



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

19 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)
A Walker (Deputy Mayor)
S Baker
B Mockler
N Mudford
G Peart
N Wrigley

Employees

D J Neeves
General Manager

N J Alchin
Director Corporate Services

J Manion
Director Community Services

D Colwell
Director Infrastructure

L Mathieson
Director Planning & Environment

J Prout
Executive Assistant

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4.15pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr D Naden

RESOLVED 157/21	Cr Baker/Cr Walker
That the apology submitted be accepted and leave of absence granted.	

ADJOURNMENTS

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 158/21	Cr Mockler/Cr Baker
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21 September 2021, 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

Nil

(CM.PR.1)

2021/22 CHRISTMAS CLOSE DOWN

SUMMARY

To seek endorsement for a close down of operations at Christmas 2021/22.

RESOLVED 159/21	Cr Peart/Cr Walker
That Council endorse a shutdown of operations from close of business on Wednesday, 22 December 2021 until usual opening/starting hours on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.	

Proceedings in Brief

The General Manager advised possible options for meeting dates for the new Council, depending on the nominations received and the subsequent results of the election process.

MOTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE (LGNSW)

SUMMARY

To consider the following a motion for submission to the LGNSW Conference.

RESOLVED 160/21	Cr Mudford/Cr Wrigley
That Council support and submit the following motion to the LGNSW 2021 Annual Conference: “That LGNSW lobby the NSW Government to amend the Biodiversity Offset Scheme making the scheme better suited to enable development in Rural and Regional NSW.”	

(GS.PG.1)

GRANT FUNDING PROJECT PROGRESS

SUMMARY

To outline grant funding received under the Stronger Country Community Fund, Drought Communities Program, Local Roads Infrastructure, Building Better Regions Fund, Regional Cultural Fund, Library Infrastructure Fund and Your High Street's Program over this term of Council.

RESOLVED 161/21	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That Council note the increased success of grant applications, the wide range of projects, and progress with delivery, made possible through the significant additional injection of grant funding during this term of Council from both NSW State and Federal Government sources.	

Proceedings in Brief

In response to a question, the Director Infrastructure gave an update on the Biddon Creek Erosion project.

(FM.FR.1)

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2021

SUMMARY

To advise completion of the audit of the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 and obtain the necessary resolution to authorise the issue of the financial statements.

RESOLVED 162/21	Cr Peart/Cr Wrigley
1. That the audit of the financial statements be accepted by the Council and be authorised for issue.	
2. That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management.	

(CS.AG.1)

SERVICE NSW FOR BUSINESS

SUMMARY

To provide background information and seek support to enter into an agreement with Service NSW and to consider future business improvement initiatives.

RESOLVED 163/21	Cr Mockler/Cr Mudford
1. That to the General Manager be authorised to enter into an agreement with Service NSW.	
2. That any necessary documents be authorised for execution under the Common Seal of Council.	

(RC.SP.1)

PROPOSED CHANGE TO POOL HOURS

SUMMARY

To present an alternative schedule for pool opening hours for 2021/22.

RESOLVED 164/21	Cr Baker/Cr Peart
That Council note the discrepancies in the September 2021 report and endorse the alternative opening hours for the 2021/22 pool season.	

(RD.MT.1)

PRIORITY REPAIR OF ROADS BEFORE HARVEST 2021

SUMMARY

To provide Council with an overview of roads that require priority maintenance before this year's grain harvest.

RESOLVED 165/21	Cr Walker/Cr Peart
That Council endorse the following roads for priority repairs in preparation for the grain harvest:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Berida Road• Forans Road• Wyuna Road• Myall Plains Road• Cadonia Road• Youlbung Road• Hubbards Access	

Proceedings in Brief

It was queried whether Baronne Creek Crossing on National Park Road could be inspected with a view to making it more trafficable prior to harvest. Whilst it was noted this work is contracted out, the Director Infrastructure agreed to inspect.

(SD.PL.1)

UPDATE ON SEWER TREATMENT PLANT REPLACEMENT

SUMMARY

To provide Council with an update on progress on the Gilgandra Sewer Treatment Plant replacement.

RESOLVED 166/21	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That Council note the information provided on the update of the sewer treatment plant replacement.	

(GS.PG.1)

SCRAP METAL PROJECTS 2021

SUMMARY

Two applications were received from community groups. Council to determine whether these applicants receive funding.

RESOLVED 167/21	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
<p>1. That Council acknowledge the funding pledge from the Gilgandra Evening CWA Branch, however on this occasion contribute 100% of the estimated costs to install the bench seating so that a low maintenance option is selected and is in keeping with existing public furniture within Hunter Park.</p> <p>2. That Council acknowledge the funding pledges from the four sporting groups and approve the payment of up to \$2,285 for new cricket wicket covers and trolley subject to the outcome of the application for funding to Macquarie Valley Cricket Association and on the condition that sporting group members accept responsibility for the placement, removal and storage of the covers.</p>	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 168/21	Cr Baker/Cr Mudford
That the reports be noted.	

MINUTES – SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING

SUMMARY

To present the Minutes of the Sports Council Committee meeting held on 11 October 2021 for consideration and adoption.

RESOLVED 169/21	Cr Walker/Cr Mudford
That the Sports Council Committee minutes, with the exception of recommendation 8/21, be adopted.	

RESOLVED 170/21	Cr Walker/Cr Baker
<p>That a report be made available to the November meeting of Council as to the capacity of Council to develop sports tourism in the way of seed funding for new events on the local sporting calendar, noting:</p> <p>1. Such sponsorship could be applied along the lines of the very successful Big Ideas Grants and would seek applications from sporting bodies to conduct an event in 2022. Such applications would outline how the events could become self-funding in subsequent years.</p> <p>2. Funding by Council would be subject to the number and quality of applications received and would be undertaken in conjunction with the December 2021 Quarterly Budget Review.</p>	

QUESTION FOR NEXT MEETING

FROM: CR MUDFORD	<u>RE-PURPOSING CONCRETE WASTE</u> Could a report be presented to the next meeting setting out the pros and cons of re-purposing concrete waste? If re-use is prohibited, why? What chemical and physical contaminations are found in waste concrete. Can waste concrete be segregated at the Gilgandra Waste Facility?
MAYORAL RESPONSE:	Yes, a report will be presented to the next meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.37PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor