



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

19 MAY 2020

PRESENT

Councillors

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

Employees

D J Neeves
General Manager
N Alchin
Director Corporate Services
D Colwell
Director Infrastructure
L Mathieson
Director Planning & Environment
B Irvin
Projects Manager
G McAnally-Elwin
Finance Manager
J Prout
Executive Assistant

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 3.30pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ADJOURNMENTS

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 71/20	Cr Mudford/Cr Walker
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21 April 2020, 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 72/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
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">• Staff Leave (a)• Tender – Supply of Bulk Chemicals (d)• Request for Rent Reduction (d)• Heritage Advisor (d)	

RESOLVED 73/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
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 3.33pm	

RESOLVED 79/20	
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 - 6/20
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

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

RESOLVED 80/20	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(CM.PL.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 7/20
ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION

SUMMARY

To bring councillors up to date with the latest developments in respect of the future viability and operation of the Orana Joint Organisation of Councils.

RESOLVED 81/20	Cr Batten
That the report be noted and that a further report be provided to Council's June 2020 meeting reflecting the outcomes of the Orana Joint Organisation Board meeting scheduled for 29 May 2020.	

(CM.PL.1)

2019/20 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW TO 31 MARCH 2020

SUMMARY

To consider progress with Council's 2019/20 Operational Plan as at 1 March 2020

RESOLVED 82/20	Cr Walker/Cr Mudford
That the 2019/20 Operational Plan Review for the quarter ended 31 March 2020 be adopted.	

(FM.FR.1)

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 MARCH 2020 - CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

SUMMARY

To provide an update on progress with the 2019/20 Capital Works Program.

RESOLVED 83/20	Cr Peart/Cr Naden
That the report be noted.	

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 MARCH 2020

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 March 2020. 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.

Proceedings in Brief

It was suggested that Council consider the progression of a tourism focussed event through the Economic Development Committee and consider making a contribution when considering the Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 June 2020.

RESOLVED 84/20	Cr Walker/Cr Peart
That the Quarterly Budget Review document and report as at 31 March 2020 be adopted.	

FEES AND CHARGES 2020/21

SUMMARY

To adopt Council's Fees and Charges for 2020/21.

RESOLVED 85/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Wrigley
That Council adopt the draft 2020/21 Fees and Charges for inclusion in the 2020/21 draft Operational Plan.	

BUDGET REPORT - 2020/21 to 2023/24

SUMMARY

To present a report on the draft 2020/21 to 2023/24 budget for all Council funds and detail matters considered in preparation of same.

Proceedings in Brief

The following variations were discussed:

- Approximately \$100,000 improvement as a Emergency Services Levy Rebate by the NSW State Government
- \$10,000 increase in Administration Fees for Jack Towney as a contribution to the purchase of the Aged Care Software offset by \$10,000 additional Grant Income to Jack Towney.
- Acknowledging the estimated construction costs for Lucas Bridge, Council increase its borrowings by \$300,000.
- Cooee Villa Units Hall capital be reduced by \$25,000

RESOLVED 86/20	Cr Baker/Cr Wrigley
That, noting the above variations, Council endorse the Budget estimates to allow inclusion of the Draft Budget and Revenue Policy in the 2020/21 Operational Plan to go on public exhibition.	

2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN

SUMMARY

To consider the draft Operational Plan for 2020/21 for public exhibition.

RESOLVED 87/20	Cr Peart/Cr Walker
That the draft 2020/21 Operational Plan including the Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges and Budget be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.	

(GS.PG.1)

DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

To reconsider Council's resolution to apply for \$840k for the replacement of Lucas Bridge under Council's application to the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme Extension.

RESOLVED 88/20	Cr Wrigley/Cr Walker
That, Council not proceed with an application under the Drought Communities Programme (DCP) Extension for the Lucas Bridge replacement and make application for \$840,000 to carry out:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12kms of gravel re-sheeting• Construction of a new culvert on Curban Biddon Rd• Reconstruction of sections of kerb and gutter• Construction of new concrete footpaths• Installation of new community dump point at Tooraweenah• Private signage replacement program• CBD activation, events and activities	

SHIRE SIGNAGE PROJECT

SUMMARY

To seek Council's endorsement to progress to quotation stage for the new town entry elements of the Shire Signage Project.

RESOLVED 89/20	Cr Baker/Cr Wrigley
1. That Council endorse the progression of the town entry sign elements of the Shire Signage project in line with direction from the community consultation survey, that being a mix of colour and country style with earthy colour tones and capturing the top supported elements and messaging for inclusion.	
2. That Council support progression of the highway sign elements of the project in line with Council and Region branding, noting planned, targeted community consultation.	

Proceedings in Brief

Concern was expressed that many residents were unaware of the survey due in some part due to lack of internet access at home or the Library (due to COVID-19) and that many people prefer a hard copy option. It was suggested that there be more information in the Gilgandra Weekly in future.

GILGANDRA CULTURAL PRECINCT UPGRADE PROJECT

SUMMARY

To seek Council endorsement of the Gilgandra Cultural Precinct upgrades, specifically the Coo-ee Heritage Centre design elements, to progress to tender design development, subject to stakeholder support.

RESOLVED 90/20	Cr Naden/Cr Baker
That Council endorse the Gilgandra Cultural Precinct upgrades, specifically the Coo-ee Heritage Centre design elements, to progress to tender design development, subject to further stakeholder engagement.	

Proceedings in Brief

It was suggested that consideration be given to security requirements to cover the external elements for the upgraded complex.

GILGANDRA SWIMMING POOL – CHLORINE SYSTEM AUDIT

SUMMARY

To report the recommendations from IXOM's audit of the chlorine gas facilities at the Gilgandra Swimming Pool.

RESOLVED 91/20	Cr Baker/Cr Mudford
That the report be noted.	

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PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM 2020/21

SUMMARY

To present the proposed 2020/21 Plant Replacement Program for consideration and adoption.

RESOLVED 92/20	Cr Walker/Cr Peart
That the 2020/21 Plant Replacement Program, as presented, be adopted	

LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT (LSPS)

SUMMARY

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

RESOLVED 93/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Wrigley
That Council adopt the draft LSPS and place on public display for feedback for 28 days.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

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

<u>Aged Care Committee</u>	7 May 2020
<u>Aged Care Committee (extraordinary)</u>	11 May 2020
<u>Disability Services Committee</u>	5 May 2020

RESOLVED 94/20	Cr Peart/Cr Wrigley
That the above listed Committee minutes be adopted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 95/20	Cr Naden/Cr Mudford
That the reports be noted.	

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 96/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

LATE REPORT

(FM.PL.1)

INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES REPORT

SUMMARY

To details the opportunities for interest rate relief.

RESOLVED 97/20	Cr Peart/Cr Walker
That Council approve the maximum interest rate allowable of 7.50% to be charged on overdue rates and charges.	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.12PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor