



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2004

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held at the Council Administration Centre, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes which commenced at 1:30 pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on 21 December 2004 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor R I Wilson, (in the Chair)
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor J H Magill
Councillor B J Laing
Councillor W Scott

Councillor K J Keith
Councillor Y Hutton
Councillor K McGrath
Councillor G Pratt
Councillor B Newton

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
Director Corporate Service - B Matthews
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell
Director Operations - S Barry
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd
Administration Manager - L Finn
Finance Manager - R Bokeyar
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood
Tourism Coordinator – K Atkinson
Library Services Manager – M Barker
Minutes Secretary - T Prior

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.30pm with a prayer.

1 PRAYER

The Mayor asked the General Manager to open proceedings with a prayer.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

04 - 1190a Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 7 December 2004, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Yvonne Hutton declared an interest in Item 11.5 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 16.1 (REASON Interest in property adjoining land mentioned in report).

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

5.1 Mayoral Minute - Parkes Christmas Parade/Carnival

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

04 - 1191 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

5.2 Mayoral Minute - Position of Livestock Officer, Parkes

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

04 - 1192 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

5.3 Mayoral Minute - Woodward Park Pavilion Upgrade

Recommendation

That the Mayor's actions in authorising the emergency upgrade of the Woodward Park Pavilion at a cost of \$6,930.00 be endorsed.

04 - 1193 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

7.1 Report by Cr J M Magill - Rural Fire Services Volunteers' Meeting

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

04 - 1194 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 (ICR) Letters of Appreciation

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

04 - 1195 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Rotary Club of Parkes - Centenary Celebrations

Recommendation

1. That Council confirm its recognition of the Centenary of the Rotary Club of Parkes by staging a Civic Reception on Friday, 25 February 2005, commencing at 4:00pm in the Coventry Room.
2. That permission be granted for the staging of a community breakfast in Cooke Park on 25 February 2005, subject to the Conditions of Use of Cooke Park being adhered to including adequate Public Liability Insurance and complying with directions from the Parks and Gardens Supervisor in relation to location and vehicular access.

04 - 1196 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) Trundle Multi Purpose Advisory Committee

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

04 - 1197 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) The Hon. Bob Debus, MP, Minister for the Environment

Recommendation

That the information provided by the Minister for the Environment in relation to the Snake Rock site be received and noted.

04 - 1198 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That a visit to the Snake Rock site be organised for Councillors in the new year.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.5 The Hon Sandra Nori MP - International Womens Day 2005

Recommendation

That an application for funding of up to \$1,000.00 be made to the Office for Women in conjunction with one or more of the Shire's ladies organisations to organise an event or project to celebrate International Womens Day in 2005.

04 - 1199 Resolution

That an application for funding of up to \$1,000.00 be made to the Office for Women in conjunction with the Quota Club of Parkes to organise an event or project to celebrate International Womens Day in 2005.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 Community Partnership Program

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

04 - 1200 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

9.2 Shortage of Skilled Labour

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.
2. That the Minister be thanked for his advice.
3. That Council continue to promote the issue along the lines the Minister suggested.

04 - 1201 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

9.3 Open Cut Experience

Recommendation

That Council continue to attempt to find a resolution to the problem.

04 - 1202 Resolution

1. That Council continue to attempt to find a resolution to the problem
2. That Council obtain appropriate advice in reviewing the development approvals.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

9.4 Carinda Park Bush Fire

Recommendation

That the information be noted and the many issues which emerged as a result of the fire be followed up.

04 - 1203 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

9.5 Attracting Doctor to Trundle

Recommendation

That Council continue to be involved in the attempts to attract a Doctor to Trundle and that the Mayor be authorised to approve the 'practice' purchase if this is deemed necessary over the Christmas break.

04 - 1204 Resolution

1. That Council continue to be involved in the attempts to attract a Doctor to Trundle and that the Mayor be authorised to approve the 'practice' purchase if this is deemed necessary over the Christmas break.
2. That Council write again to the State Minister for Health seeking urgent assistance in obtaining necessary funding to attract a Doctor for Trundle.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

9.6 Code of Conduct

Recommendation

That Council adopt the 'Parkes Shire Council Code of Conduct' as presented.

04 - 1205 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

Item 9.7 'Report of Senior Staff Committee Meeting held 7 December 2004' was deferred until consideration of Committee Reports (Section 14).

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICE REPORT

10.1 Investments as at 30 November 2004

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

04 - 1206 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.2 Sustainable Finances Health Check (SFHC)

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

04 - 1207 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.3 Parkes/Forbes Family Day Care Scheme - Re-Licensing 2004

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

04 - 1208 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.4 Stocktake - Stores and Materials - November 2004

Recommendation

That the deficiencies be written off and surpluses written back.

04 - 1209 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.5 Librarians Report for November 2004

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

04 - 1210 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.6 Library Services Statistics - November 2004

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

04 - 1211 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.7 Library Services - Apollo Moon Mission Posters

Recommendation

For Council's consideration.

04 - 1212 Resolution

That Council investigate alternative ways of presenting the posters for display in the Parkes Library and that additional quotations for framing the posters be obtained.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

10.8 Economic Development - Projects Update

Recommendation

For Council's information.

04 - 1213 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

10.9 Economic Development - Australia Day Celebrations

Recommendation

- 1 That Council approve the use of Cooke Park on 26 January as required by the Parkes Australia Day Committee.
- 2 That free entry to the Parkes Olympic Pool be provided on that day between 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

04 - 1214 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.10 Tourism Update - November 2004

Recommendation

For the information of Council

04 - 1215 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That Council record its appreciation for the manner in which Ms Atkinson performed her duties whilst with Council.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 DA04220: Subdivision at Lot 40 DP 1061684 Vaucluse Place, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA04220

Applicant: Mr S & Mrs L Miller

Property: Lot 40 DP 1061684 Vaucluse Place, Parkes

Proposal: Subdivision

Recommendation

That the proposed development of twenty six residential allotments and associated road and infrastructure works be approved subject to conditions located at the end of this report.

04 - 1216 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.2 NSW Food Regulation Partnership

Recommendation

1. That the submission on the Food Regulation Partnership be endorsed and issued to the NSW Food Authority.
2. FURTHER that Council support the Dubbo Consultation Workshop outcomes.

04 - 1217 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.00 pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.30 pm.

11.3 Impounding Report-September, October, November 2004

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

04 - 1218 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

11.4 November 2004 Building Statistics

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

04 - 1219 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton declared an interest and left the meeting temporarily at 3.35.

11.5 Minutes of Museum Exhibition Development Working Group - 10 December 2004

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Museum Exhibition Development Working Group held on Friday, 10 December, 2004 be noted.
2. FURTHER, that Council use the selective tender method for the Museum Exhibition Development Consultancy.

04 - 1220 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 3.40 pm.

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 Major Works Status as at December 2004

Recommendation

That the information of Major Works Status as at December 2004 be noted.

04 - 1221 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12.2 Rotary Club of Parkes - Redevelopment of Rotary Arboretum / Memorial Hill

Recommendation

For the consideration of Council.

04 - 1222 Resolution

1. That Council support the Rotary Club of Parkes in its application for grant funding for the redevelopment of the Rotary Arboretum/Memorial Hill.
2. That Council investigate funding sources for the preparation of the master plan outlined in the correspondence.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.3 Letter Suggesting Improvements to the Parkes Airport Terminal for the Benefit of Visitors

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

04 - 1223 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.4 Parkes Airport Terminal Building - Emergency Lighting

Recommendation

That three emergency lights be provided in the Parkes Airport Terminal Building at a cost of \$1,672 funded out of the Airport Maintenance allocation.

04 - 1224 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

12.5 Country Energy Street Lighting Workshop

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

04 - 1225 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12.6 Regional Roads "REPAIR" Program 2005/2006

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

04 - 1226 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

Councillor Bev Laing left the meeting temporarily at 3.55 pm.

12.7 Request for Council Assistance to Replace Hedge - Parkes Bowling Club

Recommendation

For the consideration of Council.

04 - 1227 Resolution

That Council accede to the request.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 Change of Traffic Priority and Upgrading of the Blaxland Street/Hartigan Avenue Intersection, Parkes

Recommendation

1. The traffic investigation be referred to the next Local Traffic Committee Meeting.
2. Council endorse the proposed layout of Hartigan Avenue/Blaxland Street intersection subject to the Local Traffic Committee concurrence.
3. On completion of intersection works, revert the priority to Hartigan Avenue at Blaxland Street.

04 - 1228 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

13.2 Acquisition of Land - Saleyards Road, Parkes

Recommendation

1. That pursuant to the resolution of Council made on 16 April 2002, acquisition of lot 725 DP 837505, lots 19 and 20 DP 1047309 and lot 7021 DP 1019958, proceed on the basis that Council comply with the right to negotiate procedure in the NTA.
2. That Council make necessary application to the Minister and/or Governor, and
3. That on acquisition the land be classified as Operational.

04 - 1229 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

Councillor Bev Laing rejoined the meeting at 4.15 pm.

13.3 Parkes Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy

Recommendation

That the information of the Parkes Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCM) be received and noted.

04 - 1230 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

The Question and Matter of Urgency raised by Councillor K Keith 'Press Release on Water' was considered in conjunction with item 13.3.

13.4 Local Government Road Safety Program - Local Projects and Initiatives

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council endorse the submission to the RTA for inclusion in the 2002-2004 Local Government Road Safety Program - Local Projects and Initiatives.

04 - 1231 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

13.5 Waterwise TV Campaign - Prime TV - 2005

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council financially support the initiative of Prime TV and the 'Waterwise' campaign.

04 - 1232 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

At this stage Item 9.7 of the General Manager's Report was considered as it related to the Minutes of a Committee of Council.

9.7 Report of Senior Staff Committee Meeting held 7 December 2004

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Senior Staff Committee meeting held on 7 December 2004 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

04 - 1233 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

15.1 Demolition of Auctioned Houses in Tullamore

Councillor B Newton enquired as to the progress of the demolition of houses sold at Council's sale of land for overdue rates auction in Tullamore.

04 - 1234 Resolution

That the information supplied by the Director Planning and Environment advising that a demolition order is being prepared for issue following the expiration of an intention notice served on 6 December 2004, be noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

15.2 Walking Track in Pola Park, Tullamore

Councillor B Newton asked that the walking track in Pola Park, Tullamore be tidied up after work was carried out on the levy banks.

04 - 12345 Resolution

That the Director of Operations' undertaking to attend to the matter be noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.3 Condition of Walkway from Clarinda Street to KMark/BiLo

Councillor B Laing advised that she has received complaints about the untidiness of the walkway from Clarinda to Kmart/BiLo and she would like to know whose responsibility it is for its upkeep as numerous items of rubbish are collecting there.

04 - 12357 Resolution

That the Director Planning and Environment's advice that the matter has been raised with the development's managing agent who has agreed to tidy and maintain the area, be noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

15.4 Peak Hill Mine Model

Councillor G Pratt has requested an update in relation to the Peak Hill Craft Shop and its intention to display the Peak Hill Mine Model.

04 - 123639 Resolution

That the Director Planning and Environment's advice that the matter has been raised with the Peak Hill Gold Mine seeking information on the design and construction of the model and also with Council's insurer to supply additional information as per the Peak Hill Craft Centre's request, be noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

15.5 Parking Arrangements Corner Victoria and Hill Streets, Parkes

Councillor K McGrath advises that he has received a request from the resident at 75 Hill Street (corner of Victoria and Hill Streets) for parallel parking in front of her property due to her status as a senior citizen and for ease of parking.

04 - 12370 Resolution

That the Director of Infrastructure, together with members of the Traffic Committee, meet with the resident on site to discuss possible solutions to the access problems raised by Councillor McGrath..

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

The following Question and Matter of Urgency was considered in conjunction with item 13.3.

15.6 Press Release on Water

Councillor K Keith requested that a press release be issued regarding the surety of Parkes' water supply. Following the report of the Integrated Water Management Study Council's positive position on Parkes' future water supply has been vindicated. Residents should have confidence despite the drought of maintaining a green Parkes, due to our three sources of water - dams, river and bore field.

04 - 12381 Resolution

That a press release be prepared highlighting these water issues, including the positive aspects of the draft Integrated Water Management Study.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 4.50 pm.

The Mayor asked the Meeting whether it agreed that the items listed by the General Manager appeared to be items which should be discussed in closed session for the reasons given.

The General Manager advised that there were no written representations from the public on the proposed closure of the Council Meeting.

04 - 12392 Resolution

That the meeting be closed for consideration of the listed items as they involve: information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors) and commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 4.52 pm.

16.1 Offer to Purchase Land - Lot 1 DP 815055, Goobang Junction

Prepared By: General Manager

Recommendation

That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to negotiate a sale to Terminals Australia.

04 - 12403 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 4.56 pm.

16.2 Purchase of Land Adjacent to the South Parkes Industrial Estate

Prepared By: General Manager

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted
2. That upon acquisition, Lot 632 Parish of Parkes be classified as operational for industrial purposes.

04 - 12414 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

16.3 South Parkes Industrial Estate - Sale of Lot 23 Saleyards Road, Parkes

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service

Recommendation

Submitted for the consideration of Council.

04 - 12425 Resolution

That due to restrictions resulting from the acquisition of the land at public auction, Council although sympathetic, cannot accede to the request.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

16.4 Industrial Land - Lot 63, 64 and 651 Renshaw Road, Parkes

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Services

Recommendation

That Council agree to the sale of Lots 63, 64 and 651 Renshaw Road, Parkes to Stephen Phillip and Chloe Elizabeth Mansley at the agreed price and that the necessary documentation be completed under the seal of Council.

04 - 1246 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

16.5 Acquisition of Land - Harrison Park

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Services

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

04 - 124345 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That the land be declared operational upon its acquisition.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

16.6 Proposal of Eco Friendly Retirement Resort

Prepared By: Director Planning and Environment

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council note the information.

04 - 124447 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

16.7 Rex Airlines - Landing Fees

The General Manager tabled a letter from Rex Airlines received 21 December 2004 requesting that Council extend the moratorium on landing fees to 30 June 2005.

04 - 124548 Resolution

That Council extend the moratorium on landing fees on the \$99.00 fare to 30 June 2005 and that it be advised that there will be no further extension offered after 30 June 2005.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.40 pm.