



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

18 FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)
A Walker (Deputy Mayor)
S Baker
B Mockler
N Mudford
D Naden
N Wrigley
G Peart

Employees

D J Neeves
General Manager
N Alchin
Director Corporate Services
J Manion
Director Community Services
D Colwell
Director Infrastructure
L Mathieson
Director Planning & Environment
K Larkin
Marketing and Communications Manager
K Cosier
Community Engagement Officer

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4.25pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ADJOURNMENTS

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Walker, *Armatree Progress Association community project – early consideration Drought Communities Programme Extension*. Cr Walker is the Armatree Hotel publican, where the event is to be held.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 1/20	Cr Peart/Cr Baker
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 17 December 2019, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

LISTING OF MATTERS
TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

RESOLVED 2/20	Cr Mudford/Cr Naden
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Manager's Contract (a)• Request for rates-hardship relief (b)	

RESOLVED 3/20	Cr Mudford/Cr Naden
That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the matters to be considered in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate at 4.28pm	

Proceedings in Brief

The Mayor requested all staff to leave the meeting at 4.30pm to allow discussion on the report on the General Manager's contract.

(PE.1072.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 1/20
GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT

This information is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

SUMMARY

To consider an application from Mr David Neeves for an extension of his current Employment Contract for a further four years from August 2020

RESOLVED 4/20	Cr Batten
1. That Council offer Mr Neeves a four year extension to his current General Managers Employment Contract concluding on the 31 July 2024.	
2. That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to finalise the terms and execute the contract.	

Proceedings in Brief

All Staff returned to the meeting at 4.35pm.

(RV.FC.1)

REQUEST FOR RATES – HARDSHIP RELIEF

This information is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

SUMMARY

To consider a request from a landholder to waive the interest arrears

RESOLVED 5/20	Cr Baker/Cr Mudford
That Council note the request and the approval to waive the interest incurred on the overdue rates for the 2019/20 Financial Year, being an amount of \$780.22.	

RESOLVED 6/20	Cr Walker/Cr Mockler
That the press and public be allowed to re-enter the meeting at 4.47pm.	

RESOLVED 7/20	Cr Walker/Cr Naden
That the General Manager, Mr David Neeves, in line with Clauses 9(3), 377 and 335 of the Local Government Act, 1993, list all business relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10 (2) of the Act for consideration by the next meeting of the Council as such matters are deemed to be of confidential nature or such that Council's interest may be prejudiced by publicity, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting, provided however that, at the discretion of the Mayor, interested parties and/or their agents be granted approval to address the Council so that they are provided with the opportunity to substantiate any proposals under consideration and answer any questions from Councillors in relation thereto.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 2/20
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities during the preceding month.

RESOLVED 8/20	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(CM.CP.1)

CLASSIFICATION OF LAND

SUMMARY

To formally adopt the classification of Lot 2, DP262139.

RESOLVED 9/20	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
That Lot 2, DP262139, being 30-32 Miller Street, Gilgandra be classified as operational land.	

(GO.CO.1)

BY-ELECTION EXEMPTION

SUMMARY

Request for an exemption to hold a by-election resulting from the resignation of former Councillor, Gina Johnson.

RESOLVED 10/20	Cr Walker/Cr Mudford
That the report be noted	

(GO.PO.1)

NEW POLICY – STAFF UNIFORM

SUMMARY

To seek adoption of a new Staff Uniform Policy.

RESOLVED 11/20	Cr Baker/Cr Naden
That the draft Uniform policy, as presented, be adopted.	

(GO.PO.1)

REVIEW OF POLICIES

SUMMARY

To advise of an annual review of Council's policies.

RESOLVED 12/20	Cr Mudford/Cr Naden
That the various changes to the Alcohol and Other Drugs, Donations, Street Trading, UV Exposure and Sun Protection detailed in Council's policy register, as outlined, be adopted.	

(FM.BU.1)

FUNDING OPTIONS FOR DEPOT UPGRADE

SUMMARY

To provide Council with the options available to fund the Shire Depot upgrade works.

RESOLVED 13/20	Cr Walker/Cr Peart
1. That Council formally resolve to borrow \$1,467,000 with TCorp over 15 year fixed term with half yearly repayments to fund the balance of the Shire Depot upgrade project.	
2. That Southern Phones proceeds be placed in reserves, with considerations given to its use after the final budget review 30 June	

(FM.FR.1)

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 DECEMBER 2019

SUMMARY

To detail the variances to the original estimates for the 2019/20 financial year as presented in the Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 December 2019. In addition, to report as to whether the Quarterly Budget Review indicates that the financial position of Council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimates adopted by Council.

RESOLVED 14/20	Cr Walker/Cr Mockler
That subject to any decisions on the recommendations as reported, the Quarterly Budget Review document and report as at 31 December 2019 be adopted.	

(CM.PL.1)

2019/20 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW TO 30 DECEMBER 2019

SUMMARY

To consider progress with Council's 2019/20 Operational Plan as at 30 December 2019.

RESOLVED 15/20	Cr Peart/Cr Wrigley
That the 2019/20 Operational Plan Review for the quarter ended 30 December 2019 be adopted.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Walker declared an interest and left the room 5.05pm

(GS.PG.1)

ARMATREE COMMUNITY PROJECT – EARLY CONSIDERATION DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME EXTENSION

SUMMARY

To seek Council endorsement of the Armatree Black Dog Ride under an application for the drought Communities Programme (DCP) Extension application.

RESOLVED 16/20	Cr Peart/Cr Mudford
That Council endorse the early approval of Armatree Black Dog Institute Ride event and a \$10,000 grant application by the Armatree Progress Association to be included in Council's DCP extension submission.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Walker returned to the meeting at 5.08pm having taken no part in discussion or voting.

(GS.PG.1)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

SUMMARY

To consider action to be taken to fill a vacancy on the Economic Development Committee following the resignation of Cr Johnson.

RESOLVED 17/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Wrigley
That Council do not take action to fill the vacancy left by Cr Johnson.	

(LP.PL.1)

LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT (LSPS)

SUMMARY

To advise changes to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* in 2017 requiring NSW Councils to prepare and adopt a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) by June 2020.

RESOLVED 18/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That Councilors have input via the Director Planning and Environment in regard to possible changes to the document as presented and a rework document be presented to the March 2020 Council meeting.	

(TT.AT.1)

DROUGHT EXTENSION – ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM

SUMMARY

To advise that the Federal Government has provided an additional \$878,444 funding under the Roads to Recovery (R2R) program for the 2020 calendar year.

RESOLVED 19/20	Cr Mudford/Cr Peart
That Council allocate \$439,222 to rehabilitation of 4km of the Berida-Bullagreen Rd from the R2R Program this financial year.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for consideration and adoption.

Aged Care Committee	12 February 2020
Disability Services Committee	4 February 2020

RESOLVED 20/20	Cr Naden/Cr Mudford
That the above listed Committee minutes be adopted.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

<u>Interagency</u>	30 January 2020
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RESOLVED 21/20	Cr Peart/Cr Baker
That the above listed Committee minutes be noted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 22/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Baker
That the reports be noted.	

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 23/20	Cr Naden/Cr Mudford
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.15PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor