



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 5 APRIL 2005

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

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on 5 April 2005 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

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

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

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
Minutes Secretary - T Prior

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.30pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

05 - 262 Resolution

That Councillor Wayne Scott be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

05 - 263 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 15 March 2005, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil.

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Nil.

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 Long Term Financial Plans - Annual Review

Executive Summary

The annual review of the Long Term Financial Plans are submitted for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That Council adopt the Long Term Financial Plans in principle, and that provision be made in the 2005/2006 Revenue Policy of the Management Plan to fund the various Plans.

05 - 264 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 DA05032: Dwelling - 53 Church Street, Parkes (Eden Coulston & Belinda McCorkell)

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05032

Applicant: E. Coulston and B. McCorkell

Property: Lot 1 DP302095, 53 Church Street, Parkes

Proposal: Two -Storey brick veneer dwelling

Executive Summary

An application has been received for the erection of a two-storey, brick veneer, hipped roof dwelling with enclosed double garage on Lot 1, DP302095, 53 Church Street, Parkes. The ground floor area of the dwelling is 262.2 metres squared, and the upper floor area of the dwelling is 182.8 metres squared.

The two-storied portion of the dwelling has an eave height of approximately 5.25 metres, and an overall height of approximately 8 metres at the highest ridge of the roof.

The external wall of the proposed two-storied dwelling is intended to be constructed 1.260 metres from the neighbouring boundary line to the eastern side.

The front elevation of the proposed dwelling has a two-storied portion at the street façade, comprising a porch to the ground floor level with a first floor balcony above, which encroaches 1.370 metres into the 6 metre front building line to Church Street.

The proposed development contravenes the requirements of Parkes Shire Councils' Residential Code Development Control Plan, 1998 with regard to the required setback of a dwelling from the street boundary line.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report.

05 - 265 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

11.2 Central West Catchment Local Government Forum

Executive Summary

Council, at its last meeting, considered a report on the Local Government Partnerships Workshops held in Wellington. The outcomes of the workshops and Terms of Reference Amendments have now been circulated.

A delegate must now be nominated to represent Council on the Central West Catchment Local Government Forum.

Recommendation

1. That Council nominate Cr John Magill as its delegate to the CWCLG Forum.

05 - 266 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 Repairs to Bulgandramine Bridge - Cost Sharing Arrangements with Narromine Shire Council

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Narromine Shire Council concerning repairs to Bulgandramine Bridge over the Bogan River, which is the boundary between Parkes and Narromine Shires. Two girders on the bridge have recently failed requiring major repairs to be carried out. A sidetrack is currently in place whilst the best option for repair is determined.

Narromine Council request a commitment from Parkes Council to contribute to the cost of repairs.

Recommendation

1. That Parkes Council advise Narromine Council that it will contribute to the repairs of the Bulgandramine Bridge, and that it also favours repairing the existing structure rather than replacement.
2. That Parkes Council staff meet with Narromine staff to progress the repairs as soon as possible, and to review the arrangement for sharing costs for assets located on the boundary between the two Shires.

05 - 267 Resolution

1. That Council ask Narromine Shire Council to investigate the cost of a new bridge but should this option exceed Council's resources that Council will contribute to its repair under the existing agreement.
2. That Parkes Council staff meet with Narromine staff to review the arrangement for sharing costs for assets located on the boundary between the two Shires.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.2 Request for the Sealing of Deep Lead Road

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from residents on Deep Lead Road requesting that Council consider sealing Deep Lead Road earlier than 2007, and undertaking to contribute to the cost of the works if carried out in the next 12 months. The residents propose to contribute \$1,000 per property towards the works.

Recommendation

1. That the residents of Deep Lead Road be advised that Council cannot accede to their request to bring forward the sealing of Deep Lead Road due to the limitations on available funds and other competing projects.
2. That the residents of Deep Lead Road be commended on their commitment to the project and their offer to contribute to the cost of the works.

05 - 268 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 Registering of Plans for the Sir Henry Parkes Museum Project

Executive Summary

Council's Development Consent for the Sir Henry Parkes Museum includes the creation of a land parcel, (part of crown reserve gazetted to Council in 1978) and then the consolidation of all land parcels associated with the Museum site.

Recommendation

That the seal of Council be affixed to the necessary documentation to facilitate the subdivision of Council's land from the Public Reserve and the subsequent consolidation of the land parcels associated with the Museum Site.

05 - 269 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

13.2 Local Government Engineers Field Day - CivEnEx - 25 and 26 May 2005, Sydney

Executive Summary

The Annual Engineers Field Day, CivEnEx, will be held on 25 and 26 May 2005. The field day boasts a large exhibition of the latest in plant, equipment and products for Public Works, Property Maintenance, Open Space Maintenance and Construction. It is the 50th anniversary of the Engineers Field Day. Councillors interested in attending should nominate to assist in arrangements. It is anticipated to travel down on 24 May 2005 and travel back on 25 May 2005.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Councillors interested in attending CivEnEx nominate to facilitate arrangements.

05 - 270 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

13.3 Skate Park Design Meeting, Concept Plan and Progress Report

Executive Summary

On 16 March 2005 a public meeting was held to discuss the Parkes Skate Park Project. The meeting was well attended with a pleasing number of young skaters actively participating in the development of the design concept. The draft concept plan will be available at the Council meeting and then posted for public comment. A development application will subsequently be prepared and lodged for Councils future consideration.

Recommendation

That the Skate Park Design Meeting, Concept Plan and Progress Report information be received and noted.

05 - 271 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

14 **CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Nil.

15 **QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY**

15.1 **Roundabout at Intersection of Bushman and Currajong Streets, Parkes**

Councillor K McGrath advises that he has been approached by residents regarding the possibility of installing a roundabout at the intersection of Bushman and Currajong Streets, Parkes.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 August 2004, it was resolved to priorities the intersection of Bushman and Currajong Street as the next major traffic facility to be installed.

As no specific budget is provided for traffic facilities of this size, funds would need to be allocated from the Urban Construction budget item. Accordingly, the intention is to accrue funds over the next three (3) financial years to facilitate the construction of the roundabout.

05 - 272 Resolution

1. That the information supplied by the Director of Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. That Council instigate the preliminary design of a roundabout at the intersection of Bushman and Currajong Streets, Parkes.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

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At this stage of the meeting citizenship ceremonies were performed for the Berger family and Jennifer Hands.

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.05 pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.30 pm.

At this stage of the meeting Superintendent Clint Pheeney, Commander, Lachlan Local Area Command and Detective Inspector Tony Taylor addressed Council on matters relating to the Command.

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 4.11 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.

05 - 273 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 Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

16.1 South Parkes Industrial Estate - Drainage Easement Lot 57 DP 866556

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service

Executive Summary

A request has been received from the purchaser for a reduction in the purchase price of Lots 57, 58 and 59 DP 866556 within the South Parkes Industrial Estate due to the creation of a drainage easement on Lot 57.

The total purchase price for Lots 57, 58 and 59 Royal Street, Parkes is \$51,635.00 and the request is for this amount to be reduced to \$50,708.00.

Recommendation

1. That, in view of the loss of amenity over the 123 square metres covered by the drainage easement on Lot 57 DP 866556 that Council agree to reduce the purchase price of this land by 50% resulting in the total purchase price being reduced from \$51,635.00 including GST to \$51,143.00 (\$492.00)

05 - 274 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

16.2 Staff Transport Arrangements to Work Sites

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

Plant Operators have been historically using their own vehicles for transport to and from work sites for many years. Car Allowances are paid under the Local Government (State) Award to cover the running costs. Recent incidents have raised doubt over Council's exposure in the event of an accident involving one of the private vehicles. High ongoing costs associated with the car allowances have also contributed to the need to review the current arrangements.

It is intended to purchase several utilities for use by plant operators to remove the potential exposure, and to provide a more economical outcome for Council.

Recommendation

1. That plant operators be provided with suitable utilities progressively over the next 15 months for use as transport to work sites to remove the imposition of using their own vehicles.

05 - 275 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

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There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.15 pm.