



# **Minutes**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**held in the Council Chambers**

**Binnia Street, Coolah**

**on Thursday, 16 November 2023**

**commencing at 5:00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cr A Doolan (Chairperson), Cr K Brady (5.02pm), Cr D Hogden, Cr Z Holcombe, Cr A Iannuzzi (video link 5.07pm), Cr C Kopke (video link), Cr J Newton, Cr K Rindfleish, Cr D Todd.

**In attendance:** General Manager (Roger Bailey), Director Corporate and Community Services (Lindsay Mason), Director Environment and Development Services (Leeanne Ryan), Director Technical Services (Nicole Benson), Executive Assistant General Manager (Erin Player – Minutes), and Personal Assistant to the Director Corporate and Community Services (Amanda Wherrett – Minutes).

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

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

### **Recording of Meeting**

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

### **APOLOGIES**

Nil

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

**133/2324 RESOLVED** that Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 October 2023.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

### **The Chairperson called for Disclosure of Interests**

Nil

### **Item 1 Mayoral Minute – Mayors Log of Activity, Kilometres Travelled and Expenses from 12 October 2023 to 8 November 2023**

**134/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the report on the Mayor's Activity and Log of Kilometres Travelled for the period 12 October 2023 to 8 November 2023.
2. Notes the report on the Mayor's credit card expenses between 11 October 2023 and 8 November 2023 and approves the payment of expenses totalling \$795.70.

**MOVED:** Councillor Doolan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 2 Councillors' Monthly Travel Claims**

**135/2324 RESOLVED** that the Councillors' monthly travel claims report in the amount of \$1,375.60 be noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

**Item 3 Delegates Report – Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Meeting Monday 28 August 2023**

**136/2324 RESOLVED** that Council note the Delegate's Report in relation to Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held on Monday 30 October 2023.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**Item 4 Meeting Schedule**

**137/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Adopts the following Ordinary Meeting Schedule for 2024:

February 2024	Thursday 15	Coonabarabran
March 2024	Thursday 21	Coolah
April 2024	Thursday 18	Coonabarabran
May 2024	Thursday 16	Coolah
June 2024	Thursday 20	Coonabarabran
July 2024	Thursday 18	Coolah
August 2024	Thursday 15	Coonabarabran
October 2024	Thursday 17	Coolah
November 2024	Thursday 21	Coonabarabran
December 2024	Thursday 12#	Coolah

2. Authorise the General Manager to call a meeting within five days after the declaration of the 2024 Council election.
3. That the purpose of the meeting to be held following the 2024 election be an Extra Ordinary meeting to elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor along with the appointment of Councillors as delegates and to Committees, along with other matters deemed appropriate by the General Manager.

**MOVED:** Councillor Hogden

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Item 5 Demolition Tender, Sullivan Street, Dunedoo**

**138/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Note the report on the Demolition Tender, Sullivan Street, Dunedoo.

2. Authorise the General Manager to accept the most suitable tender within the funding limit provided for the demolition of the structures on the Sullivan Street, Dunedoo site.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Councillor Iannuzzi entered the meeting via video link at 5:07 pm.**

**Item 6 Council Resolutions Report**

**139/2324 RESOLVED** that the Council Resolution Report be noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Rindfleish

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 7 Revotes and High Value Projects Report**

**140/2324 RESOLVED** that the Revote and High Value Projects Report be noted for information.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**Item 8 Child Safe Scheme – Child Protection Policy**

**141/2324 RESOLVED** that Council adopts the Child Protection Policy.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

**Item 9 Draft Privacy Management Plan**

**142/2324 RESOLVED** that:

1. Council endorses the draft Privacy Management Plan for the purpose of public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days, with submissions invited for a minimum of 42 days.
2. A further report be presented to Council on the draft Privacy Management Plan after the public exhibition period is completed.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

**Item 10 2022/23 Annual Report**

**143/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Endorses the 2022/23 Annual Report.
2. Makes the Annual Report available to the public on Council's website.
3. Submits the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

That Council deal with item 13 Presentation of 2022/23 External Audited Annual Financial Statements as at 30 June 2023 at this point of the meeting.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**Item 13 Presentation of 2022/23 External Audited Annual Financial Statements as at 30 June 2023**

**144/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Note the report on completion and presentation of the 2022/23 Audited Annual Financial Statements for the Warrumbungle Shire Council as at 30 June 2023.
2. Suspend standing orders to allow for a presentation by the Auditor on the 2022/23 Financial Statements.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

Luke Malone, from Prosperity Advisors, addressed the meeting 5.17 – 5.27pm.

Standing orders were resumed at 5.27pm.

**Item 11 Delivery Program Progress Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023/24**

**145/2324 RESOLVED** that Council endorses the Delivery Program Progress Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**Item 12 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023/24**  
**146/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Accept the 1st Quarter Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the 2023/24 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 30 September 2023.
4. Identify savings in the QBRS of \$117,448, to fund the loss of revenue associated with free pool entry per Council Resolution 93/2324.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

**Item 13 Presentation of 2022/23 External Audited Annual Financial Statements as at 30 June 2023.**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**Item 14 Investments and Term Deposits – month ending 31 October 2023**

**147/2324 RESOLVED** that Council accept the Investments Report for the month ending 31 October 2023 including a total balance of \$41,192,701.86 being:

- \$1,916,849.96 in at call accounts.
- \$39,000,000.00 in term deposits.
- \$275,851.90 cash at bank.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 15 Outcome of Tender Negotiations for Tennis Court Upgrades at Binnaway and Mendooran**

**148/2324 RESOLVED** that Council note the report on the outcome of tender negotiations for Tennis Court Upgrades at Binnaway and Mendooran.

**MOVED:** Councillor Kopke

**SECONDED:** Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

**Item 16 Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Monthly Report**

**149/2324 RESOLVED** that Council note the Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Monthly Report for November 2023.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**Item 17 Baradine Sewage Scheme Report**

**150/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the Baradine Sewerage Scheme Report.
2. Receives a report upon completion of the sewerage reticulation assessment for connection of Camp Cypress to the Baradine Sewerage Scheme.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 18 Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Report – November 2023**

**151/2324 RESOLVED** that Council notes the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Report – November 2023.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**Item 19 Inland Rail Update Report – November 2023**

**152/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes the information in the Inland Rail Update Report – November 2023.
2. Receives future update reports as and when new information is available on the Inland Rail project.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Item 20 Development Approvals**

**153/2324 RESOLVED** that Council notes the Applications and Certificates approved during October 2023, under Delegated Authority.

**MOVED:** Councillor Brady

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**Item 21 Notice of Motion – Council Reports – Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone**

**154/2324 RESOLVED** that henceforth Council be provided with monthly Renewable Energy Zone reports.

**MOVED:** Councillor Rindfleish

**SECONDED:** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**5.43pm**

**Councillor Iannuzzi left the meeting and did not return.**

**Item 22 Reports to be Considered in Closed Council**

**155/2324 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 Mayoral Minute – General Manager Annual Performance Review**

That the Mayoral Minute – General Managers Annual Performance 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).

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**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.

**156/2324 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 Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**5.45 pm**

**Closed Council**



**Item 22.1 Human Resources Monthly Report**

**157/2324 RESOLVED** that Council notes the information contained in the Human Resources Monthly Report.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**158/2324 RESOLVED** that all staff vacate the chambers for consideration of item 22.2 Mayoral Minute – General Manager Annual Performance Review.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Todd

**5.49pm**

**All staff left the chambers.**

**159/2324 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Note the outcomes of the General Manager's Annual Performance Review.
2. Discuss the matter of the General Manager's contract renewal at its December meeting.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**5.57pm**

**The General Manager and minute takers returned to the Chambers.**

**160/2324 RESOLVED** that Council return to Open Council.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

**5.58pm**

**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 5.59pm.

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**CHAIRPERSON**