



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 2 MAY 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 2 May 2006 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

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

Councillor P Byrne
Councillor W Scott
Councillor K McGrath
Councillor G Pratt

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell
Director Operations - S Barry
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd
Administration Manager - L Finn
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood
Minutes Secretary - D Ehsman

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.30pm.

The Mayor acknowledged and welcomed members of the Parkes College for Seniors group in the gallery to view the meeting as part of their studies.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

06 - 287 Resolution

That Councillor Ken Keith be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

06 - 288 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 18 April 2006, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Barbara Newton declared an interest in Item 12.5 (REASON Property/Owner - Adjacent Land).

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil.

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 (ICR) NSW Department of Community Services - Youth Grant

Executive Summary

Advising that the Department of Community Services (DOCS) has made an amount of \$2,000.00 available to assist Council's "Young Citizen of the Year" to implement an Anti Racism and/or Community Harmony Project.

Recommendation

1. That subject to Mr Sutton providing advice in the affirmative in relation to the proposal, Council indicate its willingness to accept the grant funds by the closing date of 12 May 2006.

06 - 289 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Central NSW Tourism - Service Provision

Executive Summary

Central NSW Tourism has provided additional information to assist Councils in their deliberations over their increase in membership fees of the organisation in 2006/2007.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 290 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting Councillor Yvonne Hutton joined the meeting at 1.45pm.

8.3 (ICR) Ericsson - Upgrade of CDMA Facilities Faye Road, Parkes

Executive Summary

Ericsson have been contracted by Telstra to upgrade mobile phone facilities located at Faye Road, Parkes to assist with the eventual implementation of the proposed new broadband mobile telecommunication services.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 291 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) NSW Little Athletics Cross Country and Road Walks Championships, 2 July 2006

Executive Summary

Parkes Little Athletics Club has sought Council's support and assistance in finalising arrangements for this major event involving 500 competitors on Sunday, 2 July 2006.

Recommendation

1. That the request be referred to the next Traffic Committee meeting scheduled for 10 May 2006.

06 - 292 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.5 (ICR) Tullamore & District Community Consultative Committee - Suggested Town Improvement

Executive Summary

The Tullamore & District Community Consultative Committee (TCCC) advises that they would like to spend the one-off Town Improvement Allocation on installing blinds/awnings on shop fronts in the main street of Tullamore.

Recommendation

1. For the decision of Council.

06 - 293 Resolution

1. That Council advise the Committee that the project is considered to be outside the scope of the Tullamore Town Improvement Fund and suggest that the Committee meet with Council's Planning staff and Heritage Advisor to discuss the proposal in more detail.
2. That Council considers the suggested project should be privately funded but will meet with the Committee for a discussion on the suggestion.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

8.6 (ICR) Parkes Mental Health Unit - Appreciation for Assistance

Executive Summary

The Parkes Mental Health Unit has conveyed its appreciation for the donation made by Council following the charity auction held as part of the official opening of the Forbes Shire Council's Central West Livestock Exchange.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 294 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.7 (ICR) Parkes P A & H Association - Donation Request

Executive Summary

The Parkes P A & H Association has requested Council's annual donation towards prizes for the 2006 Parkes Show.

Recommendation

1. That an amount of \$50.00 be contributed to the various P A & H Associations within the Shire to assist with the cost of prizes for the District's 2006 Annual Shows.

06 - 295 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Planning Meeting

Executive Summary

A meeting was held 26 April 2006 with known developers of projects in the Parkes Shire.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 296 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Staff Changes - 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006

Executive Summary

A periodic report on the movement in staff numbers as one of a number of measures of organisational health, stability and employee satisfaction.

Recommendation

1. That the information regarding staff changes for the period 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006 be received and noted.

06 - 297 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Goods and Service Tax (GST) Certificate of Compliance

Executive Summary

Council is now required to provide a Certificate of Compliance relating to GST.

Recommendation

1. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Finance Manager sign the certificate.

06 - 298 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) Netwaste Central Regional Waste Collection Contract

Executive Summary

The Contract for the provision of Waste Collection Services has been finalised and now requires completion under Seal of Council.

Recommendation

1. That the Seal of Council be affixed to all documentation associated with the completion of the Contract with J R Richards & Sons to provide Waste Collection Services.

06 - 299 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor invited Mr Rodrigo Gutierrez, Crime Prevention Advisor, of NSW Attorney General's Department to address Council on developing a Crime Prevention Plan for Parkes Shire.

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor presented Certificates of Recognition to members of the Parkes Baton Twirlers in relation to their success at National Title level.

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor conducted a Citizenship Ceremony for Mr Selwyn (James) Matete.

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

The meeting resumed at 3.25pm.

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Bushfire - Cost of Suppression - "Boongala"

Executive Summary

A report was put to the 4 April 2006 Council meeting concerning the need to engage heavy equipment to assist with the suppression of a fire on "Boongala", a property west of Peak Hill. A letter was subsequently forwarded to the property owner advising of the responsibilities of landholders in preventing and suppressing fires on their land.

Information was later received that the property owner had previously asked the contractor providing the equipment to send any accounts to them for payment.

Contact has since been made with the property owner concerned thanking them for their responsible actions in meeting the cost of the fire suppression. An apology was also offered if the letter sent to them caused any distress given that they had already undertaken to meet any costs.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the responsible actions taken by the property owner in meeting all costs associated with suppression of the fire on "Boongala" be noted.

06 - 300 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That a letter of apology be written in relation to the misunderstanding.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Skate Park Vandalism

Executive Summary

An irrigation system was installed as part of the skate park development to water the surrounding turf. The system has been continually vandalised since its opening with sprinkler heads being kicked off. On two occasions every sprinkler head in the system was kicked off, costing over \$1000 each time to replace them all.

Such vandalism occurs at every location where irrigation is provided, but not at the frequency and extent of that occurring at the skate park.

Unfortunately, the ongoing cost of maintaining the irrigation has resulted in the system being shut down.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the shutting down of the skate park irrigation due to vandalism be noted.

06 - 301 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council approach the Parkes Police advising of the problems being experienced at the skate park and requesting the involvement of the Parkes PCYC to assist in an appropriate way.
3. That a more suitable garbage bin be placed at the skate park.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Parkes Airport - Update on Data Transfer and Public Phone Line

Executive Summary

Council considered a report at the 4 April 2006 meeting on the need for a telephone line to enable transfer of data and the desire to replace the existing public phone at the terminal. Council resolved "That a further report be prepared pending the investigation of other options relating to using the existing service or the REX phone line for the Avdata transfers".

Further investigations have shown that the existing public phone line cannot be used as it operates on a metered pulse and dial out only. It has also been found that Council pays an additional \$99 per month for "service and equipment" on top of the \$45 per month lease fee previously reported.

An approach has been made to Regional Express concerning the possibility of shared use of their line. If this is not possible the only option available may be the replacement of the public pay phone with a normal service phone inside the terminal.

A further report will be put to Council when more information is known.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the updated situation on phone lines at Parkes Airport be noted.

06 - 302 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Parkes Airport - Terrorism Insurance Cover

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Statewide, Council's insurers, advising that cover may be able to be obtained for airport related terrorism, currently excluded from our policy coverage. At this stage Council has no coverage against an act of terror at the airport, or for any claim made against Council resulting from screening activities undertaken in a heightened security alert.

Statewide are seeking urgent advice as to whether Council wishes to participate.

The NSW Division of the Australian Airports Association meeting was held on Thursday 27 April 2006 in Sydney and was attended by the Facility and Emergency Management Officer. The matter of insurance was to be raised for discussion.

Further information from the AAA meeting will be provided at the Council meeting to enable a decision to be made on participation in the terrorism cover offered.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted and that a decision be made when further information is provided from the NSW Division meeting of the Australian Airports Association.
2. That attendance of the Facility and Emergency Management Officer at the NSW Division meeting of the Australian Airports Association held in Sydney on 27 April 2006 be endorsed.

06 - 303 Resolution

1. That Council not participate in the insurance policy on offer.
2. That in the event of heightened security alert Council advise the applicable airlines that it is considered that they are responsible for the screening of passengers.
3. That a letter be written to DOTARS in support of the position taken by the Australian Airport Owners Association and seeking comment on the proposal.
4. That attendance of the Facility and Emergency Management Officer at the NSW Division meeting of the Australian Airports Association held in Sydney on 27 April 2006 be endorsed.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor Barbara Newton left the meeting temporarily at 3.45pm.

12.5 (DO) Tullamore - Sealing of Road to Tip

Executive Summary

A petition has been received requesting that Council seal Haylock Street to Tullamore Tip. A similar request had previously been considered by Council in March 2005 which could not be approved due to funding limitations. The current estimated cost to provide basic formation and seal is \$33,000.

Funding is not available from the Tullamore Town Improvement Vote. Council may wish to defer the project for consideration under the Financial Assistance Grant - Roads Component. Projects are considered on a Shire wide priority basis and allocation of funds for this project is not guaranteed.

Recommendation

1. That the Petitioners be advised that the proposed works will be considered with other competing projects for the 2006/07 programme under the Financial Assistance Grant - Road Component, but that no guarantee can be provided.

06 - 304 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That the petitioners be reminded of the one off \$20,000.00 supplementary vote for the Tullamore Town Improvement Fund.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

Councillor Barbara Newton rejoined the meeting at 3.48pm.

12.6 (DO) Peak Hill Laneway - Request for Sealing

Executive Summary

A request was received some time ago from the Peak Hill Advancement Association for the laneway between Frazer Court Hostel and the Doctors Surgery to be sealed. At present the lane is partially sealed and the estimated cost to complete the sealing is \$11,500.

A site meeting was held with representatives of Frazer Court and the Works Engineer and Works Supervisor from Peak Hill to discuss the proposal.

It is considered that the completion of the seal would be very beneficial to the users of the surrounding facilities.

Recommendation

1. That the lane between Frazer Court Hostel and the Doctor's surgery be sealed at the estimated cost of \$11,500 funded from the Peak Hill Town Improvement Vote.

06 - 305 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) National Local Roads and Transport Congress

Executive Summary

The first National Local Roads and Transport Congress was held in March 2000 at Moree and has developed into arguably the pre-eminent forum on local road issues for Local Government. The seventh Congress will be held in Alice Springs on 9-11 July 2006, where over 400 delegates are expected and presentations are to include The Hon Clare Martin MLA, Northern Territory Chief Minister and The Hon Mark Vaile MP, Deputy Prime Minister.

The genesis of the Roads to Recovery Program (R2R) has been accredited to the influence of the National Local Roads and Transport Congress, as was the extension of the Roads to Recovery Program (R2R2) in 2004. The Congress, Managed by the Australian Local Govern Association, continues to grow in stature and is a very important event for local government.

Recommendation

1. The Deputy Mayor and the Director of Infrastructure be authorised to attend and represent Council at the Seventh National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Alice Springs on 9-11 July 2006.

06 - 306 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) Strategic Business Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Services

Executive Summary

The Strategic Business Plan (SBP) for Water Supply and Sewerage Services combines the results of investigations completed over the past several years into a concise strategy to address the water supply and sewerage issues in Parkes Shire. In particular the SBP aims to implement the Parkes Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan, which as the title suggests provides an integrated suite of strategies to meet the current and future water supply and sewerage demands of the Parkes Shire in an environmentally sustainable way based on triple bottom line principles.

The strategy is supported by a long term Financial Plan and a Development Servicing Plan, which will ensure the schemes can be provided in an equitable way, without major pricing fluctuation or increases.

Capital works identified in the plan include, a new water treatment plant, a new sewerage treatment plant, a recycled water ring main to public parks and gardens, a new storage reservoir at Parkes, stormwater harvesting, a new Lachlan river intake, a leakage detection program, strategic procurement of additional raw water, reticulated sewerage for Tullamore and Trundle, upgrading works to the Peak Hill sewage treatment plant and major remedial work to Lake Endeavour Dam.

Sensitivity analysis has indicated the capital works program can be delivered without large increases in residential bills. Various assumptions have been made in the preparation of the plan, however the largest variable and potentially the most significant risk, remains the timing and quantum of NSW State Government Subsidy, which is currently unknown.

Recommendation

1. It is recommended that Council approve the Draft Strategic Business Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Services and publicly advertise the plan for 30 days seeking public comment.

06 - 307 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That at a suitable time in the near future a public information meeting be held.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

13.3 (DI) Proposed New Development Servicing Plans (Develop Charges) for Water Supply and Sewerage Services in Parkes Shire

Executive Summary

Preparation of Water Supply and Sewerage Development Servicing Plans (DSP), which include requisite Developer Charges, is a requirement of the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability.

Given the recent completion of the Parkes Shire Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan, which identifies a new suite of infrastructure to service Parkes as it grows, preparation of a new DSP has been required.

The plan proposes a 2006/07 per Equivalent Tenement charge of \$8,820 for Water and \$2,620 for Sewer to be implemented from 1 July 2006.

Adoption of these charges for Parkes and Environs is recommended and exemption for charges remote of Parkes, including Peak Hill, Tullamore and Trundle.

Recommendation

1. That Council adopt the draft "Parkes Shire Council, Development Servicing Plans for Water Supply and Sewerage Services" and agree to put the draft plan on public exhibition for not less than 30 working days.
2. That comments received in relation to the Development Servicing Plan be considered in the preparation of the final Plan.
3. That Peak Hill be exempt on the basis of development not exceeding the 5 lot per year threshold as identified in the document. And that pursuant to clause 2.2.3 of the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS) guidelines, an exemption document be prepared and lodged with the DEUS.
4. That all Developers having lodged a Development Application which may incur Developer Charges in the past six months be notified of the proposed new Development Servicing Plans.
5. That Equivalent Tenement calculations in the first instance be generally based on "Section 64 Determination of Equivalent Tenements Guidelines" published by the NSW Water Directorate, January 2005, as amended from time to time.

06 - 308 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

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 Driver Reviver - Kelly Reserve

Cr Laing advises that the Parkes Tourism Board has enquired about the status of the Driver Reviver Rest Stop planned for Kelly Reserve. The matter was discussed at the Board's last meeting together with the current location of the van used during peak travelling times (school holidays etc).

The Director of Planning and Environment advises that a meeting was recently held between the Architect, Peter Dunn and the Builder, Garry Potts to clarify certain aspects of the design of the facility. The construction of the facility can now proceed.

Recommendation

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

06 - 309 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.2 Blocked Drain at Brookview/Parkes Street, Trundle

Cr Newton raised the matter of a drain at Brookview/Parkes Street, Trundle blocked with weeds and rushes. According to residents the drain holds back water and contributes to flooding in the town pool area. Residents advise that a dense population of mosquitoes is developing in the area. A resident has advised that previous enquiries with both DIPNR in Forbes and Parkes Council have not been able to clearly define responsibility.

The Director of Operations advises that Council owns the land bounded by Brookview, Hutton, Gobondery and Parkes Streets incorporating Berryman Park and the pool grounds. Council cleared the rushes periodically both by digging then burning off. It is considered that in the short term the rushes be burnt off. Longer term reshaping of the land so that it could be maintained by a mower (when dry) would be the most suitable option. Additionally, the concrete aprons could be widened on the culverts under Brookview and Parkes Streets to keep the inlets clear.

Recommendation

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

06 - 310 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.3 Breastscreen NSW - Current Program for Local Government

Cr Hutton enquired if Council was able to avail itself of the proposed grants on offer from BreastScreen NSW to local Councils to help promote Breast Screening awareness in the 50-69 year female demographic. The matter was detailed recently in the Local Government's Shires Association Circular of 21 April 2006.

The Administration Manager advises that contact has been made with the Marketing Coordinator of BreastScreen NSW and Council's preliminary interest in the grant program registered. The Coordinator advises that the Guidelines and supporting material are nearing finalisation and will be forwarded to all Councils shortly. A proposal to jointly administer such a grant with a community group such as Quota was welcomed and it was advised that the guidelines will reflect this.

A report will be submitted to Council when further information is to hand.

Recommendation

That the information supplied by the Administration Manager be received and noted.

06 - 311 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council write to Parkes Branch of Quota International seeking comment on their joint participation with Council in the proposed grant funded Breast Screening Awareness program.
3. That Council write to the appropriate body suggesting more frequent visits and the current age limit imposed for free breast screening services be lowered to permit a wider range of participation.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

15.4 Location of Wall Hanging - Parkes Embroidery Group

Cr Laing has received a request from the Parkes Embroidery Group to have the Wall Hanging which they prepared to be located in the Coventry Room. It is advised that the Group feels that it is not being seen by the public in the current position it is in on the western wall of the library. The Group has also requested an update on the progress of having a display case built for the commissioned piece.

The Administration Manager advises that at its meeting held on 3 February 2006 Council considered a report in relation to representations made by the Parkes Embroidery Group to have the commissioned wall hanging placed in the Library where it would be more accessible to the public. The request followed the temporary relocation of the wall hanging from the Coventry Room to the Library during the Elvis Festival at which time the Coventry Room was used for a major exhibition of Elvis memorabilia.

Council resolved to agree to the request and to obtain a quotation for a suitable display cabinet for the item. At last enquiry, the quotation was still being prepared.

It would seem that there is a differing opinion from within the group as to the most suitable location for the hanging. It has been pointed out to members of the Group that the inherent difficulty relating to the hanging is the need to periodically relocate or store the item because of the need for display space associated with various exhibitions (this applies to both the Library and the Coventry Room).

It may be appropriate that the group formerly write to Council with their collective wishes.

Recommendation

1. That the Group be requested to formerly write to Council with a clear indication of where they would like the wall hanging located.
2. That investigations be carried out into the structural design of the display case situated in the Cowra Administration Centre.
3. That during their next visit to Parkes Convergence Design (Consultants) be asked to inspect the wall hanging and provide informal advice on a suitable treatment for its protection.

06 - 312 Resolution

1. That the Group be asked for its opinion on a location.
2. That an appropriate protective case be erected.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.5 Bicycles and Skateboards in CBD

Cr McGrath advises that he has received complaints regarding young people riding bicycles and skateboards on the footpath within the CBD of Parkes.

The Director of Planning and Environment advises that Council's Ranger can monitor and issue Infringement Notices provided appropriate signage is in place.

Recommendation

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

06 - 313 Resolution

1. That a letter be written to Parkes Police and to major department stores advising them of the complaints received.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.6 Closure of Grain Reveal Silos

Cr Magill referred to an article in the Forbes Advocate by Senior Agronomist, Cr Graham Falconer in relation to GrainCorp's plans to close a number of grain reveal sites in the central west. Cr Magill advised that the article revealed that some farmers will be forced to travel up to 100km more to deliver grain which will add to turnaround time, fuel costs and damage to local roads. The article called for the support of neighbouring Councils making a strong statement in opposition of the plant closures.

The General Manager advised that the matter had been raised at the recent meeting of the Alliance Councils (Parkes, Forbes, Lachlan, Weddin) where it was agreed that a joint statement from the Alliance be made.

Recommendation

1. That the information supplied by the General Manager be received and noted.
2. That Council write independently to GrainCorp expressing its strong opposition to the proposed closures given Council's previous extensive lobbying for improvements and maintenance to branch rail lines and foreshadowing the damage which will be caused to local road systems because of the additional traffic generated by the closures.

06 - 314 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 5.01pm.

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 - 315 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 George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

16.1 (GM) Parkes Airport

Prepared By: General Manager

Executive Summary

Option agreements (to replace various other agreements) have been submitted to Council by Mr Mark Smith and then forwarded to Council's Solicitor for comment.

Recommendation

1. That, the agreements be signed in the form submitted or as adjusted by Council's Solicitor.

06 - 316 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

16.2 (DO) Parkes Airport - Provision of Coffee Vending Machine

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

A letter has been received seeking Council's approval to provide an espresso coffee vending machine in the Parkes Airport terminal. At present, Council provides a café bar at no cost to the public.

It is considered that the standard of the proposed service is far superior to that offered at present and would be worth trialling to determine the usage. If the usage did not meet the minimum requirements the café bar could be put back into service.

Recommendation

1. That approval be granted to install an Espresso Coffee Vending Machine in the terminal building at Parkes Airport.

06 - 317 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

16.3 (DI) Parkes Water Supply - Raw Water Supply

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

Council's previous resolution to proceed with the development of a new water treatment plant opens the opportunity for Council to procure raw water for the future growth of Parkes.

Strategic procurement of Lachlan River Water for future use should now be considered.

Recommendation

1. That Council strategically investigate the procurement of additional raw water.

06 - 318 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

16.4 (DI) CENTROC - Joint Tender for the Provision of Linemarking Services. Contract No: 005/05

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

Parkes Council is a member of the CENTROC Supply Management Project Team, which has recently called Tenders for the provision of Linemarking Services.

Recommendation

1. It is recommended that Council accepts the offer of Central West Linemarking for the provision of Linemarking Services for a two (2) year period commencing 1 June 2006.
 2. It is further recommended that Council formally advise CENTROC of its acceptance of the offer from Central West Linemarking for the Joint Tender for the provision of linemarking services.
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06 - 319 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.32pm.