

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA
ON THURSDAY, 22 APRIL 2021**

PRESENT: Administrator, Bob Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Greg Hill
Director Shire Services, Reece Wilson
Acting Director Business Services, Carolyn Upston
Finance Manager, Kevin Smith
Senior Finance Officer, Gemma Dillon
Senior Planner, Glenda Dunn
Acting Rates Officer, Darryl Telfer

Present: One member of the community was in attendance.

OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was declared open at 11.05am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW Councillors and Council staff are required to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

Recommendation:

That the Disclosures of Interest – Pecuniary and Non–Pecuniary be received and noted.
No declarations were received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 ORDINARY MEETING – 24 March 2021

Resolved

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 March be received and adopted subject to the following alterations:

- Item 9.1 / Minute Number 10.3.21 be changed to accurately reflect what is said in the video recording of the meeting;

- General Business Item 11.1 / Minute 17.03.21 that the verbal report provided by the Director Shires Services be summarised into the minutes from the video recording of the meeting.

Minute Number: 01.04.21

5.2 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

6.1 APRIL 2021 ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

The Administrator acknowledged the visit by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales to Wilcannia and White Cliffs where a reception was held and Council was represented by the Administrator and the General Manager.

The Administrator provided a brief verbal report on the meeting with stage agencies held in Dubbo on 13 April 2020

Upon request from the Administrator the General Manager provided a verbal update on Council's electronic Road Closure signage.

Resolved to

- 1. Receive and note the report and**
- 2. That the General Manager provide a separate report on all outstanding rates, fees, charges and any other debt to Council by fund; to the next meeting.**

Minute Number: 02.04.21

FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 GRANTS REGISTER RECONCILIATION

Resolved

- 1. Receive and adopt the report.**

Minute Number: 03.04.21

7.2 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES AUCTION RESULTS

Resolved

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Note that monthly reports will be provided to Council until such time that the contracts of sales have been completed and the sale of processed finalised.

Minute Number: 04.04.21

7.3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS – NOVEMBER 2020

Resolved:

1. Receive and note the report.

Minute Number: 05.04.21

7.4 SMART WATER METERS, METER READING AND BILLING UPDATE

Resolved:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Receive quarterly reports on water meter reading, billing and collections commencing in April 2021.

Minute Number: 06.04.21

GOVERNANCE REPORTS

8.1 POONCARIE ROAD CONSTRUCTION - INVESTIGATION OF IMPACTS AND HARM TO ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES

Resolved that:

1. Receive the report and
2. Adopt the 10 Recommendations detailed in the audit report;
3. The General Manager be delegated authority to represent Council at the meeting of stakeholders to be held in Menindee and work with them to address the report, and
4. The independent report on the project management and delivery be reported back to Council.

Minute Number: 07.04.21

8.2 ENGAGEMENT OF STAFF AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Resolved that:

- 1. Receive the report and note the potential employment of an Environmental Engineer and a subsequent increase in the wages budget.**
- 2. Receive further report on key human resources activities.**

Minute Number: 08.04.21

8.3 WEBSITE REDESIGN

Resolved that:

- 1. Receive the report;**
- 2. Council ratifies the decision to sign a one (1) year contract and acknowledges that funding will also be required in future budgets.**

Minute Number: 09.04.21

9. SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

9.1 WATER AND SEWER UPDATE

Resolved that Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**

Minute Number: 10.04.21

9.2 SERVICE UPDATE

Resolved that Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**

Minute Number: 11.04.21

9.3 ROADS AND AERODROMES REPORT

Resolved that Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**

Minute Number: 12.04.21

9.4 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR 44 REID STREET WILCANNIA – LOT 1, S13 DP759091

Resolved that Council:

- 1. Receive the report and note the information and endorse the exhibition of the Plan of Management for the new land use category – General Community use and the new use of the community cultural centre at Lot 1, S13 DP759091 – 44 Reid Street Wilcannia.**
- 2. Receive the report and note the information and endorse the exhibition of the new lease for the land at Lot 1, S13 DP759091 – 44 Reid Street Wilcannia for the use as the Baaka Cultural Centre.**
- 3. Resolve to hold a public hearing on the Plan of Management for the new land use category – General Community use, and the new use of land for a community cultural centre.**
- 4. Resolve to hold a public hearing on the new lease for the use of the land for the Baaka Cultural Centre.**
- 5. The public hearing will be held at council chambers at 21 Reid Street Wilcannia on 8 June 2021 at 6:30pm.**
- 6. The General Manager be authorised to arrange and vary the date of the meeting if required.**

Minute Number: 13.04.21

10. MEETING CLOSE

Resolved that:

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 20 May 2021 in Wilcannia at 11.00am.

Minute Number: 14.04.21

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 11.44am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday,

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ADMINISTRATOR