flowers had been removed from the roundabout in the main street. He questioned when they would be replaced.

Cr Sandra Nardi

Wished to congratulate all football codes on their recent successes and commiserations to Yanco Wamoon and Leeton United Football Club who just missed out.

Recently had a customer in her business who praised the staff at the Leeton Visitor Information Centre for their wonderful service. She came away with a great deal of information and was very happy.

Cr Nardi questioned the accessibility of needle disposal bins, considering most are in public toilets which are generally locked at night.

STATEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS CONTINUED

Cr Peter Davidson

Thanked the Director of Environment and Engineering Brian Ashcroft for instigating the clean-up works on the entrances to town.

Cr Tracey Morris

Cr Morris commented on how fantastic the town looks.

She also thanked the Manager Library, Culture and Community for the great work done on the recent Festival of Audacious Ideas.

Cr Paul Smith

Agreed that the local football results were fantastic with two first grade premierships teams.

Also he wished to commend the Leeton Op shop staff and volunteers for the great work they are doing.

Mayor Cr Paul Maytom

Endorses Councillors comments in regards to local football results. He believes that our fantastic sporting facilities and the support of coaches and families in the area contributed to the successes. He noted that Jacob Townsend, a local boy, would be playing in the AFL Grand Final this weekend

The Mayor attended the opening of Kurrajong residential units this week. It is fantastic that local kids, many of whom attended the Gralee School are now able to live somewhat independently in the units.

Well done to Craig Bennett who has been Acting General Manager whilst Jackie Kruger is on leave.

The Mayor thinks it is about time that proper signage was erected to Middle Beach.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.06pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
25/10/2017 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.