

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2024**

PRESENT: Administrator, Bob Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Hill (General Manager)
Reece Wilson (Director Shire Services)
Glenda Dunn (Senior Planning Officer)
Kevin Smith (Finance Manager)
Darryl Telfer (Acting Rates Officer)
Natalie Batson (Executive Assistant)
Nerida Carr (Governance Officer)
Jane McEwan (Customer Service Manager)
John Carleton (Operations Manager)
Uday Mamidala (Finance Officer)
Shirley Burraston (Management Accountant)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was declared open at 10:30am

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Mode 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.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED: OCM 01-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2024 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

Nil

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 CASH AND INVESTMENTS - JUNE 2024

RESOLVED: OCM 02-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council

1. Receive and note the report.

CARRIED

8.2 GRANTS REGISTER - JUNE 2024

RESOLVED: OCM 03-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report and note the report.

CARRIED

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

9.1 RFS SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

RESOLVED: OCM 04-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Authorise the General Manager to negotiate with the NSW Rural Fire Service of the review of the current Service Level Agreement in delivering services.

CARRIED

9.2 PROPOSED LAND TRANSFER TO WILCANNIA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

RESOLVED: OCM 05-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report.
2. Approve the General Manager to negotiate the land transfer of seventeen allotments contained within the Mallee Estate to the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council.
3. note if the land transfer of the seventeen allotments in the Mallee Estate proceeds, Council would commit to:
 - (a) provide a weekly waste collection service.
 - (b) Provide aid in road maintenance activities, e.g., pothole repairs.
 - (c) not to provide road or other infrastructure replacement or renewal programs.
4. on the acceptance of Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council acquiring the seventeen allotments in the Mallee estate, a report to an Ordinary Council meeting, authorising the General Manager the transfer of the land.
5. on the rejection of Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council acquiring the seventeen allotments in the Mallee Estate, a report to an Ordinary Council meeting be provided, on options of the disposal of the land through public sale or gifting to a government identity for community social housing needs.

CARRIED

9.3 VICTORY CARAVAN PARK OPERATIONS

RESOLVED: OCM 06-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report with a future report to be provided on the potential implementation of CCTV for Victory Caravan Park and the future management of White Cliffs Caravan Park.

CARRIED

9.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR FEES AND SUPERANNUATION

RESOLVED: OCM 07-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report, noting the determination made by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (LGRT) on 29 April 2024, in respect to the remuneration for Mayors and Councillors.
2. Fixes the annual fee to be paid to each Councillor at \$10,220 pursuant to section 248(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
3. Fixes the additional annual fee payable to the Mayor at \$10,880 pursuant to section 249(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
4. Determines, pursuant to section 249(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that an annual fee of \$850 be paid to the Deputy Mayor, with that fee to be deducted from the annual fee paid to the Mayor in accordance with resolution number 3 above
5. Resolves for the incoming Mayor and Councillors to have the option to elect to receive superannuation at the federal superannuation guarantee rate (11.5% as of 1 July 2024) in accordance with section 245(B) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
6. Following the proposed legislation to create a remote and rural council that a review of the Mayor and Councillor fees be undertaken.

CARRIED

9.5 FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: OCM 08-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Approve the draft Terms of Reference and proposed committee membership as attached.

CARRIED

10 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORTS

Nil

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 ADOPTION OF CENTRAL DARLING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2024

RESOLVED: OCM 09-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Adopt the *Central Darling Development Control Plan 2024*.
 - (a) The *Central Darling Development Control Plan 2024* to commence on 24 July 2024.

CARRIED**11.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT FOR JUNE 2024****RESOLVED: OCM 10-07-2024**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and Note the report.

CARRIED**11.3 ROADS TO RECOVERY 2024-2025****RESOLVED: OCM 11-07-2024**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Allocate the 2024/2025 Roads to Recovery funding to the following projects:
 - Adams Street, Wilcannia, initial seal
 - Wilson Street, Wilcannia, initial seal
 - Johnston Street, White Cliffs, initial seal
 - The Blocks, White Cliffs, initial seal
 - Lakeview Ave, Sunset Strip, drainage, kerb and road reconstruction
 - Kingfisher Ave, Sunset Strip, drainage, kerb and road reconstruction

CARRIED**11.4 ROADS AND AERODROMES****RESOLVED: OCM 12-07-2024**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED**11.5 WATER AND SEWER UPDATE**

RESOLVED: OCM 13-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

11.6 WASTE SERVICES - MENINDEE

RESOLVED: OCM 14-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

CARRIED

11.7 SERVICES UPDATE

RESOLVED: OCM 15-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

CARRIED

12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nil

13 RESOLUTION TRACKER

13.1 RESOLUTION TRACKER JUNE 2024

RESOLVED: OCM 16-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

1. That the Resolution Tracker from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26/06/2024 be received and noted and any amendments be noted.

CARRIED

14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

It was resolved that Council moved 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. Confidential section was closed to the public and began at 10:57am.

RESOLVED: OCM 17-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

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.:

14.1 Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert Installations Tender CDSC 3/2024

Item 14.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2) - (c) as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CARRIED

RESOLVED: OCM 18-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council moves out of Confidential and back into Open Chambers.

CARRIED

The General Manager reviewed the resolutions of the confidential matters and reported the following for the listed reports:

14.1 REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX CULVERT INSTALLATIONS TENDER CDSC 3/2024

RESOLVED: OCM 19-07-2024

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Resolve to award tender no CDSC 3/2024, installation of reinforced concrete box culverts, to J & E Sammon Earthmoving Pty Ltd
3. Allocate \$200,000 of the Local Roads component of the financial assistance grant to SR10, Menindee-Wilcannia East Rd reinforced concrete box culvert installation works as Council's contribution amount.

CARRIED

15 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at **11:05am**.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 28 August 2024.

R. K. Hewart

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ADMINISTRATOR