



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

23 JUNE 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 3.56pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ADJOURNMENTS

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Mockler, *Tooraweenah CWA – Request for Contribution Towards Telstra 4G Small Cell Project*. Cr Mockler is a member of various Tooraweenah committees which are supporting this request.

Cr Walker, *Inspection of Food Premises*. Cr Walker's hotel, the Armatree Hotel, serves food and is subject to inspection.

Cr Walker, *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program*. Cr Walker is a member of the Armatree Progress Association for which funding is being considered.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 98/20	Cr Walker/Cr Baker
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19 May 2020, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 8/20
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

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

Proceedings in Brief

In response to a question from the floor about a letter sent to all councillors, Cr Batten outlined the details of a meeting with a group of seven stakeholders regarding Inland Rail. Cr Batten further advised that he was preparing a reply and it is proposed that both letters would be added to the Inland Rail information section of Council's website, subject to concurrence of the correspondents.

RESOLVED 99/20	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(GS.PG.1)

LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (LRCI PROGRAM)

SUMMARY

To provide an update on the Australian Government's new \$500 million Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI Program).

RESOLVED 100/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Wrigley
That, subject to the release of the final guidelines and eligibility of projects, the following projects be funded (\$878,444):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200,000 for Cooee Heritage Centre upgrade• \$250,000 for Leeches Creek/Berida Innisfail Road upgrade• \$72,727 for Armatree War Memorial Precinct program• Remainder of funds to be allocated to a rural roads betterment program to be formulated by Director Infrastructure	

REVIEW OF POLICIES

SUMMARY

To advise of an annual review of Council's policies.

RESOLVED 101/20	Cr Peart/Cr Mudford
That the various changes to the Corporate Image, Communications and Engagement and Aged Care Standards policies be adopted.	

RISING SUN STRUCTURE

SUMMARY

To provide an update on the preferred location of the Rising Sun structure following assessment by Charles Sturt University students.

RESOLVED 102/20	Cr Wrigley/Cr Walker
1. That Council note and acknowledge the work undertaken by the engineering students from Charles Sturt University and write a letter of appreciation for their work.	
2. That Council reaffirm its support to complete the project, endorse the location for the Rising Sun on the eastern side of the walkway and notify the community of the outcomes.	

INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING – ADOPTION OF OPERATIONAL PLAN AND ASSOCIATED BUDGET 2020/21

SUMMARY

To consider feedback and submissions as a result of community consultation and seek adoption of the 2020/21 Operational Plan and associated budget.

RESOLVED 103/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
1. That the General Fund deficit in the 2020/21 budget be reduced by \$120,536 to reflect the reduction in loan borrowings associated with the new Library/Community Hub development due to the recent success of the submission to the Commonwealth Government's Building Better Regions Fund.	
2. That, noting the above adjustment, the 2020/21 Operational Plan be adopted.	

Proceedings in Brief

The Mayor acknowledged the good work by staff in finalising this document.

(FM.PL.1)

INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the decision of the Office of Local Government with regards to the charging of interest on overdue rates for the 2020/21 financial year.

RESOLVED 104/20	Cr Wrigley/Cr Mudford
1. That Council note the charging of 0.00% for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.	
2. That Council adopt the maximum rate available of 7.00% for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021.	

(CM.LG.1)

MAYORAL & COUNCILLOR FEES

SUMMARY

To set the Mayoral and Councillor fees for 2020/21 following determinations by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

RESOLVED 105/20	Cr Walker/Cr Peart
That Council set the fees payable to Councillors and the additional Mayoral fee for 2020/21 at the maximum limit allowable for a Rural Council.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Mockler declared an interest and left the meeting at 4.19pm

**TOORAWEEAH CWA – REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS
TELSTRA 4G SMALL CELL PROJECT**

SUMMARY

To consider a request from Tooraweenah CWA for a contribution towards costs associated with a Telstra 4G Small Cell project.

RESOLVED 106/20	Cr Walker/Cr Mudford
1. That Council approach the NSW Government to fund the \$40,000 shortfall.	
2. That, if not successful in securing funding from the NSW Government, Gilgandra Shire Council contribute \$30,000 towards the Telstra Small Cell Project at Tooraweenah, with the balance of the funding to be sourced from the Tooraweenah residents.	
3. That the Council contribution be considered at the August Council meeting.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Mockler returned to the meeting at 4.25pm, having taken no part in discussion or voting.

REQUESTS TO WAIVE OVAL FEES DUE TO COVID 19 PANDEMIC

SUMMARY

To consider requests from Gular Rugby Club and Gilgandra Rugby League to waive oval fees for the period of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

RESOLVED 107/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Wrigley
That Council waive McGrane Oval Hire Fees for Gular Rugby Club and Gilgandra Senior League for the 2020 season for the period up until the commencement of their respective competitions.	

(RD.PR.1)

CAPITAL ROAD AND URBAN WORKS PROGRAM 2020/21

SUMMARY

To present the proposed 2020/21 Works Program for consideration and adoption.

RESOLVED 108/20	Cr Walker/Cr Mudford
That the 2020/21 Road and Urban Works Program as presented be adopted.	

LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT (LSPS)

SUMMARY

To consider feedback and submissions as a result of community consultation and seek adoption of the Local Strategic Planning Statement.

RESOLVED 109/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
That the draft LSPS, as presented, be adopted.	

(GS.PG.1)

LOCAL HERITAGE PLACES & HERITAGE ADVISOR FUNDING

SUMMARY

To advise that Local Heritage Places and Heritage Advisor Funding acquittals for 2019/2020 have been submitted with the Office of Environment and Heritage.

RESOLVED 110/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Naden
That the report be noted.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Walker declared an interest and left the meeting at 4.32pm.

(LE.LC.1)

ANNUAL FOOD SHOP INSPECTIONS

SUMMARY

To consider waiving Food Premises inspection fees for the 2019/2020 financial year.

RESOLVED 111/20	Cr Mudford/Cr Baker
That the 2019-2020 annual inspections fee of \$100 be waived for all food premises in Council's LGA.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Walker returned to the meeting at 4.33pm, having taken no part in discussion or voting.

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

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

Economic Development Committee

2 June 2020

RESOLVED 112/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Wrigley
That the above listed Committee minutes be adopted.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

Consultative Committee

2 June 2020

Consultative Committee (Extraordinary)

16 June 2020

Interagency

28 May 2020

Local Emergency Management Committee

26 May 2020

RESOLVED 113/20	Cr Naden/Cr Baker
That the above listed Committee minutes be noted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

Proceedings in Brief

It was suggested the long-running issue with Mudfords Road be pursued at a political level.

RESOLVED 114/20	Cr Peart/Cr Mudford
That the reports be noted.	

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 115/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Wrigley
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

LATE ITEM

(ED.LI.1)

CWA EVENING BRANCH – REQUEST FOR BANNER SIGNAGE

SUMMARY

To consider a request from the Gilgandra Evening Branch of CWA for banner signage.

RESOLVED 116/20	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
That Council not fund a donation to the Evening Branch of the CWA for the purchase of three banners advertising the CWA monthly markets.	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.43PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor