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

In attendance: S Morris (minutes)

The Mayor advised the meeting that former Coolah Councillor Mr John Ellis (1975-1977) had died and a minutes silence was observed.

The Mayor welcomed members of the gallery to the meeting and advised that Council was going into committee to consider matters of a confidential nature. The members of the gallery left the room.

9.13am

328 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

9.38am

329 RESOLVED that Council move out of committee.

Todd/Dawson

At this time the gallery returned to the meeting and the General Manager gave an overview of the matters considered in committee.

1C EQUIPMENT FOR PROCESSING OF RECYCLABLE WASTE

A motion was moved by Councillor Hill seconded Councillor Dawson that Council enter into a loan for the purchase of press and conveyor equipment for the Coonabarabran Waste Depot.

This motion was withdrawn.

330 RESOLVED that Council purchase press and conveyor equipment for the Coonabarabran Waste Depot and undertake a review of the finance options available for such purchase to determine where the funds will be provided from. **FURTHER** that Council negotiate a one (1) year agreement with Impact Recycling Pty Ltd. to supply recycled product.

Dawson/Hill

2C REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PLANT HIRE RATE PAID FOR WATER CARTS

331 RESOLVED that the rate paid to RR Large and TP & BF Palmer for supply of water cart services be \$49.50 per hour (incl. GST) plus \$0.87 per km (incl. GST) for the period 1 February 2008 to 31 January 2009.

Lewis/Connelly

3C AUDIT TENDER – 2007-2013

332 RESOLVED that this matter be deferred for consideration following presentations by representatives of Forsyths and Spencer Steer.

Todd/Dawson

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
WARRUMBUNGLA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 17 APRIL 2008**

333 RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Warrumbungle Shire Council held on 17 April 2008 be endorsed.

Dawson/Coe

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
WARRUMBUNGLA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 5 MAY 2008**

334 RESOLVED that the minutes of the special meeting of the Warrumbungle Shire Council held on 5 May 2008 be endorsed.

Connelly/Todd

**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2008**

335 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 April 2008 be adopted.

Dawson/Todd

**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COONABARABRAN
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL
2008**

336 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Coonabarabran Beautification Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 April 2008 be adopted.

Dawson/Hill

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE BINNAWAY TOWN COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2008**

337 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Binnaway Town Committee meeting held on 7 April 2008 be accepted.

Todd/Lewis

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE BARADINE TOWN COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2008**

338 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Baradine Town Committee meeting held on 7 April 2008 be accepted.

Todd/Hill

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN TOWN
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2008**

339 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Mendooran/Merrygoen Town Committee meeting held on 8 April 2008 be accepted.

Lewis/Hill

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE DUNEDOO TOWN COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2008**

340 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dunedoo Town Committee meeting held on 8 April 2008 be accepted.

Coe/Hill

Business Arising

It was noted that the meeting with the Garden Club, Council staff and Development Group representatives regarding plans for the park and town streets, was held on 14 May 2008.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE COOLAH TOWN COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2008**

341 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Coolah Town Committee meeting held on 8 April 2008 be accepted.

Connelly/Todd

Business Arising

Advisory Recommendation CTC17

342 RESOLVED that staff prepare estimates of reconstructing the Coolah Tops Road for budget consideration.

Connelly/Todd

Advisory Recommendation CTC18

343 RESOLVED that Council give consideration to the proposed Coolah cycleway and provide in principle support for the project and a letter indicating such support.

Connelly/Todd

Advisory Recommendation CTC19

344 RESOLVED that Council prepare cost estimates on the inspection, removal and replacement of all trees in Coolah parks and town streets for consideration in the 2008/2009 budget.

Connelly/Todd

9.50am

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

At this time it was determined to consider Item 1.2.

1.2 NOTICE OF MOTION

345 RESOLVED that Council place \$20,000 in the 2008/2009 budget to investigate all land that is now classed as Community Land.

Sullivan/Coe

1.1 NOTICE OF MOTION

346 A motion was moved by Councillor Sullivan seconded Councillor Hill that as the older Council-owned houses in Coolah become vacant, Council take the opportunity to sell them. **FURTHER** that the funds raised by the sale of this real estate be used to help fund the Mendooran Water Supply and reduce the time frame of the loan repayment.

The motion was put and was LOST

10.24am

The members of the gallery left the meeting.

347 RESOLVED to suspend standing orders to receive a deputation from Mr Paul Cornall of Forsyths and break for morning tea.

Dawson/Sullivan

Mr Cornall addressed the meeting regarding the Audit tenders for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2013 and detailed the experience and specialisation of Forsyths in conducting audits. Mr Cornall explained that the audit would be serviced from Armidale office and that they service 17 local government clients and have a diverse range of other clients.

11.12am

The meeting broke for morning tea.

11.30am

At this time Mr Norm Mah Chut of Spencer Steer addressed Council regarding their audit tender detailing the firm's experience and noting their working relationship with Council.

11.56am

348 RESOLVED that standing orders be resumed.

Coe/Todd

349 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.

Hill/Dawson

12.22PM

350 RESOLVED that Council move out of committee.

Dawson/Hill

3C AUDIT TENDER – 2007-2013

A motion was moved by Councillor Sullivan seconded by Councillor Dawson that Council re-appoint Spencer Steer as Council's Auditor for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2013.

The motion was put and LOST.

351 RESOLVED that Council appoint Forsyths of Armidale as Council's Auditor for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2013.

Coe/Lewis

12.23pm

352 RESOLVED that standing orders be suspended to adjourn for lunch.

Lewis/Coe

1.13pm

353 RESOLVED that standing orders be resumed.

Hill/Dawson

1.3 MANAGEMENT PLAN REPORT – MARCH 2007

354 RESOLVED that Council note and receive the report.

Dawson/Hill

355 RESOLVED that a report be prepared on the possibility of increasing the height of the wall of Timor Dam by one (1) metre to increase capacity of the dam.

Lewis/Coe

2.22pm

At this time Mr K Tighe, Director of Technical Services, left the room.

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

**2.1 DUE BY THE BANK TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS AS AT
30 APRIL 2008**

Received.

2.2 COMPARISON OF COUNCIL'S INTEREST RATES

Received.

2.3 RECONCILIATION OF GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT – 30 APRIL 2008

Received.

2.4 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2008

Received.

The Director of Corporate Services presented a spreadsheet detailing the Council's current investments including investment details, purchase details, value and maturity dates and it was noted that all investments are principal protected.

**2.5 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTION – UP TO and INCLUDING END
APRIL 2008**

Received.

2.6 BUDGET REVIEW – END OF MARCH

It was determined to hold this matter over for consideration at the Council meeting on 22 May 2008.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**4.1 PUBLIC POOLS – SITE INSPECTIONS AND COMMUNITY
CONSULTATION**

356 RESOLVED that Council endorse the 10th and 11th June 2008 as dates for inclusion in the press advertisement for meetings to be held at each pool.

Hill/Dawson

4.2 SPECIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

357 RESOLVED that Council confirms that a special closed meeting will be scheduled for 6 June 2008 for the purpose of endorsing strategic town planning documents and the formal advertising requirements be implemented.

Dawson/Sullivan

Councillor Dawson extended her apologies for this meeting.

4.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT LAND CLASSIFICATIONS – COUNCIL DWELLINGS – COOLAH

Received.

4.4 ILLEGAL DEMOLITION

A motion was moved by Councillor Dawson seconded by Councillor Sullivan that the owner of 30 Charles Street Coonabarabran be provided with a further twenty eight (28) days in which to provide a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the demolition of the house and by way of a notice under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act list the unresolved environmental concerns for attachment to the land.

The motion was put and LOST

358 RESOLVED that the owner of 30 Charles Street Coonabarabran be provided with a further twenty eight (28) days in which to provide a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the demolition of the house and by way of a notice under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act list the unresolved environmental concerns for attachment to the land. **FURTHER** that the owner lodge a development application for land use approval and pay the appropriate fees.

Hill/Egan

Councillor Dawson recorded her vote against this resolution.

2.50pm

The Director of Technical Services rejoined the meeting.

4.5 HERITAGE ACTIVITIES

359 RESOLVED that:

1. Council adopt the documents titled:
 - a) Report on Heritage Action Plan 2007/2008
 - b) Local Government Heritage Management Program
 - c) Heritage Action Plan 2008/2009, and
 - d) Warrumbungle Shire Heritage Strategy 2008-2011
2. Council's Heritage Advisor be formally complimented on his attention to detail and efforts applied to achieving Council's objectives.

Hill/Dawson

4.6 WARRUMBUNGLA SHIRE COUNCIL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2008

Received.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

5.1 BOWEN OVAL IRRIGATION PROJECT

360 RESOLVED that Items 5.1 (Bowen Oval Irrigation Project) and 5.5 (No. 1 Oval – Lights and Amenities Block) be held over for further information and consideration at Council's budget meeting on 22 May 2008.

Sullivan/Dawson

5.2 CONNECT FIVE CHILD CARE – PROPOSED EXTENSION OF SERVICE

361 RESOLVED that Council endorse the General Managers actions seeking approval by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to extend the Connect 5 Child Care service to 30 September 2008. **FURTHER** that should this be approved by FaHCSIA, the General Manager be authorised to sign the Funding Agreement variation and arrange for a request to extend the rental agreement with Uniting Church Coonabarabran.

Hill/Sullivan

5.3 COONABARABRAN TOWN HALL – DONATION REQUEST HIRE CHARGE

362 RESOLVED that Council reimburse the Coonabarabran Senior Citizens Association the \$203 Hall Hire charge for the 25th Anniversary Luncheon held on Monday 7 April 2008 and this donation be funded from the Seniors Week budget allocation.

Sullivan/Dawson

5.4 BINNAWAY RAIL BARRACKS – ARTC OFFER LAND TRANSFER

363 RESOLVED that subject to DA approval of the subdivision;

1. Council accept ownership of Binnaway Rail Barracks and land being Lot 56 DP1006838
2. Upon acquisition the land be classified operational land
3. A Licence Agreement be signed to formalise the 10 year Peppercorn rental lease agreement between Council and Binnaway Rail Heritage and Preservation Group Inc

FURTHER that Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign and attach the Common Seal to the Contract and the Contract be forwarded to Council's Solicitor for execution.

Sullivan/Dawson

5.5 NO 1 OVAL - LIGHTS AND AMENITIES BLOCK PROJECT

Deferred for consideration on 22 May 2008.

3.23PM

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Egan raised the following matter:
Walker Street, Baradine Project

364 RESOLVED that Council immediately commence construction of the Walker Street, Baradine project provided for in the 2007/2008 budget and that the requirement for a flood study of Baradine be set aside.

Egan/Connelly

Councillor Dawson recorded her vote against this resolution.

Cr Connolly raised the following matters:

Questions regarding September 2008 meeting in view of election.

Distribution of the business paper.

Cr Hill raised the following matters:

Closure of Digilah Road, Dunedoo for several hours on 6 June 2008 during opening of Hospital – this matter to be referred to Traffic Committee.

Expenses associated with membership of Hunter Councils – tendering group.

Progress of sale of medical centre at Coolah.

Information regarding motor vehicle accident on Coolah Dunedoo road.

Robertson Oval – does rubbish get sorted – no recycling crates should some bins be placed at oval.

Sand accumulating in causeway (Merrygoen Creek) at Yarrow Road.

Cr Dawson raised the following matter:

The Baradine Progress Association have been successful in securing land from Forestry for retirement village project.

Cr Sullivan raised the following matter:

Yugal bypass is very narrow and needs grading.

Cr Lewis raised the following matters:

Questions regarding width and height of rail bridge on Baradine Road.

Gravel pushed against fence at Old Council depot and blackberry bush growing – forcing fence over.

Congratulations to operator of slasher who undertook work Binnaway to Neilrex Village to Coolah – good job.

Piambra Road – when are road works to commence – currently being redesigned.

Spraying of suckers on side of roads.

Cr Coe raised the following matters:

Fence removed from around playground area at Robertson Park.

Garden Club of Dunedoo seeking permission to commence installation of trees to get plan moving on western end of Milling Park.

365RESOLVED that the Garden Club of Dunedoo be permitted to commence the installation of plants and trees at the western end of Milling Park in accordance with the following plan.

Coe/Hill

Plan for Dunedoo Main Street

Cr Todd raised the following matters:

Collection of Rates at Baradine Post Office – due to commence 1 July 2008.

Information regarding Application to have alcohol free zones relaxed in Wellington Street, Baradine during car rally – rejected.

General Manager raised the following matter:

Presentation of business paper – single or double sided – no decision as some Councillors prefer single sided copies.

Director Environmental Services advised the following matters:

Development application lodged for motocross track and is on display.

Objection lodged on behalf of Council concerning extension of trading hours until 3am for Imperial Hotel, Coonabarabran – Council endorsed the Director's actions.

**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2008**

366 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Plant Advisory Committee held on 15 May 2008 be adopted.

Sullivan/Coe

4.00pm

At this time the meeting considered the revenue policy and there was considerable discussion concerning water and sewerage charges.

367 RESOLVED that a working party of all Councillors be established to investigate and evaluate sewerage charges.

Sullivan/Lewis

Further discussion concerning pool charges and cemetery charges.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.10pm.

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CHAIRMAN