



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 17 MAY 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 of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on 17 May 2005 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 – M Kronk
Library Services Manager – M Barker
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

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

05 - 383 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 3 May 2005, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 10.4 (REASON: Interest in land adjoining land mentioned in report).

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

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

5.1 Mayoral Minute - Functions Attended

Executive Summary

A report on the functions recently attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff in relation to community events or civic matters.

Recommendation

That the report of recent functions attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted.

05 - 384 Resolution

1. That the report of recent functions attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted.
2. That Council make representations through the local Rural Counsellor and NSW Farmers Association seeking the creation of a program to investigate mental health and other issues associated with the current drought.
3. That Council make representations to Dr Clare Blizzard, Chief Executive Officer, Greater Western Area Health Service, to have Tullamore included in the Parkes, Trundle, Peak Hill cluster.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

5.2 Mayoral Minute - Coming Known Events

Executive Summary

A report on the upcoming functions requiring the attendance of the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff in relation to community events or civic matters

Recommendation

That the report of upcoming functions for the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted.

05 - 385 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 (ICR) Main Road 354 Committee - Invitation to Official Renaming - McGrane Way

Executive Summary

The MR354 Committee invites Councillors and Senior Staff to the official renaming of Tullamore/Narromine Road as the "McGrane Way" on 20 May 2005. The Minister for Roads, the Hon Michael Costa will officiate.

Recommendation

1. That the information advising of the Renaming Ceremony for MR 354 to the "McGrane Way" taking place on 20 May 2005 be received and noted and interested Councillors authorised to attend.
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05 - 386 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) John Turner (MP) - Shadow Minister for Local Government

Executive Summary

Council has received advice that John Turner, MP, has been recently appointed as the Shadow Minister for Local Government.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 387 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) Commissioner Phil Koperberg, Rural Fire Service - Karina Park Fire

Executive Summary

The Commissioner has responded to Council's request for information relating to the investigative status of the fire which devastated land holdings in the Coobang Valley in December 2004.

Recommendation

1. That the information received from Commissioner Koperberg relating to the status of the Karina Park Fire investigation be received and noted.

05 - 388 Resolution

1. That the information received from Commissioner Koperberg relating to the status of the Karina Park Fire investigation be received and noted.
2. That Council contact the Lachlan Area Command as suggested in Commissioner Koperberg's letter.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) Senator The Hon Robert Hill, Minister for Defence - 'Parkes' Warship

Executive Summary

Replying to Council's earlier correspondence requesting that the Navy give consideration to naming another naval vessel after Sir Henry Parkes, Father of Federation.

Recommendation

1. That the information regarding the naming of a Navy vessel 'Parkes' be received and noted.

05 - 389 Resolution

1. That the information regarding the naming of a Navy vessel 'Parkes' be received and noted.
2. That Council write to Mrs Crabtree (widow of the late Len Crabtree, who authorised the book 'Voyages of the HMAS Parkes') seeking permission to reproduce a number of copies of the manuscript, currently in Council's possession.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.5 (ICR) Arts Out West - Annual Report

Executive Summary

Providing a copy of the Organisation's most recent Annual Report. Details of the elected Board for 2005 are also provided.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 390 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.6 (ICR) Local Government Women's Association - Cr Laing

Executive Summary

Advising that Cr Bev Laing has been elected to the position of Vice President - Country of the NSW Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA). The Association requests Council's support in assisting Cr Laing to undertake her duties.

Recommendation

1. That Cr Laing be congratulated on her appointment.
2. That Council continue to support Cr Laing's involvement in the ALGWA Executive but seek clarification of the level of assistance to be provided to assist with the formulation of a suitable policy.

05 - 391 Resolution

1. That Cr Laing be congratulated on her appointment.
2. That Council continue to support Cr Laing's involvement in the ALGWA Executive but seek clarification of the level of assistance to be provided to assist with the formulation of a suitable policy.
3. That Council write to ALGWA suggesting a system of annual subscription from all Councils to assist with the Executive costs of the Association.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

8.7 (ICR) Department of Local Government - Circular 05/17 - Code of Meeting Practice

Executive Summary

The Department has provided advice on the practice permitted in some Councils whereby, after declaring a pecuniary interest, Councillors are allowed to make a statement before leaving the Chamber. The Department has advised against the practice continuing.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 392 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.8 (ICR) Statewide Mutual - HIH Rescue Package

Executive Summary

Council's supplier of Public Liability Insurance advises that they have been informed that the HIH Rescue Package offered to affected Councils will be wound up at 30 June 2005. Statewide has requested that Council make representations to the Local Member for its retention.

Recommendation

1. That Council make representations to the local Federal Member seeking the retention of the Rescue Package for local Government Authorities affected by the collapse of the HIH Insurance Group.

05 - 393 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.9 (ICR) Mrs Lesley Draper - Sale of Private Vehicles on Council Controlled Land

Executive Summary

Providing comments in relation to the practice of residents selling privately owned vehicles on Council controlled land.

Recommendation

1. That information be received and noted.
2. That Mrs Draper be thanked for her submission and advised of Council's position on the matter at this time.

05 - 394 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.10 (ICR) Parkes Sports Council - Request to Honour the late Tony McGrane, OAM, MP

Executive Summary

Parkes Sports Council has drawn Council's attention to the significant grant funds acquired by the late local State Member, Tony McGrane, OAM, MP in the development and improvement of a number of sporting complexes in Parkes. The Sports Council would like Mr McGrane recognised in some way and advises that the impending completion of the McGlynn Park upgrade would provide an opportunity to do so.

Recommendation

1. That Council investigate the request in consultation with the Department of Lands and the Geographical Names Board and if necessary seek public comment on the proposal.

05 - 395 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

8.11 (ICR) Rex Airlines - Joint Partnership Initiative

Executive Summary

Rex Airlines has thanked Council for its continued support of the initiative relating to airport landing charges and pricing structure. Rex requests that Council continue the initiative beyond 1 July 2005.

Recommendation

1. That Council reaffirm its prior decision to end the moratorium on landing fees associated with the entry level (\$99.00) fare on 30 June 2005.

05 - 396 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.12 (ICR) Burke and Burke Solicitors - Trundle Community Doctors Residence Inc

Executive Summary

Burke and Burke Solicitors are handling the contract for purchase of the land upon which the proposed Trundle Doctors Residence will be built. The Solicitors have also lodged the Development Application for the proposal. A request has been made to waive the fees associated with the application.

Recommendation

1. That the request not be acceded to on the grounds of precedent.
2. That the proponents be advised that the Development Application fees are part of the overall project costs and should be included in the final budget for consideration.

05 - 397 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.13 (ICR) Alectown Bushfire Brigade - Comments from Annual General Meeting

Executive Summary

The Alectown Bushfire Brigade recently held their Annual General Meeting. At the meeting a resolution was passed to ask Council to establish a Bushfire Fighting Reserve in its annual budget which would accumulate over time and help offset the costs of fires which are significant but do not obtain a "Section 44" status.

Recommendation

1. That Council not accede to the request to allocate additional funds for non-Section 44 fires and that the Brigade be advised accordingly.
2. That the Brigade be advised that Council's current annual contribution to fire fighting activities is approximately \$160,000.00.

05 - 398 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.14 (ICR) 2PK Parkes Country Music Spectacular - 2005

Executive Summary

The organisers of the 2PK Parkes Country Music Spectacular advise that planning is well underway for the 2005 October long weekend festival and request Council's continued support of the event.

Recommendation

1. That Council raise no objection to the erection of the street banner and that the request be forwarded to the Parkes Tourism Board for consideration.
 2. That permission to stage a concert in Cooke Park be granted subject to organisers abiding by the directions of Council's Parks and Gardens staff in accordance with Council's policies for the use of Cooke Park and further that access to power be granted.
 3. That Council make a donation of \$350.00 to the Country Music Spectacular Awards Ceremony.
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4. That permission to conduct street busking be granted subject to compliance with Council's street busking policy.
5. That a Council representative attend the awards night to welcome visitors and to present awards.

05 - 399 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

8.15 (ICR) Frazer Court Committee - Reduction in Rates

Executive Summary

The Frazer Court Committee has requested that Council consider reducing the rates payable on the Peak Hill Doctors Surgery in recognition of the community's contribution in securing funds for the project.

Recommendation

1. That Council make a contribution equivalent to 50% of the total rate notice applicable to the Peak Hill Doctors Surgery from Council's Section 356 Vote in recognition of the community's contribution in securing medical infrastructure for Peak Hill.

05 - 400 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

8.16 (ICR) NAIDOC Week 2005

Executive Summary

Advice has been received in relation to the 2005 NAIDOC Week initiatives. The week will run from 3 July to 10 July, 2005.

Recommendation

1. That Council accede to the request.
2. That permission be granted for local entries to be displayed in the Shire Libraries.

05 - 401 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

8.17 (ICR) Western Region Academy of Sport - Request for Financial Support

Executive Summary

The Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) has forwarded a copy of the Academy's most recent Annual Report and has asked that Council continue its financial support of the Organisation. A copy of the 27 page Annual Report can be provided separately to interested Councillors.

Recommendation

1. That Council accede to the request from WRAS for a financial contribution of \$450.00 (GST exempt) for the 2005/06 year.

05 - 402 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

8.18 (ICR) Watering Australia Foundation - Request for Financial Assistance

Executive Summary

Watering Australia has requested Council's financial support for the continued operation of the Organisation. An amount of \$500.00 is requested.

Recommendation

1. That Council accede to the request and make a contribution of \$500.00 to Watering Australia for the furtherance of its work.

05 - 403 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) 2005/2006 - 2007/2008 Management Plan, Including Budget

Executive Summary

The Draft Management Plan and supporting documentation has been forwarded to Councillors with the Business Papers. A report from the General Manager is contained in Part 2 of the Management Plan

Recommendation

1. That the Draft Management Plan, including the proposed Budget for 2005/2006 and the proposed fees and charges be approved and placed on public exhibition as required by the Local Government Act, 1993.

05 - 404 Resolution

1. That the Draft Management Plan, including the proposed Budget for 2005/2006 and the proposed fees and charges be approved and placed on public exhibition as required by the Local Government Act, 1993.
2. That Council make further representations to the appropriate Government departments proposing the introduction of a subsidy system for rating as a part of exceptional circumstances funding to assist in alleviating the financial burden on rural based industries during the current drought.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - Councillors Fees

Executive Summary

Section 241 of the Local Government Act, 1993 states that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal shall annually set the maximum and minimum amounts of fees to be paid during the following year to Councillors (other than Mayors) and Mayors.

Recommendation

1. That Council continue with the past practice of adhering to the maximum fee applicable for Councillors and the Mayor.

05 - 405 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Quarterly Report - Implementation of the 2004/2005 - 2006/2007 Management Plan

Executive Summary

The General Manager is required to report each quarter on the progress of the current Management Plan.

Recommendation

That the March 2005 Quarterly Report of the 2004/2005 - 2006/2007 Management Plan be adopted.

05 - 406 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - April 2005

Executive Summary

A regular report is provided to Council in relation to a number of financial indicators, including investments, total monthly payments, receipting and collection of rate revenue.

Recommendation

That the report detailing accounts paid, rate revenue collected, receipts received and the bank reconciliation to 31 April, 2005 be received and noted.

05 - 407 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 30 April 2005

Executive Summary

As at 30 April 2005 Council held \$31,707,253.60 in investments

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

05 - 408 Resolution

That the information be received and noted..

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.3 (DCS) Budget Review - 31 March 2005

Executive Summary

The quarterly financial review to 31 March 2005 is submitted for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That the budget review report to 31 March 2005 be adopted

05 - 409 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 2.46 pm.

10.4 (DCS) Short Term Leases - Unused Public Roads

Executive Summary

Under the provisions of the Roads Act, 1993, Council may lease land comprising a public road, to the owner of adjoining land, if, in its opinion, the road is not being used by the public. The act stipulates that the term of a lease, together with any option to renew must not exceed five years.

Recommendation

1. That the proposed leases be advertised in the local press and adjoining land holders notified that the current lessees be offered an extension of their lease agreements for a further period of five years with the rentals being assessed on the basis of \$5.23 per hectare subject to an annual minimum rental of \$32.73.

05 - 410 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 2.48 pm.

10.5 (DCS) Library Services Statistics - April 2005

Executive Summary

Library usage statistics for the month of April 2005 are provided for the information of Councillors. No major variations in the figures from previous periods are evident.

Recommendation

That the information regarding Library Service Statistics for April 2005 be noted

05 - 411 Resolution

That the information be received and noted..

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.6 (DCS) Library Services Monthly Update - April 2005

Executive Summary

Information submitted to Council on the activities of the Library during the month of April 2005.

Recommendation

1. That the information contained in the Library Services Monthly Update for April 2005 be received and noted.

05 - 412 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.7 (DCS) Tourism Update April/ May 2005

Executive Summary

A brief update of general Shire tourism activities.

Recommendation

1. That the Tourism Update be received and noted.

05 - 413 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.8 (DCS) Economic Development - Parkes History Book

Executive Summary

Sub committees have been established to assist the editor (Tom Thompson) in development of the 2008 Parkes History Book. Membership details of those committees are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the Parkes History Book be received and noted.

05 - 414 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.9 (DCS) Economic Development - Coventry Visit 2006

Executive Summary

Advice has been received from former Lord Mayor Arthur Waugh that the proposed visit to Parkes by a soccer delegation from Coventry in September 2006 has been cancelled.

Recommendation

1. That the information regarding the cancellation of the 2006 Coventry visit to Parkes be received and noted.

05 - 415 Resolution

1. That the information regarding the cancellation of the 2006 Coventry visit to Parkes be received and noted.
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2. That Council write to Coventry City Council and the Coventry/Parkes Association advising of the availability of skilled worker positions in Parkes and inviting the new Lord Mayor to visit Parkes during the next twelve months.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.10 (DCS) Economic Development - J E Scoble Memorial

Executive Summary

Council has convened a meeting in the Committee Room on Wednesday, 18 May 2005 at 5.30 pm of all interested parties to consider the introduction of a Memorial Address in honour of the late J E Scoble MBE, OAM, Mayor of Parkes from 1966 to 1979, who died in September 2003. The meeting will also consider the introduction of an annual educational scholarship to recognise the late Mr Scoble's contribution in the spheres of youth and education.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the establishment of the Scoble Memorial Address concept.
2. That provision be made in the 2005/06 Management Plan for an allocation of \$5,000.00 towards the Scoble Memorial Youth Education Initiative.

05 - 416 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.11 (DCS) Economic Development - Sister City Recognition

Executive Summary

An entry is being prepared in the 2005 Australian Sister City Association awards based on the manner in which the Dore program has continued to develop fourteen months after its establishment in Parkes as one of only fifteen around the world.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the preparation of an entry in the 2005 ASCA national awards based on the Dore program evolution.
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2. That the Economic Development Manager represent Council and present a working paper at the ASCA conference in Melbourne in September.

05 - 417 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.02 pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.31 pm.

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) DA05070: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 273 DP 750179 Parkes Parish, Parkes Shire (Neil Naveau)

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05070

Applicant: Mr N Naveau

Property: Lot 273 DP 750179 Parkes Parish, Parkes Shire

Proposal: Subdivision

Executive Summary

The application is for the subdivision of an existing 8.1 hectare allotment into two new properties. The subdivision is permitted under the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 1990 and can be approved.

Recommendation

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

05 - 418 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) DA05056: Proposed Warehouse and Showroom at 19 Saleyards Road, Parkes (F Kennedy)

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05056

Applicant: Mr FJ Kennedy

Property: Lot 2 DP 1068311, 19 Saleyards Road, Parkes

Proposal: Warehouse and Showroom

Executive Summary

The application is for the erection of a warehouse and showroom and associated car parking and landscaped areas on an allotment of land located in the Parkes Industrial Estate.

Recommendation

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

05 - 419 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) DA05063: Proposed Dwelling at Lot 4 DP 855083 Thomas Street, Parkes (A & S Daley)

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05063

Applicant: Mr A Daley

Property: Lot 4 DP 855083, Thomas Street, Parkes

Proposal: Dwelling

Executive Summary

The application is for the erection of a dwelling-house on an existing rural allotment located on the north-western outskirts of Parkes.

Recommendation

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

05 - 420 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

11.4 (DPE) April 2005 Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of April 2005 there were twenty-two (22) Development Applications received totalling \$2,222,693.00 and twenty-three consents issued.

Eight (8) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$178,442.39 and eight consents issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
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05 - 421 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at May 2005

Executive Summary

Other than routine maintenance, major works that have been carried out over the past month are reported below.

Recommendation

1. That the information on Major Works Status as at May 2005 be noted.

05 - 422 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Rail Crossing Upgrades

Executive Summary

Council had received numerous complaints concerning the condition of rail crossings on Condobolin Road and Eugowra Road. The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) has recently advised that they will be undertaking upgrades in the coming weeks on the two crossings.

Works on the Condobolin Road crossing will involve closure of the MR 61 for two days and the detouring of traffic via Cooks Myall Road and Back Trundle Road. The road train route will not be available during the works.

Eugowra Road works will require diversion of traffic via Cookamidgera from 9am until 3pm on the day only.

Council will be advertising the closures and placing signs advising of the closures one week before the works are undertaken.

Recommendation

1. That the information concerning the upgrade of rail crossings on Condobolin Road and Eugowra Road is noted.

05 - 423 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Repairs to Bulgandramine Bridge

Executive Summary

A report was submitted to the 5 April 2005 Council meeting advising that a letter had been received from Narromine Shire Council concerning repairs to Bulgandramine Bridge over the Bogan River, which is the boundary between Parkes and Narromine Shires, and seeking Council's commitment to sharing the costs of repair. Council resolved to ask Narromine Council to investigate the cost of replacing the bridge.

Prices obtained indicate a cost of between \$216,000 and \$251,000 for a single lane concrete bridge, and \$406,000 and \$471,000 for a two lane concrete bridge. The estimated cost to repair the existing structure and improve the kerbing, guardrail and approaches is \$100,000.

It is considered that the cost to replace the bridge is beyond Council's financial resources, and that repairs to the bridge should proceed as soon as possible.

Recommendation

1. That Narromine Shire Council be advised that Parkes Council prefers the repair of the Bulgandramine Bridge in lieu of replacement due to the costs involved.

05 - 424 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Request for Sealing of Cons Lane

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from a resident on the southern end of Cons Lane enquiring when that section of the road is to be sealed. Traffic has increased on Cons Lane resulting from recent improvements on the road.

There are no plans at present to seal the lower portion of Cons Lane due to the lack of residences served. It should be noted that a section of Parkesborough Road adjoining the subject property was previously sealed, however the section adjoining the house in Cons Lane was not.

It is considered that the sealing of a section of Cons Lane adjoining the residence would be justified particularly in view of other works carried out in the area.

Recommendation

1. That the resident be advised that Council has no plans to seal the lower unsealed portion of Cons Lane but will seal the section adjoining the residence in line with similar actions taken in the 1(c) Small Rural Holding zones, funded from the Financial Assistance Grant Road Component.

05 - 425 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.5 (DO) Request for Sealing of London Road

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from a resident on London Road requesting that the road be sealed. The request is to either seal the road to past their house or to seal 300 metres past their house to relieve the dust problem they currently experience.

Council has in the past sealed sections of road where residences are located close to the roadway, but only in 1(c) Rural Small Holding zones. The property in question in this instance is located in the 1(a) Rural 'A' zone and the house is also approximately 120 metres from the roadway. There would be numerous similar situations throughout the Shire.

It is considered that the sealing of a section of London Road, or adjoining the residence, would not be in accordance with Council's previous practices.

Recommendation

1. That the resident be advised that Council cannot accede to the request to seal London Road, or part thereof, as the financial resources are not available to address such situations throughout the Shire.

05 - 426 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.6 (DO) Footpath Replacement on Albert Street Frontage of Parkes High School

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from the Parkes High School requesting that Council consider the upgrading of the footpath and verge on the Albert Street frontage of the school, as the existing footpath is cracked, uneven and the verges eroded. The footpath carries the majority of pedestrian traffic from the school.

An inspection of the footpath indicates that repairs would not be effective due to the construction method used at the time the footpath was originally placed, and that replacement would be the most suitable option.

Recommendation

1. That the Parkes High School be advised that funding is not available in the current budget for the requested works, but that works will be possible in the next financial year to carry out improvements to the Albert Street footpath fronting the school.

05 - 427 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12.7 (DO) Australian Airports Association - NSW Division Meeting 21 April 2005

Executive Summary

Cr McGrath and the Director of Operations attended the NSW Division meeting of the Australian Airports Association (AAA) in Sydney on Thursday 21 April 2005. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DoTaRS) which generated much discussion of the impact of the new Aviation Transport Security Act and Regulations.

Details of the meeting are included below.

Discussions also took place on the need to regulate airspace around the airport so Councils have the power to stop adjoining land owners infringing on the Obstacle Limitation Surface with structures, trees, aerals etc. At present airport operators are responsible for keeping the airspace clear but have no power to enforce the restrictions.

The meeting was very topical given the current aviation changes and gave an excellent opportunity to discuss issues common to all NSW airport operators.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the NSW Division meeting of the Australian Airports Association held 21 April 2005 be noted.

05 - 428 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

12.8 (DO) "Securing Our Regional Skies" Conference - Sydney 27 to 28 April 2005

Executive Summary

The Works Engineer and Director of Operations attended the "Securing Our Regional Skies" Conference held in Sydney 27-28 April 2005. The Conference was organised by the NSW Police and funded under the Australian Government's "Securing Our Regional Skies" funding package designed to enhance aviation security. Opening remarks were provided by the Hon John Anderson MP, Acting Prime Minister (at the time).

Topics covered at the Conference included domestic security arrangements, threat to regional aviation, legislative and compliance arrangements, response arrangements, Regional Airline security, case studies and possible scenarios for incidents.

While the legislative information was nothing new, the Conference was an excellent opportunity to see how it affected other agencies and the airlines, and to see the security arrangements already in place across Australia. It was also interesting to see the NSW Police response capabilities, including Regional Rapid Deployment Teams.

The Conference enabled delegates from NSW Police, airlines, airport operators and owners, and DoTaRS officials to interact and discuss issues related to airport security and put faces to people they had been dealing with over the past few months.

It is intended to conduct another similar Conference in approximately two years to determine the progress and impacts of the "Securing Our Regional Skies" programme.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the "Securing Our Regional Skies" Conference be noted.

05 - 429 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12.9 (DO) National Aerobatic Championships

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from the Australian Aerobatic Club thanking Council for allowing them to hold the National Aerobatic Championships in Parkes over Easter 2005 and requesting permission for the Championships to be held in Parkes again over Easter 2006. The Aero Club have again indicated their willingness to host the Australian Aerobatic Club for next year's championships.

The Championships have been held at Parkes Airport successfully for several years. The Club report that this year they had competitors from Sweden, Singapore and Malaysia.

It is considered that the Championships are another indication of the capacity of Parkes Shire to host such events.

Recommendation

That approval be granted for the National Aerobatic Championships to be held at Parkes Airport over Easter 2006, subject to suitable insurance and CASA approvals including:

1. Evidence of \$20 Million Public Liability Insurance being provided to cover sessions including an indemnity clause protecting Council from liability.
 2. Arrangements being made to avoid conflict with scheduled RPT flights.
 3. Evidence of Workers Compensation Insurance if staff are employed for the event.
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05 - 430 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) Parkes Industrial Estate - Land Consolidation

Executive Summary

A request has been received from the developer of storage sheds and an office in Frogley Street, Parkes to consolidate Lots 5 and 9 DP 1068311.

Recommendation

1. That the seal of Council be affixed to the necessary documentation to facilitate the consolidation of Lots 5 and 9 DP 1068311.

05 - 431 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) NSW Road Classification Review - Interim Report for Information and Comment

Executive Summary

The NSW Road Classification Review Panel has distributed their interim findings on the review of the State and Regional Road Network. In accordance with Council's submission the interim report has recommended the transfer of a segment of State Route 90 (Parkes to Condobolin Road) from the existing Dalton Street location, to the Westlime Road/Hartigan Avenue route. Council's recommendation to change the classification of MR233 (Wellington Road) from Regional Road status to State Road has been proposed for rejection. The reclassification as proposed is consistent with Council's Transport Management Plan.

Recommendation

1. That Council support the findings of the NSW Road Classification Review Panel as they apply to Parkes Shire.
2. That the NSW Road Classification Review Panel be advised of Council's concurrence.

05 - 432 Resolution

1. That Council support the findings of the NSW Road Classification Review Panel as they apply to Parkes Shire except for MR233.
2. That the NSW Road Classification Review Panel be advised of Council's concurrence.
3. That Council restate the case to classify MR233 as a State Road
4. That Council seek support from Wellington and Cabonne Councils for the reclassification of MR233 from Regional Road to State Road.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

13.3 (DI) NSW Health Drinking Water Monitoring Program - Funding Cuts

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Mid Western Area Health advising Council that they will be unable to meet the full cost of the NSW Health Drinking Water Monitoring Program, and accordingly Council will now be required to make a financial contribution.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to meet the new testing charges.
2. That Council advise NSW Health that it would be strongly opposed to any associated down grading of the NSW Health Drinking Water Monitoring Program and associated Water Quality Database.

05 - 433 Resolution

1. That Council agree to meet the new testing charges.
 2. That Council advise NSW Health that it would be strongly opposed to any associated down grading of the NSW Health Drinking Water Monitoring Program and associated Water Quality Database.
 3. That Council advise the State Government that the transfer of testing charges to Council is further evidence of cost shifting.
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4. That Council refer the matter to the Shires Association to make further representations to the State Government regarding the continued imposition of costs on Local Government.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

14.1 Museum Exhibition Development Working Group Meeting - 16 May 2005

At the public meeting held on 3 May 2005 to discuss the museum project, it was agreed that Council's Museum Project Steering Committee meet with Historical Society representatives as soon as possible to discuss various matters with a view to expediting the occupancy of the museum by the Society.

A meeting was held Monday, 16 May 2005 in accordance with the above directive. The minutes of that meeting are provided to Councillors for consideration.

05 - 434 Resolution

1. That the minutes of the Museum Exhibition Development Working Group meeting held Monday, 16 May 2005 be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

Copy of minutes of Museum Exhibition Development Working Group meeting held 16 May 2005:

MUSEUM EXHIBITION DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

MINUTES

Minutes of meeting of the Museum Exhibition Development Working Group, held at Parkes Shire Council Administration Centre on Monday, 16 May 2005 at 4.30pm.

1. Present: Cr Ken Keith (chair), Cr Hew Cairn, Yvonne Fulton & Jenny Kingham (Parkes & District Historical Society), Alan McCormack (General Manager), Steven Campbell (Director Planning & Environment).
2. Museum Management License/Lease

A request was received from Mr Bill Burke, Parkes and District Historical Society Solicitor to address the meeting in regard to the proposed license/lease.

Recommendation: To thank Mr Burke for his offer but advise that the parties were close to agreement on the license/lease conditions.

The General Manager indicated that the parties were close to agreement except that Council had been advised that a license arrangement would be appropriate in this instance. In this regard Yvonne Fulton advised that the Consulting Solicitor had recommended a lease to provide security over the associated lands.

Recommendation: That Council seek independent advice on the difference between license and lease and give reasons for preferred instrument. Further, that the matter be submitted to the group for consideration.

3. Occupation of Museum

Yvonne Hutton advised that Parkes District Historical Society wished to store some valuable items in the Museum Work Room and to use a work shed as a temporary office. Other items would be stored in associated sheds and buildings on site.

The Director Planning & Environment indicated that the relocation of the houses would take at least two months and that any occupation of the Museum Building would require the issue of an Interim Occupation Certificate.

Recommendation: That Council and Parkes District Historical Society work towards interim occupation of the Museum as part of the Master planning process. Further, that no occupation or use is to occur until and Interim Occupation Certificate has been issued.

Yvonne Hutton advised that the Society had been given a workstation for the Museum office from State Archives.

Recommendation: That the workstation be inspected to ensure that it is suitable for installation in the Museum office.

4. Masterplan

The Director Planning & Environment advised that the Archited would be in Parkes on Thursday, 19 May 2005 for further consultation with groups involved in the Museum development.

Recommendation: That the Masterplan provide for the interim occupation of the Museum while works are being carried out on the Motor Museum and associated site works.

5. Exhibit on Development;

The Director Planning & Environment advised that the recent development of the Tweed River Regional Museum and that a Memorandum of Understanding had been developed. The MOU outlines the roles, responsibilities and working arrangements between Council, the historical societies and the Museum Advisory Committee.

Recommendation: That a copy of the MOU and any other examples be circulated to group members for consideration at the next meeting. Further that consideration be given to appointment of a Museum Advisory Committee in addition to an overall Combined Museum Management Committee structure.

The Director Planning & Environment recommended that expressions of interest now be called for the Museum Exhibit on Development Consultancy

Recommendation: That expressions be advertised allowing for both independent and project team submissions

Meeting closed 5.35pm.

15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

15.1 Dust Emanating From Parkes Harness Racing Track

Councillor K McGrath expressed concern at the dust emanating from the Parkes Harness Racing track.

The Director Planning and Environment advises that the dust complaint will be raised with the Parkes Harness Racing Club. The representations would be more effective if supported by further detail such as premises affected, dates, times and frequency.

05 - 435 Resolution

1. That the information supplied by the Director Planning and Environment be noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

15.2 Request for Footpath in Front of Parkes Power Tools Plus

Councillor K McGrath has received a request to pave the footpath at Parkes Power Tools Plus.

The Director of Operations advises that it is usually the responsibility of the business to improve the frontage to their business. A price can be forwarded if they wish to proceed at their cost.

05 - 436 Resolution

1. That the information supplied by the Director of Operations be noted.
2. That the development application be checked for a consent condition relating to the footpath.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

The Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 4.07 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 - 437 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 Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 4.10 pm.

16.1 (DCS) Sale of Land - Lot 1 DP815055 Goobang Junction

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Services

Executive Summary

At the meeting of Council held 19 April 2005 Council considered a report from the General Manager advising that a sale price had been negotiated with Terminals Australia for 2.8 hectares of land west of the Peak Hill line, adjacent to Goobang Junction.

Recommendation

1. That the contract and transfer documentation associated with the sale of Lot 1 DP815055 to Terminals Australia be completed under the seal of Council.

05 - 438 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 4.13 pm.

16.2 (DCS) Water Consumption Account

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Services

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from a resident requesting a reduction in his water account for the 2004/2005 billing period due to a leak in his internal plumbing which was detected and repaired on 21 November 2004

Recommendation

1. That the resident be advised that Council is unable to accede to his request to grant an additional Step 1 allowance for the water consumption incurred at his residence for the consumption period November 2004 to May 2005.

05 - 439 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

16.3 (DI) Water Loss Reduction and System Leakage Assessment

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

The recently completed Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan (IWCM) identified water reticulation system leakage as a potentially significant source of water loss for the Parkes Water Supply. Accordingly a proposal has been developed with an organisation leading in the water loss field to investigate the water supply system and advise Council on remedial action where required. Given the severe drought conditions water saving initiatives with potential large water savings should prove to have a high return of investment.

Recommendation

1. That Wide Bay Water be engaged to investigate water reticulation system leakage and water loss in accordance with their proposal.
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05 - 440 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

17 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY - CONFIDENTIAL

Nil.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.39 pm.