

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

In attendance: S Morris (minutes)

9.20AM

Karen Kennedy, on behalf of the Goolhi and District Progress Association, welcomed Councillors and staff to Goolhi and in particular to the Goolhi Hall.

Councillor Ron Sullivan thanked Karen and Andrew Kennedy for their contribution to the Goolhi community and wished them well in their move to Gunnedah.

9.22AM

Forum

Sue Stoddart and Therese Patterson attended on behalf of Dunedoo and District Development Group and residents.

Therese Patterson addressed Council on the progress towards the establishment of a Youth Club in Dunedoo. She outlined the process to date and sought council's consideration of providing access to the Dunedoo Jubilee Hall for use as a youth club at a cost of \$1.00 for the first 12 months. Ms Patterson advised that after consideration of possible venues, the steering committee had identified the Jubilee Hall as the most appropriate venue to cater for the activities proposed for the youth club. The meeting was advised that consideration will be given to the needs of other users.

9.35AM

APOLOGIES: Cr Egan, Cr Lewis and Cr Todd.

1 RESOLVED that the apologies of Cr Egan, Cr Lewis and Cr Todd be accepted.

Sullivan/Hill

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
WARRUMBUNGLA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 21 JUNE 2007**

2 RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Warrumbungle Shire Council held on 21 June 2007 be endorsed.

Dawson/Coe

3 RESOLVED that Council meet with Gilgandra Shire Council and the State Minister for Emergency Services and the local member to pursue the matter of Rural Fire Service personnel issuing hazard reduction certificates.

Sullivan/Connelly

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
WARRUMBUNGLA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 25 JUNE 2007**

4 RESOLVED that the minutes of the special meeting of the Warrumbungle Shire Council held on 25 June 2007 be endorsed.

Connelly/Dawson

5 RESOLVED that an amount of \$1,000 be provided for the purchase of a sound system for The Hive at Coolah with funds to be provided from the Coolah Town Improvement Fund.

Connelly/Sullivan

**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2007**

6 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 June 2007 be adopted subject to the exclusion of Recommendation 92 which is to be referred back to the Traffic Committee.

Dawson/Sullivan

7 RESOLVED that Council accept the minutes of:

- the Binnaway Town Committee meeting held on 13 June 2007
- the Baradine Town Committee meeting held on 13 June 2007;
- the Mendooran/Merrygoen Town Committee meeting held on 14 June 2007;
- the Dunedoo Town Committee meeting held on 14 June 2007; and
- the Coolah Town Committee meeting held on 14 June 2007.

Sullivan/Hill

8 RESOLVED that Council endorse the Advisory Recommendation CTC10 of the Coolah Town Committee and write to Greater Western Area Health Service requesting that action be taken regarding the driveway into the Multi Purpose Centre to reduce the flow of water and wash out of the entrance.

Connelly/Sullivan

10.23AM

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1.1 RATES AND CHARGES

9 RESOLVED that Council note the advice provided.

Connelly/Dawson

1.2 LEGAL ASSISTANCE

10 RESOLVED that this matter be held in abeyance until discussions have been held with adjoining Councils to obtain an indication of their contribution regarding the provision of funds for legal assistance.

Sullivan/Dawson

1.3 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

11 RESOLVED that Council accept Mrs White's resignation with regret and authorise the General Manager to proceed to appoint a replacement.

Dawson/Connelly

1.4 BUDGET REVIEW

12 RESOLVED that Council make the following changes to the 2007/2008 budget by way of supplementary votes.

Financial Assistance Grants – that a supplementary vote be made to the General FAG's grant of \$77 018 along with the Roads FAG's grant to be increased by \$8 857.

REPAIR Programme – that a supplementary vote of \$150 000 income be made to MR55 REPAIR Grant along with an additional expenditure of \$150 000 to MR55.

Roads of Regional Significance – that a supplementary vote of \$336 836 income along with an expenditure vote of \$336 836.

Coonabarabran CBD Restricted Asset – that a supplementary vote of \$10 000 be made to reduce the rates amount to restricted assets.

Library Operations – that a supplementary vote of expenditure of \$58 133 be made to the library operations.

Sullivan/Hill

13 RESOLVED that \$100,000 in restricted asset for Coonabarabran town streets project be moved to Reservoir Street project.

Sullivan/Connelly

1.5 BARADINE AGED CARE ASSOCIATION

14 RESOLVED that Council support in principle the request that Council waive the rates for a period of three months on the Baradine Medical Centre.

Sullivan/Coe

10.55AM

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

Dawson/Hill

11.22AM

16 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 30 JUNE 2007

Received.

2.2 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2007

Received.

2.3 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTION – UP TO and INCLUDING END JUNE 2007

Received.

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

3.1 DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRACTICE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN WARRUMBUNGLA SHIRE

17 RESOLVED

1. That Council engage a consultant or consultants, following a competitive quotation process, to complete each of the following plans: Integrated Water Cycle Management plan, Strategic business plans and financial plans for water and sewerage, drought management plan and demand management plan.
2. That supplementary budget income and expenditure allocations be made in accordance with the following table:

Fund	Supplementary Expenditure Allocation (\$)	Supplementary Income Allocation (\$)
Baradine water	\$7,814	\$1,953
Binnaway water	\$3,883	\$971
Coonabarabran water	\$23,903	\$5,976
Coolah water	\$12,560	\$3,140
Dunedoo water	\$12,042	\$3,011
Mendooran water	\$5,445	\$1,361
Baradine sewerage	\$9,149	\$2,287
Coonabarabran sewerage	\$30,510	\$7,628
Coolah sewerage	\$8,088	\$2,022
Dundeoo sewerage	\$6,605	\$1,651
Total	\$120,000	\$30,000

Sullivan/Connelly

3.2 CIVIL ENGINEERING CADETSHIP PROPOSAL

18 RESOLVED that Council create the position of cadet civil engineer on the basis of payment of University fees and expenses up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 per calendar year and that the student be required to work for Council at no cost for a minimum period of 10 weeks in a calendar year. **FURTHER** that funds amounting to \$10,000 be provided from General Fund annually however in the 2007/2008 financial year \$5,000 only be provided for this position.

Sullivan/Dawson

3.3 PROPOSED DEED OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNCIL AND WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL FOR FUNDING OF WORKS ON MR55(BLACK STUMP WAY)

19 RESOLVED that Council authorize the General Manager and Mayor to execute the agreement with Wellington Shire Council for distribution of Commonwealth of Australia Funding for the project 'Completing the sealing and upgrading of the Wellington Narrabri Regional Road'.

Hill/Coe

3.4 PUBLIC ROAD ACCESS – TOORAWANDI ROAD

20 RESOLVED that the following actions be taken in relation to the proposed extension of Toorawandi Road:

1. Council take no action as road is not currently maintained by Council, and furthermore
2. that Council advise the lessee that Council would be prepared to add this section of road to its maintenance program if it is constructed by Council to Council standard at full cost to the lessee or the property owner.

Dawson/Coe

**3.5 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF CROWN PUBLIC ROADS IN VARIOUS
LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SHIRE**

21 RESOLVED that Council write to the Department of Lands requesting that the Department defer closure of these roads until:

- Council has determined its road network,
- that any rights of way to be created are in place and legally established
- that Council's new LEP is in place
- that any possible land locked neighbours have been identified and impact assessed.

Sullivan/Dawson

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

**4.1 WARRUMBUNGL E SHIRE COUNCIL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE
MONTH OF JUNE 2007**

Received.

12.37PM

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

5.1 MACQUARIE REGIONAL LIBRARY AGREEMENT

22 RESOLVED that Warrumbungle Shire Council agree to the proposed amendments to the Macquarie Regional Library Agreement that removes all delegations of power to the General Manager of Dubbo City Council and for these powers to be retained by Dubbo City Council.

Hill/Dawson

5.2 PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

23 RESOLVED that the draft Warrumbungle Shire Council Pesticide Notification Plan be adopted and published announcement be made in regards to operation and public viewing according to NSW Pesticides Regulation (1995) guidelines.

Dawson/Hill

**5.3 LEASE AGREEMENT COOLAH HALL – COOLAH DEVELOPMENT
GROUP**

24 RESOLVED that Council endorse the above conditions in principle as established and authorise the General Manager to sign and execute the Commercial Lease Agreement with the Coolah and District Development Group (CDDG).

Dawson/Hill

**5.4 AMALGAMATION OF PREMISES WARRUMBUNGL E COMMUNITY
CARE - COONABARABRAN MEALS ON WHEELS/NEIGHBOUR AID AND
COONABARABRAN COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

25 RESOLVED that Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to attach Council's seal and execute the Lease Agreement for 56A Cassilis Street for office premises for Warrumbungle Community Care.

Sullivan/Hill

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Coe raised the following matters:

Use of the Jubilee Hall in Dunedoo as the venue for the Youth Club

26 RESOLVED that Council accede to the request of the Dunedoo Development Group and provide the Jubilee Hall for use as a youth club venue for an initial trial period of twelve (12) months) at a rental of one dollar (\$1.00) for the trial twelve months. **FURTHER** that youth club equipment be stored away during functions held by other hirers and further that other fee paying hirers of the Hall have precedence over the youth club activities for the conduct of their function.

Coe/Hill

Progress of Dunedoo works programme.

Cr Connelly raised the following matters:

Placement of advertisement for the naming of town halls.

Involvement of Finance Committee in planning and committee membership.

Cr Shinton raised the following matters:

Complaint regarding Drummuster activities at Dunedoo and impact on adjoining owner of location of collection area.

Cr Sullivan raised the following matters:

Request to bring forward August Council meeting to Tuesday, 14 August 2007. Indicated that the meeting is due to be held at Coonabarabran.

Request for hard copy of the Management Plan when completed.

Cr Dawson raised the following matters:

Request from Newcastle Hats for sale of goods to be permitted on grass verge between highway and industrial area on 28 July 2007. This matter has been referred to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

Request from Chamber of Commerce to allow monthly markets to be conducted in John Street instead of at Neilson Park. This matter is to be referred to the Economic Development Committee.

Request regarding when BPay, Bill Pay and Bill Express will be available for use. Advised not available until the second rate instalment period as set up takes some time.

Removal of two dead trees in Nandi Street – these trees are on the list for removal.

Concerns regarding access to and egress from their premises for fire trucks and ambulances due to restrictions of access caused by parking arrangements in Dunedoo. Concerns also regarding parking availability for fire personnel when called to action. This matter is to be referred to the Traffic Committee.

Cr Hill raised the following matters:

Progress with acquisition of building at Dunedoo for use by Preschool.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.23pm.

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CHAIRMAN