



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

19 NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)

S Baker

G Johnson

B Mockler

N Mudford

D Naden

N Wrigley

G Peart

Employees

D J Neeves
General Manager

N Alchin
Director Corporate Services

G McAnally-Elwin
Acting Director Community Services

D Colwell
Director Infrastructure

L Mathieson
Director Planning & Environment

J Prout
Executive Assistant

Brian Irvin
Projects Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4.45pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A Walker (Deputy Mayor)

RESOLVED 228/19	Cr Johnson/Cr Mudford
That the apology submitted be accepted and leave of absence granted.	

ADJOURNMENTS

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Mockler, *Telstra Tower Proposal for Tooraweenah*. Cr Mockler is the solicitor referred to in the report and is a community member guarantor of the project.

Cr Mockler, *Tooraweenah P A & H Association*.
Cr Mockler is one of three managers of this project.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 229/19	Cr Mudford/Cr Naden
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 22 October 2019, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

LISTING OF MATTERS
TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

RESOLVED 230/19	Cr Baker/Cr Johnson
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisational Structure Review (a)• Tender 27/19 – Council Works Depot (d)• Request for refund of Section J fees (b)	

RESOLVED 231/19	Cr Baker/Cr Johnson
That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the matters to be considered in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate at 4.48m.	

RESOLVED 236/19	Cr Peart/Cr Mudford
That the General Manager, Mr David Neeves, in line with Clauses 9(3), 377 and 335 of the Local Government Act, 1993, list all business relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10 (2) of the Act for consideration by the next meeting of the Council as such matters are deemed to be of confidential nature or such that Council's interest may be prejudiced by publicity, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting, provided however that, at the discretion of the Mayor, interested parties and/or their agents be granted approval to address the Council so that they are provided with the opportunity to substantiate any proposals under consideration and answer any questions from Councillors in relation thereto.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 15/19
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities during the preceding month.

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted that the address by ARTC did not go ahead due to their unavailability.

RESOLVED 237/19	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(GO.ME.1)

JANUARY 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

SUMMARY

To determine whether to hold a Council meeting in January 2020.

RESOLVED 238/19	Cr Mudford/Cr Wrigley
That Council not hold an ordinary meeting on 14 January 2020 meeting.	

(CM.CP.1)

CLASSIFICATION OF LAND

SUMMARY

To determine classification of land acquired by Council.

RESOLVED 239/19	Cr Baker/Cr Mockler
That in accordance with section 34 of the Local Government Act, Council commence public notification and invite submissions for a period of 28 days to classify Lot 2, DP262139 as Operational Land.	

(CM.CP.1)

WATER SAVING INITIATIVES

SUMMARY

To provide an update on the request for water saving initiatives.

RESOLVED 240/19	Cr Peart/Cr Naden
That the report be noted.	

(CM.PL.1)

2019/20 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

SUMMARY

To consider progress for the June quarter with Council's 2019/20 Operational Plan.

RESOLVED 241/19	Cr Johnson/Cr Naden
That the 2019/20 Operational Plan Review for the quarter ended 30 September 2019 be adopted.	

(FM.FR.1)

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

SUMMARY

To detail the major variances to the original estimates for the 2019/20 financial year as presented in the Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 September 2019. In addition, to report as to whether the Quarterly Budget Review indicates that the financial position of Council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimates adopted by Council.

RESOLVED 242/19	Cr Peart/Cr Baker
That standing orders be suspended to allow discussion on various items.	

Proceedings in Brief

- Council discussed the total cost to provide project management as an “in-kind” contribution to the Gilgandra Preschool project and whether a contribution should be sought from the Preschool.
- The question was asked as to whether an upgrade to the playground within McGrane Oval was listed in the McGrane Oval Masterplan and what the priority was for such an upgrade.

RESOLVED 243/19	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
That standing orders be resumed at 5.28pm	

RESOLVED 244/19	Cr Johnson/Cr Baker
That the Quarterly Budget Review document and report as at 30 September 2019 be adopted.	

SOUTHERN PHONE OFFER

SUMMARY

To advise Council of an offer to purchase its share in Southern Phone.

RESOLVED 245/19	Cr Mudford/Cr Wrigley
1. That Council agree to the sale of Council's Southern Phone share to AGL Energy in line with the share sale agreement provided.	
2. That the General Manager be authorised to execute any relevant documentation necessary.	
3. That any proceeds from the sale be place in Reserves and considered in conjunction with the March 2020 Quarterly Budget Review.	

TOORAWEEAH CWA REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - TELSTRA TOWER PROPOSAL FOR TOORAWEEAH

SUMMARY

To provide further information on a proposal for a Telstra tower to constructed at Tooraweenah.

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Mockler declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest and remained in the meeting for discussion and voting.

RESOLVED 246/19	Cr Baker/Cr Naden
That Council fully explore what opportunities exist in the NSW State Government's Digital Connectivity Program before formally committing funds and that a report be submitted to the December meeting.	

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT – TOORAWEEAH SHOW P A & H ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY

To consider a request from the Tooraweenah P A & H Association for financial assistance in relation to an application to the Regional Agricultural Show Development Grants Program.

Proceedings in Brief

- Cr Mocker declared a significant non-pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 5.30pm.
- The Director Corporate Services explained the guidelines of this grant program.

RESOLVED 247/19	Cr Mudford/Cr Johnson
1. That Council offer support to the Tooraweenah Show P A & H Association for funding support an interest free loan of up to \$125,000, repayable over a ten year period, for the construction of a new amenities block.	
2. That, subject to further detailed costings, Council consider a contribution to the project, in terms of project management expertise, waiving of development application fees and plant and labour for clearing of the site.	
3. That, subject to clarification of the terms and conditions, Council consider including a contribution to this project in its Drought Communities Extension grant application.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Mockler returned to the meeting at 5.38pm, having taken no part in discussion or voting.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GILGANDRA SPEEDWAY CLUB

SUMMARY

To consider a request from the Gilgandra Speedway Club for financial assistance to complete an infrastructure project at the Speedway.

RESOLVED 248/19	Cr Baker/Cr Johnson
1. That Council offer the Gilgandra Speedway Club an interest free loan of up to \$30,000 repayable over a 15 year period to allow the new amenities block at the Speedway to be completed.	
2. That the loan be made available by way of progress payments to the contractor as the works on the amenities block are completed.	

(ED.PM.1)

SHOP LOCAL 2019

SUMMARY

To present an option for running a Shop Local promotion in 2019

RESOLVED 249/19	Cr Johnson/Cr Naden
1. That Council contribute \$55,000 to run a Shop Local Promotion in recognition of the extreme financial impact the drought has had on local businesses.	
2. That Council communicate with all local businesses the rationale for the Shop Local investment and the expectations of increased support and participation in 2020 for business training and events.	
3. That a report be presented to the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee detailing the business training program for 2020.	

(ED.PM.1)

ACTIVATION BLUEPRINT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

SUMMARY

To detail the community feedback on the Gilgandra Activation Blueprint and suggested action plan.

RESOLVED 250/19	Cr Johnson/Cr Baker
1. That Council adopt the Gilgandra Activation Blueprint.	
2. That Council endorse the outcomes as detailed above, including naming the interim space, 'the Gil', the 12 Days of Christmas Program, January's internal programs and February's 'Makers Month'.	
3. That Council staff continue to work with interested parties with the aim of developing the space for activation and opening by March 2020.	
4. That a budget of \$50,000 be allocated to the project with the aim of this being recouped through grant funding associated with the Gilgandra Activation Blueprint.	
5. That Council note the continuing community engagement with the Gilgandra Activation Blueprint as implementation of the stages occur.	

(TT.SR.1)

REQUEST FOR GILGANDRA AERODROME FENCING AND TAXIWAY UPGRADES

SUMMARY

To provide an overview of maintenance priorities for Gilgandra Aerodrome following a request for kangaroo proof fencing and taxiway upgrades.

RESOLVED 251/19	Cr Baker/Cr Johnson
1. That Council allocate \$68,159 as part of the September Quarterly Budget Review towards an application for grant funds for aerodrome lighting upgrades.	
2. That additional grant funding opportunities to construct a kangaroo proof fence at Gilgandra Aerodrome be explored.	

(A1538, DA 2019-283)

REQUEST FOR DEPARTURE FROM COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2011

SUMMARY

To consider a request from the Gilgandra Preschool to vary Council's Development Control Plan in relation to fencing.

RESOLVED 252/19	Cr Johnson/Cr Baker
1. That a variation to Council's Development Control Plan 2011 be granted to allow for an increased external fence height from 1.2m to 1.8m	
2. That, in accordance with section 375A of the Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations Act) 2008, the names of councillors who support and oppose the decision be recorded.	

Division:

For: Crs Wrigley, Baker, Naden, Johnson, Mudford, Mockler, Peart, Batten

Against: Nil

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABORIGINAL NETWORK CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

SUMMARY

To present a report from Cr Naden on the Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference.

RESOLVED 253/19	Cr Naden/Cr Baker
That the report be noted	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for consideration and adoption.

Aged Care Committee
Sports Council

7 November 2019
28 October 2019

RESOLVED 254/19	Cr Baker/Cr Naden
That the above listed Committee minutes be adopted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 255/19	Cr Peart/Cr Johnson
That the reports be noted.	

LATE REPORTS

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 16/19 **WATER AVAILABILITY – RURAL RESIDENTS**

SUMMARY

To provide additional support to drought affected rural residents in regard to the supply and delivery of potable domestic water.

RESOLVED 256/19	Cr Batten
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Council introduce a rebate scheme that supports current NSW Emergency Drought Relief Package by ensuring the availability of domestic potable water at a maximum cost of \$100 per delivery to rural residents of Gilgandra Shire.2. That a report be presented to the March 2020 Council meeting outlining the take-up of the scheme and the possible need to extend it beyond 14 April 2020.3. That the General Manager be delegated to consider waiving the minimum contribution in cases of proven hardship.	

BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND

SUMMARY

To seek support to apply for funding under the Round 4 Infrastructure Project Stream for the Gilgandra Activation Project.

RESOLVED 257/19	Cr Mockler/Cr Mudford
That Council apply for up to \$3.5m funding under the Building Better Regions Fund Round 4 Infrastructure Project for the Community Hub/Library project within the Gilgandra Activation Plan.	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.14PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor