



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 11 August 2021**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2021 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Ahmad Karanouh (Mayor), 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), Ian Dinham (Acting Executive Leader - Infrastructure), Noreen Vu (Executive Leader - Environment, Strategic Planning & Community), Pip Goldsmith (Manager of Economic Development & Growth)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.12 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;
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- 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 2021/173**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 14 July 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 10.3 Economic Development & Growth – Progress Report regarding the Inland Rail Project and a potential farm-stay operation and Item 10.9 Environment and Strategic Planning Progress Report regarding the Ralston Quarry and Single Quarry Development Applications. 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 developments. She indicated that she will remain in the room, contributing to discussions and voting on the items.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE**RESOLUTION 2021/174**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 1. That Council notes the contents of the Mayoral Minute.**
- 2. That Council calls on the NSW Government to withdraw the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021 (the Bill) from the NSW Parliament.**
- 3. That Council calls on the NSW Government to undertake further consultation with the local government sector on any proposed reforms to the infrastructure contributions system.**
- 4. That Council calls on the NSW Government to de-couple the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal led review of the rate peg to include population growth from the infrastructure contributions reforms.**
- 5. That Council writes to the local State Member for Barwon Mr Roy Butler MP, the Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces the Hon Rob Stokes MP and Minister for Local Government the Hon Shelley Hancock MP seeking them to withdraw the Bill.**
- 6. That Council writes to the Shadow Treasurer the Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC, Shadow Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Mr Paul Scully MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government Mr Greg Warren MP, The Greens Mr David Shoebridge MLC, Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, Pauline Hanson's One Nation the Hon Mark Latham MLC, Animal Justice Party the Hon Emma Hurst MLC, Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group) the Hon Fred Nile MLC, Independent Mr Justin Field, Portfolio Committee Chair The Greens Ms Cate Faehmann, Portfolio Committee Deputy Chair Animal Justice Party the Hon Mark Pearson MLC and Committee members Liberal Party the Hon Catherine Cusack MLC and the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC, The Nationals the Hon Ben Franklin MLC and Australian Labor Party the Hon Rose Jackson MLC and the Hon Adam Searle MLC seeking their support in securing the withdrawal of the Bill from the NSW Parliament and outlining council's concerns with the Bill.**
- 7. That Council alerts the local media to the threat of future ratepayer funds being expended rather than developer levies for new infrastructure brought about by increased development under the proposed legislation and shares and promotes these messages via its digital and social media channels and via its networks.**
- 8. That Council affirms its support to LGNSW and requests LGNSW continue advocating on our behalf to protect local government from any amendments to infrastructure contributions which leaves councils and communities exposed to expending ratepayer funds on new infrastructure made necessary by new development, currently the responsibility of developers.**

CARRIED

The Mayor also made mention that there was a confirmed Covid-19 case in Dubbo.

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

NIL.

10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

10.1 STATUS REPORT REGARDING COUNCILLOR ENQUIRIES

RESOLUTION 2021/175

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

10.2 WORKPLACE INJURY MANAGEMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/176

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

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

CARRIED

10.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH - PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/177

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.4 COUNCILLOR FEES 2021/22 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RENUMERATION**RESOLUTION 2021/178**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council increases Councillor fees for the 2021/22 financial year by 2.0%, with effect from 1 July 2021, noting that the fees will be as follows:

- Mayor: \$10,888 plus \$20,661 = \$31,549 per annum.**
- Councillor: \$10,888 each per annum.**

CARRIED**10.5 COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL POSITION STATEMENT ON THE RECOGNITION OF RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSETS.****RESOLUTION 2021/179**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

- 1. That Council notes the information contained in this report.**
- 2. That Council formally adopts the Position Statement on the Recognition of Rural Fire Service Assets as attached to the report.**
- 3. That Council in principle supports Leeton Shire Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee's adopted stance regarding the non-recognition and treatment of NSW Rural Fire Service assets.**

CARRIED**10.6 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - JULY 2021****RESOLUTION 2021/180**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

CARRIED

10.7 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - JULY 2021**RESOLUTION 2021/181**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher
Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the list of investments as at 31 July 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**10.8 URBAN SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS****RESOLUTION 2021/182**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED**10.9 ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2021/183**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED**10.10 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2021/184**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

CARRIED

10.11 SALEYARDS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/185

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes the information provided in this report.

CARRIED

10.12 LIBRARY SERVICES POLICY

RESOLUTION 2021/186

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

- 1. That Council notes the contents of this report.**
- 2. That Council adopts the revised Library Services Policy.**

CARRIED

10.13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2021/187

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - EXTINGUISH PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENSES

RESOLUTION 2021/188

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council supports the extinguishing of the ‘zombie PELs’ that cover NSW, particularly the Petroleum Exploration Licences in the local government areas of the Narrabri, Liverpool Plains and Coonamble Shire Councils and for a letter in this regard to be written to the NSW Minister of Mining and the Deputy Premier.

CARRIED

At 11.31 am, Council adjourned for morning tea and resumed the meeting at 11.50 am.

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2021/189

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

12.1 Annual Performance Review - General Manager

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

CARRIED

At 11.52am the General Manager and staff left the meeting. The General Manager returned to the meeting at 12.19pm with other staff re-joining at 12.31pm.

12.1 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW - GENERAL MANAGER

RESOLUTION 2021/190

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council notes the outcome of the General Manager’s Annual Performance

Review conducted by Council’s General Manager’s Performance Management Committee on 27 July 2021, and authorises a two (2) percent increase in the remuneration package of the General Manager in accordance with Clause 8.3 of the Standard Contract of Employment for General Managers of Local Councils in NSW.

CARRIED

Cr Churchill requested for her vote to be recorded against the motion.

RESOLUTION 2021/191

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher
Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/192

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher
Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council adopts in Open Council the resolution passed in Closed Council (Resolution 2021/193).

CARRIED

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 12.32pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 15 September 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON