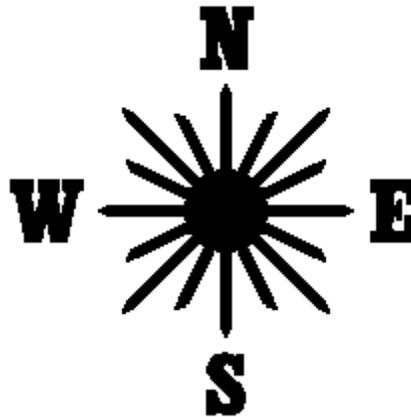


Mission Statement

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

CENTRAL DARLING



SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Extraordinary Meeting

Monday 27th May 2013

at

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 above-mentioned Meeting of Council was held in the Council Chambers, Wilcannia on Monday 27th May 2013 and commenced at 10:45am.

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SECTION 1. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES AND THE GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Ray Longfellow

Clive Linnett

Ron Page

Dennis Standley

Garry Astill

Eamon Sammon

Honor Liversidge

ABSENT:

Peter Sullivan

Lorraine Looney

ALSO PRESENT:

Leeanne Ryan

Acting General Manager

Reece Wilson

Manager Technical and Engineering Services

David Cuming

Acting Manager Corporate and Community Services

Adelaide Elliott

Executive Assistant

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR STANDLEY/CLR LINNETT

1-05-13 resolved

That the apologies be received and noted and leave of absence granted

SECTION 2. PUBLIC ACCESS – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR LINNETT /CLR ASTILL

2-05-13 resolved

That Council suspend standing orders

Standing orders suspended at 10:46am

Mr Paul Brown addressed Council. He advised the Knox & Downs EOI ad in the Barrier Daily Truth did not have the closing date for the EOI. He queried whether Council would extend the timeframe for closure of the EOI. He noted that all other ads around the Shire included a closing date. He also spoke about a letter he had received from the DLG regarding an item in the Confidential section of the March Council Meeting; he queried whether the Mayor would be making this information public knowledge. He also asked for a response to his query from March regarding whether the Draft Council Minutes could be placed on the Council Website prior to being adopted by Council.

Acting GM advised these matters would be taken on notice and a response provided.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR LINNETT / CLR ASTILL

3-05-13 resolved

That Council resume standing orders.

Standing orders resumed at 10.51am

SECTION 3. REPORTS

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR ASTILL/ CLR STANDLEY

4-05-13 resolved

That the Report be dealt with

3.1 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2013-2014, DRAFT DELIVERY PLAN AND DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

A number of matters were discussed regarding the 2013/14 Budget. The main concerns from Councillors were the deferral of a number of projects and items due to lack of funds to undertake necessary works and projects. It was noted that Clrs were not satisfied with adopting a non-productive draft budget that does nothing for its local communities. It was also noted that the DLG are aware of the situation and the lack of funds available to Council. It was requested that correspondence be sent to the DLG outlining the deferral and removal of important elements from the budget.

Clr Page queried the deferral of funds for the Wilcannia Post Office. He advised the funding for the concept of the tourist information centre needs to be put back in as an inclusion for the budget if the funds become available.

Cr Astill queried the cost of the Menindee Aerodrome toilet and the expected cost of providing this facility, along with the works that were planned for the works depots in each town. MTES clarified that all depots need to have sufficient shed space to store machinery to limit vandalism. It was noted these items were deferred due to lack of funds.

Clr Astill requested that if there are any funds left over from this year's budget, that it be put towards the upgrade of Sahara Oval at Ivanhoe.

Clr Page requested that 8-10 weeks after the budget is passed that it be revisited and addressed with the DLG.

Considerable debate took place concerning waste management charges. Clr Astill spoke against the need to increase charges.

Clr Page advised he had done some research into the waste management charges for all towns, noting that White Cliffs is the only cost effective town in the Shire for waste. Clr Page and Cr Astill suggested that pricing of waste management needs to be further reviewed at a later date in the future.

Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 11:37am, resuming at 11:58am

After morning tea, the meeting continued to discuss waste management charges. It was agreed that the proposed \$50 flat increase across all existing waste management charges be adjusted so as to reduce the impact on charges for the Menindee Waste Collection Services. It was commented that this would result in increases in excess of \$50 for the Wilcannia and Ivanhoe service charges.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR ASTILL / CLR LIVERSIDGE

5-05-13 resolved

That the revised figures for waste management charges be included in the draft budget.

Clr Sammon recorded against the motion.

Further discussion on the draft budget occurred, with Clrs querying the deferral of appointing staff to vacant positions. Clr Astill queried the costs for the Westpac Bank, and whether it was running at a loss; he had raised the matter last year and was after more detailed costings. The Acting GM advised that these figures had been provided late last year. The Mayor advised that staff would provide a more detailed breakdown at the next Council meeting.

Discussion occurred around the appointment of a General Manager, and the costs associated with undertaking an appointment as such. It was noted by Clrs that deferral of recruiting to the position due to lacks of funds was warranted at this point in time and Council were satisfied with the task being undertaken by the Acting General Manager.

Clr Astill left the meeting at 12:20pm returning at 12:22pm

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR PAGE / CLR LINNETT

6-05-13 resolved

That the deferment of a GM appointment is accepted by Council for the duration of the 2014/15 draft budget.

The Mayor raised concerns regarding lack of funds to meet Council's objectives under Council policies. In particular reference was made to Council's motor vehicle policy and the fact that Council did not have sufficient funds to undertake planned plant replacement as required under the policy. It was noted that plant replacement for the 2014/15 year will need to be undertaken on a case by case basis. Clrs asked that this matter be noted in relation to the draft budget, and in any correspondence to the DLG in relation to the draft budget.

Clr Astill noted that one of the items listed for deferral was the \$ for \$ matching for the funding received for the Menindee Boat Ramp. It was advised by MTES that Council had accepted the offer for funding, and construction was due to be completed by the end of 2013. Clrs Astill and Page suggested the project be deferred for 2-3 months and be revisited at the conclusion of this period.

Clr Linnett noted the expenditure of \$540,000 on the Ivanhoe – Balranald Road from the Regional Road Block Grant was deferred. Acting MCCA advised these funds had been allocated for maintenance on other roads. Clr Linnett suggested these funds continue to be spent on the Ivanhoe – Balranald Rd as previously planned.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR LINNETT / CLR ASTILL

7-05-13 resolved

That \$540,000 from the Regional Roads Block Grant be spent on the Ivanhoe – Balranald Road, and that consideration be given to an allocation from future Regional Roads Block Grants for the sealing of the Menindee – Pooncarrie Road.

Clr Page recorded against the motion.

Meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12:50pm, resuming at 1:42pm

Clr Page foreshadowed on a Rescission Motion against the Ivanhoe-Balranald Road.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR LINNETT / CLR LIVERSIDGE

8-05-13 resolved

That Council:

Adopt the 2013-2014 draft Operational Plan and Draft Community Strategic Plan and endorse it for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Adopt the 3.4% rate pegging limit increase for the 2013-2014 financial year.

At the conclusion of the public exhibition period a meeting of Council is held to consider any submissions made concerning the Draft Plans and adopt the final Operational Plan and Community Strategic Plan.

The General Manager be authorised to make any minor changes if required.

SECTION 18. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on the 25th June 2013 in Wilcannia commencing at 9:00am.

There being no further business, Council meeting concluded at 1:45pm
