

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2021**

PRESENT: Administrator, Bob Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Greg Hill
Director Shire Services, Reece Wilson
Acting Director Business Services, Carolyn Upston
Finance Manager, Kevin Smith
Senior Finance Officer, Gemma Dillon
Senior Planner, Glenda Dunn
Acting Rates Officer, Darryl Telfer
Community Engagement Officer, Jennie Geerdink

Present: Four members of the community were in attendance.

The meeting was addressed by:

- Mr Bill Elliott talking about water flows in the river, clearing of blocks around town and questioning the positioning of the new staff transportables.
- Mr Peter Sullivan questioning the positioning of the new staff transportables
- Ms Chris Elliott critical of the Community Engagement officer being remote; staffing in general, suggesting the prizemoney for the Photo Competition be increased and that restricting photos to a strictly 12 month period would not show the true nature of the country in good and bad times; and questioning confidentiality issues around Cemeteries and the new OpusXenta cemetery software.

OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was declared open at 9.26am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by the Administrator, Bob Stewart.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW Councillors and Council staff are required to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

Recommendation:

That the Disclosures of Interest – Pecuniary and Non–Pecuniary be received and noted.

No declarations were received.

The Administrator gave a verbal report to the meeting and then together with the General Manager, presented a Community Service Award to the Wilcannia Times, which was accepted by Mr Ron Plunkett and Ms Chris Elliott.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 ORDINARY MEETING – 15 December 2020

Resolved

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 December 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Minute Number: 01.2.21

5.2 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

FINANCIAL REPORTS

6.1 GRANTS REGISTER RECONCILIATION

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Receive and adopt the report.

Minute Number: 02.2.21

6.2 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES AUCTION RESULTS

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Note that monthly reports will be provided to Council until such time that the contracts of sales have been completed and the sale of processed finalised.

Minute Number: 03.2.21

6.3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS – JANUARY 2021

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 04.2.21

6.4 SMART WATER METERS, METER READING AND BILLING UPDATE

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. That monthly reports be provided on the smart water meters.
3. That a report be brought back on the cost of purchasing the additional smart meters and
4. A report be provided on outstanding charges, and the balance.

Minute Number: 05.2.21

6.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

Resolved

That Council:

1. Receive the Quarter 2 Budget Review as at 31 December 2020;
2. Adopt the variations to Council's 2020/21 Annual Budget.
3. Note that the projected operating surplus for the financial year 2020/21 is \$547,000.
4. Note that projected capital works budgeted expenditure for 2020/21 is \$14,596,000.

Minute Number: 06.2.21

6.6 PRESENTATION OF THE 2019/20 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Receive the report,
2. Adopt the 2019/20 Annual Financial Statements and Audit Reports.
3. Present the reports to the public, in accordance with Section 418 and 419 of the Local Government Act.

Minute Number: 07.2.21

GOVERNANCE REPORTS

7.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**

Minute Number: 08.2.21

7.2 ENGAGEMENT OF STAFF AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive the report and endorse the following:**
 - a. The engagement of a Governance Officer through Far South West Joint Organisation for 1 day/week, for a 12 month period.**
 - b. The employment of a Rates Officer for 3 days/week, for a 2-year contract.**
 - c. The 2020/21 Budget be adjusted to reflect the engagement of a Governance Officer and the employment of a Rates Officer.**
 - d. A further report to be forthcoming in April's Business Paper on the restructure of the organisational structure and how this will affect future financial budgets including the Long Term Financial Plan.**

Minute Number: 09.2.21

7.3 FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THE IVANHOE HALL

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive the report.**
- 2. Acknowledge the request dated 29 November 2020 from the Ivanhoe Hall committee members for Central darling Shire to resume management of the Ivanhoe Hall.**
- 3. Create an internally restricted reserve, the Ivanhoe Hall Reserve to manage the final funds transferred from the previous Sec 355 committee for hall operation purposes.**
- 4. Set up an Ivanhoe Hall management procedure to ensure the hall is available as a facility to serve the Ivanhoe and Central Darling Shire community members.**
- 5. Send a letter of appreciation to the members of the Hall Committee thanking them for their service to the community.**

Minute Number: 10.2.21

7.4 PHOTO COMPETITION – MY SHIRE IN MY EYES

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive the report and**
 - a. Approve the use of a photo competition to be known as *My Shire In My Eyes*.**
 - b. Allocate no more than \$400 prize money to be distributed between first, second and third in both an adult and junior section, as suggested in the report, with discretion to allocate further prizes within the prizemoney amount.**
 - c. The selection panel for prizes consists of the Community Engagement Officer, the General Manager (or his delegate) and an independent person to be determined.**
 - d. Photographs must be taken by the entrant but can be of any subject and taken at any time in the past 12 months.**
 - e. All entries – whether or not, they receive prizes – become the property of Central Darling Shire Council but will be watermarked with the name and town of the entrant acknowledging their contribution.**

Minute Number: 11.2.21

8. BUSINESS SERVICES REPORTS

8.1 CEMETERY RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**

Minute Number: 12.2.21

9. SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

9.1 WATER AND SEWER UPDATE

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**

Minute Number: 13.2.21

9.2 SERVICE UPDATE

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**

Minute Number: 14.2.21

9.3 ROADS AND AERODROMES REPORT

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**

Minute Number: 15.2.21

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**

Minute Number: 16.2.21

9.5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR 44 REID STREET WILCANNIA – LOT 1, S13 DP759091

Resolved:

That Council :

- 1. Receive the report and note the information;**
- 2. Endorse the preparation of a Plan of Management for the land at Lot 1, S13 DP759091 – 44 Reid Street Wilcannia for use as the Baaka Cultural Centre.**

Minute Number: 17.2.21

9.6 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR A PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY LAND AT LOTS 2, 3 AND 4 DP 1201089, AND LOT 111 DP 1201028 BONNEY STREET WILCANNIA

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive the report and note the information;**
- 2. Endorse the exhibition of the Plan of Management for the change of use of the land at Lots 2, 3 and 4 DP 1201089, and Lot 111 DP 1201028, Bonney Street Wilcannia from water supply to a community health facility.**
- 3. To hold a public meeting on this proposal at 6.30pm on 28 April 2021.**

Minute Number: 18.2.21

9.7 DESAILLY STREET, WILCANNIA

Resolved:

That Council :

- 1. Receive the report.**
- 2. Apply to purchase Crown Road, Desailly Street, Wilcannia.**
- 3. Upon transfer of ownership, close Desailly street at the intersection of Barrier Highway.**

Minute Number: 19.2.21

9.8 POONCARIE ROAD REALIGNMENT

The administrator tabled a further submission from the Smiths.

Resolved:

That Council :

- 1. Receive the report.**
- 2. Proceed with Private Treaty negotiations with affected landholders and associated parties.**
- 3. Proceed with legal consultation, documentation and survey.**
- 4. Delegates authority to the General Manager and Administrator to proceed on these matters.**

Minute Number: 20.2.21

9.9 PLANNING PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE WILCANNIA HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA, INCLUDE ADDITIONAL HERITAGE ITEMS AND MAKE CORRECTIONS TO THE EXISTING HERITAGE SCHEDULE

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note Submission Summary Report that summarises the submissions received by 16 December 2020 and a final submission received on 24 December 2020.,**
- 2. Note the submissions support the planning proposal to establish the Wilcannia Heritage Conservation Area and the inclusion of additional heritage items and corrections to the heritage schedule within the Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012,**
- 3. Council supports the planning proposal to amend the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012*, to establish the Wilcannia Heritage Conservation Area and the inclusion of additional heritage items and corrections to the heritage schedule. And submits the Planning Proposal, the Submission Summary Report together with the Council resolution to amend the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012* to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for final determination.**

Minute Number: 21.2.21

9.10 PLANNING PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAND USE TABLE

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Submission Summary Report that summaries the submissions received by 16 December 2020 and a final submission received on 24 December 2020,**
- 2. Note the submissions support the planning proposal to amend the land use table within the Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012,**
- 3. Council supports the planning proposal to amend the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012*, land use table. And submits the Planning Proposal, the Submission Summary Report together with the Council resolution to amend the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012* to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for final determination.**

Minute Number: 22.2.21

9.11 PLANNING PROPOSAL TO REZONE 16-34 HOOD STREET WILCANNIA FROM R1 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO SP2 INRASTRUCTURE ZONE.

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note Submission Summary Report that summaries the submissions received by 16 December 2020 and a final submission received on 24 December 2020,**
- 2. Note the submissions support the planning proposal to Proposal to rezone 16 – 34 Hood Street Wilcannia from R1 General Residential zone to SP2 Infrastructure zone within the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012*,**
- 3. Council supports the planning proposal to amend the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012*, to rezone 16 – 34 Hood Street Wilcannia from R1 General Residential zone to SP2 Infrastructure zone. And submits the Planning Proposal, the Submission Summary Report together with the Council resolution to amend the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012* to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for final determination.**

Minute Number: 23.2.21

9.12 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (DCP)FOR CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report; and to**
- 2. Endorse the preparation of a Development Control Plan for Central Darling Shire Council local government area.**
- 3. Requires the DRAFT DCP to be brought back to Council, prior to being advertised and put on exhibition.**

Minute Number: 24.2.21

10. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Resolved:

That Council move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A 2 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the reasons specified.

The Council moved to Confidential and the public left the gallery at 10.53am

Minute Number: 25.2.21

10.1 WEBSITE REDESIGN

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report;**
- 2. Requests a further report to be provided to the next Council meeting so that the matter can be considered in the 2021/22 budget preparations.**

Minute Number: 26.2.21

Resolved:

That Council move out of Confidential and open Chambers.

Minute Number: 27.2.21

The Chambers was re-opened to public at 11.04am

11. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 11.05am.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 24 March 2021 in Wilcannia at 9.00am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday,

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ADMINISTRATOR