MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2019

PRESENT: Administrator, Bob Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Greg Hill
Director Shire Services, Reece Wilson
Director Business Services, Jacob Philp
Executive Assistant, Ali Couch

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was declared open at 9.05am.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by the Administrator, Bob Stewart.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

General Manager, Greg Hill declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Mayoral (Administrator) Minute 6.1 General Manager’s Performance Review as the report discusses Mr Hill’s salary. Mr Hill advised he will leave the room whilst the item is considered.

Resolved 01-07-19

1. That the Disclosures of Interest – Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary be received and noted.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 ORDINARY MEETING – 26 JUNE 2019

Resolved 02-07-19

1. That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2019 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

5.2 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil
6. MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

6.1 GENERAL MANAGER’S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

General Manager Greg Hill left the room at 9.06am.

Resolved 03-07-19

1. That Council adopt as policy the Section 23A Guidelines for the Oversight and Management of the General Manager;

2. That the General Manager’s Performance Review outcome be noted;

3. That the General Manager’s salary be increased by $22,088 per annum plus the agreed non contributary allowance payable from 1 July 2019.

General Manager Greg Hill re-entered the room at 9.10am.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 CASH AND INVESTMENTS - JUNE 2019

Resolved 04-07-19

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

8. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

8.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - THE HON DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP

Resolved 05-07-19

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

8.2 MENINDEE TO SUNSET STRIP POTABLE WATER PIPELINE

Resolved 06-07-19

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

8.2 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CIRCULARS TO COUNCILS

Resolved 07-07-19

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report
9. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

10. SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 PROPOSAL TO SEEK MODIFICATION TO THE CRISTAL MINING ATLAS MINE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

Resolved 08-07-19

That Council will:

1. Receive the report;

2. Endorse the request of Tronox Ltd. to seek a modification to SSD-5012 OF 2014, for the Atlas Mineral Sands Mine Development subject to the elements of the Road Maintenance Agreement as stipulated in Appendix 8 remaining in place;

3. Formal consent be gained from the Roads and Maritime Services, for any modification to the intersection with the Ivanhoe Proposed Rail Loading Facility.

10.2 ROADS AND AERODROMES UPDATE

Resolved 09-07-19

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

10.3 WATER AND SEWER UPDATE

Resolved 10-07-19

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

10.4 SERVICES UPDATE

Resolved 11-07-19

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

10.5 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE

Resolved 12-07-19

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.
11. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

11.1 MINUTES - INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS WORKING PARTY

Resolved 13-07-19

That Council will:


12. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

13. MEETING CLOSE

Prior to closing the meeting, the Administrator, Bob Stewart added the following comments to the Administrator’s Report:

On Monday the Administrator, Mr Stewart met with senior staff at the Office of Local Government in Sydney to provide a briefing on Council’s progress under Administration and actions required between now and the possible return of elected Council and things the organisation should be looking at doing to build systems and processes and building them robustly for any future Council. Mr Stewart advised there has been no decision on whether Council goes back to an elected Council or stays in Administration, he advised that is something the department is turning its mind to now and will be a report to the Minister. The Office of Local Government is seeking from the Administrator, through other government agencies how they react with Council and they will be talking with the General Manager too.

Mr Stewart noted over the period there was a lot of lobbying for the Wilcannia Weir which resulted in a meeting in Wilcannia with representatives of the build and construction body which will operate it, whilst that took a little while to get Mr Stewart is so pleased that happened.

The General Manager, Greg Hill and Administrator, Bob Stewart attended the Western Division Mid Term Meeting at Cobar, the Western Division seems to have a had a resurgence again, it was a very important voice for Local Government and the Western communities. Mr Stewart suspects the ongoing drought has triggered the resurgent interest in the Western Division. Central Darling Shire proposed a motion calling for Local Government NSW to convene a NSW Drought Summit of all Councils to deal with the issues impacting on water supply and community, particularly social, mental health and economic; the motion got up and Mr Stewart is pleased Local Government NSW is conducting a survey about how that may held and where it may be held.

Whilst in Cobar the General Manager and Administrator also attended the Far West Joint Organisation Board meeting and worked on developing the Strategic Regional Priorities Program. There is another board meeting in Balranald in a months time and Mr Stewart is hopeful the Program can be adopted then.

On his last visit to the Shire Mr Stewart visited Menindee and spoke to a number of locals regarding concerns and issues which have been referred to the General Manager to action.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 9.28am.
The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 28 August 2019.

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ADMINISTRATOR

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