



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 20 JUNE 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 20 June 2006 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
Director Corporate Service - B Matthews
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell
Director Operations - S Barry
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd
Administration Manager - L Finn
Finance Manager - R Bokeyar
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood
Tourism Coordinator – M Kronk
Library Services Manager – S Buckle
Minutes Secretary - D Ehsman

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.30pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

06 - 363 Resolution

That Councillor Barbara Newton be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

06 - 364 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 16 May 2006, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wayne Scott declared an interest in Item 8.9 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 11.7 (REASON Interest in land mentioned in report).

Councillor John Magill declared an interest in Item 11.8 (REASON Related entity to an individual mentioned in the 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 - 365 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

5.2 Mayoral Minute - Coming Known Events

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

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

06 - 366 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

5.3 Mayoral Minute - Karina Park Bushfire Coronial Inquiry

Executive Summary

A Coronial Inquiry into the cause and origin of the Karina Park Bushfire of the 30 November 2004 will be held at the Parkes Court House on Monday, 26 June 2006. Council has sought leave to appear at the Inquiry.

Recommendation

1. That the Mayor's actions in appointing legal representation at the Coronial Inquiry be endorsed.

06 - 367 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

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 - 368 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Peak Hill Advancement Association - Police Numbers in Peak Hill

Executive Summary

The Advancement Association has expressed its strong views on policing in Peak Hill.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
 2. That the General Manager be authorised to instigate if necessary, Council related actions that may arise from the PACT meeting on 5 July, 2006.
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06 - 369 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) John Cobb - Member for Parkes - Exceptional Circumstance Drought Relief

Executive Summary

The Local Federal Member has acknowledged Council's representations for the continuance of Exceptional Circumstance Drought Assistance (EC) past the 30 June 2006 cut off for farmers in the Parkes Electorate.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 370 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council contact the Local Federal Member urging further representations for the continuance of the Exceptional Circumstances Drought Assistance in the western and other areas of the State, with particular reference to the Parkes Shire and surrounding districts.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) Dawn Fardell Member for Dubbo - Skill Shortages

Executive Summary

Providing a copy of correspondence forwarded to the Premier, The Honourable Morris Iemma and to the Minister for Education and Training, The Honourable Carmen Tebbutt, in relation to the need for a Rural Trade Centre in Parkes.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 371 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council seek the support of the mining industry for the establishment of a rural trade centre in Parkes.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

8.5 (ICR) Dawn Fardell , Member for Dubbo - Parkes Court House

Executive Summary

Forwarding correspondence received from the Attorney General, Bob Debus, in relation to representations made on Council's behalf for improvements to the Parkes Court House.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 372 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

8.6 (ICR) NSW Minister for Health, John Hatzistergos - Parkes Hospital Redevelopment

Executive Summary

The NSW Minister for Health, John Hatzistergos has issued a media release stating that planning for the redevelopment of Parkes Hospital would proceed in 2006 with a view to beginning construction in 2007.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted

06 - 373 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

8.7 (ICR) Doctor at Peak Hill Aboriginal Medical Service

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer of Greater Western Area Health Service, Dubbo, has replied to representations made by local member Dawn Fardell MP in relation to the appointment of a medical practitioner with the Peak Hill Aboriginal Medical Service.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 374 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.8 (ICR) Closure of Regional Grain Silos

Executive Summary

Council has received written representations from GrainCorp surrounding the closure of regional grain silos within NSW.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
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06 - 375 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor Wayne Scott left the meeting temporarily at 1.55pm.

8.9 (ICR) Gunningbland Creek Project - Community Conference

Executive Summary

An invitation has been received from the Gunningbland Creek Project Partners inviting Parkes Shire Councillors and senior staff to a community conference on the social, ecological and economic future of the Gunningbland Creek catchment, focusing on the rehabilitation of Bogan Gate Lagoon. The conference is to be held at the Bogan Gate War Memorial Hall on Friday, 30 June 2006 from 10.00 am to 5.30 pm.

Council staff have been invited to speak on issues relating to the sustainability of small rural communities, such as Bogan Gate and on strategies to develop the Bogan Gate Lagoon site.

Recommendation

1. That the offer of Council's Planning staff to assist with presentations, where possible, at the Conference be endorsed.

06 - 376 Resolution

1. That Council give in-principle support to the proposed Community Conference.
2. That the General Manager contact the organiser to discuss the level of Council involvement in the Day's proceedings.
3. That the General Manager be authorised to approve the level of staff involvement following the discussions.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

Councillor Wayne Scott rejoined the meeting at 2.00pm.

8.10 (ICR) Local Government & Shires Association - Tsunami Appeal

Executive Summary

Advising that the efforts of the Associations to develop a Tsunami relief project in Aceh, Indonesia have not been successful.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 377 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

8.11 (ICR) Department of Local Government - Section 356 Contributions

Executive Summary

Advising that the Department is of the opinion that a number of Councils are not providing financial assistance to third parties as transparently as possible. The Department encourages the formulation and adoption of a suitable policy that strikes a balance between prudent financial management and meritorious requests for financial assistance.

Recommendation

1. That Council investigate a suitable "Section 356 Request for Financial Assistance Policy" taking into account best practice models utilised by other Councils and the advice contained in Circular 06-32 from the Department of Local Government.

06 - 378 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.12 (ICR) Anaphylaxis Australia Inc - Request for Financial Assistance

Executive Summary

Seeking financial assistance for the organisation's continued work in providing relief to adults and children who suffer from identified allergies.

Recommendation

1. That Anaphylaxis Australia Inc be informed that Council is unable to assist on this occasion.

06 - 379 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.13 (ICR) Tullamore Community Consultative Committee - Tullamore Hall

Executive Summary

Advising that the Tullamore Hall Committee is seeking funds from the Tullamore Town Improvement Vote for improvements to the Tullamore Hall.

Recommendation

1. That Council allocate an amount of \$1,900.00 from the one off allocation for the Tullamore Town Improvement Vote for the purposes of assisting the Tullamore Hall Committee in rectifying water pressure to the Hall's toilets.

06 - 380 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.14 (ICR) Alectown Hall Committee - Request for Assistance

Executive Summary

The Alectown Hall Committee is progressing with its renewal plans for the Hall. It is estimated that an amount in the vicinity of \$160,000.00 is required to upgrade the facility. Council's support in a number of areas is sought.

Recommendation

1. That Council offer its support in the form of assistance with grant applications and technical advice.
2. That the Alectown Community be asked to set its priority for the 2006/07 Alectown Town Improvement Vote Allocation.

06 - 381 Resolution

1. That Council offer its support in the form of assistance with grant applications and technical advice.
2. That the Alectown Community be asked to set its priority for the 2006/07 Alectown Town Improvement Vote Allocation.
3. That the Alectown Hall Committee be invited to meet with the Mayor and Economic Development Manager to discuss the necessary repairs to the Alectown Hall.
4. That it be suggested the Local Member be contacted with a view to obtaining funds under the Premier's special grant program.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.15 (ICR) Alectown Playgroup - Request for Assistance

Executive Summary

The Co-ordinator of the Alectown Playgroup requests financial assistance from the Alectown Town Improvement Fund for the provision of facilities for the fledgling group.

Recommendation

1. That Council call for guidance from the Alectown community as to its priority for projects for the 2006/07 Alectown Town Improvement Vote allocation.

06 - 382 Resolution

1. That Council suggest that local community groups such as Lions, Quota and Apex may be able to financially assist the Playgroup in its effort to raise funds.
2. That it be suggested that the Local Member be contacted with a view to obtaining funds under the Premier's special grant program.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - Councillors' Fees

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

1. That Council continue with the past practice of adhering to the maximum fee applicable for Councillors and the Mayor.
2. That this increase be effective from 1 July 2006.

06 - 383 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Central NSW Councils (CENTROC)

Executive Summary

Councillor Keith and the General Manager attended the CENTROC meeting on 25 May 2006 at Molong.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 384 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council investigate the Cowra Shire Council initiative to encourage trade apprenticeships.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Inquiry into Financial Sustainability

Executive Summary

The final report 'Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government' has been released.

The LGSA will now consider its response to the report (expected to be debated at the Shires Conference).

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That a detailed report be submitted to the next Council meeting.

06 - 385 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9.4 (GM) Shires Association Annual Conference

Executive Summary

The Shires Association annual conference was held on 6/7 June 2006. A LGMA seminar preceded the conference.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 386 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

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

06 - 387 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 31 May 2006

Executive Summary

As at 31 May 2006 Council held \$39,048,363.05 in investments.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

06 - 388 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.3 (DCS) Management Plan 2006/07 - 2008/09

Executive Summary

The draft Management Plan has been on display for the statutory period of 28 days. No submissions were received and the Council may now adopt the Plan

Recommendation

1. That Council formally adopt the Management Plan which consists of

Part 1: The statement of principal activities, objectives, performance targets, means and manner of assessment; and

Part 2: The statement of Revenue Policy including the Estimates of Income and Expenditure, and the Rates, Charges and Fees for 2006/07, as submitted to the Council Meeting held on 16 May 2006.

2. That following consideration of the submission received in relation to charges for non potable water, a charge be included in the 2006/07 Revenue Policy for water consumers receiving untreated water on the rising mains from the dams as follows:

Raw Water Usage Charge (rising main from dams)

Tariff Step 1 - up to 365 kilolitres - 50 cents per kilolitre
 Step 2 - above 365 kilolitres - \$1.20 per kilolitre

3. That the expenditure detailed in the Revenue Policy be approved and the necessary monies voted to meet the expenditure in satisfaction of Clause 17(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993.
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4. That rates be made as follows:

Residential General:

An ordinary rate of one point one seven zero four cents (1.1704 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Residential General, be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$19,011.00.

Residential Parkes Rate:

An ordinary rate of two point five five four four cents (2.5544 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Residential, sub-categorised as Residential Parkes be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$8,710.00.

Business - General:

An ordinary rate of three point six eight nine one cents (3.6891 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business General, be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$6,031.00.

Business – CBD:

An ordinary rate of six point two six seven nine cents (6.2679 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business, sub-categorised as Business – CBD be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$3,550.00.

Business – Peak Hill:

An ordinary rate of three point one five zero eight (3.1508 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business, sub-categorised as Business – Peak Hill be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$7,062.00.

Business – Trundle:

An ordinary rate of nine point two three five eight cents (9.2358 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business, sub-categorised as Business – Trundle be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$2,409.00.

Business – Tullamore:

An ordinary rate of seven point eight six three two cents (7.8632 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business, sub-categorised as Business – Tullamore be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$2,830.00.

Business – Bogan Gate:

An ordinary rate of two point nine six five three cents (2.9653 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business, sub-categorised as Business – Bogan Gate be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$7,503.00.

Mining – Copper (Producing):

An ordinary rate of four point seven two one five cents (4.7215 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Mining, sub-categorised as Mining – Copper Producing be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$4,712.00.

Mining – Gold (Producing):

An ordinary rate of fourteen point eight nine three two cents (14.8932 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Mining, sub-categorised as Mining – Gold Producing be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$1,494.00.

Mining – (General):

An ordinary rate of seven point one eight seven eight cents (7.1878 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Mining, be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$3,098.00.

Farmland:

An ordinary rate of one point zero zero two two cents (1.0022 cents) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Farmland, be now made for the 2006/07 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$22,201.00.

5. That the fees and charges be made in accordance with the draft Management Plan.
6. That the maximum rate of interest on unpaid rates and charges accruing on a daily basis in accordance with Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, be now fixed at 9.0% for the 2006/07 rating year.”
7. That the Development Servicing Plan (Developer Charges) and the Strategic Business Plans for Water Supply and Sewerage Services (all attached as part of the Management Plan) be formally adopted.

06 - 389 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.4 (DCS) Stocktake - 16 May 2006

Executive Summary

A report to Council on variations in stores and materials following the half yearly stocktake. The stores reconciliation has been completed with variations detailed below. Deficiencies are identified as running costs of the store.

Recommendation

That the deficiencies be written off and surpluses written back.

06 - 390 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.5 (DCS) Proposed Policy - Children in the Administration Building Policy

Executive Summary

The *Children in the Administration Building Policy* is proposed to establish guidelines to permit children to be present in the administration building when circumstances dictate without causing disruption within the office environment.

Recommendation

1. That the Children in the Administration Building Policy be adopted.

06 - 391 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

10.6 (DCS) Local Government Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal - Procedure Manual

Executive Summary

The Department of Local Government has instructed that Departmental Circular 06/33 be brought to the attention of Councillors in writing. A Memorandum to all Councillors and designated persons was forwarded with the Agenda papers for this meeting. Additional information in relation to pecuniary interest matters has also been provided in Departmental Circular 06/31.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Councillors and designated persons complete the required Pecuniary Interest Returns by the due date of 30 September 2006.

06 - 392 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.7 (DCS) Library Services Statistics and Monthly Update - May 2006

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted
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06 - 393 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor invited Jillian Coomber, Heritage Advisor to address Council, in relation to her report on the 2005/06 Local Heritage Program.

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor invited the Economic Development Manager to present Cultural Grants to recipients.

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.10pm for afternoon tea. Afternoon tea was taken at the Parkes/Forbes Family Day Care Centre where the Service's 20th Anniversary celebrations were launched.

The meeting resumed at 3.55pm.

10.8 (DCS) Tourism Update May/June 2006

Executive Summary

A brief update of general Shire tourism activities.

Recommendation

1. That the Tourism Update be received and noted.

06 - 394 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.9 (DCS) Tourism - New Tourism Event for Peak Hill

Executive Summary

The Peak Hill Business and Tourism Association is planning a new annual tourism event to be held in Peak Hill in October. The event, which is at this stage being called the "Spit and Spud" will invite motor club with memberships - most notably the Ulysses Motor Cycle Clubs of Australia to attend an event on 20th to 23rd October 2006.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 395 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That organisers be requested to provide an indication of their budget.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.10 (DCS) Economic Development - Dore Centres

Executive Summary

Council has been formally thanked for its assistance in arrangements for production of a new DVD for the Dore program, together with the photo shoot at the Dish that generated national publicity in the New Idea in May.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 396 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.11 (DCS) Economic Development - Heart Foundation Awards

Executive Summary

Council assistance has been provided for a submission by the Peak Hill community in the Heart Foundation Annual Local Government Awards. The submission was based on weight reduction and exercise programs involving Trundle and Peak Hill and on the need for funding of the proposed community fitness centre in Peak Hill.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 397 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.12 (DCS) Economic Development - Country Week Planning

Executive Summary

Discussions have been held with representatives of Forbes, Lachlan and Weddin Councils to finalise arrangements for participation in the third Country Week promotion at Rosehill Racecourse from 11-13 August 2006. Each Council will have a 3m x 3m stand located next to each other to allow for a uniform Mid Lachlan Alliance presence. It would appear that Oberon is the only other CENTROC Council intending to take part. The focus of the Parkes Shire stand will again be on aspects of employment, real estate, lifestyle and business opportunity.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 398 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.13 (DCS) Economic Development - Regional Development Board

Executive Summary

Council continues to derive benefit from its long standing involvement by the Mayor and now the Economic Development Manager in activities of the Central Western Regional Development Board. The following projects were discussed at a Board meeting on 14 June 2006.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 399 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10.14 (DCS) Economic Development - NRL Fixture

Executive Summary

Parkes has again been allocated an NRL pre season fixture involving the Parramatta Eels and the Cronulla Sharks on Saturday, 17 February 2007, providing another substantial tourism and sporting event for Parkes.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 400 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) May 2006 - Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of May 2006 there were twenty-nine (29) Development Applications received totalling \$6,206,849.80 and 17 consents issued.

Eleven (11) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$255,509.00 and seven consents issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 401 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) DA06064: Proposed Second Dwelling at Lot 2 DP 1041488 Mitchell Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06064

Applicant: Harnett Transportable Homes

Property: Lot 2 DP 1041488, Mitchell Street, Parkes

Proposal: Second Dwelling

Executive Summary

The application is for a second dwelling on land known as Lot 2 DP 1041488, Mitchell Street Parkes. The second dwelling is proposed to accommodate an elderly parent of the owners of the subject land.

Recommendation

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

06 - 402 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) DA06079: Proposed Additions to Dwelling and Enclosure of Carport at 25 Glenburnie Close, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06079

Applicant: Mr A Thomas

Property: Lot 56 DP 857075, 25 Glenburnie Close, Parkes

Proposal: Additions to Dwelling and Enclosure of Carport

Executive Summary

An application has been received for additions to a dwelling and enclosure of a carport at Lot 56, DP857075, 25 Glenburnie Close, Parkes.

The enclosure of the carport by way of a roller door and brick facade renders it a garage, which when attached to a dwelling would have an external wall setback of 900mm to the side boundary, or otherwise be fire rated in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

The proposed development contravenes the requirements of Parkes Shire Councils' Residential Code Development Control Plan, 1998 with regard to the required setback of a dwelling from the side boundary line of 900mm.

Recommendation

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

06 - 403 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

11.4 (DPE) DA06072: Proposed Carport at 17 East Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06072

Applicant: Mr M Alexander

Property: Lot 3 DP 359729, 17 East Street, Parkes

Proposal: Carport

Executive Summary

It is proposed to erect a carport to the rear of the dwelling on Lot 3 DP359729, 17 East Street, Parkes. The carport is 6 metres wide and 10.5 metres long and a height of 2.4 metres to the eave.

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

Recommendation

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

06 - 404 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11.5 (DPE) DA06075: Proposed Shed at Lot 11 DP 851176, 17 Coronation Avenue, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06075

Applicant: Mr M Broadsmith

Property: Lot 11 DP 851176, 17 Coronation Avenue, Parkes

Proposal: Shed

Executive Summary

A steel framed, colourbond steel clad shed having a floor area of 49m², and external wall height of 2.4 metres is the subject of a development application seeking approval to encroach two (2) metres into Councils' minimum three (3) metre side boundary setback requirement.

Recommendation

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

06 - 405 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

11.6 (DPE) Joint Waste and Recycling Contract

Executive Summary

This report serves to provide an update on the performance of the Joint Waste and Recycling service contract with J R Richards and Sons now six months into its tenure.

Recommendation

1. That the report from the Director Planning and Environment on the Joint Waste and Recycling Contract be noted.

06 - 406 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 4.16pm.

11.7 (DPE) Draft Development Control Plan for Parkes Industrial Hub

Executive Summary

An amended draft Development Control Plan for the area of Parkes known as 'the industrial hub' has been prepared and is ready for public exhibition.

Recommendation

1. That Council publicly exhibit the Draft Parkes Industrial Hub Development Control 2006 in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

06 - 407 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 4.17pm.

Councillor John Magill left the meeting temporarily at 4.17pm.

11.8 (DPE) DA05193: Proposed Intensive Livestock Keeping Establishment at 'St Luke Kirkvale' Orange Road, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05193

Applicant: Mr M & Mrs M Magill

Property: Lot 35 DP 750164, Lot B DP 395824,
'St Luke Kirkvale' Orange Road, Parkes

Proposal: Intensive Livestock Keeping Establishment

Executive Summary

The development application is for a cattle feedlot on a rural property located twelve (12) kilometres east of Parkes. The proposed cattle feedlot is proposed to be constructed over three stages having a maximum capacity of 1000 head of cattle.

Recommendation

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

06 - 408 Resolution

1. It is recommended that the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report save and except condition 26 which is amended in accordance with the resolution contained in agenda item 11.9 and more specifically to read as follows:

"The Applicant shall enter into an agreement with the Roads and Traffic Authority to seal and widen the road shoulder seal in Main Road 61E at and near the vehicular access from the subject land to MR61E. The agreement shall provide details of the construction of the road shoulder and a time frame for the construction of the widened shoulder."

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

11.9 (DPE) DA05193: Council Report Item Number: 11.8 - Change to Condition 26 of Proposed Intensive Livestock Keeping Establishment

Executive Summary

Change to Condition 26 of Council Report Item Number 11.8 for the proposed Intensive Livestock Keeping Establishment (DA05193) for Mr M & Mrs M Magill.

Recommendation

1. That condition 26 contained within Item 11.8 of the Director Planning & Environment's Report (DPE) DA05193: Proposed Intensive Livestock Keeping Establishment at 'St Luke Kirkvale' Orange Road, Parkes be amended as follows:

"The Applicant shall enter into an agreement with the Roads and Traffic Authority to seal and widen the road shoulder seal in Main Road 61E at and near the vehicular access from the subject land to MR61E. The agreement shall provide details of the construction of the road shoulder and a time frame for the construction of the widened shoulder."

06 - 409 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor John Magill rejoined the meeting at 4.28pm.

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at June 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 June 2006 be noted.

06 - 410 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Parkes Regional Airport - US Marine Corp

Executive Summary

The US Marine Corp have again utilised the Parkes Regional Airport as a base to conduct parachute training from 8 to 18 June 2006, including some night time sorties. Such activities keep Parkes Shire in the minds of many and result in an additional income stream for local businesses.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the use of Parkes Regional Airport for parachute training by the US Marine Corps be noted.

06 - 411 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Kelly Reserve - Wheelchair Swing

Executive Summary

The wheelchair swing previously approved for Kelly Reserve Parkes has now been completed. An opening was held on Thursday 1 June 2006 with all contributors attending. Present were Cr Scott representing Parkes Apex and Council, Naomi and Michael Harrison from Parkes McDonalds, Laurie Breen from Canon Inland Technologies, Alan Samuels from Variety, The Children's Charity NSW, and Parkes Shire Council's General Manager. Representatives from Currajong Disability Services and staff involved in the installation were also present.

The swing was tried out by Laura Clark, Pam O'Connor, Mark Quartly, Peter Borger and Shane Spicer who all gave it the seal of approval.

Keys will be held at the Tourist Centre, Council offices, and will also be distributed to Currajong Disability Services, the Special Education Units at Parkes Public and Parkes High Schools, and to McDonalds, to enable wide spread access.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the completion of the Wheelchair Swing be noted.

06 - 412 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Noonan Street Parkes - Reserve Development

Executive Summary

Land was provided for public recreation as part of a subdivision creating Noonan Street Parkes. Council considered a request in 2000 for the reserve to be developed. It was resolved to develop the park as passive recreation only.

The subdivision is now completed and substantially populated and it has been requested that development of the park proceed.

The current estimate to develop the park for passive recreation only is \$35,000. This includes a watering system, seating, and tree planting.

Recommendation

1. That the reserve in Noonan Street be developed for passive recreation at an estimated cost of \$35,000 funded from the Parks and Gardens Long Term Plan.

06 - 413 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

12.5 (DO) Clarinda Street Parkes - Street Banners

Executive Summary

The issue of banners placed across Clarinda Street between Church Street and Bushman Street continues to create problems. In the past the banners had been able to put up and removed by others as a community service. Over the past few years the demand for banners has increased substantially placing a strain on the arrangements.

If Council is required to place and remove the banner a scissor lift is hired with the total cost of hire and staff time being approximately \$450.

It is considered that the use of banners needs to be reviewed. The options to be considered are:

- To not erect banners in future and to remove the poles
- For Council to erect the banners and charge \$450 as a fee to cover the cost of the placement and removal
- For Council to provide the service free of charge.

Recommendation

1. That a fee of \$450 be applied to cover the cost of placement and removal of street banners in Clarinda Street Parkes, and that the banners must meet a standard configuration.

06 - 414 Resolution

1. That a fee of \$450 be applied to cover the cost of placement and removal of street banners in Clarinda Street Parkes, and that the banners must meet a standard configuration.
2. That the Tourism Board develop a policy which specifies the appropriate purposes for which a banner can be placed.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) Harrison Park - Extension to Soccer Fields

Executive Summary

At its Meeting held on 16 May 2006, Cr Keith enquired as to the status of the project to extend the Soccer Fields at Harrison Park with particular reference to the land component, see attached drawing. This item provides a update on the project.

Recommendation

1. For Council's information.

06 - 415 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) Parkes and District Landcare Steering Committee - Request for Assistance

Executive Summary

The Parkes Landcare Steering Committee are raising funds to purchase a lap-top computer to facilitate the spatial mapping of Landcare projects. The Committee have requested Council sponsor this computer to \$500.

Parkes Shire Council have a long association with Landcare and have been represented on the Steering Committee since inception. The organisation is voluntary and relies on sponsorship and funding to operate. Council has previously provided sponsorship of around \$5000 per year, however no sponsorship has been provided in recent years.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to provide \$500 in assistance to the Parkes and District Landcare Steering Committee to help purchase a lap-top computer for their mapping purposes.
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06 - 416 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

13.3 (DI) Subdivision of Lot 232 DP1079605, Boyd Circuit, Parkes

Executive Summary

The civil work association with Boyd Circuit Industrial Subdivision is now complete and a Construction Certificate has been issued. The Seal of Council is now required to release the subdivision plan.

Recommendation

1. That the seal of Council be affixed to the necessary documentation to facilitate the subdivision of Lot 232 DP 1079605.

06 - 417 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

13.4 (DI) State Government Fuel Contracts

Executive Summary

The Department of Commerce has advised that the current Bulk Diesel, Bulk Unleaded Fuel and Fuel Card Services will expire on 30 June 2006, and a superseding contract has been negotiated.

BP has been contracted to supply Bulk Fuel and Diesel. Caltex and Mobil have been contracted to provide Fuel Card Services.

Recommendation

1. That Council make use of the State Government Contract for Fuel Card Services, through Mobil and Caltex.
2. That Bulk Fuel and Diesel be further investigated, to determine the most advantageous arrangement to Council.

06 - 418 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

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.

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 5.00pm.

15.1 (Q & M) Parkes P A & H Association - Feature of Transport HUB

Councillor K Keith advised that the Parkes P A & H Assoc are planning to highlight the "Transport Hub" in the feature pavilion at this years show. The involvement of all the major parties has been suggested. As Parkes Shire Council is integral to the development of the hub, the involvement of Council in the display is invited. A partitioned power point display area is envisaged where aspects from the different operators/developers could be shown.

Some setup and staffing costs would be required.

The General Manager advises that Council will assist with the feature display.

Recommendation

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

06 - 419 Resolution

1. That Council provide assistance of up to a value of \$1,500.00 for the feature display.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 5.05pm.

15.2 (Q & M) Relocation of Photograph

Councillor B Laing advised that the photograph of Jack Scoble entrusted to Council by the Scoble family and situated in the foyer outside the Coventry Room is fading due to the effects of the sun and enquired if the picture could be relocated to a more suitable location.

The Director of Planning and Environment advises that a new suitable location will be selected and the picture relocated.

Recommendation

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

06 - 420 Resolution

1. That a new suitable location be selected and the picture relocated.
2. That investigations be made into the most suitable method of preserving or reproducing the photograph.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

15.3 (Q & M) Bulgandramine Youth Development Aboriginal Corp

Councillor R Wilson OAM advises that he has received a letter (reproduced below) from Bulgandramine Youth Development Aboriginal Corp seeking Council's assistance in contributing funds towards a project of sending aboriginal children from the Peak Hill area to a weekend sporting camp run by the Aboriginal Christian Network at Wollombine.

Bulgandramine Youth Development Aboriginal Corp

P.O.Box119
Peak Hill NSW 2869
Australia

Phone 02-68 691 033
Fax 02-68 691 026

DATE SCANNED 19/6/06
DOC No 337924

14 June 2006

The Mayor
Mr Robert Wilson
Parkes Shire Council

Dear Robert,

I am writing to you representing an aboriginal organisation called B.Y.D.A.C of which i am the honorary secretary .we provide transport for the children of peak hill so as to attend sporting and social activities by way of our bus . last year our council assisted us in re registering the bus which was off the the road for some time with \$200 thank you very much .As a result we are now providing transport access to activities in our area and as far away as Sydney .

Recently Peak Hill has been the focus of some negative press in regards to the behavior of our youth in particular our Aboriginal youth .We at BYDAC agreed that boredom and for some kids a feeling being stuck in town played a role in an increase in vandalism around town .We came to the conclusion there is no excuse for bad behavior but when these kids had something to do and more importantly something to look forward to there would be less of it .

So at BYDAC with financial assistance from the Dept of Transport fortnightly Friday night outings to Dubbo have been organised .Where kids have a choice to attend the cinemas or Organised activities at the PCYC

These trips have been very successful and extremely popular with the kids .There is a standby list as only 17 can be carried on the bus .Iam the bus driver and Ms Kim Kaed assists me to supervise the kids on the night. We have noticed a drop in vandalism around town since these outings commenced 10 weeks ago which can only be a positive.

On the first weekend of the September holidays We are trying to organise a weekend camp at Wollombine Near Cessnock Which is a sporting camp for kids run by Aboriginal Christian Network .We are trying to encourage our kids to build partnerships with kids from other areas and build self esteem and self belief through exposure to people from the same background who are good citizens and have a healthy lifestyle

Robert would the council be interested in supporting BYDAC financially in this project .We estimate the cost to be \$2500 for 15 kids for 4 days includes fuel/accommodation/meals etc .If council are interested in contributing towards the cost we would be delighted.

If you need to contact me my mobile no is 0427064772 thanking you.

Yours sincerely,


Damien Sharah

Recommendation

1. That Council offer \$500.00 for the program and in addition seek State Government assistance

06 - 421 Resolution

1. That Council offer a financial contribution of \$500.00 for the project.
2. That the Economic Development Manager contact the Local State Member to make representations for funding under the Department of Corrective Service's Community Funding Program for the project.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

Urgent Business without Notice

06 - 422 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 Bev Laing.

CARRIED

15.4 (Q & M) Conference on Cloud Seeding

The Mayor advised that he has held discussions with Mr John Forrest MP, Federal Member for Mallee who is an advocate of the process of cloud seeding. The Mayor advised that following these discussions he is proposing the organisation of a conference to discuss the merits of a cloud seeding program in severely drought stricken areas. This action is in keeping with motion 58 (submitted by Gilgandra Shire Council) which was considered and carried at the 2006 Local Government and Shires Association Conference, calling for the State Government to reinstate its previous financial support for cloud seeding programs. The Mayor also suggested that the Alliance Councils consider the proposal as a combined project.

06 - 423 Resolution

1. That Council support the investigation of the staging of a conference to discuss the merits of a cloud seeding program in severely drought stricken areas.
2. That the proposal be placed on the agenda for consideration of the next Alliance Councils meeting.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.5 (Q & M) Northparkes Mine E48 Development - Community Consultative Committee

The General Manager advised that as part of the development application process for the Northparkes Mine E48 development, the Mine has an internal requirement for a Community Consultative Committee and seeks Council representation on the Committee. Councillor Keith has already been approached to Chair the Committee.

06 - 424 Resolution

1. That Council endorse Councillor Ken Keith as Chair of the proposed Consultative Committee and nominate Councillors Byrne and Hutton to one other position on the Committee as alternate delegates.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 5.20pm.

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 - 425 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 George Pratt.

CARRIED

16.1 (GM) Option Agreement to Purchase Council Land being Part Lot 1 DP 1016693

Prepared By: General Manager

Executive Summary

Council has received a request from an organisation wanting to enter into a Deed of Option to purchase Council owned land adjacent to the Parkes HUB, being Lot 1 DP 1016693, of about 68.8 hectares. The organisation has requested that their identity and the nature of the proposed development be held strictly commercial-in-confidence, as it would prejudice their commercial position.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to enter into the Call Option Deed for the sale of part lot 1 in DP 1016693, as outlined in this report.
2. That the applicant be explicitly advised of the known environmental and development issues associated with this land, as detailed in this report and associated Parkes HUB Local Environmental Study.
3. That where and as required the seal of Council be affixed to facilitate the Option and subsequent sale.

06 - 426 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

16.2 (GM) Parkes Airport

Prepared By: General Manager

Executive Summary

The agreements proposed with Mr Smith are currently with solicitors for final drafting.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
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06 - 427 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

16.3 (DPE) Sale of Motor Vehicles and Other items on Road Reserves and Public Lands

Prepared By: Director Planning & Environment

Executive Summary

Council has requested that regulation of the sale of motor vehicles and other items on roads and public places be further investigated. The report contains options for the effective control of such activities.

Recommendation

1. That Council resolves to erect no standing signs on land fronting Alluvial Street adjoining the Railway Gates and part of Lot 1 DP 1048127 corner Orange Road and Wellington Road, Parkes.
2. Further that the procedure as set out in this report be adopted.

06 - 428 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

16.4 (DPE) Administration Centre Alterations

Prepared By: Director Planning & Environment

Executive Summary

Tenders were invited from suitable qualified and experienced contractors for alterations and refurbishment to Parkes Shire Administration Centre. While three sets of tender documents were issued only one tender was received and Council must now determine the tender.

Recommendation

1. That Council resolve to decline to accept the tender submitted and to enter into negotiations with any person including the original tenderer with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender. The reason being to identify any alternatives to reduce the contract price to within Council's budget.
2. The reason for not inviting fresh tenders is the lack of interest in the submission of tenders for the project and the likely further delay in the commencement of works.

06 - 429 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

16.5 (DO) Armstrong Park - Request for Fence Replacement Contribution

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

A request has been received for Council to contribute to the cost of replacing a fence adjoining Armstrong Park. The request is based on the premise that trees in Armstrong Park contributed to the deterioration of the fence. The resident is a widow and lives alone.

Council has not contributed to fence replacement adjoining roads or reserves in the past as Council is exempt under the Dividing fences Act. In this instance the resident believes falling branches contributed to the need to replace the fence.

It should be noted that the trees in Armstrong Park were planted.

It is considered that a contribution to the fence replacement would create a precedent for future requests that could result in substantial costs across the Shire.

Recommendation

1. That the resident be advised that Council cannot accede to their request for a contribution towards the cost of fence replacement.

06 - 430 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

16.6 (DO) Supply of Water for Roadworks

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

A letter and account has been received from Mr Edgar Orr of Oriel (Parkes) Pty Ltd requesting payment for water supplied from farm dams for use on roadworks. The writer suggested that the cost of the water could be used to offset the cost of a cleanup of his wheat carried out by Council in Bogan Street.

A reply was forwarded advising that it is not Council's practice to pay for water used in roadworks and that in future if he had any conditions for the usage of water from his property he should contact Council to discuss possible arrangements.

Mr Orr has since contacted representatives of Council requesting that the position be reviewed.

It is considered that the current practice of not paying for water used be continued and that Mr Orr be advised accordingly.

Recommendation

1. That Mr Orr be advised that Council reaffirms previous advice provided that Council cannot accede to his request for payment for water used on roadworks.

06 - 431 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

16.7 (DI) Quotations for the Demolition of 62-64 Currajong Street, Parkes

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

Council, at its 17 January 2006 Meeting considered a report for the demolition of the dwelling and associated structures at 62 - 64 Currajong Street, Parkes. The conditions of development consent will soon be fully met, which will allow the demolition to proceed. Accordingly, quotations for demolition have been called and are considered below.

Recommendation

1. That the lowest quotation be accepted.
2. That subject to compliance with Development Consent conditions the demolition of 62-64 Currajong Street proceed.

06 - 432 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

16.8 (DI) Sale of Surplus Emulsion Tank

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

Council has received two offers for the purchase of a surplus emulsion tank.

Recommendation

1. That the offer of \$3,000 for the purchase of the surplus emulsion tank be accepted, on the basis that it is sold in its current "as is" condition, and further that all transportation of the tank and associated infrastructure be at the expense of the purchaser.
2. That no implied approval for the use of the tank should be conferred from the sale.

06 - 433 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

16.9 (DI) CENTROC Electricity Contract

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

As Councillors would be aware electricity is currently purchased for large usage sites under the provisions of the soon to expire CENTROC Electricity Contract. Significant savings have been realised under this bulk tender arrangement, which expires on 30 June 2006. Accordingly CENTROC has prepared and called a new electricity tender.

The Street Light Energy Agreement, also negotiated by CENTROC is due to expire in June 2008, however an option is provided to extend the contract out to 30 June 2009, which will align the expiry dates of active contracts with Country Energy. The street lighting agreement also requires acceptance and endorsement for the period 1 June 2008 to 30 June 2009.

Recommendation

1. That Parkes Council accept the offer of Country Energy to supply electricity from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2009 under the terms and conditions tendered in the CENTROC Electricity Contract, and that as and where necessary documentation be signed under the seal of council.
 2. That Parkes Council extend the Street lighting electricity supply contract with Country Energy by accepting the offer to supply electricity for Street Lighting from 1 June 2008 to 30 June 2009 under the terms and conditions tendered in the CENTROC Electricity Contract, and that as and where necessary documentation be signed under the seal of council.
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06 - 434 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.02pm.