



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

24 MAY 2022

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)
A Walker (Deputy Mayor)
G Babbage
A Bunter
I Freeth
P Mann
B Mockler
N Mudford
G Peart

Employees

D J Neeves
General Manager (via videoconference)
N J Alchin
Director Corporate Services
D Colwell
Director Infrastructure
L Mathieson
Director Planning & Environment
J Prout
Executive Assistant

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ADJOURNMENTS

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 87/22	Cr Bunter/Cr Walker
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19 April 2022, 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 88/22	Cr Mann/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">• Organisational Review (a)• Offer to Purchase Land (c)• Gilgandra Caravan Park (c)• Staff Leave (a)	

RESOLVED 89/22	Cr Mann/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 4.02pm.	

RESOLVED 95/22	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
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.	

Proceedings in Brief

All staff returned to the meeting at 4.12pm. At this point, Finance Manager, Mr Guy McAnally-Elwin also joined the meeting.

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 8/22
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities for the past month.

RESOLVED 96/22	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 9/22
ANNUAL LOCAL ROADS CONFERENCE

SUMMARY

To seek endorsement for attendance at the Annual Local Roads Congress 2022 to be held in Sydney.

RESOLVED 97/22	Cr Bunter/Cr Mudford
That Council support the attendance of the Mayor and interested Councillors at the Annual Local Roads Congress 2022.	

(FM.FR.1)

CAPITAL WORKS QUARTERLY UPDATE

SUMMARY

To provide an update on progress with the 2021-22 Capital Works Program as at 31 March 2022.

RESOLVED 98/22	Cr Mann/Cr Mockler
That the report be noted.	

(CM.PL.1)

2021/22 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW TO 31 MARCH 2022

SUMMARY

To advise that the report on Council's 2021/22 Operational Plan as at 31 March 2022 has not been completed and will be presented to Council's June meeting.

RESOLVED 99/22	Cr Babbage/Cr Mudford
That Council note the presentation of the 2021/22 Operational Plan Review for the quarter ended 31 March 2022 has been rescheduled to the June meeting.	

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 MARCH 2022

SUMMARY

To detail the variances to the original estimates for the 2021/22 financial year as presented in the Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 March 2022. 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 100/22	Cr Mudford/Cr Peart
That the Quarterly Budget Review document and report as at 31 March 2022 be adopted.	

(CM.PL.1)

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2032

SUMMARY

To present Council's draft 2032 Community Strategic Plan 2032 to go on public exhibition.

RESOLVED 101/22	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
1. That the community input received at the recently conducted round of community consultation sessions be noted and individual responses provided.	
2. That the draft 2032 Community Strategic Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.	

DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2022/23-2024/25

SUMMARY

To consider the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan for 2022/23-2024/25 to go on public exhibition.

RESOLVED 102/22	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
That the draft 2022/23-2024/25 Delivery Program and Operational Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.	

(FM.PL.1)

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022/23 – 2031/32

SUMMARY

To consider the draft Long Term Financial Plan for 2022/23-2031/32 to go on public exhibition.

RESOLVED 103/22	Cr Babbage/Cr Mann
That the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022/23-2031/32 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.	

2022/23 to 2025/26 BUDGET REPORT

SUMMARY

To present a report on the draft 2022/23 to 2025/26 budget for all Council funds and detail matters considered in preparation of same.

RESOLVED 104/22	Cr Mann/Cr Bunter
That Council consider and determine any changes to the relevant estimates to allow inclusion of the Draft Budget and Revenue Policy in the 2022/23 Operational Plan to go on public exhibition.	

Proceedings in Brief

It being 4.28pm, Mr McAnally-Elwin left the meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

SUMMARY

To advise of nominations received to serve on Council's Economic Development Committee for this term of Council.

RESOLVED 105/22	Cr Mudford/Cr Walker
1. That Council accept all nominations received and expand the committee membership for this term of Council.	
2. That Councillor representatives on the Economic Development Committee be Crs Babbage, Freeth and Bunter, with the Mayor attending in an ex officio capacity.	

GILGANDRA DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION REQUEST TO REDUCE OVAL HIRE FEES

SUMMARY

To consider a further request from the Gilgandra District Cricket Association to reduce Oval Hire fees for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Cricket Seasons.

RESOLVED 106/22	Cr Bunter/Cr Peart
1. That, in acknowledgement of the success of Gilgandra and District Cricket Association and the importance of maintaining sporting competitions in Gilgandra, Council support the Gilgandra District Cricket Association with their request for a reduction in Oval Fees of 50%, being \$4,610 for the 2019/20 and 20/21 seasons due to the non-usage of Ernie Knight Oval.	
2. That Council set the user fees for 22/23 at \$2400 (for McGrane Oval usage only).	
3. That staff progress consultation with the sporting groups regarding the future use of Ernie Knight Oval and whether a synthetic cricket wicket should replace the turf wicket.	
4. That Council review the policy in regard to 50% of the fees charged to senior sporting groups being put into reserves for sporting groups.	

PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM 2022/23

SUMMARY

To present the proposed 2022/23 Plant Replacement Program for consideration and adoption.

RESOLVED 107/22	Cr Mockler/Cr Mann
That the 2022/23 Plant Replacement Program, as presented, be adopted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 108/22	Cr Bunter/Cr Mudford
That the reports be noted.	

**PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE –
ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL**

SUMMARY

To advise of a request from the St Joseph’s School, Gilgandra to use the Gilgandra Shire Hall in the event of an emergency or critical incident.

RESOLVED 109/22	Cr Peart/Cr Mann
That Council support the request and delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the memorandum of understanding with St Joseph’s School.	

**PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE –
MOBILE BLACK SPOTS ALONG THE NEWELL HIGHWAY**

SUMMARY

To consider correspondence from the Hon Bridget McKenzie regarding mobile black spots along the Newell Highway.

RESOLVED 110/22	Cr Mann/Cr Mockler
That a letter of response detailing black spots along the Newell Highway in Gilgandra Shire be compiled to Senator McKenzie and forwarded to Parkes Shire Council to allow a combined response from the Newell Highway Taskforce.	

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted that there is a mobile black spot near Biddon in Gilgandra Shire and near Coolbaggie Creek in Dubbo Shire.

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 111/22	Cr Mockler/Cr Babbage
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

CR MANN:	<u>UNSPENT ROADS FUNDS AS AT 30 JUNE</u> In light of the extent of unspent Council road funds (not R2R, Regional or State Highways) as at 30 June, could a report be presented detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• available funds and categories; and• proposed major works eg National Park Road and Mendooran-Tooraweenah Road and any other proposals to allow Council to determine a program/plan for use of such funds into the future.
MAYOR'S RESPONSE:	A report will be presented to Council's August meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.50PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor