



Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

held in the Council Chambers

John Street, Coonabarabran

on Thursday, 16 June 2022

commencing at 5:05 pm

PRESENT: Cr A Doolan (Chairperson), Cr A Iannuzzi, Cr K Brady (videolink), Cr D Hogden, Cr Z Holcombe, Cr C Kopke, Cr J Newton, Cr K Rindfleish and Cr D Todd (videolink).

In attendance: General Manager (Roger Bailey), Director Technical Services (Gary Murphy), Acting Director Corporate and Community Services (Lindsay Mason) and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Erin Player – Minutes).

Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Kopke acknowledged the Gomeri people, the Traditional Custodians of the Land at which the meeting is held and paid respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Gomeri Nation and extended that respect to other Aboriginal people who are present.

Recording of Meeting

The Mayor announced that the meeting was being streamed live plus audio recorded, and that the audio recording will be published.

APOLOGIES

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

317/2122 RESOLVED that Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 May 2022.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

The Mayor called for Disclosure of Interests

Cr Doolan declared a pecuniary interest in Item 12 Cooinda Coonabarabran Liquid Trade Waste Charges due to being a member on the Board of Cooinda in the relevant period.

Item 1 Mayoral Minute – Mayors Log of Activity, Kilometres Travelled and Expenses from 7 May 2022 to 7 June 2022

318/2122 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the report on the Mayor's Activity and Log of Kilometres Travelled for the period 7 May 2022 to 7 June 2022.
2. Notes the report on the Mayor's credit card expenses between 7 May 2022 and 7 June 2022 and approves the payment of expenses totalling \$426.81.

MOVED: Councillor Doolan

SECONDED: Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

Item 2 Councillors' Monthly Travel Claims

319/2122 RESOLVED that the Councillors' monthly travel claims report in the amount of \$703.56 is noted.

MOVED: Councillor Iannuzzi

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

Item 3 Minutes of Country Mayors Meetings – 26 and 27 May 2022

320/2122 RESOLVED that Council note the Delegate's Report in relation to the Country Mayors Association meetings held at Sydney on Thursday 26 May and Friday 27 May 2022.

MOVED: Councillor Doolan

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

Item 4 Minutes of Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee Meeting – 9 May 2022

321/2122 RESOLVED that Council notes the minutes of the Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee meeting held at Coonabarabran on 9 May 2022.

MOVED: Councillor Brady

SECONDED: Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

Item 5 Minutes of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting – 10 May 2022

322/2122 RESOLVED that Council notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held at Coonabarabran on 10 May 2022.

MOVED: Councillor Rindfleish

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

Item 6 Minutes of Coonabarabran Swimming Pool Advisory Committee Meeting – 11 May 2022

323/2122 RESOLVED that Council notes the minutes of the Coonabarabran Swimming Pool Advisory Committee meeting held at Coonabarabran on 11 May 2022.

MOVED: Councillor Rindfleish

SECONDED: Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

Item 7 Minutes of Coonabarabran Sporting Complex Advisory Committee Meeting – 23 May 2022

324/2122 RESOLVED that Council notes the minutes of the Coonabarabran Sporting Complex Advisory Committee meeting held at Coonabarabran on 23 May 2022.

MOVED: Councillor Brady

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Item 8 Minutes of Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting
325/2122 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the minutes of the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held 24 May 2022.
2. Notes the Mayor's acceptance of the events and allocations to be applied for under the Community Events Program Fund as per the attachment provided with the minutes;
 - with relevant event organisations required to provide information on their event to Council prior to 14 June 2022
 - and any unallocated funds going towards \$2,000 for Leadville, Mendooran's town festival event or Coonabarabran's music and food event.
3. Continues to operate the Coonabarabran Visitor Information Centre as a Level 1 Accredited Visitor Information Centre.
4. Supports town entry signage consultation within Council's communities including the Aboriginal Land Council, being undertaken by members of the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee, with findings being reported to Council at a later date.
5. Investigates eligible grants for construction of an information notice board to be installed at Hickeys Falls; along with costings for a suitable toilet.
6. Notes the actions within the Building Our Warrumbungle Communities Action Plans for future planning and funding applications if funding opportunities arise.
7. Undertakes a review of the Building Our Warrumbungle Communities Action Plans selecting actions that can be achieved by Council in the short-term for inclusion in Council's EDT Strategy.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**Item 9 Robertson Oval Amenities Building Project and Minutes of Advisory
Committee Meeting – 25 May 2022
326/2122 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the minutes of the Robertson Oval Advisory Committee meeting held at Dunedoo on the 25 May 2022.
2. Proceeds with the expenditure of \$85,000 on the installation of sub soil drainage and construction of the car park.

MOVED: Councillor Hogden

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

Item 10 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal 2022 Annual Report and Determination

327/2122 RESOLVED that Council determine:

- i. The annual fees for Councillors for 2022/23 be the maximum amount of \$12,650.
- ii. The annual fee for the Mayor for 2022/23 be the maximum amount of \$27,600.

MOVED: Councillor Doolan

SECONDED: Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

Item 11 Meeting Schedule

328/2122 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Adopts the following Meeting Schedule:

July 2022	Thursday 21
August 2022	Thursday 18
September 2022	Thursday 15
October 2022	Thursday 20
November 2022	Thursday 17
December 2022	Thursday 8

2. Meetings be held and chaired from the Coonabarabran Chambers until further advice is provided on improved technology at the Coolah Chambers.

MOVED: Councillor Holcombe

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

5.24pm

Cr Doolan left the meeting due to declaring an interest in item 12.

Item 12 Coinda Coonabarabran Liquid Trade Waste Charges

MOTION

That Council not accede to Coinda Coonabarabran's request to waive the liquid trade waste charges in full instead give a 25% discount on the total charges.

MOVED: Councillor Kopke

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

AMENDMENT

That Council not accede to Coinda Coonabarabran's request to waive the liquid trade waste charges in full instead give a 50% discount on the total charges.

MOVED: Councillor Brady

SECONDED: Councillor Holcombe

The amendment was put and became the MOTION

For (5) – Cr Iannuzzi, Cr Hogden, Cr Holcombe, Cr Newton and Cr Brady
Against (3) – Cr Kopke, Cr Rindfleish, Cr Todd

AMENDMENT

That Council not accede to Cooinda Coonabarabran's request to waive the liquid trade waste charges in full instead give a 50% discount on the total charges on a interest free payment plan until 30 June 2024.

MOVED: Councillor Hogden

SECONDED: Councillor Todd

The amendment was put and LOST

For (2) – Cr Iannuzzi and Cr Hogden

Against (6) – Cr Holcombe, Cr Kopke, Cr Newton, Cr Rindfleish, Cr Todd and Cr Brady

AMENDMENT

That Council not accede to Cooinda Coonabarabran's request to waive the liquid trade waste charges in full instead give a 50% discount on the total charges on a interest free payment plan until 30 June 2026.

MOVED: Councillor Holcombe

The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder

AMENDMENT

That Council not accede to Cooinda Coonabarabran's request to waive the liquid trade waste charges in full instead give a 35% discount on the total charges on a interest free payment plan until 30 June 2024

MOVED: Councillor Kopke

SECONDED: Councillor Hogden

The amendment was put and LOST

For (2) – Cr Kopke and Cr Hogden

Against (6) – Cr Iannuzzi, Cr Holcombe, Cr Todd, Cr Brady, Cr Newton and Cr Rindfleish

AMENDMENT

That Council:

1. Not accede to Cooinda Coonabarabran's request to waive the liquid trade waste charges and the charges be paid on a interest free payment plan until 30 June 2024.
2. Make a \$19,500 donation to Cooinda Coonabarabran upon compliance with liquid trade waste requirements.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Todd

The amendment was put and became the MOTION

For (7) – Cr Iannuzzi, Cr Hogden, Cr Holcome, Cr Todd, Cr Brady, Cr Rindfleish and Cr Newton

Against (1) – Cr Kopke

329/2122 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Not accede to Cooinda Coonabarabran's request to waive the liquid trade waste charges and the charges be paid on a interest free payment plan until 30 June 2024.
2. Make a \$19,500 donation to Cooinda Coonabarabran upon compliance with liquid trade waste requirements.

For (5) – Cr Iannuzzi, Cr Hogden, Cr Holcome, Cr Todd, Cr Brady and Cr Newton
Against (2) – Cr Kopke and Cr Rindfleish

6.24pm

Cr Doolan returned to the meeting.

Item 13 Council Resolutions Report

330/2122 RESOLVED that the Council Resolution Report be noted for information.

MOVED: Councillor Holcombe

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

Item 14 Revotes and High Value Projects Report

331/2122 RESOLVED that the Revote and High Value Projects Report be noted for information.

MOVED: Councillor Kopke

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

Item 15 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the 3rd Quarter Ending 31st March 2022

332/2122 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Accept the second quarter Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the 2021/22 financial year, as presented;
2. Approve the variations as described in Table 1a; and
3. Note and accept the information provided on the status of the rates and annual charges for the period ending 31 March 2022.

MOVED: Councillor Holcombe

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

Item 16 Investments and Term Deposits – month ending 31 May 2022

333/2122 RESOLVED that Council accept the Investments Report for the month ending 31 May 2022 including a total balance of \$27,006,204.42 being:

- \$1,827,930.74 in at call accounts.
- \$24,500,000.00 in term deposits.
- \$678,273.68 cash at bank.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

Item 17 Review of the 2021/22 Pool Operations

334/2122 RESOLVED that:

1. Council notes the information contained within the Review of the 2021/22 Pool Operations Report.
2. A Councillor workshop be held to discuss the strategic direction for pool operations across the Shire including the implications of the consultants reports as outlined within the body of the report.
3. The outcomes of the workshop be reported back to Council.

MOVED: Councillor Rindfleish

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

Item 18 Baradine Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

335/2122 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the Baradine Water Treatment Plant Upgrade report.
2. Accept the funding offer from DPE Water of \$375,000 under the Safe and Secure Water Funding program for project SSWP408 Baradine Water Treatment Plant Upgrade, as a 75% contribution towards the \$500,000 cost of developing the concept design and ancillary pre-construction documentation.
3. Approve the affixing of the Council Seal, if necessary, to the Funding Deed - Baradine Water Treatment Plant between Council and DPE Water.

MOVED: Councillor Todd

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

Item 19 Companion Animals Fees & Charges 2022/23

336/2122 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the Companion Animals Fees & Charges 2022/2023 Report.
2. Adopts the 2022/2023 fees and charges for companion animals as provided by Office of Local Government and updates the Revenue Policy Fees and Charges 2022/2023 to include the new fees and charges.

MOVED: Councillor Todd

SECONDED: Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

Item 20 Inland Rail Update Report – June 2022

337/2122 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the information in the Inland Rail Update Report.
2. Actively engage with ARTC and their contractors to consider funding the upgrade and sealing of the Baradine Aerodrome.

MOVED: Councillor Todd

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

Item 21 Development Applications

338/2122 RESOLVED that Council notes the Applications and Certificates approved during May 2022, under Delegated Authority.

MOVED: Councillor Kopke

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

The Mayor introduced a Mayoral Minute – Item 23.

Item 23 Mayoral Minute – Valley of the Winds Wind Farm

339/2122 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Lodge a submission on the proposed Valley of the Wind's Wind Farm noting our objections to the Proposal.
2. Write to the Premier as soon as possible to seeking a substantial injection of funds to help build Council's capacity to, in turn, help the State deliver the target of 80% renewable energy into the grid by 2030;
3. Seek the support of LGNSW Conference calling for more financial support and collaboration from the NSW Government regarding development in the REZs and more effective, respectful engagement with rural communities; and
4. Meet regularly with other nearby councils impacted by the Central-West Orana REZ, including Dubbo Regional Council, Gilgandra Shire Council and Mid-Western Regional Council to share their REZ experiences and how to best protect the interests of local government and communities.

MOVED: Councillor Doolan

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

Item 22 Reports to be Considered in Closed Council

340/2122 RESOLVED that:

1. Item 22.1 Human Resources Monthly Report

That the Human Resources Monthly Report be referred to Closed Council pursuant to section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) on the grounds that the matter deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

2. Item 22.2 Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community Information Report

That the Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community Information Report be referred to Closed Council pursuant to section 10A(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) on the grounds that the matter deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

3. Item 22.3 Support and Maintenance End User Support Agreement

That the Support and Maintenance End User Support Agreement Report be referred to Closed Council pursuant to section 10A(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) on the grounds that the matter deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or reveal a trade secret.

MOVED: Councillor Iannuzzi

SECONDED: Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

The General Manager offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representation as to whether any part of the aforementioned items should not be considered in Closed Council.

There was no response from the public.

341/2122 RESOLVED that:

1. Council go into Closed Council to consider business relating to confidential information.
2. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), 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) as outlined above.
3. 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* (NSW).

MOVED: Councillor Iannuzzi

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

6.45 pm

Closed Council

Item 22.1 Human Resources Monthly Report – May 2022

342/2122 RESOLVED that the Organisation Development Monthly Report for June 2022 be noted for information.

MOVED: Councillor Holcombe

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

Item 22.2 Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community Information Report

343/2122 RESOLVED that Council note the advice and endorse the actions as outlined in the report in relation to the Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community Project.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

Item 22.3 Support and Maintenance End User Support Agreement

344/2122 RESOLVED that Council enters into the Support and Maintenance End User Support Agreement 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 with Tamworth Regional Council for the provision of Information Technology services.

MOVED: Councillor Kopke

SECONDED: Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

345/2122 RESOLVED that Council return to Open Council.

MOVED: Councillor Iannuzzi

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

6.57 pm

Open Council

The resolutions of Closed Council were announced to the meeting by the General Manager.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.58 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON