

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA
ON WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022**

PRESENT: Administrator, Bob Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Hill (General Manager)

Reece Wilson (Director Shire Services)

Gordon Seeto (Director Business Services)

Glenda Dunn (Cr)

Kevin Smith (Cr)

Gemma Dillon (Cr)

Darryl Telfer (Cr)

Gokul Chandran (Cr)

Evelyn Pollard (Cr)

Janette Bussell (Cr)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was declared open at 9am

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

3.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Mode 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.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 March 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION

RESOLVED: OCM 01-04-2022

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council appoints the Mayor/Administrator of Central Darling Shire as its representative on the Local Emergency Management Committee.

CARRIED

Nil

7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE -

Administrator Stewart provided an overview of a very busy month, including attending the LGNSW Special Conference which included advocacy meetings with 5 ministers and the NSW Joint Organisation Chairs Forum.

Current valuable strategic work being undertaken are Community Strategic Planning; Transport Study; Destination Management Plan and current/future governance planning for the shire in moving forward from administration.

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL RATE VARIATION 2022-23

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Central Darling Shire not proceed to apply for an Additional Special Variation under section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

8.2 OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Receive a further report at the Ordinary meeting of Council in July 2022 on progress of efforts to reduce outstanding Rates and Charges.
3. Adopt the Draft Debt Recovery Policy and to be placed on the website.

8.3 CASH & INVESTMENTS REPORT MARCH 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

8.4 SMART WATER METERS, METER READING AND BILLING UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Receive further reports on Smart Water Metering, Meter Reading and Billing at the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for 27 July 2022.
3. Receive future updates on Water Consumption Account collections through Outstanding Rates and Charges Update reports.

8.5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

8.6 COUNCIL 2021-22 CURRENT GRANTS REGISTER

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

9.1 BAAKA CULTURAL CENTRE - EMPLOYMENT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Council employs an Executive Officer for the Baaka Cultural Centre for a period of 18 months, with the following conditions:
 - (a) All cost of employment to be funded by \$600k funding by the State Government.
 - (b) Management of the Executive Officer falls under the General Manager
 - (c) On employment of the Executive Officer, an advisory committee be established consisting of representatives outlined in the report, but not limited to other business specialists and community members, at the committee's discretion.

9.2 COUNCIL NOMINATION FOR MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION REGION 4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Council endorses the nomination of the General Manager for MDA Region 4 Executive Committee.

9.3 COMMUNITY DONATIONS POLICY

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the revised Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
3. Receive a report at the June meeting outlining any submissions received.

9.4 FILMING IN THE SHIRE

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the Policy to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days
3. Receive a further report at the June meeting outlining any submissions received.

9.5 CORRESPONDANCE- HON. DUGALD SAUNDERS MP

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

9.6 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the suite of documents that make up the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework to go on public exhibition for 28 days.
3. A further report to be prepared, outlining any submissions received, be presented to the June meeting of Council to adopt the IP&R Framework documents.

9.7 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

11.2 AIRPORTS

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Write to Mark Coulton requesting financial assistance in the operational management of the airport due to the airport being used for medical evacuations.
3. Write to NSW State Government requesting financial assistance in the operational management of the airport due to the airport being used for medical evacuations.
4. Have discussions with RFDS potentially decertifying the 3 air strips or sourcing additional funding for the ongoing operational maintenance to the current standard.
5. Further report be presented for council at a later date.

11.3 ROADS AND AERODROMES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

11.4 SERVICES UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

11.5 WATER AND SEWER UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

11.6 POONCARIE ROAD UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report
2. A monthly report be presented for project updates.

12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12.1 COMMITTEE AGM MEETING MINUTES FOR MENINDEE COMMON 28/2/2022

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Minutes of the Menindee Common held on 28-2-22 be received and noted.

13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

14 RESOLUTION TRACKER

Nil

15 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at **9.37am**.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 25 May 2022.

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ADMINISTRATOR