

WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE POPLARS MOTOR INN, COONABARABRAN ON THURSDAY, 21 JULY
2011 COMMENCING AT 11.04AM.**

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PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Chairman), Cr Campbell, Cr Coe, Cr Dissanayake, Cr Lewis, Cr Schmidt, Cr Sullivan, Cr Todd, General Manager, Acting Director Corporate Services, Director Technical Services, Acting Director Environmental Services and Acting Director Community Services (Fiona Luckhurst).

In attendance: S Morris (minutes)

APOLOGIES: Cr Powell and Rebecca Ryan (Director Community Services)
01/1112 RESOLVED that the apologies of Cr Powell and Ms R Ryan be accepted.

Campbell/Lewis
The motion was carried

The General Manager called for Declarations of Interest (to declare pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest) from Councillors and senior staff in any matter listed in the Agenda for consideration at the meeting.

There were no declarations at this time.

11.05am

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 16 JUNE 2011

02/1112 RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Warrumbungle Shire Council held on 16 June 2011 be endorsed subject to Resolution Numbers 417 and 412 being amended to read as follows:

***417 RESOLVED** that Council note the progress in the design of the Coonabarabran Office extensions, provide in principle support for the plans and further that a development application for the project be lodged which includes a change to the construction proposed to include the first storey concrete floor as part of the current design to meet Council's requirements for provision of a second storey in the future.*

Resolution 412

412 RESOLVED

- 1. That a rolling works programme to replace all remaining timber bridges on rural local roads within the Shire is completed over a six (6) year period.*
- 2. The local road timber bridge replacement program is funded from loan borrowings. Furthermore, an allocation of \$500,000 is made in the 2011/12 budget for replacement of timber bridges on rural local roads.*
- 3. The initial priority for replacement of timber bridges is as shown in the following table, however, the priority may change subject to resolution of Council.*

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4. *That Council write to Gilgandra Shire Council advising that Warrumbungle Shire Council will have funds available for replacement of the Grandchester Road concrete water way crossing in the 2012/2013 financial year subject to a fifty percent (50%) contribution from Gilgandra Shire at that time.*

Coe/Sullivan

The motion was carried

Business Arising

Resolution 411 regarding Supervision and Operating Hours Proposal for Waste Transfer Stations.

Cr Lewis raised the petition lodged by Binnaway residents and summarised the questions the community have in relation to the Transfer station.

The General Manager responded that the Group will be sent a response and explained that cooperation is requested from the community; that the waste facilities are vulnerable to abuse by others from outside the area and that this is a trial. A Review panel is to be established that will meet every 2 months to review comments received and report back to Council.

ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2011

03/1112 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 June 2011 be adopted.

Lewis/Todd

The motion was carried

ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 JUNE 2011

04/1112 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Warrumbungle Shire Consultative Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 June 2011 be adopted.

Coe/Schmidt

The motion was carried

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1.1 Report from Manager Human Resources

05/1112 RESOLVED that the position of Manager for Water Services be reinstated into the organisation's structure to ensure efficient and effective management of water services within Council.

Schmidt/Dissanayake

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11.35am

06/1112 RESOLVED that standing orders be suspended to allow open discussion on competition entries.

Campbell/Schmidt
The motion was carried

11.50am

07/1112 RESOLVED that standing orders be resumed.

Schmidt/Sullivan
The motion was carried

1.2 Warrumbungle Shire Community Strategic Plan Name and Logo Competition

08/1112 RESOLVED that the Name and Logo for The Warrumbungle Shire Community Strategic Plan be as follows:

Words from Entry 44 "Plan to be There" submitted by Baradine Aged Care Association and Logo Graphic from Entry 46 submitted by Fiona Luckhurst amended to include six shooting stars.

Sullivan/Schmidt
The motion was carried

09/1112 RESOLVED that the prize money for this competition be divided equally between the two entries accepted as the winning entries.

Sullivan/Schmidt
The motion was carried

1.3 NSW Local Government Grants Commission 2012 Local Government Elections

– Proposed Meeting with NSW Electoral Commission, Moree

10/1112 RESOLVED that the General Manager seek information on costs and possibility of shared polling booths.

Sullivan/Lewis
The motion was carried

1.4 Regional Relocation Bill 2011

11/1112 RESOLVED that Council chooses to opt into the Regional Relocation Scheme and issue the attached press release.

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

CALL TO THE WARRUMBUNGLES

With the passing of the Regional Relocation Bill 2011, a grant of \$7000 will be made available from 1st July 2011 to individuals and families who relocate from the metropolitan area of NSW to Regional NSW.

Councillor Peter Shinton, Mayor of Warrumbungle Shire Council, invites people who qualify for the assistance grant to “consider moving to **OUR** naturally beautiful area”.

Warrumbungle Shire takes in the towns of Baradine, Binnaway, Coonabarabran, Coolah, Dunedoo and Mendooran and is home to the internationally famous Siding Spring Observatory, Coolah Tops National Park, the Warrumbungle National Park and the Pilliga Forest.

“We have clean air, little traffic, all of the facilities you need and a great place to start and raise a family. You can further your career or simply follow that tree change” Peter said. “We have hospitals, schools, town water, sewer, garbage collection and excellent sporting facilities for all ages and most preferences”. “Above all” Peter said “we have Jobs”.

Warrumbungle Shire Council has approximately 30 positions available ranging from upper management in technical and administration to plant operating and labouring. “I am also sure there are other employers just waiting to hear from you” said Cr Shinton.

For the purposes of the Relocation Grant the “metropolitan area” of NSW has been defined as including Sydney and the surrounding Local Government areas of Wollondilly, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Gosford and Wyong, and the Wollongong and Newcastle Council areas.

A quick survey of local real estate agents indicates that there are approximately 95 quality houses, that fit the scheme category, currently available for sale.

With plenty of opportunity and space to grow, why not become a part of a warm and caring community where you are valued?

Mayor Shinton went on to say; “so what are you waiting for? Come and join us in the Warrumbungles and change your life forever”. You won’t regret it.

For further information contact the Warrumbungle Shire Council on 02 6849 2000 or info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au .

**Lewis/Schmidt
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1.5 Notice of Motion

12/1112 A motion was moved by Councillor Lewis seconded by Councillor Todd that it is suggested that Council employ or contract an accredited trainer to increase the skill levels of our outdoor (road) crews to help improve productivity.

The motion was put and carried

1.6 Notice of Motion

13/1112 RESOLVED that this matter be held over for consideration at the August meeting to enable investigation as to the compatibility of the sign with emergency services information.

Campbell/Sullivan
The motion was carried

1.7 Notice of Motion

14/1112 A motion was moved by Councillor Todd seconded by Councillor Lewis that Council Upgrade Regional Road No. 396 from the Deringulla abattoirs to Binnaway (distance of 19.2km) to allow B double transporter trucks to travel this section north and south.

The motion was put and lost

This matter is to be referred for discussion in strategic plan meetings to gauge community expectation.

1.8 Request For Leave of Absence – Councillor Todd

15/1112 RESOLVED that leave of absence be granted to Councillor Denis Todd for the meeting to be held on 25th August 2011.

Schmidt/Sullivan
The motion was carried

1.9 Community Engagement Strategy

16/1112 RESOLVED that Council note the workshop dates and the Community Strategic Plan Engagement Strategy as proposed for August and September 2011.

Lewis/Schmidt
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1.10 Sister City Exchange Program

Received as information

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ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

2.1 Rates and Charges Collection Report up to and Including June 2011

17/1112 RESOLVED that the Rates and Charges Collection – up to and including end June 2011 report be received as information.

Schmidt/Campbell
The motion was carried

2.2 Grants – FAG (Federal Assistance Grant) 2011-2012

NSW Local Government Grants Commission

18/1112 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the advice of the Grants Commission.

Schmidt/Campbell
The motion was carried

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

3.1 Proposed Tree Project in Wellington Street Baradine

A motion was moved by Councillor Sullivan seconded by Councillor Campbell:

1. That the project to establish trees in Wellington Street Baradine between Narren Street and Darling Street involves planting of trees in the road shoulder as proposed in option B.
2. The tree species for the Wellington Street tree project is Fraxinus ‘Raywood’ (Claret Ash).
3. A supplementary budget allocation of \$17,340 is made to the existing budget allocation for the Wellington Street tree project in Baradine.

The motion was put and lost

19/1112 Councillor Todd foreshadowed a motion seconded by Councillor Dissanayake that seven (7) Fraxinus ‘Raywood’ (Claret Ash) trees be established down the centre gardens of Wellington Street and leave water pipe where it is.

The motion was put and carried.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

4.1 Re-Establishment of Alcohol-Free Zones in the Warrumbungle Shire Council Area

20/1112 RESOLVED that Council re-establish the following Alcohol Free Zones for a period of four years, and that the current signage is amended to reflect this new period:

Coonabarabran

- John Street between the entrance gates to No 1 Oval and Edwards Street
- Dalgarno Street between Charles Street and Robertson Street
- Edwards Street between John Street and Robertson Street

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Cassilis Streets between John Street and Shire Hall Car Park
Essex Street between John Street and Charles Street
Timor Lane between Robinson Street and Charles Street
Timor Street Car Park
Royal Hotel Car Park
Shire Hall Car Park

Binnaway

- Bullinda Street between Renshaw Street and Yeulba Street
- Renshaw Street between Castlereagh Ave and Bullinda Street
- Myall Street between Norman Street and Yarren Street
- Yarren Street between Myall Street and Renshaw Street

Coolah

- Binnia Street between Gilmore Street and Booyamurra Street
- Goddard Street between Central Lane and Binnia Street
- Campbell Street between Binnia Street and Lane
- Martin Street between Central Lane and Binnia Street, including Car Park

Mendooran

- Bandulla Street between Yalcogrin Street and Bramble Street
- Yalcogrin Street between Cobra and Bandulla Street

Dunedoo

- Bolaro Street between Merrygoen Street and Wallaroo Street
- Tallawang Street between Cobborah Street and Digilah Street
- Wallaroo Street between Bolaro Street and Digilah Street
- Wargundy Street between Yarrow Street and Cobborah Street
- Cobborah Street between Tallawang Street and Wallaroo Street

Baradine

- Wellington Street between Barwon Street and Narren Street
- Narren Street between Lachlan Street and Walker Street
- Darling Street between Lachlan Street and Queen Street
- Macquarie Street between Barwon Street and Darling Street

**Schmidt/Coe
The motion was carried**

4.2 Up-Date on the Council Chambers Extensions

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4.3 Applications Approved for Month of June 2011

21/1112 RESOLVED that Council note the Applications Received for the month of June 2011, the Applications Held Pending as at 31 May 2011 and their status, and of those approved during June 2011 under Delegated Authority.

Sullivan/Campbell
The motion was carried

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

5.1 Management Plan 2011-2012 Hangar Rental Space

22/1112 RESOLVED that Council approves the Hangar Space Rental at Coonabarabran Aerodrome to \$2.29 (per m² GST inclusive) in 2011-2012 Management Plan Fees and Charges.

Lewis/Coe
The motion was carried

5.2 Coonabarabran Aerodrome Hangar Leases

23/1112 RESOLVED that Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to attach Council Seal to the Coonabarabran Aerodrome Hangar Lease Agreements 2011.

Sullivan/Campbell
The motion was carried

5.3 Coolah School of Arts - Conservation Management Strategy

24/1112 RESOLVED that Council accepts the draft Coolah School of Arts Conservation Management Strategy dated June 2011.

Campbell/Dissanayake
The motion was carried

1.11pm

Councillor Lewis declared a pecuniary interest in the next matter and left the room.

5.4 Binnaway Men's Shed

25/1112 RESOLVED that Council offer a 5 (five) year Licence Agreement to provide the Andy's Lane Fire Shed rent free for the sole purpose of the Binnaway Men's Shed.

Sullivan/Schmidt
The motion was carried

1.12pm

Cr Lewis rejoined the meeting.

5.5 Bank of NSW Dunedoo (former) Draft Conservation Management Strategy

26/1112 RESOLVED that Council accepts the draft Bank of NSW Dunedoo Conservation Management Strategy dated June 2011.

Campbell/Dissanayake
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1.14pm

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillor Coe

Request for Avonside West Road at Cobbora at Inders to be put on correct road alignment – letter to be submitted to Council by Inders for determination.

Request for assistance with new tower for Three Rivers Radio Station – need to lodge Development Application and are seeking Council advice as to location and then lodge documents

Councillor Lewis

Westpac Helicopter Bash – seeking funding assistance

Men's Shed incorporation certificate available

Induction of volunteers into Council – maintenance of gardens etc.

Resident at Neilrex – storm water issues – what is going to be done.

Councillor Dissanayake

Request for Leave of absence from Councillor Dissanayake for October Council meeting

Councillor Todd

Electoral commission sending letters to addresses not identified by Australia Post
- further information to come.

Councillor Schmidt

Absence noted for identified period.

Councillor Shinton

Signs knocked over - could they be re-erected.

1.24 pm

27/1112 RESOLVED

- (a) that Council go into closed committee to consider business relating to Tenders and an Industrial matter
- (b) that pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) and (g) as outlined above
- (c) that the correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Campbell/Schmidt
The motion was carried

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1.44pm

28/1112 RESOLVED Council move out of closed Council and into open council.

Campbell/Schmidt
The motion was carried

The General Manager announced the following resolution to the general meeting.

1C Tender for the Supply of Bitumen and Sealing Aggregate

29/1112 RESOLVED that under the tender called by Regional Procurement Initiative on behalf of Orana Regional Organisation of Councils for the contract to supply and deliver bitumen spraying sealing, Warrumbungle Shire Council awards the contract as a panel source tender to the Contractors listed below for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2014 with a provision for a twelve month extension to 30 June 2015 subject to satisfactory performance. Furthermore, the contract awarded by Council is for supply and spraying of bitumen and spreading of aggregate and does not include the supply and delivery of sealing aggregate.

Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd
SRS Roads Pty Ltd
Bitupave Ltd trading as Boral Asphalt
Kerway Asphalt and Sealing Pty Ltd
State Asphalt Services Pty Ltd

Sullivan/Schmidt
The motion was carried

2C Industrial Issue

30/1112 RESOLVED that Council endorse the actions of the General Manager in regards to the claims received by the NSW Industrial Commission, Administrative Decisions Tribunal, Office of the Information Commissioner and Tenancy Division of Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal.

Schmidt/Coe
The motion was carried

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.46 pm.

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CHAIRMAN