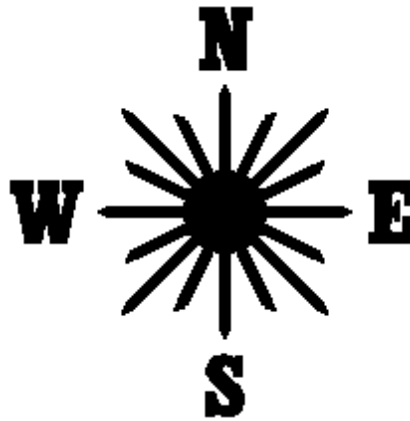


Mission Statement

To promote the Central Darling Shire area by encouraging development through effective leadership, community involvement and facilitation of services

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 18th February 2014

In the Customer Service Centre

Wilcannia

Council dedicated to serving its Communities

Any public discussion of Council or Committee reports and recommendations is on the basis that such reports or recommendations do not have effect until adopted by a full meeting of Council.

The Draft Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council was held in the Customer Service Centre, Wilcannia on Tuesday 18th February 2014 commenced at 9:01am.

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SECTION 1. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Greg Wright – Interim Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Leeanne Ryan	Acting General Manager
Reece Wilson	Manager Technical and Engineering Services
David Cuming	Acting Manager Corporate and Community Services
Paul Gavin	Acting Finance Manager
Adelaide Elliott	Executive Assistant

SECTION 2. GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

SECTION 3. PUBLIC ACCESS – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms Julie Finlayson - addressed Council regarding the operation of the Wilcannia Swimming Pool and the lack of Community events that are conducted at the venue.

Mr Bill Elliott - addressed Council in relation to the Knox and Downs Building.

Mr Paul Brown – acknowledge the hard work of the Acting General Manager Leeanne Ryan noting it was her last Council Meeting, in particular work that she had done to preserve heritage in Wilcannia. Further to that he raised the matter of the shipping containers to be placed at the Anglican Church, Mr Brown also sought confirmation on the status of the Community Access Buses.

Ms Neives Rivera – addressed Council noting her support for the future.

Mr Adrian Feathers – addressed the Meeting regarding the status of the Heritage Advisor, sealing tender, boat ramp/old wharf and the extension of time for submission back to the Review Panel.

SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1-02-14

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 17th December 2013, copies of which were circulated to all Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Resolved

4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATOR MINUTE REPORT

5.1 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND THE RETURN TO FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

2-02-14

- 1. That the information contained in the Administrator's Minute be noted.***
- 2. That the previously adopted Council meeting schedule be amended by moving the March Council meeting to 11 March 2014 and by holding all scheduled Council meetings in Wilcannia for the duration of the administration period.***

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL

3-02-14

That a formal submission be made to the final consultation on the reports “Revitalising Local Government” and “Strengthening Far West Communities – A Pathway for Change” of the Independent Local Government Review Panel encompassing:

(a) Commentary on the various recommendations in terms of the culture, structures and operations of local government in NSW;

(b) Qualified support for the concept of a Far West Regional Authority subject to more detailed definition of its role and structure and the commitment of all levels of government to the model;

(c) Complete opposition to the unincorporation of the Central Darling Shire Council and its replacement by Community Boards in each of the major towns of the Shire.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 6. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

Nil

SECTION 7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

SECTION 8. NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

SECTION 9. ACTING GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 INFORMATIONS ITEMS

9.1.1 SENIORS WEEK

9.1.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

9.1.3 COMPLAINTS DATA – NSW DLG WEBSITE

3-02-14

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 SUSPENSION OF COUNCILLORS

4-02-14

That the Suspension of Councillors report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 POLICY: PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISIONS OF FACILITIES TO COUNCILLOR

5-02-14

That the Policy: Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors report be received and further:

That the policy be formally adopted and incorporated into Council's policy register.

That upon final adoption of the policy it be published on Council's website.

That the policy be reviewed by Council each year by the 30 November and a copy duly submitted to the Division of Local Government.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

9.4 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT REPORTING

6-02-14

That the Model Code of Conduct Reporting report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

9.5 SES APPOINTMENTS

7-02-14

That the SES Appointments report be received, and further;

That a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr William Britt, Ms Georgia Shephard, Ms Jane Stevenson and Mr Chad Howard on their recent appointments as Deputy Unit Controllers with the local SES.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

9.6 WHITE CLIFFS SOLAR POWER STATION

8-02-14

That the White Cliffs Solar Power Station report be received, and further;

That Council notifies Essential Energy it is unable to accept the transfer of the White Cliffs Solar Power Station due to financial constraints.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 10. MANAGER TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

10.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1.1 GRADING PROGRAM

10.1.2 COUNCIL GRAVEL PITS

10.1.3 CRISTAL MINING – ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

9-02-14

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 ROADS REPORT

10-02-14

That the Roads Report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 SERVICES REPORT

11-02-14

That the Services Report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 PROJECTS REPORT

12-02-14

That the Projects Report be received, and further;

That Council defers completion of these projects until the financial analysis has been completed and reviewed.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

10.5 SEALING CONTRACT – TENDER CDSC 2014/02

13-02-14

That the Sealing Contract – Tender CDSC 2014/02 report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

10.6 REGIONAL AVIATION ACCESS PROGRAM – TILPA AIRSTRIP FENCING UPGRADE

14-02-14

That the Regional Aviation Access Program - Tilpa Airstrip Fencing Upgrade report be received, and further;

That Council consider allocating \$29,900 for the works inconjunction with the development of the 2014/15 budget and advise the funding body accordingly.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

10.7 BETTER BOATING PROGRAM 2013/14 ALLOCATION

15-02-14

That the Better Boating Program 2013/14 Allocation report be received, and further;

That Council advises the Roads and Maritime Services that Council is not in a position to accept the funding offered under the Better Boating Program 2013/14.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

10.8 WILCANNIA WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE AUGMENTATION – CIVIL WORKS

16-02-14

That the Wilcannia Water and Sewer – Civil Works report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 11. MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

11.1 INFORMATION ITEM

11.1.1 BOILED WATER ALERT

17-02-14

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

11.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATISTICS

18-02-14

That the Environmental Services Department Statistics for December 2013 and January 2014 report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

11.3 TEMPORARY LICENCE – MENINDEE COMMON

19-02-14

That the Temporary Licence – R, E, M & K Holdaway, Extension to Temporary Common, Menindee report be received, and further;

That Council as Trust Manager renew the temporary licence with R, E, M & K Holdaway for a further 12 month period for use of Part Reserve 3 for Extension to Temporary Common for parking and bush kitchen purposes.

That relevant signatures and seal be applied to the temporary licence as required.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

11.4 TEMPORARY LICENCE –WHITE CLIFFS RACECOURSE

20-02-14

That the Temporary Licence – White Cliffs Racecourse report be received, and further;

That Council as the Trust Manager enter into a temporary licence with the White Cliffs Gymkhana Club to use Reserve 30642 located at White Cliffs for the purpose of the annual White Cliffs Gymkhana & Rodeo on 26 & 27 April 2014.

That copies of relevant insurances policies to cover all activities (including flat races and bush sprints) be provided to Council prior to the event indemnifying Council against all possible injury and accident related claims.

That relevant signatures and seal be applied to the temporary licence as required.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

11.5 FRUIT FLY SIGNAGE - MENINDEE

21-02-14

That the Fruit Fly Signage report be received, and further:

That Council provide in-kind assistance with seeking suitable locations and erection of the supplied signage and posts.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

11.6 COMPANION ANIMAL FEES

22-02-14

That the Companion Animal Fees report be received, and further:

That Council adopt the following fees as per the Companion Animals Regulation 2008, effective from 1 January 2014 –

Desexed animal: \$49 (from \$40)

Non-desexed animal :\$182 (from \$150)

Breeder concession: \$49 (from \$40)

Pensioner concession: (desexed animal only) \$19 (from \$15)

Lifetime registration fees will be annually indexed to CPI from 1 July 2014

The prescribed maximum fee for council inspections of restricted and dangerous dog enclosures will also increase to \$150 (from \$100).

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 12. FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

12.1 INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

23-02-14

That the Schedule of Investments Report for the 31st January 2014 be received and adopted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

12.2 RATES REPORT

24-02-14

That the Rates Collection Report for January 2014 be received and adopted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

12.3 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES

25-02-14

That the Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates report be received, and further;

That given the timeframe suggested by the Fraud Squad as to when the subject properties may be free to be sold, the Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates scheduled for the 4th of April 2014 be delayed to a later date, to be advised as soon as practicable.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

12.4 WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES

26-02-14

That the Water Consumption Charges report be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

12.5 PROPOSED COUNCIL PURCHASE OF 9 BYRNES STREET, WILCANNIA

27-02-14

That the Proposed Council Purchase of 9 Byrnes Street, Wilcannia report be received, and further;

That Council proceed with the process of valuation of the property at 9 Byrnes Street.

That Council hold discussions with Government Property NSW to agree on a fair price for the property.

That Council continue discussions with prospective tenants regarding rent and terms.

That a report be presented to the March meeting of Council detailing the results of the above discussions, and more specifically setting out the financial implications of purchasing the property.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 13. CORRESPONDENCE

28-02-14

That the Correspondence for Council be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

13.1 MEDIA RELEASES

13.2 CIRCULARS/NEWSLETTERS

SECTION 14. THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

29-02-14

That the MANEX Meeting Minutes dated Thursday 13th January 2014 be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

30-02-14

That the Wilcannia Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes dated Saturday 1st February 2014 be received and noted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 15. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Nil

SECTION 16. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

SECTION 17. URGENT BUSINESS

31-02-14

That this matter be considered an urgent matter and be dealt with.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

17.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

32-02-14

That,

1.The audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2013 be received and adopted.

2.The Auditor's reports as tabled be received and adopted.

Resolved

MOTION CARRIED

SECTION 18. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

Nil

SECTION 19. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on the 11th March 2014 in Wilcannia at 9:00am.

Interim Administrator thanked the Acting General Manager Leeanne Ryan for her hard work and dedication at Council over the last 13 years.

There being no further business, Council meeting concluded at 9:47am