



Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

held in the Council Chambers

John Street, Coonabarabran

on Thursday, 18 April 2024

commencing at 5:15 pm

PRESENT: Cr A Doolan (Chairperson), Cr K Brady, Cr D Hogden, Cr Z Holcombe, Cr C Kopke, Cr J Newton, Cr K Rindfleish, Cr D Todd and Cr A Iannuzzi (videolink joined 5.22pm)

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

Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor 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

268/2324 RESOLVED that Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 March 2024.

MOVED: Councillor Holcombe

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

The Chairperson called for Disclosure of Interests

Cr Holcombe declared a pecuniary interest in Item 17.2 Coonabarabran Golf Club Water Supply advising that she is the Secretary and Licensee of the Club and will leave the meeting when this item is discussed.

Cr Holcombe declared a pecuniary interest in Item 11 Draft Operational Plan 2024/2025 advising that she is the Secretary and Licensee of the Club and will leave the meeting when this item is discussed.

Cr Newton declared a non-pecuniary less than significant interest in Item 9 Community Financial Assistance Donations 2023/24 – Round Two advising that he is a member of the Aero Club and involved in the Wings and Things event.

Cr Rindfleish declared a non-pecuniary less than significant interest in Item 11 Draft Operational Plan 2024/2025 advising that she is a member of the Coolah District Development Group.

Cr Brady declared a pecuniary interest in Item 9 Community Financial Assistance Donations 2023/24 – Round Two advising that he is the Chair of the Yarn Support Group

which is taking over Space Art Gallery and will leave the meeting when this item is discussed.

MOVED: Councillor Hogden

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

Item 1 Mayoral Minute – Mayors Log of Activity, Kilometres Travelled and Expenses from 8 March 2024 to 9 April 2024

269/2324 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the report on the Mayor's Activity and Log of Kilometres Travelled for the period 18 March 2024 to 9 April 2024.
2. Notes the report on the Mayor's credit card expenses between 8 March 2024 and 8 April 2024 and approves the payment of expenses totalling \$179.92.

MOVED: Councillor Doolan

SECONDED: Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

Councillor Iannuzzi joined the meeting at 5.22pm.

Item 2 Councillors' Monthly Travel Claims

270/2324 RESOLVED that the Councillors' monthly travel claims report in the amount of \$1,463.00 be noted for information.

MOVED: Councillor Brady

SECONDED: Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

Item 3 Delegate's Report – Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Meeting 6 March 2024

271/2324 RESOLVED that Council notes the Delegate's Report on the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held on 6 March 2024.

MOVED: Councillor Holcombe

SECONDED: Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

Item 4 Minutes of Economic Development and Tourism Meeting

272/2324 RESOLVED that:

1. Council notes the minutes of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee meeting held on 26 February 2024.
2. Council provide a metal (brass) plaque on the Town Signs involved in the Town Entrance Signage Project to acknowledge Country with wording to be confirmed by the Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

3. Council endorse the presented Town Entrance Signage Designs for public exhibition for 28 days with a further report to brought back on feedback received.
4. Council staff meet with EDT representative community group from each town to determine most suitable location for signage installation.
5. The EDT Committee provide a recommendation on the repurposing of the old town entrance signs.
6. Council consider the revoting of funds during the end of financial year process.

MOVED: Councillor Brady

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Cr Doolan, Cr Brady, Cr Hogden, Cr Kopke, Cr Newton, Cr Rindfleish, Cr Todd, Cr Iannuzzi.

Against – Cr Holcombe

Item 5 Minutes of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting – 19 March 2024

273/2324 RESOLVED that Council notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held at Coonabarabran on 19 March 2024.

MOVED: Councillor Rindfleish

SECONDED: Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

Item 6 Public Interest Disclosure Act 2022

274/2324 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the report on the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2022.
2. Rescinds the Council Policy – Internal Reporting Policy - Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994.
3. Provides councillors with a copy of the Management Policy – ‘Public Interest Disclosure Policy’.

MOVED: Councillor Holcombe

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

Item 7 Council Resolutions Report

275/2324 RESOLVED that the Council Resolution Report be noted for information.

MOVED: Councillor Holcombe

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

Item 8 Revotes and High Value Projects Report

276/2324 RESOLVED that the Revote and High Value Projects Report be noted for information.

MOVED: Councillor Todd

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

5.37pm

Cr Brady left the meeting due to having declared an interest in the following item.

Item 9 Community Financial Assistance Donations 2023/24 – Round Two

277/2324 RESOLVED that Council funds the following applications under Round Two of the Community Financial Assistance Donations 2023/24, at a total cost of \$8,300.00.

Applicant name/s	Amount (\$)
Coonabarabran Pony Club – cattle collars for events	500.00
Binnaway Bowling Club – Have Fun Bowls Day event	500.00
Mendooran PA&H Association – rubbish Mendooran Show	500.00
Coonabarabran Aero Club – Wings and Things promotion	500.00
Dunedoo Historical Society and Museum – signage	500.00
Coonabarabran Rugby League Football Club – storage	500.00
Volunteer Rescue Association Coonabarabran – storage	450.00
Coolah Multi-Purpose Service – improving palliative care	450.00
Goolhi Reserve Committee – Goolhi Hall table and chairs	500.00
Tunes on the Turf Dunedoo – event costs	500.00
Dunedoo Sports Club – new blinds for the club	500.00
Dunedoo Central School – garden equipment	500.00
Coolah Rugby Club – Grassroots Level program	400.00
Coolah Rock'n at the Racecourse – event costs	500.00
Dunedoo and District Development Group – silo art sign	500.00
Dunedoo Tennis Club – contribution to maintenance costs	500.00
Coolah Central School – “Orbispace” STEM program	500.00

MOVED: Councillor Todd

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

5.42pm

Cr Brady returned to the meeting

Item 10 Fraud and Corruption Control Policy

278/2324 RESOLVED that Council adopts the draft Fraud and Corruption Control Policy.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

5.45pm

Cr Holcombe left the meeting due to having declared an interest in the following item.

Item 11 Draft Operational Plan 2024/2025
279/2324 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Note the report on the Draft Operational Plan 2024/2025;
2. Endorse the Draft Operational Plan 2024/2025, including the Revenue Policy, to go on public exhibition for at least a period of 28 days commencing Friday 19 April 2024;
3. Be presented with a further report following the exhibition period including any submissions made on the Draft Operational Plan 2024/2025; and
4. Hold an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 5.00pm to consider the adoption of the Operating Plan for 2024/2025.

MOVED: Councillor Hogden

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

5.49pm

Cr Holcombe returned to the meeting

Item 12 Investments and Term Deposits – month ending 31 March 2024

280/2324 RESOLVED that Council accept the Investments Report for the month ending 31 March 2024 including a total balance of \$44,007,772.13 being:

- \$597,383.58 in at call accounts.
- \$42,550,000.00 in term deposits.
- \$860,388.55 cash at bank.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

Item 13 Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Monthly Report

281/2324 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Monthly Report for March 2024.
2. Notes that an extension of time has been granted for all restoration works associated with the AGRN 987 November 2021 natural disaster and works must now be completed by 30 March 2025.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

Item 14 Fluoridation Update Report

282/2324 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the Fluoridation Update Report;
2. Delegates authority to the General Manager to execute and sign the funding deed received from NSW Health valued at \$676,648.43.

MOVED: Councillor Kopke

SECONDED: Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

Item 15 Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Report – April 2024

283/2324 RESOLVED that Council notes the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Report – April 2024.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

Item 16 Development Approvals

284/2324 RESOLVED that Council notes the Applications and Certificates approved during March 2024 under Delegated Authority.

MOVED: Councillor Brady

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

Item 17 Reports to be Considered in Closed Council

285/2324 RESOLVED that:

1. Item 17.1 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 17.2 Coonabarabran Golf Club Water Supply

That the Coonabarabran Golf Club Water Supply 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.

MOVED: Councillor Brady

SECONDED: Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

Late Item 17.3 Future Operations at Property 'Red Hill', Coonabarabran

The GM advised of a late item in relation to Future Operations at Property 'Red Hill', Coonabarabran.

The matter was determined by Council to be of great urgency.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

The Mayor declared the matter to be of great urgency.

3. Item 17.3 Future Operations at Property 'Red Hill', Coonabarabran

That the Future Operations at Property 'Red Hill', Coonabarabran Report be referred to Closed Council pursuant to section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) on the grounds that the matter deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct).

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Rindfleish

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.

286/2324 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 Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

6.01pm
Closed Council

Item 17.1 Human Resources Monthly Report

287/2324 RESOLVED that Council notes the information contained in the Human Resources Monthly Report.

MOVED: Councillor Hogden

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

6.03pm.

Cr Holcombe left the meeting due to having declared an interest in the following item.

Item 17.2 Coonabarabran Golf Club Water Supply

288/2324 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the Coonabarabran Golf Club Water Supply Report;
2. Investigates the provision of 10,000l of water for firefighting purposes to be stored onsite at the Coonabarabran Golf Club as per conditions of consent.
3. Continues to apply the charge of \$11,947.06 as per Second Quarterly Notice as per Council's *Revenue Policy Fees and Charges*.
4. Reviews all water connections for fire fighting purposes.

MOVED: Councillor Brady

SECONDED: Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

6.08pm

Cr Holcombe returned to the meeting

Item 17.3 Future Operations at Property 'Red Hill', Coonabarabran

289/2324 RESOLVED that Council note the report in relation to Future Operations at Property 'Red Hill', Coonabarabran.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Hogden

For – Unanimous

290/2324 RESOLVED that Council return to Open Council.

MOVED: Councillor Hogden

SECONDED: Councillor Kopke

For – Unanimous

Meeting date: 18 April 2024

6.27 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 6.28 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON