

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of Gunnedah Shire Council held on Wednesday 20 June 2018 in the
Council Chambers, Elgin Street, Gunnedah commencing at 4:30pm

1. COUNCILLOR	PRESENT	APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE	ABSENT
J Chaffey (Chair)	X		
RG Swain	X		
JR Campbell	X		
C Fuller	X		
OC Hasler	X		
R Hooke	X		
A Luke	X		
D Moses	X		
M O'Keefe	X		
STAFF			
General Manager (E Groth)	X		
Acting Director Corporate and Community Services (W Somerville)	X		
Director Planning and Environmental Services (A Johns)	X		
Acting Director Infrastructure Services (K Sheridan)	X		
Chief Financial Officer (D Connor)	X		

2. PRAYER

The Mayor opened the meeting with the customary prayer.

3. BEREAVEMENTS

The Mayor read off the list of bereavements being Ross William Hamblin, Joseph Richard Henry, Betty May Condran, Thomas Francis Cassidy, Walter Joseph Conlan, Heather Rosalind Tailby, Joan Murphy, Alan John MacPherson, Mary-Rose Tydd, Donald Leslie Bruce and Verna Stella Harford.

It was RESOLVED that Council pay their respects to the deceased and extend their condolences to the family and friends of the deceased with a minute's silence.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR	ITEM	REPORT	P	SNP	LSNP	RC	REASON
NIL							
STAFF	ITEM	REPORT	P	SNP	LSNP	RC	REASON
NIL							

P – Pecuniary

SNP – Significant Non Pecuniary

LSNP – Less than Significant Non Pecuniary

RC – Remain in Chamber during consideration/discussion of item

5. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Nil.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Council Resolution
Moved Councillor D MOSES
Seconded Councillor C FULLER

1.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 16 May 2018 were received and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

8. VERBAL MAYORAL MINUTE

8.1 NSW STATE GOVERNMENT BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT – KOALA PARK

AUTHOR Mayor J Chaffey

Council Resolution
Moved Councillor J CHAFFEY

Mayor J Chaffey noted the announcement from the NSW State Government advising of \$6.48million funding towards the establishment of a Koala Park and Education Centre in Gunnedah.

2.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council write to the Premier, Deputy Premier and Member for Tamworth in appreciation for awarding the grant funds to progress the construction of a Koala Park in Gunnedah.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

9.1 LGNSW ELECTION – VICE PRESIDENT (RURAL/REGIONAL)

AUTHOR General Manager

Council Resolution
Moved Councillor R HOOKE
Seconded Councillor A LUKE

3.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council appoint the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as its voting delegates for the purposes of the election to fill the casual vacancy for the role of Vice President (Rural/Regional Councils) on the Board of the Local Government and Shires Association of New South Wales.

9.2 TRANSITION FROM TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL'S AGED CARE AND CARER SERVICES TO GOCO

AUTHOR Manager GoCo

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor J CAMPBELL
Seconded Councillor RG SWAIN*

4.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the report on the Transition of Tamworth Regional Council's Aged Care and Carer Services to GoCo be received and noted.

10. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

AUTHOR Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor R HOOKE*

5.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

That:

1. Pursuant to s.241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the annual Mayoral allowance be \$25,880.00 effective 1 July 2018 for the ensuing 12 month period.
2. Pursuant to s.241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the annual Councillor fees be \$11,860.00 effective 1 July 2018 for the ensuing 12 month period.

10.2 POLICY REVIEW – POLICY FRAMEWORK

AUTHOR Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor RG SWAIN
Seconded Councillor A LUKE*

6.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the revised Policy Framework be adopted.

10.3 DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2017-2021 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2018/19

AUTHOR Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor RG SWAIN
Seconded Councillor C FULLER*

7.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. Adopt the Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2018/19 incorporating the Statement of Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges Schedule inclusive of all amendments detailed in this report;
2. Make and levy all the rates, fees and charges for the 2018/19 financial year as detailed in the Statement of Revenue Policy and Operational Plan Fees and Charges schedule contained in the Operational Plan 2018/19; and
3. Staff prepare a report which includes consideration of the completion of footpaths as requested in the external submission to be brought to the August Ordinary Council Meeting.

10.4 OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REGISTER

AUTHOR Director Corporate and Community Services

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor C FULLER

8.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the information be received and noted.

11. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

11.1 DRAFT PLANNING AGREEMENT POLICY

AUTHOR Director Planning and Environmental Services

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Council endorse the Draft Planning Agreement Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. That following completion of the public exhibition process, a further report be provided to Council for consideration.

A Motion was Moved Councillor OC Hasler, Seconded Councillor C Fuller:

1. That Council endorse the Planning Agreement Policy with the following variations to the first points at the bottom of page 9 of the policy:
 - a) Councillors may be (where deemed desirable by Council, but not usually) involved in the face to face negotiation of the agreement and will ultimately execute the planning agreement as part of their role as Councillors.
 - b) Council will:
 - i) outline to their negotiating team/officer their clear expectations of an outcome of a VPA with a proponent prior to negotiations commencing;
 - ii) receive regular reports on the progress of negotiations.

- c) A Council officer (or negotiating team appointed by Council) with appropriately delegated authority, (and in consultation with Council as per (b)) will negotiate a planning agreement on behalf of Council in accordance with this policy.

and that the policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

- 2. That following completion of the public exhibition process, a further report be provided to Council for consideration.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A Motion was Moved Councillor M O'KEEFE, Seconded Councillor A LUKE that Council move into Committee of the Whole for discussion in relation to the Planning Agreement Policy.

RESOLUTION OUT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A Motion was Moved Councillor OC HASLER, Seconded Councillor R HOOKE that Council move back into the Ordinary Meeting with no recommendation from Committee of the Whole.

The Motion on being Put to the meeting was Carried.

9.06/18

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

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Councillors RG Swain, M O'Keefe, R Hooke and J Chaffey requested their vote against the resolution be recorded.

12. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

12.1 NAMOI WATER ALLIANCE CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT EXTENSION

AUTHOR Manager Water Services

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor RG SWAIN*

10.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That in relation to the report "Extension of Consultancy Engagement – Hunter H20", Council agree to the extension of the current engagement of Hunter H20 for the provision of consultancy services in water and wastewater areas, in accordance with the previous agreement until 1 April 2019.

12.2 REQUEST FOR WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE REDUCTION

AUTHOR Manager Water Services

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor C FULLER*

11.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council reduce the rate on Assessment Number 13325832 as a 'one-off' for the period 23/11/17 to 02/03/18 from second tier rate of \$1.68 to the first tier rate of \$1.12.

12.3 TENDER T1718-06 – DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF 200 KILOLITRE RESERVOIR FOR MULLALEY

AUTHOR Manager Water Services

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor RG SWAIN
Seconded Councillor R HOOKE*

12.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That Council not accept any tenders in respect of Tender T1718-06 Design and Construction of 200 kL Reservoir at Mullaley.
2. That Council review the specifications for the Mullaley Reservoir construction to have a design life of 50 years and warranty of 10 years and invite quotations for the design and construction.
3. Council approve the unspent funds allocated for the construction of the Mullaley Reservoir be carried forward to the 2018/19 Draft Operational Plan.

12.4 CRICKET PRACTICE NETS – KITCHENER PARK

AUTHOR Manager Public Facilities

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor C FULLER*

13.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the information be received and noted.

12.5 CONTRACT T1617-03 – CONSTRUCTION OF GUNNEDAH MEMORIAL POOL COMPLEX UPGRADE – PROJECT UPDATE

AUTHOR Contract Projects Manager

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor RG SWAIN*

14.06/18 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Memorial Pool Complex Upgrade – Project Upgrade be received and noted; and
2. That an additional \$200,000 be transferred from Unrestricted General Fund to fund current outstanding variations for the Memorial Pool Complex Upgrade.

13. ***BUSINESS AND FINANCE***

Councillor RG Swain left the Hall during consideration of this item, the time being 5:45pm.

13.1 REVISED (DRAFT) INVESTMENT POLICY

AUTHOR Financial Accountant

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor J CAMPBELL*

15.06/17 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That Council adopts the revised Investment Policy, as attached and places the document on public exhibition for a period of 14 days; and
2. If no submissions are received during the exhibition period then the revised Investment Policy be adopted without change.

13.2 DRAFT PLANT FLEET AND EQUIPMENT POLICY

AUTHOR Chief Financial Officer

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor C FULLER
Seconded Councillor D MOSES*

16.06/17 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That Council adopts the Plant Fleet and Equipment Policy, as attached and places the document on public exhibition for a period of 14 days; and
2. If no submissions are received during the exhibition period then the Plant Fleet and Equipment Policy be adopted without change.

13.3 INVESTMENTS

AUTHOR Financial Accountant

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor R HOOKE

Seconded Councillor D MOSES

17.06/17 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the principal investment of \$61.3 million for all funds to date be received and noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5:50pm.

**Mayor J Chaffey
CHAIRPERSON**