



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 1 AUGUST 2006

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held at the Tullamore Bowling & Citizens Club, Haylock Street, Tullamore, commencing at 1:20 pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Tullamore Bowling & Citizens Club, Haylock Street, Tullamore, on 1 August 2006 at 1.20pm.

PRESENT

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

Councillor K J Keith
Councillor B Newton
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
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood
Tourism Coordinator – M Kronk
Minutes Secretary - D Ehsman

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

That the meeting commenced at 1.20pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

06 - 529 Resolution

That Councillor Patrick Byrne be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

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 1.21pm.

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 - 530 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 Ken Keith.

CARRIED

16.1 (DI) Purchase of Land for Sewage Treatment Facilities at Tullamore

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

Investigations have identified the Tullamore garbage tip locality as a suitable area for the village sewage treatment facilities. Accordingly it is anticipated to liaise with land owners in this area to procure a suitable site.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 531 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

The Open Meeting of Council commenced at 2.05pm.

At this stage of the meeting the Mayor welcomed members of the Tullamore community and the Tullamore Central School, present in the gallery, to the meeting. The Mayor also made a presentation of a Netwaste Resource Handbook to the Tullamore Central School.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

06 - 532 Resolution

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

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor John Magill declared an interest in Item 8.10 (REASON previous affiliation with organisation mentioned in the report.).

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 11.3 (REASON Interest in land mentioned in report).

The General Manager, Alan McCormack declared an interest in Item 8.3 (REASON Related entity to an individual mentioned in the report).

The General Manager, Alan McCormack declared an interest in Item 13.4 (REASON Interest in land mentioned in report).

Councillor Wayne Scott declared an interest in Item 8.3 (REASON Supplier of Goods).

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil.

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 (ICR) The Hon John Cobb MP - Member for Parkes - Exceptional Circumstance Drought Relief

Executive Summary

Providing a Media Release in relation to Exceptional Circumstance (EC) Drought Support extension to 30 November 2006.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 533 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That the local Federal Member be thanked for his efforts in lobbying for extension of EC Support.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Hon Ian MacDonald, Minister for Primary Industries - Closure of Regional Silos

Executive Summary

Replying to Council's concerns in relation to the closure of a number of regional grain silos.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

06 - 534 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That a submission be prepared for lodgement with the new Graincorp Board, pressing for the need to maintain regional silos in high dependence areas of rural and regional NSW.
3. That the Shire villages be invited to provide information and support for the submission.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) Member for Dubbo - Mrs Dawn Fardell - Driver Reviver Funding

Executive Summary

Advising that the Premier of NSW, the Hon Morris Iemma, has made \$4,000.00 available for the purchase of equipment and furnishings for the proposed Driver Reviver Centre. The funds have been made available to the Lions Club of Parkes from the Premier's Special Grants Program.

Recommendation

1. That both the Local Member and Premier be thanked for the provision of the grant.

06 - 535 Resolution

1. That both the Local Member and Premier be thanked for the provision of the grant.
2. That a report be prepared for the next meeting of Council in relation to the status of the Driver Reviver project and associated costs.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) Keep Australia Beautiful (New South Wales)

Executive Summary

Council has received advice that Local Member, Dawn Fardell, has recently been appointed as Chair of Keep Australia Beautiful (NSW).

Recommendation

1. That Council write to Local Member, Dawn Fardell, congratulating her on the recent appointment as Chair of Keep Australia Beautiful (NSW).

06 - 536 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

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

Executive Summary

Advising that funding has been made available to construct a public waiting area at the Parkes Court House.

Recommendation

1. That both the Local Member and the Attorney General be thanked for assisting the Parkes community in this manner.

06 - 537 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

8.6 (ICR) Waverley Council - Open Letter to all Councils opposing Nuclear Power

Executive Summary

The Mayor of Waverley Council has written to all Councils in an open letter advising of the Council's re-affirmed position on nuclear power.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 538 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.7 (ICR) NSW Police - Implementation of Local Liquor Accord

Executive Summary

Seeking Council's assistance in promoting the implementation of a Local Liquor Accord.

Recommendation

1. That the Area Commander and Licensing Officer of the Lachlan Area Command be invited to address a future meeting of Council in relation to the matter.

06 - 539 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.8 (ICR) Embroiderer's Guild of NSW Inc, Parkes - Wall Hanging

Executive Summary

Responding to Council's request for the membership's collective thoughts on the most suitable location for the Parkes Shire wall hanging.

Recommendation

1. That the hanging remain in its current location in the Parkes Library and the quote for the supply and installation of the protective cover be accepted.

06 - 540 Resolution

1. That Council accept the quotation for the supply and installation of a perspex cover for the wall hanging.
2. That the wall hanging and cover be placed in its commissioned location of the Coventry Room.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.9 (ICR) Birth to Kindergarten Committee - Annual Reading Day

Executive Summary

Seeking permission to use Cooke Park and occupy footpaths on Thursday 28 September 2006 for the purposes of their Annual Community Reading Day.

Recommendation

1. That permission be granted as requested subject to:
 - Amicable agreement relating to shared use of Cooke Park being reached with the Country Music Spectacular Organising Committee;
 - Cooke Park being left in a clean and tidy condition at the completion of the event;
 - The flow of pedestrians not being impeded in Clarinda Streets and other streets giving access to Cooke Park;
 - That all decorations be removed from the CBD area and Cooke Park at the conclusion of the event;
 - That a letter confirming insurance coverage of at least \$10 million be obtained from the Department of Education and forwarded to Council for its records.
 - The Parkes Police and Roads & Traffic Authority being notified of and approving the event.

06 - 541 Resolution

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 - That all decorations be removed from the CBD area and Cooke Park at the conclusion of the event;
 - That a letter confirming insurance coverage of at least \$10 million be obtained from the Department of Education and forwarded to Council for its records.
 - The Parkes Police and Roads & Traffic Authority being notified of and approving the event.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.10 (ICR) Parkes Christian School - Request for Financial Assist with Development Application DA06077

Executive Summary

Seeking Council's support by waivering the development application lodgement fee associated with the construction of a shelter and wheelchair friendly access ways at the school.

Recommendation

1. For the decision of Council.

06 - 542 Resolution

1. That Council accede to the request and that a contribution equivalent to the development application fees be made to the Parkes Christian School.
2. That Council develop a policy in relation to requests of this nature and that such a policy include a maximum level of assistance of \$1,000.00.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.11 (ICR) Correspondence Received from Mr Ian Logan

Executive Summary

Council has received four items of correspondence from a concerned resident relating to various issues regarding Cheney Park and Development Application No.DA06081 'Upgrading of Lighting Facility', Cheney Park, Parkes.

Recommendation

1. It is recommended that the information be noted and that Council Planning staff revise the wording of standard Development Application notification letters to clarify that submissions received may be made available to the public for viewing.

06 - 543 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Trundle Doctor's Residence Funding

Executive Summary

Council has been advised of Federal Government Regional Partnerships funding of \$43,600.00 (including GST) for the provision of fitout and equipment for the Trundle Doctor's Residence. Details are contained in the attached press release.

Recommendation

1. That Council note the Commonwealth Grant and express appreciation.
2. That the proposed financial arrangements be endorsed.
3. That any "windfall" funds for Trundle be applied against this advance.

06 - 544 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Regional Express Airlines - Passenger Numbers

Executive Summary

Rex Airlines have advised that passenger numbers through the Parkes Regional Airport totalled 28,740 for 2005/06, with November and May the busiest months.

Rex have also implemented a slightly increased passenger fare which incorporates a new \$6 head tax effective from July 1.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that Rex be congratulated on the increased level of passenger activity in 2005/06.

06 - 545 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Rail Conference

Executive Summary

It is proposed to hold the Local Government Rail Conference in Parkes in September 2006.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 546 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Tourism Update - Presentation of Shire Entry Signs Project to Tullamore Meeting

Executive Summary

Council has been pursuing effective and professional town entry signs for some time. At it's meeting held on 18 July 2006, Council resolved to accept designs from Danthonia Signs of Inverell to supply the signs.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that Council's Tourism Manager make the presentation at the Tullamore meeting.

06 - 547 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) DA06081: Peer Review Results for proposed Upgrading of Lighting Facility at Cheney Park, Station Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06081

Applicant: Mr Chris Martin

Property: Lot 1033 DP 750152, Lot 983 DP 750152, 'Cheney Park' Station Street, Parkes

Proposal: Upgrading of Lighting Facility

Executive Summary

Council has received the findings of an independent third party peer review, requested by Council, of the assessment process and recommendations made in Item 11.1 of Council's Business Paper of 4 July 2006.

Recommendation

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

It is further recommended that the traffic and parking problems raised in the community submissions be referred to the Parkes Local Traffic Committee for consideration.

06 - 548 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.
2. That the Bathurst Regional Council be thanked for carrying out the PEER review.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.07pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.30pm.

11.2 (DPE) DA06106: Variation of side setback for proposed Swimming Pool at 159 Back Yamma Road, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06106

Applicant: Mr C & Mrs A Barker

Property: Lot 5 DP 869754, 'Melita' 159 Back Yamma Road, Parkes

Proposal: Swimming Pool

Executive Summary

Council has received a modification to Development Application DA06106 to erect an inground swimming pool within 5 metres of northern side boundary at Lot 5 DP 869754, 'Melita' 159 Back Yamma Road, Parkes thereby encroaching on the 10 metre building setback which applies for land zoned 2(c) Rural Small Holdings. See attached plan.

Recommendation

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

06 - 549 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) Parkes Industrial Hub Development Control Plan

Executive Summary

The exhibition of the Parkes Industrial Hub Development Control Plan (DCP) has finished and no submissions were received. Council should now proceed with the adopting of the DCP.

Recommendation

1. That Council proceed with the adoption of the Parkes Industrial Hub Development Control Plan.
2. That Council give public notice in the Champion Post of it's decision.

06 - 550 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

11.4 (DPE) Parkes Shire Heritage Committee Minutes - 18 July 2006

Executive Summary

The Parkes Shire Local Heritage Committee held at meeting on Tuesday 18 July 2006.

Recommendation

1. That the minutes of the Parkes Shire Heritage Committee be adopted.

06 - 551 Resolution

1. That the minutes of the Parkes Shire Heritage Committee be adopted save and accept the recommendation contained in items 1 and 4 of the minutes of the Heritage Committee.
2. That in relation to item 1 of the minutes (business arising from previous minutes) it be noted that Council at its meeting held on 4 July 2006 Council resolved that the listing of the Bumberry Dam as a heritage item under the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 1990 be considered as part of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 1990 review currently being undertaken.
3. That in relation to item 4 a decision in relation to the adopted of the David Scobie Main Street Study be deferred pending a report to a future meeting of Council providing more detail in relation to Mr Scobie's recommendations and costings.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Kerb and Gutter - Tullamore Memorial Hall

Executive Summary

A request was previously received from the Tullamore & District Community Consultative Committee for a quotation to provide kerb and guttering around the Tullamore Memorial Hall. An estimate of \$12,000 was subsequently provided.

The Consultative Committee have now requested that the kerb and gutter works be considered under the one off grant for capital works provided for Tullamore in 2005/06. A copy of the letter is attached. The Consultative Committee also advise that the Hall celebrates its 50 year anniversary in April 2007.

Recommendation

1. That kerb and gutter be provided around the Tullamore Memorial Hall from the laneway in Haylock Street to the Southern boundary in Carey Street at the estimated cost of \$12,000 funded from the one off grant for capital works for Tullamore.

06 - 552 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Sealing of Haylock Street Tullamore

Executive Summary

A petition was considered by Council at the 2 May 2006 meeting requesting that the road to the Tullamore tip (Haylock Street) be sealed. It was resolved to advise the petitioners that the request will be considered with other competing projects under the 2006/07 Financial Assistance Grant Road Component program. No guarantee could be given as to the likely success of the project.

It was also resolved to write to the Tullamore and District Community Consultative Committee seeking comments as to whether the \$20,000 one-off allocation in the 2005/06 Tullamore Town Improvement Vote could be put toward the sealing project thus minimising the funds required from other sources would be advantageous.

The Tullamore and District Community Consultative Committee has advised that they would prefer if the works were financed from road funding. It was also suggested that more regular maintenance be carried out at this stage.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

06 - 553 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Street Lighting - Cardigan Street Tullamore

Executive Summary

A request had been previously received for improvements to the street lighting in Cardigan Street Tullamore through the commercial sector. The area in question has minimal lighting and has several dark areas. Country Energy were requested to provide a quotation for the provision of a street light fronting Lot1 DP233965 (near the hairdresser) on an existing pole, and between Lots 21/22 DP208685 (northern end of CBD) requiring a new pole.

Country Energy have provided a quotation of \$6,234.19 to install 70w HPS lights on the existing pole and on a new pole, including 45m of new overhead cabling.

Street lighting has been provided previously in Tullamore in line with Council's practice of intersections and mid block. The commercial areas however require more lighting for due to the higher traffic and pedestrian movements.

It is considered that the extra two lights will provide a higher level of safety for the commercial area of Tullamore.

Recommendation

1. That street lighting be provided fronting Lot1 DP233965 (near the hairdresser) on an existing pole, and between Lots 21/22 DP208685 (northern end of CBD) requiring a new pole, in Tullamore at a cost of \$6,234.19.

06 - 554 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Village Service Signs

Executive Summary

Council resolved at the 18 January 2005 meeting to investigate the provision of information signs at the town entrances to advise what key services were available in the town. The signs proposed were the standard service signs with white symbols on a blue background.

Costs for the supply of service signs are \$1,100 for a six symbol sign and \$2,200 for a twelve symbol sign. Total cost to supply and erect the signage at the four towns is estimated at \$20,000.

It is considered that the service signs would be a benefit to the particular towns as stated in the Tourism Development and Marketing Plan, and that funding sources should be explored for their provision.

Recommendation

1. That funding sources be explored for the provision of service signs at Peak Hill, Trundle, Tullamore and Bogan Gate.

06 - 555 Resolution

1. That funding sources be explored for the provision of service signs at Peak Hill, Trundle, Tullamore and Bogan Gate.
2. That the signs be considered in conjunction with other information signs that may be appropriate and that the Tourism Board undertake the investigation.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.5 (DO) 2006/2007 Regional Roads Repair Programme

Executive Summary

Council made application for funding under the Regional Roads Repair Programme to replace the timber bridge over Genaren Creek on Main Road 348 (Tullamore to Peak Hill Road). Advice has been received from the Roads and Traffic Authority that the project has been successful.

It is intended to call tenders for the design and construction of a two lane concrete bridge with Council undertaking the approaches construction. Surveys are currently being carried out to determine the most suitable alignment for the replacement bridge.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the 2006/07 Regional Roads Repair Programme be noted.

06 - 556 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.6 (DO) McGrane Way - Repairs to Oaks Bridge

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Narromine Shire Council requesting that Parkes Council contribute to much needed repairs to Oaks Bridge over the Bogan River on McGrane Way (Main Road No 354). The estimated cost for the repairs is \$58,000 with the cost proposed to be shared equally between the two Councils.

It is also requested that Parkes Council look towards contributing to the replacement of the bridge around 2009/2010. The estimated cost to replace the bridge is \$600,000.

The bridge is an important structure to the regional transport industry and should be maintained accordingly.

Recommendation

1. That Narromine Shire Council be advised that Parkes Council confirms that it will contribute the 50% of the cost of repairs to Oaks Bridge, being approximately \$29,000.
2. That Narromine Shire Council also be advised that Parkes Council confirms it will contribute to the replacement of Oaks Bridge around 2009/2010 provided that 50% of the total cost is obtained through the Repair Programme to minimise the contribution required by each Council.

06 - 557 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

12.7 (DO) Removal of Payphone - Clarinda Street Parkes

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Telstra advising that it is planned to remove a payphone located in Clarinda Street Parkes near Welcome Street. The payphone to be removed is one of two at the location.

Telstra records indicate that the usage of the two payphones is low and that one payphone would adequately service the demand.

Recommendation

1. That Telstra be advised that Council raises no objections to the removal of one of the two payphones located in Clarinda Street Parkes near Welcome Street.

06 - 558 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) Tullamore and Trundle Sewerage Project Update

Executive Summary

Investigations are continuing to accurately define the Tullamore and Trundle sewerage projects, mainly as a consequence of the time elapsed since the original study.

At this stage the following options appear the preferred configuration:

Treatment System	Reticulation System	Reuse System
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A grid of soil logs has recently been completed across both villages to define soil types and assist in assessment of constructability. Preliminary findings are promising with minimum rock occurrence and reasonable ease of excavation.

Low Pressure Sewer Systems are widely used in many countries and are increasingly used throughout Australia. The system comprises a tank with enclosed pump which would be buried near the existing septic tank. Household liquid waste is diverted to the new pump system, which pumps the household waste under pressure to the sewage treatment plant.

The pumps have a long life and operate at a low cost (less than \$30 per year). Using this system has many benefits, including the lower cost of plumbing to divert the existing septic tank to the new pump tank, which is ideally located close to the septic tank.

The next critical step for Council is to secure sites for the Treatment facilities. This will be followed by detailed environmental work and then reticulation. Preferred sites are in the vicinity of the garbage depots in both towns and also former night soil/garbage north west of Trundle.

Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications

Sewering of Tullamore and Trundle is identified in the Management Plan.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 559 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) Acquisition of Crown Land for Sewage Treatment Facilities and Connecting Roadway at Trundle (being Lot 162 and 164 DP752121) and Connecting Road Corridor (being the Westerly Extension of Mentone Street)

Executive Summary

Council is well advanced with investigations for a site to accommodate sewage treatment facilities at Trundle.

Investigations have identified a suitable site as the former rubbish depot, situated on Lot 162 DP 752121 (reserve 50658, notified 5 May 1915), and adjacent former night soil disposal land situated on Lot 164 DP 752121 (reserve 51952, notified 19 January 1917). These reserves were vested in Council until 1 December 1978, when the reserves were revoked and now reside with the Crown.

Access to these land parcels was via the adjoining travelling stock reserve (TSR). However the revocation of the TSR (which was subsequent subsumed into the Central Tablelands Heritage Lands Reserve Trust 190027 for Public Recreation) has effectively left the land "locked".

It is proposed to acquire the land and an appropriate access road using the provisions of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* for the purposes of establishing a sewage treatment facility and connecting access road.

Recommendation

1. That Council acquire Lots 162 and 164 DP 752121 by compulsory process in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* and make the necessary application to the Minister and/or Governor.

2. That Council acquire a road corridor connecting Mentone Street Trundle with Lots 162 and 164 DP 752121 to provide access for proposed sewage treatment facilities by compulsory process in accordance with the *Roads Act 1993* and the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* and make the necessary application to the Minister and/or Governor.
3. That upon acquisition, acquired land be classified as operational.
4. That where required the Seal of Council be applied to facilitate the acquisition.

06 - 560 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

**13.3 (DI) Request for Council Concurrence to Part Shire Road 44 (Keiths Lane)
Closure: West of Lot 43 DP750167 Parish Martin, County of Ashburnham**

Executive Summary

Previously, a request had been received for Council's concurrence to the closure of Part of Shire Road 44, Keiths Lane. The road is unformed and designated a public road under Councils control. Adjacent to the western side of the road reserve is a portion of Crown Land that is being leased by the applicant (Lease Licence No. 307690). While there is no foreseen need to develop the road, it does potentially provide access to discrete land parcels and access from shire road 57 to 42 (Warregal Road).

At the Council meeting held on the 4th April 2006, it was resolved that Council not agree to the closure of part of shire road 44 as described above. The applicant has since lodged an objection to the resolution, and invited council staff to an onsite meeting to clarify their position.

The subject portion of shire road 44 and the adjacent crown land has been enclosed by fencing and cleared. An access has been created to a dam that is located in the adjacent allotment (Lot 43 DP750167). Shire road 44, is undeveloped and so too is shire road 57 and roads located in Forbes Shire. The two portions of land, located in the neighbours property to the west of the crown land (could potentially be land locked) have not been individually fenced and have in fact been merged to form larger paddocks. The applicant currently uses the crown land for grazing of sheep during periods when other paddocks have crops. The applicant considers the purchase of the above land to be very important to their business strategy.

Recommendation

1. Council rescind the decision made on the 4th April 2006

2. That Council agree to the closure of part of Shire Road 44 (Keiths Lane) west of Lot 43 DP 750167 Parish Martin, County of Ashburnham subject to no objection from the owner of the parcels of land that would become land locked.

06 - 561 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

13.4 (DI) Wangara Lane - Occupation of Unformed Roadway

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from an adjoining owner of Wangara Lane seeking to occupy the unformed and unfenced eastern end of the lane for grazing purposes.

Recommendation

1. That Council not object to the occupation of the unused eastern portion of Wangara Lane by the adjoining owner subject to the applicant entering into a standard "licence to occupy", with provisions which will include:
 - Approval to occupy the road reserve can be revoked at any time and the applicant will be required to remove all obstructions at the occupants cost;
 - That a means of access to the road reserve area be maintained;
 - That the rental paid will be that fixed by Council from time to time and adjusted annually in accordance with the Licence document;
 - That Part 10, Division 2 of the Roads Act, 1993, be followed in the assigning of the Licence.

06 - 562 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Nil.

15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

15.1 (Q & M) Road Signage

Councillor G Pratt has advised that a local business has raised a question regarding Council signage contracts .

The Director of Infrastructure advises that generally, Councils legal requirement for tendering is prescribed by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Section 163, which at part two (2) negates the requirement to tender for contracts involving an expenditure of an amount less than \$150,000. Specifically, Councils signage purchasing is as follows,

- *The recent approach routes entry threshold project was through the identification of a supplier with specific and demonstrated skills in entry threshold design development and demonstrated performance in the production of unique entry thresholds.*
- *Standard road signs are purchased under the provisions of the CENTROC roads tender, which was determined in an open tender process.*

Most other non standard signs are purchased locally, using competitive quotations

Recommendation

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

06 - 563 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.2 (Q & M) Payment of Rates

Councillor G Pratt has made inquiries regarding the payment of rates and if there could be a system where rates could be paid on a weekly or monthly basis to ease the burden and assist low income earners with the payment of their rates.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that Council ratepayers may pay their rates in a weekly or monthly basis. Council staff will provide assistance with the preparation of instalment agreements to suit individual ratepayers circumstances.

Recommendation

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

06 - 564 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.3 (Q & M) Internet Publication of Business Papers

Councillor Y Hutton has enquired about the placing of Business Papers on the internet before they are viewed by Councillors and if this is the appropriate procedure for Council since another person can obtain information before Councillors get to view the Business Paper.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that the Business Papers are a public document and are normally placed on the internet either on Friday afternoon or Monday prior to the meeting. Business Papers are delivered to Councillors on the Friday afternoon. Posting the Business Papers on the internet on Friday afternoon provides members of the public an opportunity to view the issues to be considered and if appropriate to make representations to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Section 54(3) states "The copies are to be available to the press and public as nearly as possible to the time they are available to Councillors".

Recommendation

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

06 - 565 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.4 (Q & M) Stormwater

Councillor Y Hutton has enquired about the levy in rates for stormwater requesting that an explanation be provided to ratepayers where the \$25.00 will be spent eg new drainage or storage or reuse. Councillor Hutton also enquired how many areas of old galvanised water pipe still exist.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that recent large storms, particularly November 2005, have revealed a number of drainage problems that have to be addressed across the Shire towns and villages. The State Government identified stormwater funding inadequacies when passing the Local Government Amendment (Stormwater) Act 2005 to allow Councils the option to make a charge for the provision of stormwater management services outside their capped rate arrangements (Circular No 05-69).

Council subsequently resolved to implement a \$25.00 stormwater management charge for the 2006/2007 financial year.

It is proposed that extra funding will be used in the first instance to facilitate a comprehensive study to clearly identify requisite future remedial works. Specific areas requiring expenditure include (but not limited to) detention system for Pioneer Street and the Condobolin Road areas.

Funds generated from the villages would be spent directly in the areas where the funds were raised.

With regard to how many areas of old galvanised water pipe still exist, detailed records are not available to define the extent of the galvanised pipe network. Galvanised water pipe was commonly used throughout the reticulation system for house service connections, that is, the pipe connecting the water main in the street to the house water meter. Galvanised pipe was considered ideal for this type of plumbing for many years, however the galvanising does deteriorate.

As the galvanised house service connections fail they are now replaced with copper pipe. Some Local Government Water Utilities use other types of material for service connections such as polyethylene. The annual allowance for water service renewal and repair in Parkes Shire is approximately \$80,000

Recommendation

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

06 - 566 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

15.5 (Q & M) Trundle War Memorial Hall

Councillor B Newton has advised that at the Trundle Community Consultative Committee meeting held on 27 July 2006 the Committee advised that funds are available for repairs but that they have received no further information.

The Director of Planning and Environment advises that the report relating to structural repairs and remediation work to the building was issued to Mr R Schnieder, Secretary, Trundle War Memorial Hall Committee on 10 February 2006. A copy of the letter and report has been attached.

Recommendation

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

06 - 567 Resolution

1. That the Trundle War Memorial Wall Committee representatives meet with Council officers to discuss the status of the project.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.6 (Q & M) Gutter Repairs at Trundle

Councillor B Newton has advised that the Trundle Community Consultative Committee have been previously advised of repairs to be carried out to gutters in front of CWA and Clarke's Garage. The work has not been done and the Committee is asking when the work will commence.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that a search of Councils records could not find any recent requests for remedial work in this area, however the matter will be investigated as a matter of priority and the Trundle Community Consultative Committee will be advised accordingly

Recommendation

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

06 - 568 Resolution

1. That further discussions be held with the Trundle Community Consultative Committee.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

In accordance with Clause 17(3)(c) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice and with the agreeance of Councillors present, the following business was transacted without notice.

15.7 (Q & M) Moat Cottage - Sir Henry Parkes Birthplace

Councillor Keith advises that he has received information that Coventry City Council may be contemplating the sale of a building associated with the Moat House in Canley. Councillor Keith suggests that Council write to Coventry City Council in relation to the matter.

Recommendation

06 - 569 Resolution

1. That Council write to Coventry City Council urging a stay of proceedings in the decision to dispose of the building until such time as investigations are carried out to ascertain what course of action can be taken.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

At this stage and with leave of Council the Mayor invited members of the gallery to ask questions of the Councillors and staff in relation to matters affecting the Tullamore community.

Mrs Bernadette Bonham representing the Tullamore Community Consultative Committee extended the appreciation of the people of Tullamore to Council for holding a meeting in the town and for partaking in the inspections of a number of local projects prior to proceedings. Mrs Bonham advised that information relating to the entrance signs for the Shire were currently on public display and residents have been encouraged to provide any comments by the closing date for submissions. Mrs Bonham enquired if any permanent positions will be generated when the Tullamore and sewerage projects come online.

The Mayor advised that there may be a necessity for the employment of possibly one position but the need would be further assessed once the schemes were in place.

Mr Robert Edwards, representing Tullamore Inc, asked Council to postpone its order of street lights for the Tullamore main street (previously approved during the meeting) as an overall Concept Plan was being prepared for the Tullamore CBD and any poles ordered now may not be in keeping with suggested themes.

The Mayor advised that Council will abide by the wishes of the community in relation to the acceptance of Concept Plans for the Tullamore CBD and that staff will await the outcomes of the planning study.

Mr Robert Edwards suggested that there was sufficient general maintenance duties within the villages of Tullamore and Trundle for the employment of one full-time staff member in the district.

The Mayor advised that under current employment guidelines it is difficult to instruct staff where they should reside in relation to employment, however, the suggestion would be taken on board when considering staffing levels in the future, particularly as it relates to the villages.

Mr Bernie Crowley of Moira, Trundle, advised that Shire Road 1005 was in urgent need of repair and re-sheeting in the area approximately one kilometre from the rail crossing at Kadungle, at the causeway.

The Director of Operations undertook to attend to the matter.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.00pm.