



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 16 MAY 2006

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held at the Council Administration Centre, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes, commencing at 12:30 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 16 May 2006 at 12.30pm.

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

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
Library Services Manager – S Buckle
Minutes Secretary - T Prior

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 12.30pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

06 - 320 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 2 May 2006, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wayne Scott declared an interest in Item 10.8 (REASON Related entity to an individual mentioned in the report).

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 10.3 (REASON Executive member of organisation 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 - 321 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That it be noted that Councillor J Magill attended the Central West Catchment Management Authority meeting 12 May 2006 and the Lachlan Regional Transport Committee meeting 13 May 2006.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

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 - 322 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That Councillor J Magill will attend a Rural Fire Service Management Committee meeting 23 May 2006.
3. That Councillor K Keith will attend the Singapore Armed Forces Appreciation Dinner 17 May 2006.
4. That Councillor B Newton and Councillor G Pratt will attend the Trundle Alive with Singing Festival activities 19/21 May 2006.
5. That Councillor B Newton will attend a meeting in Tullamore 17 May 2006 at which Graincorp will discuss the closure of a number of local receival silos.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

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 - 323 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Proposed Parkes Walking Track

Executive Summary

Council has received a letter from NSW Farmers Association advising that at their last meeting members had voiced their concerns over Council's decision to investigate the construction of a walking track within the Parkes township.

Recommendation

1. For the information of Council.

06 - 324 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted
2. That the Farmers Association be advised that at this stage the matter is only being investigated and Council will further assess the proposal against competing priorities and available resources.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 12.43 pm.

8.3 (ICR) Parkes Early Childhood Centre - Annual Art and Craft Exhibition

Executive Summary

The Parkes Early Childhood Centre are holding their annual Art and Craft Exhibition on 27, 28 and 29 October 2006 and have again asked Council to consider purchasing artwork from the exhibition.

Recommendation

1. That Council purchase an appropriate piece of artwork from the exhibition.

06 - 325 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 12.44 pm..

8.4 (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 26 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 \$752.00 (GST exempt) for the 2006/07 year.

06 - 326 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

Councillor Robert I Wilson, OAM vacated the Chair and left the meeting temporarily at 12.45pm. Councillor K Keith assumed the Chair.

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (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.

This report details the Plan's implementation for the period 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006.

Recommendation

1. That the March 2006 Quarterly Report of the 2005/2006 - 2007/2008 Management Plan be received and noted.

06 - 327 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Councillor Robert I Wilson, OAM rejoined the meeting and assumed the Chair at 12.47.

9.2 (GM) 2006/2007 - 2008/2009 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 for the period 2006/2007 to 2008/2009, including the proposed Budget for 2006/2007 and the proposed fees and charges be approved and placed on public exhibition as required by, and in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993.

06 - 328 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That Council's staff involved in the preparation of the 2006/2007 - 2008/2009 Management Plan, including Budget be congratulated.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - April 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 30 April 2006 be received and noted.

06 - 329 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) Budget Review - 31 March 2006

Executive Summary

The quarterly financial review to 31 March 2006 is submitted for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That the budget review report to 31 March 2006 be adopted.

06 - 330 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.3 (DCS) Promotional Material for Local Government Week and School Visits

Executive Summary

Council has been actively involved in Local Government Week and participates in discussions and talks to schools that visit Council during LGW and throughout the year. Council has previously requested that a promotional kit for such visits be investigated.

Recommendation

1. That the Promotional Kit be developed and used during Local Government Week and at other suitable times.

06 - 331 Resolution

1. That the Promotional Kit be developed and used during Local Government Week and at other suitable times.
2. That the information supplied in the promotional packages be broadened to include information relating to employment opportunities within the Parkes Shire and particularly within Local Government.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10.4 (DCS) Library Services Statistics and Monthly Update - April 2006

Executive Summary

Library usage statistics and activities for the month of April 2006 are provided for the information of Council.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted

06 - 332 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.5 (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 - 333 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.6 (DCS) Parkes Shire Tourism Strategy

Executive Summary

The Parkes Shire Tourism Board has approved the Final Draft of the Parkes Shire Tourism Strategy and now requests Council's formal adoption of the Strategy.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse and adopt the Final Draft Parkes Shire Tourism Strategy, subject to the recommendations contained therein being implemented within the bounds of available Council resources and prevailing industry trends.
2. That Jenny Rand & Associates be commended for the effort in completing the Strategy.

06 - 334 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.7 (DCS) Economic Development - Major Sporting Fixtures

Executive Summary

Council continues to provide support where appropriate for a variety of representative sporting fixtures which enhance the Shire's already considerable profile in this regard.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That a letter of appreciation be forwarded to organisers of the CHS touch championships.

06 - 335 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

Councillor Wayne Scott left the meeting temporarily at 1.29 pm.

10.8 (DCS) Economic Development - Cultural Grants

Executive Summary

A meeting of the Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee at Mamre Farm on 10 May 2006 assessed fifteen applications for funding under the Shire's 2006 Cultural Grants Program. The total value of grant funds requested was \$10,470.00 of which the Committee recommended that \$5,975.00 be made available, \$975.00 above the amount allocated by Council for the purpose.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the recommendations of the Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee and allocate a total of \$5,975.00 for funding of fifteen projects under the Shire Cultural Grants Program.
 2. That the funds be presented to the groups at Council's meeting of 20 June 2006.
 3. That provision be made at the first available opportunity in the 2006/07 financial year for an additional \$2,000.00 in grant funding to be added to the program, bringing the amount to \$7,000.00.
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06 - 336 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

Councillor Wayne Scott rejoined the meeting at 1.30 pm.

10.9 (DCS) Economic Development - Western Region Enterprise Tour

Executive Summary

Parkes Shire has been included in the second Enterprising Communities tour on Wednesday, 21 June 2006. An initiative of the Department of State and Regional Development the tour is designed to showcase community economic development activities in regional NSW.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 337 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.10 (DCS) Investments as at 30 April 2006

Executive Summary

As at 30 April 2006 Council held \$36,517,270.25 in investments.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

06 - 338 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) DA06014: Review of Determination for proposed Alterations and Additions to Retail Outlet at Lot 1 DP 1069820 and Lot 1 DP 1069400 Bogon Street and 316-320 Clarinda Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06014

Applicant: MCD (Aust) Pty Ltd

Property: Lot 1 DP 1069820, Lot 1 DP 1069400, Bogon Street and 316-320 Clarinda Street, Parkes

Proposal: Alterations and Additions to Retail Outlet

Executive Summary

MCD (Aust) Pty Ltd have requested that Council review certain conditions imposed under Development Consent No.DA06014.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the recommendations made by the Director of Planning and Environment be adopted.

06 - 339 Resolution

That Development Consent No DA06014 condition No's 2, 3, 18 and 24 be amended in accordance with the assessment comments contained in this report.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) Aged Housing Developments

Executive Summary

A technical tour of Aged Housing developments has been arranged for Council's Senior Planner and the Design Engineer.

Recommendation

1. That the actions of the Director Planning & Environment be endorsed.

06 - 340 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) April 2006 Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of April 2006 there were sixteen (13) Development Applications received totalling \$796,644.00 and 14 consents issued.

Eight (8) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$97,975.70 and eight consents issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 341 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at May 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.

Recommendation

1. That the information on Major Works Status as at May 2006 be noted.

06 - 342 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) 2006 National Aerobic Championships

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from the Australian Aerobic Club thanking Council for allowing them to hold the National Aerobic Championships in Parkes over Easter 2006 and requesting permission for the Championships to be held in Parkes again over Easter 2007. The Aero Club have again indicated their willingness to host the Australian Aerobic 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 Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Malaysia.

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

Recommendation

1. That approval be granted for the National Aerobic Championships to be held at Parkes Airport over Easter 2007, subject to suitable insurance and CASA approvals including:
 - a. Evidence of \$20 Million Public Liability Insurance being provided to cover sessions including an indemnity clause protecting Council from liability.
 - b. Arrangements being made to avoid conflict with scheduled RPT flights.
 - c. Evidence of Workers Compensation Insurance if staff are employed for the event.

06 - 343 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) NSW Local Government Emergency Management Conference

Executive Summary

Notification has been received that the 2006 NSW Local Government Emergency Management Conference will be held at Leura, Blue Mountains on 15/16 June 2006. The Conference will be presented by the NSW Office of Emergency Services and the NSW State Emergency Management Committee. It is the second conference to concentrate on Local Government and its role in Emergency Management (the last being 2004). It brings together representatives from Councils, Emergency Services and functional areas to provide information, tools, advice and workshops to improve emergency management capabilities.

Attendance is targeted at Local Government representatives with a role in emergency management (i.e. Local Emergency Management Officer, chair of the Local Emergency Management Committee).

It is considered that attendance by the Facility and Emergency Management Officer (LEMO) and Director of Operations (chair of the LEMC) would be highly beneficial.

Recommendation

1. That Council register two (2) representatives for the 2006 NSW Local Government Emergency Management Conference to be held at Leura, Blue Mountains on 15/16 June 2006.

06 - 344 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Australian Airports Association - NSW Division Meeting 27 April 2006

Executive Summary

The Facility and Emergency Management Officer attended the NSW Division meeting of the Australian Airports Association (AAA) in Sydney on Thursday 27 April 2006. The meeting included the reports from the AAA Chief Executive Officer and NSW Chairman, on funding progress under the Securing our Regional Skies program, and a presentation by Airservices Australia.

The meeting covered numerous issues common to all NSW airport operators and attendance proved to be most beneficial.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the NSW Division meeting of the Australian Airports Association held 27 April 2006 be noted.

06 - 345 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.5 (DO) Parkes Aero Club Building

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from the Parkes Aero Club noting that Council will be demolishing the cottage and dormitory building at the airport due to asbestos content. The Club requests that Council also consider replacing the Clubhouse roof, which has been found to contain asbestos, with a colourbond roof, when the other works are carried out.

The Club are not charged a lease fee for the building on the basis that all maintenance and improvements works are undertaken at their cost. If they wished to vary this arrangement a lease would need to be developed to ensure Council received a cash flow for future works.

Recommendation

1. That the Aero Club be advised that they are responsible for the ongoing maintenance and improvements of the building.
2. That if they want Council to take over the on going maintenance and improvements of the building, then a suitable lease arrangement will need to be entered into to generate funds to undertake the works.

06 - 346 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12.6 (DO) Tullamore Pool - Ramp

Executive Summary

Council had previously resolved that a ramp be further investigated for Tullamore Pool to improve access for the elderly. It was also suggested that an application be submitted for a Sport and Recreation grant.

Extensive investigations have been carried out with other pool owners, pool companies and building standards officers, to determine the feasibility of a ramp. To comply with Australian Standards the ramp would need to have a maximum grade of 1 in 14 and have a landing every nine metres. This would make a removable ramp impossible due to its size.

Indicative costs obtained for the provision of a ramp complying with the Australian Standard were in the order of \$40,000. Such a ramp would also reduce the available pool width by at least one lane.

It is considered that the provision of a ramp is unsuitable both from a cost and a practicability viewpoint.

Recommendation

1. That a ramp for Tullamore Pool not be provided.

06 - 347 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.7 (DO) - Business Continuity Plan

Executive Summary

The development of a Business Continuity Plan for Council has been progressing with Votars Partners delivering a draft of Part 1 of the Business Continuity Plan, with the draft Part 2 to be provided shortly. Part 1 analyses Council's current position and makes recommendations to achieve protection and recovery of services. Part 2 is the operational component of the plan and lists recovery procedures, contingency plans, contact points and other background information required as a response to an incident such as a disaster or other disruption.

The process involved extensive consultations with key staff to gain a snapshot of Council's current position and to identify vulnerable areas. The BCP team comprising the Administration Manager, Information Services Manager and Director of Operations have also been in constant contact with Votars reviewing the documents as they were prepared.

When the Business Continuity Plan is completed and analysed, the documents will be put to Council outlining what actions can be taken quickly, and what actions will require financial resources to put them into effect.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

06 - 348 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

Councillor Robert I Wilson, OAM vacated the Chair and left the meeting at 1.48 pm. Councillor K Keith assumed the Chair.

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Monthly Report for April 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 April the RSIPO has been predominantly involved in the launch and adoption of the combined Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Council's Road Safety Strategic Plan.

Planning for the launch of "Community Speed Watch" and continuing the implementation of the "Newell Highway Fatigue Project" have also been a major focus.

Recommendation

1. That the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer's Report for April 2006 be received and noted.

06 - 349 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

14.1 (DI) Parkes Local Traffic Committee - Minutes 10 May 2006

Executive Summary

The Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting was held on 10 May 2006 at 10.00am, the Minutes of the Meeting are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 May 2006 be adopted.

06 - 350 Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 May 2006 be adopted.
2. That Council make representations to the Lachlan Area Commander, the Local Member, the Minister for Police and the Shadow Minister for Police for an urgent rectification of the shortage of highway patrol/surveillance police in the Parkes area.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

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 Bogan Street - Heavy Vehicle Parking

Councillor G Pratt raised the matter of heavy vehicles parking in front of residences on the west side of Bogan Street and blocking driveways.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that blocking a driveway is an offence, enforceable at law. Therefore any incident of this nature should be reported directly to the Police.

Recommendation

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

06 - 351 Resolution

1. That the information supplied by the Director of Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. That the matter of heavy vehicle parking in Bogan Street be raised at the next PACT meeting.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

15.2 WWI Field Cannon - Cooke Park

Councillor G Pratt has received an enquiry relating to the WWI field cannon that was a feature of Cooke Park for many years. Councillor Pratt advises that the National Services Association would like to restore the piece and place it on display at the Army Reserve Depot in Thornbury Street, Parkes. The National Services Association believes that it may qualify for a grant to fund the restoration. This would complement the 25 pound artillery piece relocated to the Army Reserve Depot at the time of the development of the Cooke Park Cenotaph and the anti aircraft gun relocated from Kelly Reserve for reasons of risk management associated with public liability.

The Administration Manager advises that the WWI cannon was removed from the park in 1992 when a 25 pound artillery piece was relocated to Cooke Park from the Bogan Gate Army Camp parade ground. At that time the WWI cannon was placed into storage with the Parkes Historical Society.

Recommendation

That the National Services Association contact the Parkes Historical Society to discuss the proposal.

06 - 352 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.3 Water Ponding - Cnr Haylock and Cardigan Streets, Tullamore

Councillor B Newton advises that there is water constantly draining from the corner of Haylock and Cardigan Streets (south side), Tullamore.

The Works Engineer advises that the water ponding at this intersection is from an internal leak on private property. The Water Supply Supervisor has spoken to the owner and advised them to contact a plumber to do the internal repair works.

Recommendation

That the information supplied by the Works Engineer be received and noted.

06 - 353 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.4 Parkes Band Room - Bird Problem

Councillor Y Hutton enquired as to the progress of remedying the problem of birds nesting, dropping eggs and fouling the Parkes Band Room and storeroom.

The Director Planning and Environment advises that a work order has been issued for necessary works to the Band Room to prevent further nesting of birds.

Recommendation

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

06 - 354 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.5 Car Sales in Public Areas

Councillor Y Hutton enquired if the Solicitor has given advice on the sale of vehicles in public areas and can other objects be sold there legally?

The Director Planning and Environment advises that legal advice is yet to be received. Other items can be controlled in the same way as motor vehicles.

Recommendation

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

06 - 355 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

Urgent Business without Notice

06 - 356 Resolution

1. That the following business of which due notice has not being given, now be transacted in accordance with Clause 17(3) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice as the matter is considered to be of great urgency.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

15.6 Condolences

The meeting was informed of the recent passing of prominent local and national identities. The passing of local Solicitor, Tony Matthews, and Rick Farley, the husband of NSW Labour MP Linda Burney, was noted by Council with sympathy.

Recommendation

That suitable messages of condolence be forwarded to the families of Mr Matthews and Mr Farley.

06 - 357 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

15.7 Local Government Financial Sustainability Inquiry

Councillor B Newton advised that at the recent Australian Local Government Womens Association conference held in Coonabarabran, a great deal of discussion took place in relation to the recently released report concerning the findings of the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government. Councillor Newton enquired if an opportunity could be made available for Councillors to discuss the 48 specific recommendations of the report and their relationship to Parkes Shire Council.

The Deputy Mayor suggested that a workshop be planned in the near future to discuss this matter and other project related items currently before Council.

Recommendation

That a workshop be planned to discuss the suggested matters.

06 - 358 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

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 2.27 pm.

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

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

06 - 359 Resolution

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

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

16.1 (DCS) Economic Development - Peak Hill Open Cut Experience

Prepared By: Economic Development Manager

Executive Summary

Council has been invoiced for \$832.44 representing the shortfall of Alkane's operating expenses for the Open Cut Experience from 11 March to 30 April 2006 (as agreed by Council), and has been asked to ratify a similar arrangement for the 17 June - 16 July 2006 school holiday period.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse payment of \$832.44 to Alkane representing the shortfall for operation of the Open Cut Experience between 11 March and 30 April 2006.
2. That Council agree to again underwrite operation of the Open Cut Experience for the period 17 June - 16 July 2006 covering the direct operating costs less income from entry fees.

06 - 360 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Urgent Business without Notice

06 - 361 Resolution

1. That the following business of which due notice has not being given, now be transacted in accordance with Clause 17(3) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice as the matter is considered to be of great urgency.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

16.2 Sale of Parkes Airport Property

Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Code of Meeting Practice, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

Councillor P Byrne requested an update on the progress of Council's resolution of the previous meeting in relation to the preparation of agreements for the possible sale of Parkes Airport land.

The Administration Manager advised that the documentation was still with Council's Solicitors who are expected to provide advice in relation to the matter in the near future.

Recommendation

That a report be prepared for the next Council meeting in relation to the progress of the sale of the subject land.

06 - 362 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.58 pm.