

COONAMBLE
SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 14 July 2021**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 2021 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Ahmad Karanouh (Mayor) – via video link because of Covid-19 considerations, Cr Paul Wheelhouse (Deputy Mayor), Cr Karen Churchill, Cr Pat Cullen, Cr Barbara Deans, Cr Bill Fisher, Cr Robert Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Hein Basson (General Manager), Bruce Quarmby (Executive Leader - Corporate and Sustainability), Kookie Atkins (Executive Leader - Infrastructure), Noreen Vu (Executive Leader - Environment, Strategic Planning & Community), Pip Goldsmith (Manager of Economic Development & Growth), Marina Colwell (Executive Support Officer)

Note:

The 60 year service of Mrs Jill Moorhouse and the 30 year service of Mrs Kaylene (Kookie) Atkins, in conjunction of both these ladies' announcements of their retirements on respectively 16 July and 2 August 2021, were acknowledged and celebrated by Council and staff – causing the Council Meeting to formally start later than the advertised time of 10.00am.

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.25 am, advising the attendees of the following:

- The meeting is being livestreamed and/or recorded for on-demand viewing via Council's website and a person's image and/or voice may be broadcast;
- Attendance at the meeting is to be taken as consent by a person to their image and /or voice being webcast (time will be allowed by the Chairperson for people to leave the meeting before it starts);
- All speakers should refrain from making any defamatory comments or releasing any personal information about another individual without their consent;
- Council accepts no liability for any damage that may result from defamatory comments made by persons attending the meetings – all liability will rest with the individual who made the comments;
- The recording will be available on Council's website for a minimum of 12 months and retained as a Council record;
- Individuals acting in a disorderly manner can be asked by the Chairperson to leave the meeting under the Council's Code of Meeting Practice;
- The meeting must not be recorded by others without the prior written consent of the Council in accordance with the Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet today, the Wailwan people and the Gamilaroi people and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

NIL.

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

NIL.

5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS

NIL.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RESOLUTION 2021/148**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Deans informed the meeting that she has a non-pecuniary conflict of interest regarding Item 10.4 Economic Development & Growth – Progress Report regarding the Inland Rail Project, a potential farm-stay operation and the Ralston Quarry Development Application. Cr Deans stated that her farming business is involved with grain production, her property is potentially affected by the proposed route of the Inland Rail Project, will potentially be used as a farm-stay offer, and is in close proximity of the proposed quarry development. She indicated that she will remain in the room, contributing to discussions and voting on the items.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE**MAYORAL MINUTE****RESOLUTION 2021/149**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the contents of the Mayoral Minute.

CARRIED

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL**SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NIL.

10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

At this juncture, the Mayor requested the Deputy Mayor to take the chair due to the difficulties created by the irregularity of the video link, making it challenging for the Mayor to hear and follow all contributions made by the individual Councillors and staff during discussions.

10.1 LG NSW - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**RESOLUTION 2021/150**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.2 WORKPLACE INJURY MANAGEMENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/151**

Moved: Cr Robert Thomas

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council notes the contents of the Workplace Injury Management report.

CARRIED

10.3 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES INTERNAL REPORTING POLICY FOR ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 2021/152

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 1. That Council notes the information contained in this report.**
- 2. That Council formally adopts the revised Public Interest Disclosures Internal Reporting Policy attached to the report.**

CARRIED

10.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH - PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/153

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council resolves into Committee of the Whole and Standing Orders be suspended to enable Council to more informally discuss the various projects addressed in this report.

CARRIED

Cr Karen Churchill moved the following **MOTION**:

That Council applies for grant funding through the Regional Tourism Activation Fund to the amount of \$1,000,000 for Stage One of the Artesian Bath Experience Project, and that the \$300,000 budgeted in the current financial year for this project be used as Council's co-contribution.

For lack of a seconder, the motion **LAPSED**.

RESOLUTION 2021/154

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 1. That Council notes the contents of this report.**
- 2. That Council further notes that staff are busy preparing a grant application for \$5,500,000 through the Regional Tourism Activation Fund for purposes of the detailed design and construction of Stage One of the proposed Coonamble Artesian Bath Experience Project and that it will be a requirement for Council to make a co-contribution towards this project to the amount of \$1,250,000.**
- 3. That Council resolves to make an allocation to the amount of \$1,250,000 in the 2022-23 Operational Plan and Budget, as Council's required contribution towards a \$5,500,000 grant funding application through the**

Regional Tourism Activation Fund – for the detailed design and construction of Stage One of the proposed Coonamble Artesian Bath Experience Project.

4. **That Council requests the General Manager and Manager Economic Development & Growth to, in the meantime, pursue other possible grant funding opportunities through which Council would be able to fund this above-mentioned co-contribution.**

CARRIED

Cr Churchill requested that her name be recorded as voting against the motion.

RESOLUTION 2021/155

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council goes out of Committee of the Whole and resumes Standing Orders.

CARRIED

10.5 REVIEW OF RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE POLICY

RESOLUTION 2021/156

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

1. **That Council notes the information contained in this report.**
2. **That Council adopts the amended Related Party Disclosure Policy, with the attachments included as annexures to this report.**

CARRIED

10.6 RETURNS DISCLOSING PECUNIARY INTEREST

RESOLUTION 2021/157

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That all Councillors and designated persons provide duly completed disclosure of interest forms to the General Manager by the end of September 2021, for these returns to be publicly tabled at the October 2021 Council meeting.

CARRIED

10.7 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - JUNE 2021**RESOLUTION 2021/158**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council notes the information provided in the report.**CARRIED****10.8 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 2021****RESOLUTION 2021/159**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council notes the list of investments as at 30 June 2021 and that these investments comply with section 625(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council's Investment Policy.**CARRIED****10.9 URBAN SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS****RESOLUTION 2021/160**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council notes the information in this report.**CARRIED****10.10 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2021/161**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the information contained in this report.**CARRIED**

10.11 ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/162**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes the contents of this report.**CARRIED****10.12 SALEYARDS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2021/163**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes the information provided in this report.**CARRIED****RESOLUTION 2021/164**

Moved: Cr Robert Thomas

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council requests the Executive Leader of Environment, Strategic Planning and Community to investigate the improvements that are needed to bring the Coonamble Saleyards up to an acceptable safety and legislative standard and to consult with the Saleyards Committee in this regard; in order to obtain this Committee's input for a scope of works and estimate of costs associated with such an upgrade to be developed. Further, that this information obtained be used to inform the development and lodgment of a grant funding application when relevant grant funding opportunities become available for this purpose.**CARRIED****10.13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS****RESOLUTION 2021/165**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council notes the information in this report.**CARRIED****11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS**

NIL.

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

NIL.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 12:23pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 11 August 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON