



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

21 APRIL 2020

PRESENT

Councillors

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

Employees

D J Neeves
General Manager
N 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 4.06pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ADJOURNMENTS

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Walker, *Drought Communities Programme – Community Applications*.
Cr Walker is the Chairman of the Armatree Progress Association which has submitted an application.

Cr Mockler, *Drought Communities Programme – Community Applications*.
Cr Mockler is a member and Treasurer of the Tooraweenah PA&H Association, a member of the Tooraweenah Lions Club and Tooraweenah Public School P&C.
These groups have all submitted applications for funding.

Cr Mudford, *Drought Communities Programme – Community Applications*.
Cr Mudford is the Vice Chair of Curban Hall Committee which has submitted an application.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 44/20	Cr Walker/Cr Baker
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 17 March 2020, 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 45/20	Cr Baker/ Cr Mockler
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">• Specialist Disability Accommodation (d)• Request for Rent Reduction (d)• Request for Waiving of Rent (d)• Netwaste Tender (d)	

RESOLVED 46/20	Cr Baker/ Cr Mockler
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 4.11pm	

RESOLVED 52/20	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 - 3/20
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

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

RESOLVED 53/20	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(FM.PL.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 5/20
ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION

SUMMARY

To provide an update on the viability and future of the Orana Joint Organisation of Councils.

RESOLVED 54/20	Cr Batten
1. That the report be noted. 2. That Council acknowledge the probability that the Orana Joint Organisation will not exist in its current format beyond 30 June 2020	

(ET.AG.1)

STREETLIGHT UPGRADE TO HIGH EFFICIENCY LED TECHNOLOGY

SUMMARY

To seek approval from Council for the bulk upgrade of Council's streetlights from aged low efficiency technology to modern high efficiency Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology.

RESOLVED 55/20	Cr Walker/Cr Mockler
That Council approve the bulk replacement of Council's 573 streetlights to LED technology with funding by Essential Energy and delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the agreement.	

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INLAND RAIL INTERFACE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

SUMMARY

To advise the commencement of work on the Fast Tracked Inland Rail Interface Improvement Project – upgrading the Gilgandra to Coonamble Line.

RESOLVED 56/20	Cr Peart/Cr Mudford
That the report be noted	

RATE MODELS - 2020/21

SUMMARY

To present rate models for Council's consideration for 2020/21 rating period.

RESOLVED 57/20	Cr Wrigley/Cr Peart
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2020/21 (Model 1) and the charges be included in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Management Plan.	

CHARGING FOR GILGANDRA WATER SUPPLY SERVICES 2020/21

SUMMARY

To determine a charging structure for Council's Gilgandra Water Supply Services for the 2020/21 rating year.

RESOLVED 58/20	Cr Wrigley/Cr Peart
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2020/21 and include the charges in Council's statement of revenue policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2020/21.	

CHARGING FOR TOORAWEEAH WATER SUPPLY SERVICES 2020/21

SUMMARY

To determine a charging structure for Council's Tooraweenah Water Supply Service for the 2020/21 rating year.

RESOLVED 59/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2020/21 and the charges be included in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2020/21.	

SEWER CHARGING – 2020/21

SUMMARY

To determine a charging structure for Council's Sewerage Services for the 2020/21 rating year.

RESOLVED 60/20	Cr Mudford/Cr Wrigley
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2020/21 and include the charges in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan.	

STORMWATER CHARGES 2020/21

SUMMARY

To present a proposed structure for 2020/21 for the Stormwater Management Service Charge.

RESOLVED 61/20	Cr Mudford/Cr Naden
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2020/21 and include the charges in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan 2020/21.	

WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES FOR 2020/21

SUMMARY

To determine a charging structure for Council's Waste Services for the 2020/21 rating year.

Proceedings in Brief

The Director Corporate Services explained the process with setting interest rates for 20/21.

RESOLVED 62/20	Cr Peart/Cr Baker
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Council adopt the proposed charges as set out in the above report in the Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in Council's Draft Operational Plan for 2020/21.2. That Council's Revenue Policy includes relevant information stating that the Recycling Service is funded by the Domestic Waste Management Service Charge.	

3. That a report be presented to Council's May meeting detailing the opportunities for interest rate relief on overdue rates, noting that Council will be required to adopt an interest rate for outstanding rates in the 20/21 year.

(GS.PG.1)

DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME – COMMUNITY APPLICATIONS

SUMMARY

To present the community applications received through the consultation process regarding the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme and determine those projects for which Council will submit applications.

Proceedings in Brief

- Cr Walker, Cr Mudford and Cr Mockler declared an interest and left the meeting
- The Mayor advised he wished to step down in order to address the meeting. Cr Peart assumed the Chair.

RESOLVED 63/20	Cr Batten/Cr Wrigley
1. That Council not proceed with any further allocation of Drought Communities Program funding to community groups and that the unallocated \$840,000 be utilised on capital projects associated with Council's Long Term Financial Plan, specifically the replacement of the Lucas Bridge in 20/21.	
2. That Council acknowledge all community groups for their submissions and outline the reason for Council's altered decision.	

Proceedings in Brief

- The Mayor resumed the Chair
- Crs Walker, Mockler and Mudford returned to the meeting having taken no part in discussion or voting

(ED.PG.1)

SHIRE SIGNAGE PROJECT

SUMMARY

To determine Council direction and desired outcomes for the Shire Signage Project, including presenting the expected community consultation plan and timeframes for the project.

RESOLVED 64/20	Cr Naden/Cr Walker
1. That Council note the content of the community survey and subject and support its circulation for community consultation.	
2. That Council note the timeframe for the completion of the overall signage project.	

SERVICE DELIVERY RESPONSE FOR COVID 19 (CORONA VIRUS)

SUMMARY

To inform council of the measures undertaken in response to delivery of community services in response to COVID 19.

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Peart thanked those on the front line for their dedication in setting this up and implementing.

RESOLVED 65/20	Cr Baker/Cr Peart
That the actions to date in response to COVID 19 be noted.	

(WS.SD.1)

LIFTING OF WATER RESTRICTIONS

SUMMARY

To recommend that Council lift Level 1 water restrictions and resume normal service delivery of water supply.

RESOLVED 66/20	Cr Mudford/Cr Wrigley
That Council remove Level 1 water restrictions and resume normal service delivery commencing 1 May 2020.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

Consultative Committee

17 March 2020

RESOLVED 67/20	Cr Baker/Cr Naden
That the above listed Committee minutes be noted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 68/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Baker
That the reports be noted.	

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 69/20	Cr Wrigley/Cr Peart
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

LATE REPORT

(GO.PO.1)

MODIFICATION OF STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SUMMARY

To consider advice from the Office of Local Government regarding changes to regulations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic - in particular planning, budgeting and rating timeframes.

Proceedings in Brief

The Director Corporate Services explained some of the finer parts of the report relating to the discretionary option.

RESOLVED 70/20	Cr Wrigley/Cr Peart
1. That the report be noted.	
2. That Council not take up the discretionary option of postponing the rating process for 2020/21 as detailed in this report.	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.55 PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor