



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2006

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 18 April 2006 at 1.45pm.

PRESENT

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

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 Infrastructure - K Boyd
Town Planner - A Johns
Administration Manager - L Finn
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood
Tourism Coordinator – M Kronk
Library Services Manager – S Buckle
Minutes Secretary - T Prior

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.45pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

06 - 231 Resolution

Councillor Patrick Byrne be granted leave of absence (REASON: work commitments).

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

06 - 232 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 4 April 2006, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Yvonne Hutton declared an interest in Item 11.4 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

Councillor Robert I Wilson, OAM declared an interest in Item 12.4 (REASON Interest in 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.

06 - 233 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That it be noted that Councillor R Wilson OAM did not attend the meeting of the Peak Hill Advancement Association meeting held 27 March 2006.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

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.

06 - 234 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Councillor B Newton will represent Council at the Trundle Community Consultative Committee meeting to be held 27 April 2006.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 (ICR) Letters of Appreciation

Executive Summary

During the exercise of its various functions, Council frequently receives letters of appreciation for services rendered or actions taken by Councillors and staff. The most recently received congratulatory letters are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 235 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Senator Judith Troeth - Inquiry into Rural and Regional Women's Representation

Executive Summary

Council has previously been advised of the Australian Government's inquiry into Rural and Regional Women's representation. Senator Troeth advises that a discussion paper in relation to the inquiry has been posted to the Department of Transport and Regional Services website.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 236 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) - Annual Conference

Executive Summary

The 2006 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) conference will be held in Coonabarabran from 4 to 7 May 2006.

Recommendation

1. That Councillors Laing and Newton be authorised to attend the 2006 ALGWA Conference in Coonabarabran from 4 to 7 May 2006.

06 - 237 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) Attorney General's Department - Parkes Court House

Executive Summary

The Attorney General has replied to representations made by local member Dawn Fardell MP in relation to the need for improvements to the Parkes Court House.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 238 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

8.5 (ICR) Attorney General's Department - Alectown Bushfire

Executive Summary

Local member Dawn Fardell MP advises that the Attorney General's Department has responded to her request for information in relation to the Coronial Inquest into the Alectown bushfires. The Attorney General has advised of parties who have sought leave to appear before the Inquiry.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
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06 - 239 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That as a matter of urgency Council write to the Attorney General's Department through the Local Member seeking the terms of reference for the Coronial Inquest in relation to the Alectown bushfires and advice on who is able to obtain leave to appear before the Inquest.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

8.6 (ICR) NSW Rural Doctors Network - Evaluation Report

Executive Summary

The NSW Rural Doctor's Network (NSWRDN) has provided Council with an evaluation report relating to the most recent student placement.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 240 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.7 (ICR) John Hatzistergos, Minister for Health - Parkes Health Service

Executive Summary

Replying to the Local Member in relation to representations made concerning the redevelopment of the Parkes Health Service.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
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06 - 241 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council write to the Minister for Health advising him of prior undertakings given by the Premier when as the former Minister for Health he committed to progressing works on the redevelopment of the Parkes Health Service in 2007.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

8.8 (ICR) Peak Hill Advancement Association - Unavailability of Ambulance Service

Executive Summary

The Peak Hill Advancement Association advises of a recent incident which required the ambulance service to attend however no ambulances were available to assist in the medical emergency.

Recommendation

1. That Council seek comment from the NSW Ambulance Service in relation to the incident.
2. That Council ask the local State Member to make appropriate representations on behalf of the residents of Peak Hill to ensure that an ambulance is available in the village of Peak Hill at all times.

06 - 242 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor invited Tim Kelly, Chairman and Hannah Semlar, Executive Officer of Arts OutWest to address Council.

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor conducted a Citizenship Ceremony for Mrs Helen Brewer.

8.9 (ICR) Broderick Motors Holden - Unauthorised Private Car Sales

Executive Summary

The Principal of a local car dealership has drawn Council's attention to the practice of residents placing vehicles which are for private sale on public land adjacent to the Forbes Road railway crossing (Newell highway).

Recommendation

1. That Council resolve to put a stop to the sale of motor vehicles, caravans, boats, motorcycles, trailers, farm machinery and other items on public roads and public places unless legally parked.
2. That the procedure as set out in the report tables at Council's meeting on 15 February 2005 be adopted subject to the Forbes Road being included in the procedure.

06 - 243 Resolution

That a decision in the matter be deferred pending the supply of previously requested legal advice

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.10 (ICR) Sydney Children's Hospital - Gold Week Support

Executive Summary

Seeking Council's support of their "Gold Week" fundraising activities.

Recommendation

1. That Council advise of its in principle support and willingness to provide public recognition through local media of successful fundraising events.

06 - 244 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.11 (ICR) Orange City Council - Apex House Appeal

Executive Summary

Orange City Council has embarked on a fund raising activity for improvements of Apex House Rehabilitation Centre which operates through Orange Base Hospital. The Apex House Rehabilitation Centre is used for the rehabilitation of patients throughout the Central West who suffer stroke or stroke related illnesses. Orange City Council advises that funds in excess of \$40,000.00 are required to upgrade the facility. Orange City Council has donated \$2,500.00 towards the replacement of floor coverings at Apex House and challenges other Councils to contribute to this community project.

Recommendation

1. For the decision of Council

06 - 245 Resolution

1. That Council make a level of provision for assistance for improvement to Apex House in the 2006/2007 Revenue Policy.
2. That Council make enquiries as to the funding arrangements for the operational and maintenance responsibilities for Apex House.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.12 (ICR) Parkes and District Country Music Association Inc - 2006 Festival

Executive Summary

The organisers of the 2PK Parkes Country Music Spectacular advise that planning is well underway for the 2006 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.

06 - 246 Resolution

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3. That Council make a donation of \$350.00 to the Country Music Spectacular Awards Ceremony.
4. That permission to conduct street busking be granted subject to compliance with Council's street busking policy.
5. That Councillor B Newton attend the awards night to welcome visitors and to present awards.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.08 pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.35 pm.

8.13 (ICR) Central NSW Tourism - 2006/07 Membership

Executive Summary

Central NSW Tourism advises that it has restructured the calculation of its membership fee to provide funding for marketing campaigns without having to call on local government authorities on a frequent basis for additional funds.

Recommendation

1. That Council make provision in its 2006/2007 budget for membership of Central NSW Tourism in the sum of \$3,224.00 (excluding GST).
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06 - 247 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.14 (ICR) Charles Sturt Foundation - Veterinary Science Program

Executive Summary

The Charles Sturt Foundation provides information on the Charles Sturt Veterinary Science Foundation and opportunities for Council to sponsor the program.

Recommendation

1. For the decision of Council.

06 - 248 Resolution

1. That Council not accede to the request and advise the Charles Sturt Foundation that Council will give the matter further consideration at a later appropriate time.
2. That Council discuss with district High Schools the matter of a veterinary scholarship for qualifying local students.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.15 (ICR) Alectown Tennis Club - Water Account

Executive Summary

The Alectown Tennis Club has advised that the meter servicing the club and tennis courts has been vandalised and wastage of water has occurred. The Club requests that Council waive the water charges incurred due to the damaged meter.

Recommendation

1. That in accordance with Clause 131 (4)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the amount of \$62.40 be written off from the water account for the Alectown Tennis Club (assessment number 53960).

06 - 249 Resolution

1. That in accordance with Clause 131 (4)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the amount of \$62.40 be written off from the water account for the Alectown Tennis Club (assessment number 53960).
2. That the Club be requested to adequately secure the meter against damage and vandalism.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

8.16 (ICR) Charles Sturt University - Study Skills Day

Executive Summary

Inviting Council to assist with the costs involved in sending eight Year 11 students from Parkes High School to the Dubbo Campus of Charles Sturt University for a Study Skills Day. Students will hear lecturers cover important subjects such a study skills, time management and essay writing.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to the request and provide an amount of \$610.00 (excluding GST) to assist with costs involved in sending eight Parkes Year 11 students to the Charles Sturt University Study Skills Day in Dubbo on 19 May 2006.

06 - 250 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Developers Meeting

Executive Summary

A meeting with the proponents of major developments in the area will be held on 26 April 2006.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 251 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Work Choices

Executive Summary

On 19 March 2006 the Federal Government released the Workplace Relations Regulations 2006. The substantive provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendments (Work Choices) Act 2005 commenced operation on 27 March 2006.

There will be transitional arrangements operational for a period of up to three years. The current Local Government (NSW) State Award 2004 will become known as a "Notational Agreement Preserving a State Award" and will be known as a NAPSA.

During the transitional period Council will investigate the bargaining streams available to it under Work Choices to ensure the best option/s to enable Council to continue to align with its corporate objectives and be an employer of choice. Other matters also need to be taken into account include the skills shortage across Local Government and the ability to attract and retain suitable staff.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
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06 - 252 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Office Security

Executive Summary

The level of security continues to be updated within the Administration Centre. Additional cameras have been installed and electronic self locking doors have been implemented.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 253 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

9.4 (GM) Seniors Week in Review

Executive Summary

Seniors Week was held from Sunday, 2 April to Saturday, 8 April 2006. An extensive program was organised by the local organising committee. Attendances for all events saw a 100% increase on the previous year.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
 2. That the organising committee be congratulated on the success of the 2006 Seniors Week program.
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06 - 254 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9.5 (GM) Department of Local Government - Meeting Practice Note

Executive Summary

Council is required to conduct its meetings in a way that involves Councillors, Council staff, members of the public and others in the development, improvement and coordination of Local Government. The way in which Councils conduct their meetings is important in achieving this goal.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That the current practice of the first meeting of the month being a smaller meeting to allow discussion and representations relating to matters before Council continue.

06 - 255 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - March 2006

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 March 2006 be received and noted.

06 - 256 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 31 March 2006

Executive Summary

As at 31 March 2006 Council held \$36,868,441.97 in investments.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

06 - 257 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.3 (DCS) Naming of Public Infrastructure

Executive Summary

Council has received a suggestion from the Parkes Sports Council that consideration be given to the procedure adopted by Gunnedah Shire Council for the naming of public infrastructure.

Recommendation

1. That Council adopt the Naming of Public Infrastructure Policy.
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06 - 258 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.4 (DCS) Library Services Statistics - March 2006

Executive Summary

Library usage statistics for the month of March 2006 are provided for the information of Council.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted

06 - 259 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.5 (DCS) Library Services Monthly Update - March 2006

Executive Summary

Information submitted to Council on the activities of the Library during the month of March 2006.

Recommendation

- 1 That the information contained in the Library Services Monthly Update for March 2006 be received and noted.

06 - 260 Resolution

1. That the information contained in the Library Services Monthly Update for March 2006 be received and noted.
2. That Council be represented at the Library Conference by Councillors Laing and Newton

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.6 (DCS) Tourism Update March/April 2006

Executive Summary

A brief update of general Shire tourism activities.

Recommendation

1. That the Tourism Update be received and noted.

06 - 261 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.7 (DCS) Economic Development - Sport, Recreation Grants

Executive Summary

Council has been asked by the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Local Member to again become actively involved in endorsing the 2006/2007 Capital Assistance Program process. The request involves active promotion of the program and involvement in the assessment process through the allocation of priorities for each of the projects.

Recommendation

1. That Council assist in the promotion and assessment of projects under the NSW Government's 2006/2007 Sport and Recreation Capital Assistance Program.
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06 - 262 Resolution

1. That Council assist in the promotion and assessment of projects under the NSW Government's 2006/2007 Sport and Recreation Capital Assistance Program.
2. That suggestions for grants including shade structure at the Parkes Pool, ramp at Tullamore Pool and Trundle Pool improvements be noted

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.8 (DCS) Economic Development - Jack Scoble Recognition

Executive Summary

A meeting of the Jack Scoble Memorial Committee on 4 April 2006 clarified the Committee's short and long term aspirations which Council has now been asked to endorse.

Recommendation

1. That Council make provision in its 2006/2007 Management Plan for an allocation of \$5,000.00 for the Scoble Educational Scholarship to be presented in 2007, and proceed with design and costing of a suitable stage structure in Cooke Park to commemorate Mr Scoble's community contribution.

06 - 263 Resolution

1. That Council make provision in its 2006/2007 Management Plan for an allocation of \$5,000.00 for the Scoble Educational Scholarship Trust to be presented in 2007, and proceed with design and costing of a suitable stage structure in Cooke Park to commemorate Mr Scoble's community contribution.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.9 (DCS) Economic Development - Parkes 2008 Celebrations

Executive Summary

The Parkes History Book Committee has identified several key dates to assist planning for Council's 125th anniversary celebrations in 2008. Details are attached.

The Committee has asked Council to consider extending an invitation to the Lord Mayor of Coventry and members of the Coventry/Parkes Association to visit Parkes in 2008 as an integral part of the main celebration.

Recommendation

1. That Council extend an invitation to the Lord Mayor of Coventry City Council and representatives of the Coventry/Parkes Association to visit Parkes in 2008 for celebrations associated with the 125th anniversary of Local Government in Parkes, and invite the Parkes History Book Committee to develop an appropriate schedule of civic and community events to mark the occasion.

06 - 264 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.10 (DCS) Economic Development - 2006 Country Week Exhibition

Executive Summary

Discussions with representatives of Forbes, Lachlan, Cowra and Weddin Councils, together with Country Week management, reached agreement to facilitate the Council's involvement in the exhibition. As part of that arrangement:

- Country Week organisers have substantially discounted the cost of involvement to \$4,667.00 per Council, a saving of \$2,000.00 excluding travel, accommodation and setup costs;
- The five Councils will each be allocated a 3 metre by 3 metre space in a prominent position side by side, enabling more effective presentation and marketing of each local government area.

Recommendation

1. That Council confirm its participation in the 2006 Country Week Expo along the lines suggested and that provision be made in the 2006/07 Management Plan for an allocation of \$7,000.00 towards the project.

06 - 265 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) DA05198: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 560 DP 750179 and Lot 2 DP 811666 Condobolin Road, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05198

Applicant: GHD Pty Ltd

Property: Lot 2 DP 811666, Lot 560 DP 750179, Condobolin Road, Parkes

Proposal: Subdivision

Executive Summary

Council returned all documentation submitted in support of Development Application No. 05198 to the applicant GHD Pty Ltd on 14 March 2006. The applicant was advised that Council was refusing to consider the application under Part 15 Clause 256 (3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 due to the non-payment of development application fees.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the actions of Council's Director of Planning and Environment be endorsed by Council.

It is also recommended that Council write to nearby property owners and government agencies who provided comment on the proposal and advise them of Council's actions.

06 - 266 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) DA05208: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 3 DP 547904, 77 Woodward Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05208

Applicant: GHD Pty Ltd

Property: Lot 3 DP 547904, 77 Woodward Street, Parkes

Proposal: Subdivision

Executive Summary

The application is for the subdivision of an existing vacant residential allotment located on the south-eastern outskirts of the Parkes Urban Area. The proposal will involve the creation of ten residential allotments and the construction of a street to service the allotments.

The applicant is seeking two variations to Council's Residential Code 1998. Inadequate information has been submitted by the applicant in support of the application, particularly relating to storm water management.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the application be refused for the reasons contained in the report.

06 - 267 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) DA06039: Proposed Garage and Pergola at Lot 3 DP 855083 Thomas Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06039

Applicant: Mr J Alderson & Ms C Symington

Property: Lot 3 DP 855083, Thomas Street, Parkes

Proposal: Garage and Pergola

Executive Summary

An application for the erection of a 130 metres squared, brick double garage with attached store rooms and attached covered pergola is the subject of a request to encroach 2.5 metres into Councils' minimum ten (10) metre side boundary setback requirements for buildings situated on land zoned 1(c), Rural Small Holdings.

Recommendation

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

06 - 268 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting temporarily at 4.15 pm.

11.4 (DPE) Museum Project Update

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to bring Council up to date with the various components of the Museum Project and to seek approval to proceed with additions/upgrading to a shed for collection storage.

Recommendation

1. That the existing storage shed be extended, insulated and lined for collection storage. Further that the information be noted.

06 - 269 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

11.5 (DPE) Impounding Report for November & December 2005, January, February & March 2006

Executive Summary

A regular report is provided to Council on Ranger activities including impounding statistics.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.
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06 - 270 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

11.6 (DPE) March 2006 Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of March 2006 there were sixteen (16) Development Applications received totalling \$1,172,458.00 and 21 consents issued.

Nine (9) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$106,258.00 and nine consents issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 271 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at April 2006

Executive Summary

Other than maintenance works and flood damage repairs, major works that have been carried out over the past month are reported below. Confirmation of relief funding for the November 2005 flood damage has been received.

Recommendation

1. That the information on Major Works Status as at April 2006 be noted.
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06 - 272 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Tullamore Pool - Access for Senior Citizens

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from a group of senior citizens that use Tullamore Pool requesting that Council install a moveable ramp to make it easier to enter. At present assistance is provided in the form of fibreglass steps.

It is understood that the first step is difficult to negotiate. The group consider that a ramp in the shallow end would be most suitable.

Investigations have shown that a ramp could be made, however the cost, and the size and weight, make it impractical.

It is considered that the steps could be made more user friendly with some modifications to make the first step more accessible.

Recommendation

1. That the group be advised that the provision of a ramp is not possible at this time but that modifications will be carried out on the removable steps to make it more accessible.

06 - 273 Resolution

1. That the group be advised that the provision of a ramp is not possible at this time but that modifications will be carried out on the removable steps to make it more accessible.
2. That Council list the provision of a ramp for the Tullamore Pool as a priority in the current round of Department of Sport and Recreation Capital Assistance Program grant applications.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Parkes Airport - Certificate to Operate

Executive Summary

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) have issued the Aerodrome Certificate under the Civil Aviation Act 1988 that authorises Parkes Shire Council to operate Parkes Airport. Parkes Airport was previously licensed but under the new Civil Aviation Regulations, Council had to seek certification to allow Parkes Airport to be used for passenger transport.

It is considered that the Facility and Emergency Management Officer should be congratulated on his efforts in meeting the requirements for certification of Parkes Airport.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted and that the Facility and Emergency Management Officer be congratulated for his efforts to gain certification.

06 - 274 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

Councillor Robert I Wilson, OAM vacated the Chair and left the meeting temporarily at 4.23 pm.

Councillor K Keith assumed the Chair.

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 4.25 pm.

Councillor Robert I Wilson, OAM rejoined the meeting and assumed the Chair at 4.26 pm.

12.4 (DO) Footpath Construction - Bogan Street, Parkes

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from A.G. Souter Pty Limited requesting that Council provide a concrete footpath in front of their premises, as well as turf, in Bogan Street, Parkes. A.G. Souter advise that they will be undertaking major renovations in the near future, and the footpath area also needs improvement. A.G. Souter advise that they would fully maintain the turf and shrubs.

The area is highly visible given the proximity to the fast food outlets and location on the Newell Highway.

It is considered that any upgrading of the footpath area should be undertaken by the developer as is normal Council practice.

Recommendation

1. That A.G. Souter Pty Limited be advised that Council cannot assist at this time, but that no objections are raised if they wish to undertake the footpath construction to Council standards as part of their development.

06 - 275 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.5 (DO) Local Road Study - Works Programme

Executive Summary

Pavement Management Services were engaged to carry out a pavement evaluation on several of Council's local roads. The resulting report gives an optimum or recommended forward works programme for the roads to maintain them in their current condition. The roads tested were Telescope Road (SR 30), Brolgan Road (SR 40), Bedgerebong Road (SR 72), Bogan Road (SR76), Taweni Road (SR 82A), Middle Trundle Road (SR 83), Coradgery Road (SR 136).

The results show that the desired expenditures are beyond Council's current funding allocations.

It is considered that the remaining sealed roads should be similarly evaluated to assist Council in determining a suitable programme for sealed roads maintenance.

Recommendation

1. That the report be noted and that all sealed local roads be progressively evaluated to assist in formulating a long term strategy for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the sealed road network.

06 - 276 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) Just Terms Acquisition for Industrial Purposes

Executive Summary

Council has received a letter from the Department of Local Government requesting a recent resolution for the acquisition of land in South Parkes, required for the extension of the Parkes Industrial Estate.

Recommendation

1. That Council reaffirm intention to acquire the Crown Land being Lot 725 DP 837505, Lots 19 and 20 DP 1047309 and Lots 7022 and 7023 DP 1054934 in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
2. That Council acquires the land for the purpose of resale and the provision of associated roads and utility services to facilitate further extension of the Parkes Industrial Estate
3. That Council make necessary application to the Minister and/or Governor and that on acquisition the land be classified as "operational".
4. That all necessary documentation be signed under the Seal of Council as required to facilitate the acquisition.

06 - 277 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) Development Consent 05158, Seeking Financial Assistance from Council for Kerb and Gutter Works

Executive Summary

A letter has been received in respect of Development Consent DA05158 requesting Council contribute to kerb and gutter works.

It is the normal expectation that residential subdivisions of this nature are completed at no cost to Council. The proponents arguments for assistance are detailed in the attached letter.

Recommendation

1. That kerb and gutter work associated with the development be at the full cost of the developer.
2. That similar provisions, being full cost to the developer, be a standard condition for future development applications where kerb and gutter work is required.

06 - 278 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

13.3 (DI) Road Safety Strategic Plan

Executive Summary

The Draft Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils' Road Safety Strategic Plan, which was adopted by Council on 16 August 2005 and publicly exhibited for 28 days, is now presented for adoption and incorporation into Council's Management Plan. During the public exhibition process no submissions were received about the content of the Strategic Plan.

The Road Safety Strategic Plan provides a framework and direction for all divisions of Council to work together towards common road safety goals and a uniform approach to road safety across the three Shires.

The Plan is designed to provide input to guide the Road Safety Action Plan, which is developed each year by the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer (RSIPO) in consultation with the Road Safety Steering Committee. It will also provide input to guide the development of a variety of Council Plans including, Bike Plans, Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans and Transport Management Plans.

Recommendation

That the Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils' Road Safety Strategic Plan be adopted and incorporated as an appendix to Council's Management Plan.

06 - 279 Resolution

1. That the Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils' Road Safety Strategic Plan be adopted and incorporated as an appendix to Council's Management Plan.
2. That the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer's contribution to the Plan be recognised.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

13.4 (DI) Road Safety Officer Program Funding Agreement

Executive Summary

As Council is aware a Road Safety Program was established in 2002 as a joint initiative of Lachlan, Forbes and Parkes Shire Councils, together with the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA). The working and funding arrangements between the Councils and the RTA are formalised under a "Program Funding Agreement", which is now due for renewal.

Recommendation

1. That Council continue to participate in the Road Safety Program subject to the continued participation of Lachlan and Forbes Shire Councils.
2. That Council enter into a new Program Funding Agreement, which extends the Roads Safety Program until 2010.

06 - 280 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

13.5 (DI) Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Monthly Report for March 2006

Executive Summary

The attached report outlines the monthly activities and programs of the Lachlan, Parkes, Forbes Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer (RSIPO).

In March the RSIPO has been predominantly been involved in planning "Community Speed Watch" and implementing the "Newell Highway Fatigue Project".

The Skate Park open day was also conducted on Sunday 26 March 2006, which attracted over 300 supporters.

Recommendation

1. That the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer's Report for March 2006 be received and noted.
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06 - 281 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Nil.

15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

In accordance with Clause 17(4) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice the following business was allowed by the Chairperson.

15.1 Parkes Learn to Swim - Appreciation

Councillor Y Hutton expresses the appreciation of the Parkes Learn to Swim Group to Council for the use of the Band Room and to the Information Services Section for the use of various items of equipment during the Group's recent Austswim accreditation course.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

06 - 282 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

15.2 Condition of Bike Lanes and Town Roads

Councillor Y Hutton advises of the roughness of bike lanes and town roads and would like to know how often these areas are checked.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that roughness in urban areas, unless severe and unsafe, does not normally attract routine maintenance. Remedial action for a rough surface generally requires reconstruction and is costly. Funds are currently directed to safety aspects initially.

Routine inspection for defects, such as potholes, is completed regularly. Parkes is divided into five maintenance areas and work crews are tasked sequentially to each area to ensure all areas are inspected.

Reported defects are addresses commensurate with the seriousness of the defect.

The level of intervention is usually controlled by the money available. It is the intention of the "Asset Management Plan" to set "levels of service" at which intervention should occur. However the higher the Level of Service the greater the cost.

Recommendation

That the information supplied by the Director of Infrastructure be received and noted.

06 - 283 Resolution

1. That the information supplied by the Director of Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. That a suitable program for cyclist safety and awareness be investigated by the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.3 Arts Outwest Funding 2006/2007

Following the presentation made to Council by Arts Outwest in relation to the benefits of membership and the level of membership fees for 2006/2007 the Mayor asked the meeting to consider its position.

06 - 284 Resolution

1. That Council limit its 2006 contribution to Arts Outwest to the previous year's membership level plus the rate pegging allowance.
2. That subject to Arts Outwest setting up and being responsible for communication channels to allow local groups to publicise their cultural programs, Council will further consider an additional contribution at a future date.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 5.25 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.

06 - 285 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 John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

16.1 (GM) Parkes Airport

Prepared By: General Manager

Executive Summary

This is a report on the status of the Parkes Airport development.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 286 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.45 pm.
