



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2024
COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Councillors:

Cr. Tony Reneker (Mayor), Cr. Michael Kidd (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Paul Smith, Cr. Krystal Maytom, Cr. Tony Ciccia, Cr. Matt Holt, Cr. Sandra Nardi via videoconference, Cr. Tracey Morris and Cr. George Weston.

Staff:

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Avtar Singh (Director Corporate / CFO), Michelle Evans (Director Economic and Community Development), Silas Darby (Director Operations), Luke Tedesco (Former Acting Director Operations) via videoconference, Sarah Graham (Manager Governance, Corporate and Customer Service), Mark Johnson (Finance Contractor) via videoconference and Ken Dachi (Multicultural Advisor).

Press: Nil

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1. CIVIC PRAYER Cr. Weston

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Mayor Cr. Reneker

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

24/025

Resolved

Accepted Cr. Nardi's apology for lateness.

(Moved Cr. Smith, seconded Cr. Maytom)

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

24/026

Resolved

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 February 2024, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 March 2024, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr. Holt, seconded Cr. Morris)

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

6. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

7. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Procedural Motion

24/027

Resolved

THAT Item 7.7 be moved forward as the first Staff Report to Council to accommodate staff representations on this item.

(Moved Cr. Ciccia, seconded Cr. Holt)

Mark Johnson (Finance Contractor) entered the meeting, via videoconference, the time being 7:08 PM

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Item 7.7 WELCOMING CITIES REPORT

24/028

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the Leeton Shire Welcoming Cities Action Plan (working towards advanced membership accreditation).
2. Submits the Leeton Shire Welcoming Cities Action Plan for accreditation to Welcoming Cities Australia immediately following endorsement.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Maytom)

Multicultural Advisor left the meeting, the time being 7:20 PM

CORPORATE MATTERS

Item 7.1 2023/24 BUDGET REVIEW FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30 DECEMBER 2023

24/029

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Quarterly Budget Review (QBR) as at 31 December 2023, approves the changes recommended by Management and signals it will endeavour to bring capital works back to a more 'reasonable' level for the 2024/25 financial year.

(Moved Cr. Morris, seconded Cr. Holt)

Cr. Ciccia left the meeting, the time being 7:52 PM

Cr. Ciccia returned to the meeting, the time being 7:54 PM

Mark Johnson (Finance Contractor) left the meeting via videoconference, the time being 8:06 PM

Item 7.2 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

24/030

Resolved

THAT Council notes the information contained in the Investments Report for February 2024.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Weston)

Cr. Nardi entered the meeting via videoconference, the time being 8:09 PM

Director Economic and Community Development left the meeting, the time being 8:10 PM

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Item 7.3 DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

24/031

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the draft Asset Management Plans (Building & Facilities and Stormwater) for public exhibition for 28 days and, if no substantive feedback is received, the plans will be considered adopted after the exhibition period.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Weston)

Item 7.4 LEETON GOLF COURSE UPDATE - 1 JULY 2023 TO 31 DEC 2023

24/032

Resolved

THAT Council notes for information the update on the operation of the Leeton Golf Course, including the Income and Expenses Report, for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023.

(Moved Cr. Smith, seconded Cr. Kidd)

Item 7.5 DUST CONCERNS LEETON GOLF COURSE

24/033

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Establishes natural vegetation growth without irrigation on the carry zone of the 9th fairway to alleviate dust caused by golf carts.
2. Establishes another cart path leading to the right side of the fairway to further reduce dust caused by golf carts.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Holt)

Motion was lost.

Foreshadowed Motion

24/034

Resolved

THAT Council defers the motion and requests staff to report back within two months:

- with information of the sources and extent of the dust,
- the potential impact of weeds / natural vegetation on the immediate environment,
- other possible solutions for Council to consider, and that
- the submitters are updated.

(Moved Cr. Weston, seconded Cr. Smith)

Item 7.6 ROAD NAMING PROPOSAL SORELLI ESTATE STAGE 2

24/035

Resolved

THAT Council endorses the following names as proposed by the Developer of Stage 2 of Sorelli Estate for submission to the Geographical Names Board (NSW):

- a. Road 1 – Sorelli Place (an existing road)
- b. Road 2 – Brodie Court
- c. Road 3 – Thomas Court

(Moved Cr. Holt, seconded Cr. Weston)

Cr. Nardi recorded her vote against.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

10. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Item 10.1 COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT

24/036

Resolved

THAT Council notes the Councillor activity reports submitted for the period between 28 February to 27 March 2024.

(Moved Cr. Kidd, seconded Cr. Smith)

11. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
24 Apr 2024 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.