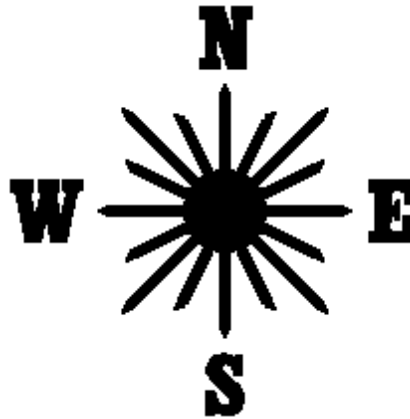


Mission Statement

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 Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 24th January 2012

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 Tuesday 24th January 2012 commencing at 9:02am

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

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Ray Longfellow (Mayor)

Moya Reid (Deputy Mayor)

Paul Brown

Clive Linnett

Peter Sullivan

Lorraine Looney

Eamon Sammon

Graham Wellings

Ron Page

ALSO PRESENT:

Tim Drew

General Manager

Leeanne Ryan

Manager Environmental Services

Darren Scotti

Acting Manager Technical & Engineering Services

Adelaide Elliott

Executive Assistant

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR SULLIVAN / CLR BROWN

1-01-12 resolved

That standing orders be suspended.

Standing orders suspended at 9:03am

Bill Elliott addressed Council on behalf of the Tourism Association about their concerns in regards to the Knox and Downs Building. Mr Elliott raised his concerns about the children still getting into the site.

The General Manager noted that quotes have been sought for the removal of the asbestos and that a report will come back to the February Council Meeting.

SECTION 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR LINNETT / CLR SULLIVAN

2-01-12 resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 20th December 2011, copies of which were circulated to all Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Reid asked a question in relation to changes to the organisational structure.

SECTION 4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY

Councillor Longfellow disclosed that his wife had written the letter in regards to the ward boundaries in section 8.2

SECTION 5. MAYORAL MINUTES OR REPORT

30th December 2011 – Mayor, Deputy Mayor Clr Reid attended a memorial service in Menindee for the late Robin Files, a former overseer employed with Central Darling Shire Council. Robin was held in the highest esteem by his work colleagues and Councillors whilst employed with Council. This was emphasised further by the large gathering of family and friends who attended to show their respects to a very popular family man.

11th January 2012 – Mayor & Cllr Linnett attended the funeral in Hay of the late William (Bill) Baird OAM, a man of the highest intergrity who lived a full and memorable life serving his country and his community with distinction and honour. Bill was the life line in bringing milk, bread, fresh produce and mail into Ivanhoe from Hay twice a week, rain hail or sunshine for over 30 years. This he did until he semi-retired about 12 months ago at the age of 94 years of age. Bill Baird became a legend in his own lifetime for very obvious reasons, far too many for me to list.

18th January 2012 – Mayor, General Manager and fellow Councillors had a meeting with the Minister for Western NSW Hon Kevin Humphries, his Chief of Staff Colman O’Driscoll, Member for Murray Darling John Williams and Ross O’Shea, Regional Coordinator Western Regional Coordination Program. Prior to the meeting with Council a deputation from the Wilcannia weir committee addressed the visiting politicians and staffers regarding the proposed weir and seeking their ongoing support for the project and its future. The discussion with Council was predominately about progress in streamlining the delivery of essential services into Wilcannia for trial period of 12 to 18 months and then evaluating progress made. This could involve Council as the principal coordinator for the trial period. Minister Humphries indicated he would liase with Council on progress with the program and its implementation.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NIL

SECTION 7. NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTIONS

NIL

SECTION 8. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

8.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR BROWN / CLR SAMMON

3-01-12 resolved

That the Council support the Aboriginal Adult Literacy Program initiative and support the General Manager’s endorsement of the program.

8.2 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

Clr Sammon left the Chambers at 9:21am.

Clr Page recorded against the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR LINNETT / CLR WELLINGS

4-01-12 resolved

That Council adopt the revised ward boundaries as presented in the January 2012 Council meeting agenda.

Clr Sammon returned at 9:23am

8.3 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR LINNETT / CLR BROWN

5-01-12 resolved

That Council adopt the policy “Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors”.

8.4 FEES PAYABLE TO COUNCILLORS

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR SULLIVAN / CLR LOONEY

6-01-12 resolved

That Council consider the categorisation criteria for councils and the fees payable to Mayors and Councillors and provide comments to the General Manager by Monday 30 January 2012 for inclusion in a submission to the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

8.5 WESTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE – MOTIONS FOR MEETING

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR REID / CLR SULLIVAN

7-01-12 resolved

That Council propose the following motions for the Western Division of NSW Councils 2012 conference:

Motion 1 The remote areas be given priority in the roll-out of the National Broadband network, regardless of decisions already taken in relation to the roll-out schedule and NBN Co's corporate objectives.

Motion 2 That the volumetric loading of livestock be implemented in NSW, in a similar manner to the approach taken in other states.

Motion 3 That public housing be provided for the elderly in the Western Division and that the housing be specifically designed for to meet their needs in their existing communities

Motion 4 The RTA payments for work performed by councils on State roads be made in advance of the works being undertaken, or as progressive payments throughout the duration of projects.

8.6 CENTACARE – REQUEST TO USE FACILITIES

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR PAGE / CLR SAMMON

8-01-12 resolved

1. That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to negotiate venue hire fees with Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes for

the Rural Transaction Centre at Menindee for the running of its Manage Your Income Manage Your Life Program.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR SULLIVAN / CLR BROWN

9-01-12 resolved

- 2. That Council refuse the request from Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes for venue hire fees for the Rural Transaction Centre at Menindee be waived for the running of its Manage Your Income Manage Your Life Program.*

8.7 WILCANNIA WEIR COMMITTEE

Clr Sullivan recorded against the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR BROWN / CLR WELLINGS

10-01-12 resolved

- 1. That Council support the establishment of the Wilcannia Weir Committee and endorse the draft terms of reference of the Committee.*
- 2. That Council nominate the Mayor, Cr. Page and Cr. Sammon to the Wilcannia Weir Committee.*
- 3. That Council invite the following representatives to be nominated to the Committee:*

Health, CEO Maari Ma, Health Aboriginal Corporation;

Education, Principal, Wilcannia Central School; Indigenous (Community Working Party), Chairman, Wilcannia;

Business/Industry/Commerce, Jim Sammon;

Tourism, Chairman, Wilcannia Community Tourism Association;

Remote Service Delivery program, Coordinator;

Wilcannia Aboriginal Land Council,

CEO; Technical/Engineering, Barry Spratt; Public

Representatives, To be advised, (following a public EOI process);

Aboriginal Elders, To be advised, (by invitation).

SECTION 9. MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR WELLINGS / CLR PAGE

11-01-12 resolved

That the Manager Environmental Services Report be dealt with.

9.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

Clr Brown requested that there be a further report back to Council on the operating hours and attendance of all pools within the Shire.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR WELLINGS / CLR REID

12-01-12 resolved

That the Information Items report be received and noted.

9.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2011

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR REID / CLR WELLINGS

13-01-12 resolved

That the Environmental Services Department Statistics for December 2011 report be received and noted.

9.3 PROPOSED PLAYGROUND – LAND TRANSFER

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR BROWN / CLR PAGE

14-01-12 resolved

That the Proposed Playground –Land Transfer report be received and noted, and further;

That Council survey Lots 15 & 16 in DP2809 located in the Wilcannia Mallee area, and;

Pending approval and construction of the playground, that Council transfer ownership of Lots 15 & 16 in DP2809 to the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council and;

That Council seek clarification in relation to the disposal of land and the possibility of waiving the rates.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31am, resuming at 10:58am

9.4 PLANNING SYSTEM REVIEW

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR SULLIVAN / CLR LINNETT

15-01-12 resolved

That the Planning System Review report be received and noted.

9.5 IVANHOE AERODROME – RESERVE 85153

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR LINNETT / CLR SULLIVAN

16-01-12 resolved

That the Ivanhoe Aerodrome report be received and noted; and further,

That Council apply to the Department of Primary Industries – Crown Lands Department seeking the additional use of Rural Services to be applied to the purpose of use for Reserve 85153 being the Ivanhoe Aerodrome.

SECTION 10. FINANCE REPORT

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR BROWN / CLR SULLIVAN

17-01-12 resolved

That the Finance Report be dealt with.

10.1 RATES AND CHARGES

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR BROWN / CLR SULLIVAN

18-01-12 resolved

That the Finance report be received and noted.

SECTION 11. CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR SULLIVAN / CLR LINNETT

19-01-12 resolved

That the Correspondence for Council be received and noted.

SECTION 12. DELEGATES' REPORTS

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR PAGE / CLR WELLINGS

20-01-12 resolved

That the Delegates' reports be received and noted.

SECTION 13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR BROWN / CLR RIED

21-01-12 resolved

That Councillors' questions with notice be received and noted.

SECTION 14. URGENT BUSINESS

Clr Sullivan noted his concerns about the five recent bushfires in the district in the last month. He questioned the availability of earth moving equipment in particular graders being made available when needed.

Clr Brown asked about the Ross Woodward letter to be tabled for discussion for "Destination 2036"

Mayor noted that when we are notified of the closing date of the Destination 2036. That the information should be forwarded to all Councillors.

Clr Reid left the Chambers at 11:31am, returning at 11:34am

Clr Linnett inquired about the cost of garbage truck repairs and maintenance, and the expression of interest process for the garbage services.

SECTION 15. CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR BROWN / CLR LINNETT

22-01-12 resolved

That Council formally close the meeting to the public to discuss matters in accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

The Meeting went into closed session at 11:39am

15.1 VICTORY PARK CARAVAN PARK

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR PAGE / CLR BROWN

23-01-12 resolved

That the Victory Park Caravan Park report be received and noted, and further;

That Council accept the proposal from Summit Employment and Training for the future management of Victory Park Caravan Park, and

That Summit Employment and Training be invited to enter into a lease arrangement for the Victory Park Caravan Park until June 2013, and

That the Council seal and relevant signatures be applied to the lease agreement as necessary, and

That the Department of Primary Industries – Crown Lands Department be fully informed of any changes to the future management of Victory Park Caravan Park; and

That a letter be written to the Wilcannia BP expressing Council's gratitude and appreciation for taking the after-hours bookings for the Victory Park Caravan Park on Council's behalf over the past four month period.

15.2 SEALING TENDER BSC 12/13

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR LINNETT / CLR BROWN

24-01-12 resolved

That the Information Items report be received and noted

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR BROWN/CLR LINNETT

25-01-12 resolved

That Council move back into Open Council.

Council resumed in open session at 11:47am

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED CLR BROWN/ CLR SULLIVAN

26-01-12 resolved

That all decisions passed in Closed Council be made public.

SECTION 16. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council will be held on the 21st February 2012 in Wilcannia commencing at 9:00am.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the Council meeting at 11:48am
