
PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Chairman), Cr Coe, Cr Connelly, Cr Dawson, Cr Egan, Cr Hill, Cr Lewis, Cr Sullivan, Cr Todd, General Manager, Director Technical Services, Acting Director Corporate Services, Director Environmental Services and Director of Community Services.

In attendance: S Morris (minutes)

The Mayor welcomed members of the gallery and Carolyn Upston as Acting Director of Corporate Services to the meeting.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
WARRUMBUNGL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 19 JULY 2007**

27 RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Warrumbungle Shire Council held on 19 July 2007 be endorsed.

Dawson/Hill

BUSINESS ARISING

Civil Engineering Cadetship Proposal

28 RESOLVED that in addition to the \$10,000 payment towards university fees, Council pay a wage equivalent to the appropriate award rate for each ten (10) week period of employment during each calendar year and that Council seek a commitment from the cadet to work for Council for one (1) year after completion of the course. **FURTHER** that the Acting Director of Corporate Services prepare a report on cadetship programmes conducted by other councils.

Sullivan/Egan

**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 JULY 2007**

29 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 July 2007 be adopted subject to Recommendation 5 being referred back to the Traffic Committee for further consideration.

Dawson/Todd

**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WARRUMBUNGL SHIRE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
1 AUGUST 2007**

30 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Warrumbungle Shire Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 August 2007 be adopted.

Dawson/Sullivan

**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WARRUMBUNGL SHIRE
TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2007**

31 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Warrumbungle Shire Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 August 2007 be adopted.

Hill/Dawson

9.39AM

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1.1 COOLAH COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A) Furniture

32 RESOLVED that Council proceed with the refurbishment of the former Coolah Chamber furniture and reinstallation of such furniture into the Council Chambers at Coolah.

FURTHER that the replacement furniture currently in the Coolah Council Chambers be removed and stored at Coonabarabran for future use.

Connelly/Lewis

B) Council Chambers – Community Usage

33 RESOLVED that the following policy be adopted in relation to meeting room usage: That the meeting rooms at both the Coonabarabran and Coolah Chambers be used only for directly related Council committee meetings, meetings of councillors and/or staff with community representations and that a designated staff member need attend the meeting at all times and be responsible for security and control of public access within the building.

Dawson/Hill

1.2 STREET LIGHTING

34 RESOLVED that the street lighting programme provide, within the budget allocation of \$10,000, for one installation in each town as follows – Adelyne Street, Dunedoo, behind Country Energy depot; Mendooran in front of public hall; Gardiner Street, Baradine; Near All Travellers Motel, Coonabarabran; Central Lane off Cole Street, Coolah opposite swimming pool and Quandong Street, Binnaway.

Coe/Dawson

1.3 DUBBO AIRPORT ADVERTISING

35 RESOLVED that Council participate in the static advertising display at Dubbo Airport for a period of two years and that the costs of \$500 each year be provided from the economic development budget for the first year and from the tourism budget for the second year.

Dawson/Connelly

1.4 WORK CHOICES

36 RESOLVED that the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to continue negotiations and have delegation to agree to an increase in line with other regional Councils.

Sullivan/Lewis

1.5 LEGAL ASSISTANCE

A motion was moved by Councillor Dawson seconded Councillor Hill that Council contribute half the invoiced amount towards the costs of Bankstown Council.

37 An amendment was moved by Councillor Sullivan seconded by Councillor Connelly that Council contribute the full budgeted amount of \$1,500 towards the legal fees of Bankstown City Council.

The amendment was put and carried.

The amendment became the substantive motion and was put and carried.

1.6 CRANE BUILDING

38 RESOLVED that Council not provide a rear lane access across the rear of the Crane Building site.

Sullivan/Hill

Councillors Lewis recorded his vote against this motion.

A motion was moved by Councillor Dawson seconded by Councillor Sullivan that all concept plans be based on a two storey structure covering the whole site.

39 An amendment was moved by Councillor Egan seconded by Councillor Connelly that concept plans be developed for one and two storey structures, with and without shops and with and without public toilets.

The amendment was put and carried.

The amendment became the substantive motion and was put and carried.

1.7 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

40 RESOLVED that the Mayor and General Manager, if satisfied with the Zone Rural Fire Service Agreement and Castlereagh RFS Zoning Agreement, be authorised to sign and attach the Council seal to each document.

Dawson/Lewis

1.8 FINANCE COMMITTEE

41 RESOLVED that Council establish a Finance Committee with all Councillors as members and that the committee meet to undertake reviews of the quarterly budget reports.

Connelly/Sullivan

1.9 STREET STALL POLICY

42 RESOLVED that Council adopt the following policy in relation to street stalls and street raffles:

STREET STALLS AND STREET RAFFLES

All Street stalls conducted within the Shire are to comply with the Local Approvals Policy – Use of Public Footpaths for the Placement of Articles or Items and the appropriate application forms submitted to Council for approval.

Any street raffles conducted within the Shire that require the placement of articles or items on the footpath are to comply with the Local Approvals Policy – Use of Public Footpaths for the Placement of Articles or Items and if necessary the appropriate application forms must be submitted to Council for approval.

The number of street stalls or street raffles to be conducted by or on behalf of an individual organisation is restricted to six (6) per year.

Only one organisation will be given approval to hold a street raffle or street stall per day per township excluding market days, spring fairs, Christmas fairs and gala days.

The applicant organisation must be incorporated and hold public liability coverage for a minimum amount of \$10million.

Lewis/Sullivan

1.10 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES POSITION

43 RESOLVED that the position of Director of Corporate Services be located at the Coonabarabran office.

Dawson/Sullivan

11.05AM

44 RESOLVED that standing orders be suspended to break for morning tea.

Hill/Sullivan

11.27AM

At this time Telstra representatives, Josephine Kirchner and Troy Larkins addressed Council on the services available through the Next G Network.

Next G is a global network and the first and only national high speed mobile broadband network in Australia. The meeting was informed about the need for suitable car kits with the hard wire car kit providing better coverage performance together with the best location for antennae on a vehicle. Josephine advised the meeting that 98.8% of Australian population will be reached by Next G.

Two towers have been approved for construction – one at Coolah and one at Tooraweenah. It was also indicated that Telstra needs to be advised of any areas that coverage is not received so that the problems can be investigated.

12.26PM

45 RESOLVED that standing orders be resumed.

Hill/Dawson

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

2.1 DUE BY THE BANK TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS AS AT 31 JULY 2007

Received.

**2.2 WARRUMBUNGL E SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT -
For the Month Ending 30th July, 2007**

Received.

2.3 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JULY 2007

Received.

**2.4 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTION – UP TO and INCLUDING END
JULY 2007**

Received.

12.39PM

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

**3.1 SEWER LINE RECTIFICATION WORKS – CLAIM FOR
REIMBURSEMENT - WOOLWORTHS**

46 RESOLVED that further investigations and discussions be undertaken in relation to this claim to ascertain the justification and authorisation for the work undertaken.

Sullivan/Dawson

12..55PM

The Acting Director of Corporate Services left the room.

**3.2 TIMBER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – TALBRAGAR
RIVER BRIDGE AND CASTLEREAGH RIVER BRIDGE**

47 RESOLVED:

1. That Council straighten the alignment of the Talbragar River bridge as proposed at the meeting and that full costings for the new proposal be ascertained with funding for the project to be provided over two years.
2. That Council further investigate the proposal for the replacement of the Castlereagh River bridge.

Sullivan/Connelly

1.06PM

The Acting Director of Corporate Services returned to the meeting.

3.3 MENDOORAN WATER SUPPLY AUGMENTATION

48 RESOLVED that Council adopt the recommendations contained in the Statement of Environmental Effects listed below and that the Department of Commerce be advised accordingly. **FURTHER** that the Department of Commerce also be advised that funds are available to enable the calling of tenders for the project.

- All riverbed works are to undertaken when the riverbed is devoid of water and ceases to flow. This Statement does not account for the impact caused to the riverbed in the event that water is present. Re-assessment of development works would be required in this event.
- It is considered necessary with regard to the outcomes of this Statement of Environmental Effects and correspondence received from the relevant authorities, that an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) be prepared for sensitive riparian habitat within 200 metres of the Castlereagh riverbed. This will ensure habitat disturbance (both upstream and downstream, and within the river bank) is restricted to an acceptable level and rehabilitation works are conducted in accordance with relevant guidelines and policies. The EMP will further address requirements as indicated from correspondence received from NSW Fisheries, NSW Department of Environment and Conservation (formerly NSW EPA) and DIPNR. The EMP will provide strategies to minimise any direct or indirect impacts associated with the construction of the water supply system. Such strategies could include the retention of all snags and replacement of surface riverbed material once construction works have ceased. In addition, the EMP should address potential impacts of the proposed development on groundwater quality and quantity through regular monitoring of groundwater.
- It is recommended that Erosion and Sediment Control Plans be prepared and implemented for land within the proposed water treatment plant and following the remaining proposed water main route incorporating the riverbed of the Castlereagh River. The implementation of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plans are also considered necessary due to the sensitive habitat of the riparian zone and listing of the Lowland Catchment of the Darling River as an endangered ecological community under the NSW Fisheries Act 1994. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plans are to be implemented prior to the commencement of construction works and all structures and/or measures are to be maintained during and post construction of the water supply

works to ensure maximum protection against erosion and sedimentation from the proposed development.

- It is recommended that remedial works be performed on the small section of land identified as containing total petroleum hydrocarbons in the fraction C10-C40 in Lot 11 Section 23 in order to reduce any risks posed to humans and/or the environment. Where remedial works are performed, these should be followed by appropriate site validation, All works should be performed in accordance with guidelines made and approved under the Contaminated Land Management Act (1997)
- It is recommended that all clay lining material for the sludge lagoons and evaporation pond be tested to ensure maximum coefficient of permeability is 10 to the power -9 metres per second as recommended under NSW EPA guidelines. This will ensure adequate protection against potential leakage associated with the sludge lagoons and evaporation pond.
- It is recommended that all storage and handling of chemicals associated with the dosing of raw water and cleaning of filtration systems be undertaken in an enclosed bunded area (ie proposed colourbond shed).
- It is recommended that a dredging and reclamation permit be obtained under the Fisheries Management Act 1994 prior to works commencing on the Castlereagh River bed.
- It is necessary that a permit for the obstruction of fish passage under NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994 be obtained from NSW Fisheries. Refer to section 5.1 for further details regarding this permit.
- Providing adequate erosion and sediment control strategies are implemented at the site as recommended in this Statement of Environmental Effects, a 3A permit under the Water Act is not required. Refer to section 5.3 for verification of the permit requirements and Appendix C for correspondence received from DIPNR.
- It is recommended that rehabilitation measures be employed at the site. The area to be disturbed by the proposed WTP is to be managed via selective clearing such that boundary vegetation is retained and various landscaping is undertaken at the proposed WTP. Rehabilitation measures undertaken for the proposed water main path connecting the WTP to the intake system, are to be included in the proposed Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.
- It is recommended that all waste generated by the proposed construction and operation of the water supply works be legally disposed of in accordance with relevant regulations and guidelines. This includes any offcut building materials and excess sludge material.
- It is recommended that all works within the natural riverbed be undertaken in a manner to maintain access to fish passage such that minimal impact is incurred to the aquatic habitat by the following:
 - all large woody debris (snags) is retained;
 - the natural invert level of the river bed is preserved;
 - the existing cross-sectional area of the river is maintained;
 - minimal turbulence is generated by the proposed intake system to reduce excess turbidity and sedimentation compromising fish habitat and reducing water quality.

1.13PM

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

**4.1 PUBLIC RECREATION RESERVE (NANDI) REHABILITATION PROJECT
49 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council supports The NSW Department of Primary Industries (Aquatic Habitat Rehabilitation Team – Fisheries Division) project to rehabilitate the Castlereagh River adjacent to the Public Recreation Reserve Number 520072.

2. That Council supports Option 3 and work with the Common Trust by excluding stock from the Public Recreation Reserve and encouraging the Trust to make an application to Council for grazing rights over the reserve during dry period and after stabilisation of the project has been achieved.

Hill/Dawson

**4.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION - DA 15/0607 -
JUNKYARD**

50 RESOLVED that Council approve Development Application No. 157/0607 for a change of use to a metal recycling and fabrication business at Lot 1 DP 264185, 22-24 Martin Street, Coolah subject to the following conditions of consent:

1. General

Development taking place generally in accordance with the outlined proposal indicated in the development application, except as modified by these conditions, Council's Development Control Plans, engineering and subdivision requirements and the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Reason: To ensure development complies with this approval and the proposal which was considered.

2. Building Code of Australia Compliance

The existing building complying with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, the Building Code of Australia (BCA) and all relevant Australian Standards.

Reason: To ensure the building complies with accepted construction standards and safety of occupant provisions.

3. Stormwater

All roofwater is to be transported away from the building to the street gutter via sealed adequately sized stormwater pipes.

Reason: To control the flow of excess roofwater so as to restrict the likelihood of stormwater nuisance to adjoining neighbours and damage to the footings of the existing building.

Note (1) In the event that connection to a street gutter is impractical Council will, as a minimum standard, require pipe disposal at least 6 metres clear of any footings.

(2) Stored rainwater tanks are encouraged.

4. Noise Control

Site works creating noise likely to interfere with the neighbourhood amenity, are to be restricted to:

- Monday to Friday: 7.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Saturday: 8.00 am to 12 noon
- Sunday: nil

Reason: To ensure compliance with relevant legislation and that the public amenity of the area is not unduly affected by noise.

Note: Not more than one truck pick-up per week is permitted outside these hours and on the understanding that only drive-in drive-out noises occur at that time.

5. Fencing

The proposed scrap steel storage area shown in the Statement of Environmental Effects is to be completely fenced with a solid and durable fence and the stacking of car bodies is not to exceed 3.5m in this identified area. The fence shall be constructed prior to placing any material at the site.

Reason: To clearly define and control the area to be used to store recyclable material.

6. Soil Conservation

The proposed storage site is to be provided with suitable contour banks and retention ponds to contain any liquid material from the site in the event of heavy rain. All contours and ponds shall be constructed prior to the placing of material on the proposed site.

Reason: To prevent runoff of potentially contaminated waters leaving the site.

7. Storage Control

The site shall only be used for the storage of scrap metal, vehicles, farm machinery, batteries and vehicle tyres (associated with those vehicles currently on site and up to a maximum of five tyres per vehicle. No chemical containers or toxic materials shall be deposited on-site at any time.

Reason: To ensure only appropriate and approved materials are stored on-site.

8. Batteries

All batteries are to be stored in accordance with Department of Environment and Conservation guidelines so as to be clear of the ground and protected from the weather to prevent escape of toxic materials.

Reason: To prevent the likelihood of contaminated runoff.

9. Planting

Additional native trees shall be planted and maintained around the proposed site as proposed in the submitted Statement of Environmental Effects to enhance the screening of the site from adjoining property and roadways.

Reason: To protect the visual amenity of the area.

10. Sale of Second-hand Goods

Prior to commencement of any site activities the applicant shall provide documentary evidence to Council establishing that all necessary approvals from Government Agencies such as NSW Police, NSW Department of Fair Trading and NSW Workcover Authority have been obtained and any site modifications required have been achieved.

Reason: To ensure that Council's approval is not in contravention of the requirements of these authorities.

11. Internal Roads

Prior to the commencement of any site activities the applicant shall enhance all internal roads with an 'all weather' finish. This finish shall be maintained for the duration of the land-use activity.

Reason: To ensure that repetitive site vehicle movements do not create nuisance by way of dust or mud hazards.

Advisory Notes

1. The applicant is advised that maintenance of the existing driveway, that is, potholes or drop off behind the concrete, must be repaired by the applicant. In addition Council can order the applicant to repair the driveway as the need arises and in the interest of public safety.
2. The applicant is advised that the allocated street number for this site is 22-24 and this number is to be prominently displayed.

Lewis/Connelly

4.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION – DA 161/0607 – CATTLE FEEDLOT

51 RESOLVED that Council approve DA 161/0607 for a cattle feedlot containing no more than 1,000 head of cattle at Lots 3, 4, 10 11 and 12 DP 754975 Parish Mumbedah and Lot 63 DP 754966 Parish Coolah subject to the conditions of consent contained in Schedule 1 listed below:

SCHEDULE 1

Environmental Services Terms of Approval

- Development taking place generally in accordance with the outlined proposal indicated in the development application, except as modified by these conditions, engineering and subdivision requirements and the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Reason: To ensure development complies with this approval and the proposal which was considered.

- **Environmental Monitoring**

- The applicant shall furnish to Council an Annual Environmental Audit Report, in consultation with relevant government authorities, addressing, but not limited to, the following matters:
 - *Air Quality* - fugitive odour transmission (if any) and methods of control and management;
 - *Noise Impact* - methods employed to ensure compliance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and the NSW Environment Protection Authority - Noise Control Manual 1994 (as amended);
 - *Dust Nuisance* - if any; and
 - *Waste Disposal* - methods and management.

Such reporting shall be carried out by a qualified environmental consultant/authority, acceptable to Council's Director of Environmental Services each 12 month anniversary of commencement of the approved development. The first Annual Environmental Audit Report shall be lodged within thirteen months from commencement of operations to Council. Any recommendation made in the Report to ameliorate adverse environmental impacts associated with the development shall be implemented to the satisfaction of Council.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the neighbourhood.

▪ **Amenity of the Neighbourhood**

- The implementation of this development shall not adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood by reason of the emission or discharge of noise, vibration, fumes, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit, oil or other harmful products during both construction and the subsequent operation of the development.
- The use of the premises shall not give rise to an 'Offensive Noise' as defined under the provisions of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
- Trucks carrying waste off the property are to cover their loads at all times.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the area.

▪ **Exotic Disease Outbreak**

Prior to the placement of stock the applicant shall provide to Council documentary evidence outlining management practices designed to control any potential impact of an exotic disease outbreak and confirming that these practices will be undertaken as part of this development.

Reason: To demonstrate adequate safeguards are in place in this regard.

Technical Services Terms of Approval

- The applicant shall provide documentation showing provisions to prevent any overland drainage flowing on to the Mount Hope Road reserve to the satisfaction of Council's Director Technical Services.

Reason: To protect the integrity of the adjacent road.

- The applicant shall construct proposed accesses between Pen 1 and Pen 2 and between Pen 2 and Pen 3 in accordance with RTA guideline figure 4.9.7 and improve the existing access to the same standard. Road drainage along the table drain must not be interrupted by the proposed accesses.

Reason: To ensure the safety of motorists using Mount Hope Road.

- The applicant shall provide details on truck turning movements expected at the proposed yards/feed complex for Council's approval. In addition a statement that existing road conditions are adequate to accommodate any proposed turning movements is required and these truck turning activities must be achieved to the satisfaction of Council's Director Technical Services.

Reason: To ensure the safety of the travelling public and protect the road structure.

- The applicant must confirm in writing that existing road conditions (including location of trees) are adequate for expected feedlot operational traffic. Further, if tree removal is required to accommodate feedlot operation vehicles, then separate approval will be required from Council's Director Technical Services.

Reason: To ensure that Council is not requested at some later date to carry out additional and potentially costly roadworks.

Other Authorities Terms of Approval

NSW Department of Primary Industries

- The applicant is to supply a sustainable bore yield pumping test, as well as results of testing the quality of the water derived from the bores for stock water purposes.
- The manure stockpile site shall be compacted as part of the construction requirements of the feedlot.

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- A site for an emergency mass slaughter pit shall be identified and documented.
 - Monitoring of soils in the irrigation area shall include salt, phosphorus and nitrate and these results shall be reported to Council as part of the environmental auditing condition of consent.
 - Animal Heat Stress Precautions - the applicant shall provide an approved type of shade shelter for sick animals in hospital pen(s) and conduct a risk analysis using MLA/ALFA Risk Analysis Program for the feedlot site and applying the standard 'fat black steer' model.
General Reason: Adoption of best practice guidelines.

Department of Water and Energy

- The proponent shall line the holding pond with a material that is to achieve a permeability rating 1×10^{-9} m/s.
- The proponent shall line the carcass pit with a material that is to achieve a permeability rating of 1×10^{-9} m/s.
- Monitoring bores shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Water and Energy.
- A monitoring plan for the monitoring bores shall be developed in consultation with the Department of Water and Energy and is to include appropriate parameters, monitoring frequency and reporting requirements.
- The proponent shall licence the water supply for the proposal in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Water and Energy.
Reason: Adoption of best practice guidelines.

Department of Environment and Climate Change

- The applicant shall address the issues of Threatened Species and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in accordance with the requirements of the EPA Act 1979, the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.
Reason: Statutory requirement.
Note: Attachments A and B annexed to this approval must be observed when carrying out this assessment.

Advisory Note

- The Department of Environment and Climate Change advises that the proposal would become a scheduled activity for the purposes of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 should the capacity of the feedlot exceed 1,000 head and the applicant would then need to apply to the Department of Environment and Climate Change for a licence.

Sullivan/Todd

**4.4 WARRUMBUNGL SHIRE COUNCIL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE
MONTH OF JULY 2007**
Received.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

5.1 RELAY FOR LIFE 13 – 14 OCTOBER 2007

52 RESOLVED that Council permit the Relay Teams to camp in tents on No 1 Oval ensuring that Council staff are consulted regarding the placement of tents. **FURTHER** that

Council donate the total of the fees and charges for the conduct of this event to a maximum of \$300 with such funds to be provided from Donations Other.

Dawson/Connelly

5.2 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA – LOCAL GRANTS SCHEME

53 RESOLVED that Council authorise the General Manager to sign the Funding Agreement with Emergency Management Australia for \$30,350.80 (inc GST) for the Coonabarabran and Coolah Emergency Operation Centre Project.

Hill/Dawson

5.3 BARADINE DOCTORS RESIDENCE

54 RESOLVED that Council authorise the General Manager to sign the Regional Partnerships Funding Agreement of \$79,200 (GST inc) to implement the Baradine Doctor's Residence Project.

Dawson/Sullivan

5.4 TELSTRA OPERATED PAYPHONES

55 RESOLVED that Council lodge objections to the removal of the four (4) Telstra Operated Payphones from the four sites within the Warrumbungle Shire Council area.

Connelly/Egan

1.35PM

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Dawson raised the following matters:

Stannix Park – resumption

1.36PM

The Mayor, Cr Shinton, left the room and the Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair.

Cr Sullivan raised the following matters:

Thanked Councillors and staff for bringing meeting forward.

Cr Hill raised the following matters:

Preschool at Dunedoo – seeking information regarding contact and further developments with Masons

Question as to whether any development applications have been lodged for a supermarket in Dunedoo

Information about conservation and underground water in Dunedoo Valley – advised that level in aquifer is trending down but no other information available

1.38PM

Councillor Shinton returned to the meeting and assume the chair.

Cr Lewis raised the following matters:

Coolah to Neilrex Road and Piambra Road need works

Binnaway rest area – primitive camping area – request for media release to inform the community of progress – advised that Progress Association own the project

Works required at culvert at end of watt Street

Compliment for works undertaken on Gamble Creek Road

Mow Rock Creek approaches need work and the road and table drain near Bell bridge needs work to reestablish run off into table drain

Concerns raised regarding cattle grids and ramps on Gamble Creek Road – request that Council write to owners
Crane building – development application to be lodged and heritage matters to be dealt with through that process
Information regarding plans for rail underbridge – advised just received agreement and funds will be received one agreement signed and returned
Amalgamation of land for rating purposes of property owned by resident in David Street

Cr Connelly raised the following matters:

Noted that monitoring equipment been placed on bore at Coolah – information provided of standing water level and draw down level
Request that vacant Water and Sewer position be filled as quickly as possible

Cr Todd raised the following matters:

Suggestion that Council does not change meeting dates to accommodate absences

Cr Coe raised the following matters:

Leadville Village Fire Brigade – question regarding garbage fee on their rates notice. A report is to be prepared and submitted to Council concerning the Leadville Village Community Fire Brigade and ownership of land.
Progress of Works programme in Dunedoo and in particular work near Bandulla Street – advised that work is being juggled with bridge work and other street works and will progress in due course
North Pine Ridge Road and Digilah Road need road works
Garbage Bins in main street – colour availability. A report is to be brought back regarding bins for each of the towns.
Thank you for the prompt response in the placement of the new seat at the tennis club.

General Manager

Advised Councillors that he had distributed a report on the finalisation of the factors.

Director Technical Services

Information regarding the Coolah sewerage treatment plan effluent discharge – discussions currently being held with RLPB.

2.10PM

56 RESOLVED that Council go into committee pursuant to Section 10A (1) and Section 10A (2) (c) concerning information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Dawson/Todd

2.19PM

57 RESOLVED that Council move out of Committee.

Sullivan/Dawson

1C AMENITIES BLOCK No 1 OVAL COONABARABRAN

58 RESOLVED that

1. Council assumes owner/builder status for the Amenities Block project at No 1 Oval.
2. The volunteers providing in kind labour to be deemed volunteers of Council.

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3. Council agree that staff undertaking this work in their own time may have the use of any Council plant and/or equipment at no charge and subject to availability.
 4. Council designates a staff member as nominated Foreman, coordinating the available volunteer labour from Football Club and sub contractors for specific works.

Lewis/Dawson

**2C PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE -
RESERVOIR STREET, COONABARABRAN**

59 RESOLVED:

1. That Council proceed with the purchase of Lot 1 DP 847880 for the offered price of \$175,000.
2. That Council resolve to affix its Common Seal to all necessary documentation applicable to this purchase.
3. That upon acquisition the land be designated 'operational land' for the purposes of Section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.
4. That a supplementary vote of \$185,000 be made to the adopted 2007/2008 budget for the purpose of acquiring Lot 1 DP 847880 and preparing a design for its development into residential type allotments.
5. That a practising Registered Surveyor be engaged to prepare concept drawings for the future subdivision of this land accommodating the identified drainage issues and providing for efficient extension of essential services such as water supply and sewerage into the adjoining Lot 2 DP 847880 Reservoir Street.

Sullivan/Dawson

2.19PM

At this time the Mayor requested that all staff leave the meeting as Councillors wished to discuss certain matters.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45pm.

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CHAIRMAN