

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 REID STREET, WILCANNIA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2023**

**PRESENT:** Administrator, Bob Stewart

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Greg Hill (General Manager)  
Reece Wilson (Director Shire Services)  
Glenda Dunn (Senior Planning Officer)  
Darryl Telfer (Acting Rates Officer)  
Evelyn Pollard (Human Resource Officer)  
Kara Mohr (Risk & WHS Officer)  
Natalie Batson (Executive Assistant)  
Nerida Carr (Governance Officer)  
Shirley Burraston (Management Accountant)

## **1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was declared open at 9:01AM

## **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.

### **RESOLVED: OCM 01-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the Disclosures of Interest – Pecuniary and Non–Pecuniary be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

No declarations were received.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **5.1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: OCM 02-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 June 2023 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

**CARRIED**

## **6 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

## **7 MAYORAL (ADMINISTRATOR) MINUTE(S)**

### **7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE**

**RESOLVED: OCM 03-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

Agenda item 7.1

**CARRIED**

## **8 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **8.1 MAKING OF DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES FOR 2023-24**

**RESOLVED: OCM 04-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Make and levy the Domestic Waste Charges set out in the attachment to this report for 2023-24 under the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) S 496*.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 ALTER RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES**

**RESOLVED: OCM 05-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report.

2. Council will execute the contracts of sale of land sold for unpaid rates, at or subsequent to the public auction held on 4 May 2023, by delegation of the General manager and Administrator by affixing Council's seal.

**CARRIED**

**8.3 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, WHITE CLIFFS BRANCH**

**RESOLVED: OCM 06-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Approve financial assistance of \$1,000.00 to the Country Women's Association, White Cliffs Branch under Council's Community Grants Policy to assist with payment of the annual service charges for the 2023-24 period on its 18 Johnston Street, White Cliffs property.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 CASH AND INVESTMENTS - JUNE 2023**

**RESOLVED: OCM 07-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

**CARRIED**

**8.5 GRANTS REGISTER - JUNE 2023**

**RESOLVED: OCM 08-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

**CARRIED**

**9 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

**9.1 FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE PAGE- PROPERTIES FOR SALES IN CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE**

**RESOLVED: OCM 09-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the development and ongoing management of a Facebook Marketplace Page called "Properties for Sale in Central Darling Shire".
3. Sell the following parcels of land on Facebook Marketplace Page called "Properties for Sale in Central Darling Shire":
  - (a) Lot 1 DP906421 & Lot B DP 312008 (40A- 40B Reid Street WILCANNIA NSW 2836)
  - (b) Lot B DP 402894 (38 Hood Street WILCANNIA NSW)
  - (c) Lot 1 DP 907814, Lot 1 DP 907815 & Lot 2 DP 983994 (16A Wilson Street WILCANNIA NSW)
4. Set the asking prices of the parcels in Recommendation 3 above according to the latest land values determined by the NSW Valuer General.
5. Authorise the General Manager to directly negotiate with purchasers the sale price and other terms of sale of the parcels listed in Recommendation 3 above.

**CARRIED**

## **9.2 VIABILITY ASSESSMENT OF THE MENINDEE NATIVE FISH HATCHERY**

### **RESOLVED: OCM 10-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report and attachments
2. Council writes to Hon. Tanya Plibersek and the Department (DCCEEW) acknowledging correspondence received and seek further clarification on:
  - (a) Remaining funds from the original allocation
  - (b) Confirmation of the timeframe of June 2024 for completion of the project, and if this could be extended further.
  - (c) The guidelines for alternative projects, the type and nature of the project, if there could be multiple projects be undertaken, and do the project/s need to be Menindee specific or elsewhere located in the shire.
  - (d) That a further report be tabled for council.

**CARRIED**

## **9.3 COMMUNITY RECOVERY OFFICER**

### **RESOLVED: OCM 11-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report

**CARRIED**

## **9.4 CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED- HON. KRISTY MCBAIN MP- THE VOICE TO**

**PARLIAMENT****RESOLVED: OCM 12-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report
2. Council does not and will not form an opinion and will not make any further public comment on the Voice to Parliament referendum.
3. Council urges all enrolled voters in the shire to vote at the time of the Voice to Parliament referendum, as Council see it as an individual choice.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARDS 2023****RESOLVED: OCM 13-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report.
2. Endorse public exhibition of the draft revised Community Services Policy for 28 days.
3. Report to Ordinary Council meeting following public exhibition for any necessary changes and adoption of the policy.

**CARRIED**

**9.6 HUMAN RESOURCE POLICIES****RESOLVED: OCM 14-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Endorse the following human resource policies for placement on Council's website:
  - (a) Employee Relocation Assistance Policy
  - (b) Recruitment and Selection Policy
  - (c) Secondary Employment Policy
  - (d) Flexible Working Arrangements Policy

**CARRIED**

**9.7 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES****RESOLVED: OCM 15-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report

**CARRIED**

## **10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

Nil

## **11 SHIRE SERVICES REPORTS**

### **11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE**

**RESOLVED: OCM 16-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive and note the report.

**CARRIED**

## **12 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Nil

## **13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

It was resolved that Council moved into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A 2 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the reasons specified. Confidential section was closed to the public and began at 9:30am.

**RESOLVED: OCM 17-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A 2 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the reasons specified.:

### **13.1 Termination of Contract with Membrane System Australia**

Item 13.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2) - (d) as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
- (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
- (iii) reveal a trade secret.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED: OCM 18-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council moves out of Confidential and back into Open Chambers at 9:38am

**CARRIED**

The General Manager reviewed the resolutions of the confidential matters and reported the following for the listed reports:

### **13.1 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT WITH MEMBRANE SYSTEM AUSTRALIA**

#### **RESOLVED: OCM 19-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

That Council will:

1. Receive the report
2. Further progress reports to be provided to Council regularly.
3. Council releases a Media Release on the status update of the Water Treatment Plants for White Cliffs Ivanhoe and Wilcannia and the White Cliffs potable water reticulation system.

**CARRIED**

## **14 RESOLUTION TRACKER**

### **14.1 RESOLUTION TRACKER**

#### **RESOLVED: OCM 20-07-2023**

Mover: Administrator Bob Stewart

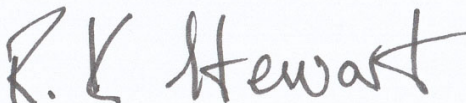
1. That the Resolution Tracker from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28/06/2023 be received and noted and any amendments be noted.

**CARRIED**

## **15 MEETING CLOSE**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at **9:40am**.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council held on Wednesday, 23 August 2023.



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**ADMINISTRATOR**