



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 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 5 September 2006 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor R I Wilson, (in the Chair)
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor K McGrath
Councillor W Scott

Councillor K J Keith
Councillor Y Hutton
Councillor G Pratt
Councillor B Newton

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
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
Minutes Secretary - D Ehsman

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.35pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

06 - 626 Resolution

That Councillor John Magill be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

06 - 627 Resolution

That Councillor Bev Laing be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

06 - 628 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 15 August 2006, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Barbara Newton declared an interest in Item 12.4 (REASON Interest in land mentioned in report).

The Director of Infrastructure, Kent Boyd declared an interest in Item 10.4 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

5.1 Mayoral Minute - Annual Show Report 2006

Executive Summary

I feel it most appropriate to place on record the Council's regard for the role of PA and H Associations in Tullamore, Trundle, Peak Hill and Parkes.

I believe the quality of the four exhibitions over August was among the best on record, effectively belying the prolonged drought and the difficult rural climate.

Special mention is made of the Centenary District Exhibit and of Council's contribution to the transport Hub feature at the Parkes Show.

Recommendation

1. That Certificates of Appreciation be presented to the Presidents of Tullamore, Trundle, Peak Hill and Parkes Associations at a future meeting of Council.

06 - 629 Resolution

1. That Letters of Appreciation be sent to the Presidents of Tullamore, Trundle, Peak Hill and Parkes Associations.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Executive Summary

The election of the Mayor by Councillors is to occur in September.

Recommendation

1. That Council determine whether the Mayoral election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting and a ballot be conducted. (Parkes Council has traditionally used ordinary ballot).
2. That Council determine whether the election of Deputy Mayor for the 2006/07 Mayoral term is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or open voting and a ballot be conducted. (Traditionally Parkes Shire Council has elected the Deputy Mayor using the same system of voting as for the Mayor).

06 - 630 Resolution

That as only one nomination was received for the position of Mayor and one nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

The General Manager acting as Returning Officer advised the meeting that one nomination had been received for the position of Mayor. The Returning Officer declared Councillor Robert Wilson OAM elected as Mayor and noted that it would be Councillor Wilson's 22nd consecutive term.

The General Manager acting as Returning Officer advised the meeting that one nomination had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor. The Returning Officer declared Councillor Ken Keith elected as Deputy Mayor and noted that it would be Councillor Keith's 15th term in the position.

9.2 (GM) Council Committees - Election of Members

Executive Summary

Council is asked to determine its Committee representatives for the next year.

Recommendation

1. That Council determine the Councillors and other representatives for Council's Committees.
2. That the Operating Procedures for each Committee be adopted.

06 - 631 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.
2. That Councillor Newton be added to the Youth Committee.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Council Meetings

Executive Summary

Council is asked to determine its meeting cycle for next year.

Recommendation

1. That the first meeting in January and June be abandoned unless Council determines otherwise.
2. That Council hold a meeting at Peak Hill and Trundle in 2007.

06 - 632 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Financial Reports 2005/2006

Executive Summary

Prior to the completion of the annual reports by Council's Auditor it is a requirement that a statement in the approved form be completed and signed referring the accounts for audit.

Recommendation

1. That the financial reports be accepted by Council and referred for audit.
2. That Council make the statement as required by Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 in the form as attached to the financial reports.
3. That Councillor K Keith be designated as the other member of Council to sign the statement.

06 - 633 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) Budget Review - 30 June 2006

Executive Summary

The quarterly financial review to 30 June 2006 is submitted for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That the budget review report to 30 June 2006 be adopted.

06 - 634 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

**10.3 (DCS) NSW Local Government Grants Commission - Financial Assistance
Grant 2006/07**

Executive Summary

Advice has been received that the Commonwealth Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, The Hon Jim Lloyd MP has approved the Grants Commission's recommendations for the 2006/07 Financial Assistance Grants.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 635 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

The Director of Infrastructure, Kent Boyd, left the meeting temporarily at 2.00pm.

10.4 (DCS) Currajong Disability Services Inc

Executive Summary

A request has been received from Currajong Disability Services Inc for a rebate on the rates and charges for 2006/2007 for their Westview Group Home property situated at 59 High Street, Parkes.

Recommendation

1. That Council make a contribution towards the rates on the Currajong Disability Services Inc's Westview Group Home at 59 High Street, Parkes in the amount of \$425.00 being equivalent to a pensioner rebate on the property for the 2006/2007 financial year.

06 - 636 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

The Director of Infrastructure, Kent Boyd, rejoined the meeting at 2.02pm.

10.5 (DCS) Parkes Shire - Music Development

Executive Summary

A meeting was held on 21 August 2006 involving Councillors K Keith, B Newton, the Director of Corporate Services and Mr Lindsay Morehouse, Conductor of the Parkes Orchestra. The meeting was arranged to discuss with Mr Morehouse the current status of the Parkes Symphony Orchestra and music development opportunities within the Parkes Shire area.

Recommendation

1. That a meeting be organised with music teachers and music professionals within the Parkes Shire area to discuss the most appropriate means to promote the music development within the Shire area.

06 - 637 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.6 (DCS) Parkes Shire Tourism Board

Executive Summary

The two year term for representation on the Parkes Shire Tourism Board ends in September 2006. The Board requests Council to appoint Council representatives and to advertise the citizen Board positions now vacant.

The Tourism Board also requests an amendment to the Board structure, to ensure adequate representation from the villages, as recommended in the Parkes Shire Tourism Strategy.

Recommendation

1. That the Tourism Board's Operational Guidelines be amended to permit for maximum 10 members comprising: 2 Council representatives; minimum 1 representative from Peak Hill, minimum 1 representative from the Bogan Way Villages, minimum 3 tourism industry representatives and 1 from commerce.
2. That Council nominate 2 Council representatives to serve on the Parkes Shire Tourism Board from September 2006 to September 2008.
3. That the vacant citizen Board Positions be appropriately advertised with nominations closing Friday 22nd September.

06 - 638 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.
2. That an invitation be extended to Tony Hendry and Mrs Hendry to attend an afternoon tea with Councillors to a future meeting of Council to recognise 22 years of services to Parkes Shire Tourism Board.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.7 (DCS) Town & Villages Entry Signs

Executive Summary

Feedback has been received from Community Consultative Committees in Bogan Gate, Trundle and Peak Hill regarding the design of the new town entry signs. The response is very favourable towards the general sign design, however some changes to the unique town artworks are requested.

Recommendation

1. That Danthonia Designs be requested to provide two alternative sign designs for Peak Hill, including one amended version of the current Open Cut Mine design and a second option featuring a nugget of gold and miners pick.
2. That Danthonia Designs be requested to provide an alternative sign design for Trundle, with consideration for additional colours and perspective against the streetscape.
3. That the Peak Hill and Trundle Community Committees be advised that alternate designs are being sought and that amended designs be provided back to the Committees for consideration.

06 - 639 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

06 - 640 Resolution

1. That a report be tabled at a future meeting of Council in relation to a procedure for open quotations, that include local businesses.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) DA05196: Proposed Masterplan Approval - Seniors Housing Development and Community Title Subdivision at Painter and Farrer Streets, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05196

Applicant: Dabbas Pty Ltd

Property: Lot 1 DP 1070980, Lot 1 DP 418212, Lot 2 DP 1070980, Lot 7 DP 113810, Lot 707 DP 750152, Lot 710 DP 750152, Lot 711 DP 750152, Lot 712 DP 750152, Lot 713 DP 750152, Lot 714 DP 750152, Lot 715 DP 750152, Lot 716 DP 750152, Lot 717 DP 750152, Lot 718 DP 750152, Lot 936 DP 750152, Painter and Farrer Streets, Parkes

Proposal: Masterplan Approval - Seniors Housing Development and Community Title Subdivision

Executive Summary

Council has received a Development Application for a "retirement community" consisting of 404 self contained dwellings, 80 self contained serviced apartments, a 180 bed two storey aged care facility, central facilities incorporating reception, management services, consultation rooms, lounge, bar, billiard room, kitchen, multi-purpose hall, dining room and recreation areas (including indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, bowling green and croquet green in a group of buildings located centrally on the site). The site will also contain a maintenance building, landscaped areas incorporating a Village Green, pocket parks and connecting greenways providing linkages between the residential areas and site facilities.

Recommendation

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

06 - 641 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) DA06066: Proposed Residential Units at 16-20 Howard Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06066

Applicant: Ms Laura Miller

Property: Lot 2 DP 387277, 16-20 Howard Street, Parkes

Proposal: Residential Units

Executive Summary

An application has been received for two residential units on vacant residential land known as Lot 2 DP 387277, 16 Howard Street Parkes. The proposed development is generally consistent with the requirements of the Residential Code 1998 and can be conditionally approved.

Recommendation

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

06 - 642 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) DA06058: Proposed Motor Museum and Demolition of associated buildings at 66-70 Peak Hill Road and Pioneer Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06058

Applicant: Parkes Shire Council

Property: Lot 1 DP 240090, Lot 2 DP 240090, Lot 4 DP 240090, Lot 491 DP 750152, Lot A DP 403385, 66-70 Peak Hill Road and Pioneer Street, Parkes

Proposal: Motor Museum Facility and demolition of associated buildings

Executive Summary

The development application is for the construction of a motor museum facility on the Parkes Multi-use museum site located on the northern edge of the Parkes township. The proposed development also involves the construction of vehicular access, parking and landscaped areas.

Recommendation

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

06 - 643 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

11.4 (DPE) DA06120: Proposed Concrete Batching Plant at Lot 134 DP 752121 Forbes Street, Trundle

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06120

Applicant: Mr T Redfern

Property: Lot 134 DP 752121, Forbes Street, Trundle

Proposal: Concrete Batching Plant

Executive Summary

The proposed development is for a concrete batching plant on rural land located on the northern outskirts of Trundle.

Recommendation

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

06 - 644 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

11.5 (DPE) DA06125: Patio Cover Lot 15 & 16 Sec 2 DP758832, 72 Euchie Street, Peak Hill

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06125

Applicant: Picton Bros Improvements

Property: Lots 15 & 16 Sec 2 DP 758832, 72 Euchie Street, Peak Hill

Proposal: Patio Cover

Executive Summary

It is proposed to erect a patio cover to the front of the dwelling on Lots 15 & 16 Sec 2 DP 758832, 72 Euchie Street, Peak Hill. The patio cover is 4 metres wide and 2.798 metres long and a height of 2.235 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 dwelling from the street boundary line.

Recommendation

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

06 - 645 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

11.6 (DPE) Pioneer Oval Amenities Upgrade

Executive Summary

Funds have been earmarked in the Public Amenities and Grandstands Etc. Long Term Financial Plan for upgrading of the change rooms and amenities at Pioneer Oval in 2007/2008.

Plans have been prepared for the Spicer/Pioneer Amenities to be undertaken during 2006/2007 and there would be an advantage in carrying out both projects at the same time. The planned National Rugby League fixture in February 2007 should also be taken into consideration.

Recommendation

1. That the upgrading of the main amenities and change rooms at Pioneer Oval be carried out in 2006/2007 as outlined in the report.

06 - 646 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.7 (DPE) Upgrade Harrison Park Canteen

Executive Summary

Further representations have been received from Parkes & District Amateur Soccer Association Inc concerning their plans to upgrade the control room, canteen and meeting room at Harrison Park.

The Association has now established the full cost of the work and has requested that Council consider assisting on a dollar for dollar basis.

Recommendation

1. That Council allocate a further \$12,000 to this project from the Parkes Improvement Vote and agree to fund the Upgrading of Harrison Park Canteen on a dollar for dollar basis to a maximum of \$22,000.
 2. The work should be undertaken as a community infrastructure project in accordance with Councils policy.
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3. That discussions be held with the Association with a view to the Association accepting the responsibility for all electricity usage for the Harrison Park complex similar to other sporting venues.

06 - 647 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11.8 (DPE) Impounding Report for May, June and July 2006

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

06 - 648 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Peak Hill Show - Prizes Gardening Section

Executive Summary

Parkes Shire Council staff provided entries for a number of categories in the gardening section for judging at the recent Peak Hill Show with commendable success.

Recommendation

1. That the staff members be congratulated on their achievement.
2. That Council augment the \$30.00 prize money previously received and purchase plants to a value of \$100.00 at the choice of staff members for use in the beautification of the Peak Hill CBD area.

06 - 649 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Field Cannon Restoration Project Meeting

Executive Summary

At the 16 May 2006 meeting of Council Cr Pratt advised that he had received an enquiry relating to the WWI field cannon that was a feature of Cooke Park for many years. Cr Pratt advised that the National Services Association would like to restore the piece and place it on display at the Army Reserve Depot in Thornbury Street, Parkes. It was resolved "that the National Services Association contact the Parkes Historical Society to discuss the proposal."

At the 4 July 2006 Council meeting Cr Hutton advised that the 77mm field cannon was allotted to Parkes Shire Council as trustees in 1922 and that the cannon had to be displayed in a public place. It was subsequently resolved "that a senior member of staff facilitate a meeting between the interested parties, namely Parkes RSL Sub Branch, Parkes Historical Society and the Restoration Committee representing 1/17 Battalion, in relation to the restoration of the WWI war trophy (77mm field cannon) which was previously located in Cooke Park."

A meeting of the relevant parties was held on Thursday 17 August 2006 and the minutes are attached.

The meeting went well and it was decided to pursue grant funding for the restoration and protection of the cannon and to look at possible locations for the cannon once restoration was underway.

Recommendation

1. That the minutes of the Field Cannon Restoration Project Meeting held 17 August 2006 be noted.

06 - 650 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Firebreak Policy - Alectown Meeting

Executive Summary

Council resolved at the 4 July 2006 meeting "that the brigades within the Alectown area be requested to establish guidelines for firebreak implementation for use by property owners based on experience gained from the recent Alectown fires".

A meeting was arranged by the Mid Lachlan Valley Team of the Rural Fire Service at Alectown on Monday 14 August 2006 and chaired by Cr Magill. The meeting was to discuss fire breaks and hazard reduction in the brigade areas of Peak Hill, North West Parkes, Coobang and Alectown.

The meeting was well attended and provided an excellent forum for raising options for mitigating against, and combating, bushfire. Principle outcomes were:

- Investigate use of Newell Highway, railways and some local roads as strategic fire breaks.
- Each Brigade investigate strategies for firebreaks in their area.
- Each Brigade actively promote firebreaks.

It is hoped that the end result will be a strategic plan for the area indicating where firebreaks should be maintained to combat, and to minimise the spread of, bushfire.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the Alectown meeting on firebreaks be noted.

06 - 651 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

Councillor Barbara Newton left the meeting temporarily at 2.50pm.

12.4 (DO) Financial Assistance Grant - Road Construction

Executive Summary

At the 15 August 2006 Council meeting \$180,000 was allocated for Road Construction from the 2006/07 Financial Assistance Grant - Road Component. The funds were to be used to continue the sealing of developing areas surrounding Parkes, as per the previously accepted priority listing, and for other construction projects that may be considered appropriate in the other towns in the Shire.

Several requests have been received for works in Bogan Gate, Tullamore, on Slimbridge - Monomie Road, and around Parkes.

Recommendation

1. That the \$180,000 from the 2006/07 Financial Assistance Grant - Road Component be allocated for Road Construction projects as follows:

Commencement of Deep Lead and Heraghty Road sealing	\$136,000
Bogan/Edols Street Bogan Gate reconstruction	\$10,000
Lachlan/Edols Street Bogan Gate reconstruction	\$4,000
Haylock Street Tullamore sealing	\$30,000

2. That investigations be commenced, in conjunction with Forbes Shire Council, for the realignment of Slimbridge - Monomie Road (SR74A) with a view to including the project in the 2007/08 programme.

06 - 652 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

Councillor Barbara Newton rejoined the meeting at 2.51pm.

12.5 (DO) Financial Assistance Grant - Road Protection

Executive Summary

At the 15 August 2006 Council meeting \$60,000 was allocated for Road Protection from the 2006/07 Financial Assistance Grant - Road Component. The project identified was erosion adjacent to a causeway on Numalla Road (Shire Road No 125) at Sandy Creek. Some protection works were carried out previously under the FAGs grant as part of an overall strategy. The work remaining involves the construction of a concrete flume downstream of the causeway and restoration of the surrounds. The estimated cost to complete the works is \$60,000.

The road continues to be threatened by the erosion and it is considered that the remaining protection works should now be carried out.

Recommendation

1. That the \$60,000 from the 2006/07 Financial Assistance Grant - Road Component for Road Protection be allocated to the construction of a concrete flume on Numalla Road (Shire Road No 125) at Sandy Creek.

06 - 653 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.6 (DO) Gravel Resheeting - Financial Assistance Grant and Roads to Recovery 2006/07

Executive Summary

Council resolved at the 15 August 2006 meeting to allocate \$810,000 from the Roads Component of the Financial Assistance Grant, and \$388,157 from the Roads to Recovery Grant, to gravel resheeting.

It is intended to resheet the higher priority roads, fully committing the Roads to Recovery and Financial Assistance Grant Road Component funding, with the remaining roads, and any others identified during the rest of the financial year, receiving gravel patching and grading only as part of the routine maintenance program.

Recommendation

1. That the following roads be approved for gravel resheeting funded from the Roads to Recovery Grant for the 2006/07 financial year:

Bogan Road (SR76, 82A - 149)	1.8 kilometres	\$49,000
Bogan Road (SR76, 149 - 1162)	12.3 kilometres	\$318,000
	14.1 kilometres	\$367,000

2. That the following roads be approved for gravel resheeting funded from the Financial Assistance Grant – Roads Component for the 2006/07 financial year, with the overrun of \$59,000 carried through to 2007/08 if necessary:

Taweni Lane (SR82A)	1.7 kilometres	\$41,000
Wards Lane (SR80)	1.2 kilometres	\$33,000
Plowman Lane (SR77)	10.0 kilometres	\$270,000
London Road (SR47,48,51)	3.8 kilometres	\$100,000
Numalla Road (SR125, 126-354)	4.6 kilometres	\$144,000
Penryn Lane (SR93)	5.7 kilometres	\$115,000
Avondale Road (SR102)	7.1 kilometres	\$166,000
	34.1 kilometres	\$869,000

06 - 654 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12.7 (DO) Footpath Construction - Forbes Road Parkes

Executive Summary

A letter has been received requesting that the concrete footpath be extended along Forbes Road to the last house on the eastern side. The letter states that the footpath is used by elderly accessing shops. The alternative to walking on the natural wide footpath is to walk on the shoulder of Forbes Road (Newell Highway).

Beyond the end of the existing kerb and gutter there are drainage issues that would require substantial work before a footpath was constructed.

It is considered that the safety aspect warrants the extension of the concrete footpath along Forbes Road to the end of the existing kerb and gutter at No 65 Forbes Road.

Recommendation

1. That the resident be advised that Council can extend the footpath to the southern side of No 65 Forbes Road only at this stage under the 2006/07 Footpath Construction Program. Further extension of the footpath will depend on drainage issues being overcome.

06 - 655 Resolution

That the matter be deferred to the next meeting of Council to permit further analysis of requests for footpath construction.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting a Citizenship ceremony was conducted for Ross, Carolyn, Jesse and Joseph Trumble.

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor made a presentation to Mr Noel Johnstone for Years of Service to Parkes Sports Council.

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

The meeting resumed at 3.30pm.

12.8 (DO) Village Pool Opening Days

Executive Summary

For some time, Council has approved the operation of the village pools for an additional day (Tuesdays) during January.

The normal pool opening days are:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for Tullamore and Peak Hill;
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for Trundle.

During January, there is also a request from the Department of Sport and Recreation to conduct Intensive Learn to Swim programs on consecutive days.

To facilitate continuity of the Learn to Swim program and to minimise the costs incurred due to the opening of the pools on Tuesdays, it may be prudent to open on Tuesdays from 3.00pm to 7.00pm only (similar to the timing of the additional day required for the Department of Sport and Recreation Programme) rather than the normal opening times (11am for Peak Hill and 1pm for Trundle and Tullamore).

Recommendation

1. That Council approves the operation of the village pool week days to include Tuesdays from 3.00pm to 7.00pm during January 2007.

06 - 656 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12.9 (DO) Annual Village Pool Bookings

Executive Summary

Requests have been received from regular users of the Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore Pools for the 2006/07 season.

Recommendation

1. That the requested use of the pools at Trundle, Tullamore and Peak Hill by the respective organisations be approved.

06 - 657 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

12.10 (DO) Village Pool Bookings - NSW Sport and Recreation

Executive Summary

NSW Sport and Recreation have requested Learn to Swim Programs during January 2007 for Pre-School and School Aged Children.

Recommendation

1. That Council approve the NSW Sport and Recreation Program and allow the Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore pools to open on the extra days from 2.30pm to 6pm.

06 - 658 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12.11 (DO) Village Pools - Intensive Learn to Swim Program

Executive Summary

Trundle Central and Tullamore Central Schools have requested to conduct their Intensive Learn to Swim Program during November/December 2006 on a daily basis.

Recommendation

1. That Trundle and Tullamore Central Schools be advised that consecutive days will be facilitated provided relief staff can be arranged for the extra days.

06 - 659 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.12 (DO) Clarinda Street Parkes - Street Banners

Executive Summary

As part of the ongoing beautification works in the main street of Parkes, it will be necessary to take down the main banner poles for repainting (existing coatings are faded and in need of refurbishment). . This is to maintain consistency with the street furniture colour scheme. It is considered that this might be an opportune time to consider possible alternatives for displaying upcoming events.

Opportunities include:

- Repainting and re-erecting the banner poles.
- Looking at an alternative location for the banner poles which would include new footings.
- Leaving the banner poles out and incorporating a display system as part of the new Tourist Centre when constructed.
- Leaving the banner poles out and using the smaller banner poles being installed with individual banners rather than one spanning across the street.
- Leaving the banner poles out and erecting new banner poles in the median strips along Bogan Street in strategic locations, subject to RTA approval.

Recommendation

1. That the banner poles be removed and, prior to repainting, individual banners trialled on the adjacent smaller poles to assess effectiveness and, subsequently, whether the larger poles need to be re-erected.

06 - 660 Resolution

1. That the banner poles be removed and, prior to repainting, individual banners trialled on the adjacent smaller poles to assess effectiveness and, subsequently, whether the larger poles need to be re-erected.
2. That Council write to various organisations who have previously used the poles requesting comment from them as to whether or not they would use a similar facility given the recent introduction of the associated fee.
3. That a further report be submitted to a future meeting of Council following the investigation of possible alternative sites or other methods of displaying promotional banners.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.13 (DO) Australian Airports Association - NSW Division Meeting 10 August 2006

Executive Summary

The NSW Division meeting of the Australian Airports Association (AAA) was held in Sydney on Thursday 10 August 2006. Cr McGrath, the Facility and Emergency Management Officer, and Director of Operations attended. The meeting included the reports from the AAA Chief Executive Officer and NSW Chairman, election of the new NSW Chairperson and Secretary, an update on amendments to the AAA Constitution, and presentations on Aviation Security and Safety Management Systems.

Details of the meeting are included in the Report below.

The meeting covered numerous issues common to all NSW airport operators and attendance proved to be most beneficial. Of particular note was the difficulty most were experiencing with freight operators not paying landing charges, the ongoing security and passenger screening issues, and trees around airports. The outcome of the Queensland University of Technology research into the benefits that airports bring to communities will also be of interest.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the NSW Division meeting of the Australian Airports Association held 10 August 2006 be noted.

06 - 661 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.14 (DO) Rural Fire Service Shed - Bogan Gate

Executive Summary

An application for funding under the "Working Together to Manage Emergencies - National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund" was submitted for the construction of a new double bay fire station incorporating amenities at Bogan Gate.

Advice has been received that the application was unsuccessful. Several similar projects were approved in the region (Junee, Nyngan) so it is considered that another application should be submitted when next called in 2007.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the unsuccessful grant application for Bogan Gate Rural Fire Service Shed be noted.

06 - 662 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) B-Double Access - Brolgan Road, Parkes

Executive Summary

The SCT site will be ready to commence operation by late September 2006. It is proposed to extend the B-Double access network to facilitate the operation of the facility, initially on an interim basis.

Recommendation

1. That interim B-Double access along Brolgan Road be extended from Woolstore Place to the SCT site until 31 December 2006.
2. That appropriate warning signage be installed to alert road users of the interim arrangements.
3. Adequate turnout provisions be made to accommodate turning vehicles at the entrance to SCT.

06 - 663 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) Restricted Access to Paterson and Lawson Streets

Executive Summary

A petition has been received, supported by 17 signatures, requesting the southern end of Paterson and Lawson Street be closed to prevent access to the adjacent unused travelling stock reserve. The petition indicates that the through vehicles are affecting the amenity of the area, including the creation of considerable dust, which in turn dirties drying washing and swimming pools, causes sinus and allergies and adversely effects outdoor activities such as BBQ's.

Recommendation

1. That the southern end of Paterson Street and Lawson Street be closed for a trial period of three (3) months.
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06 - 664 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

13.3 (DI) Use of Cooke Park - Ride to Work Day

Executive Summary

To celebrate and be involved in NSW Bike Week 2006, Council's Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer has successfully applied for grant funding to conduct a series of Ride to Work Days across the Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shires.

In the lead up to the Rides occurring locals will be encouraged to 'get outta their car and onto their bike' and join in a free healthy breakfast at a central location in each Shire. There will also be; free lanyards for everyone, surveys, a lucky door prize, bike engraving, bike safety checks, a display from a local dietician, judging the colouring in competition prize winner and the chance to donate money to the Amy Gillett Foundation.

Rides to Work are scheduled for Monday 25 September in Parkes, Tuesday 26 September in Forbes and Thursday 28 September in Condobolin.

The Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer is seeking Council permission to hold the breakfast and associated activities in Cooke Park on Monday 25 September from 7am - 9am.

Recommendation

1. That permission be granted for the use of Cooke Park for the Ride to Work Day breakfast on Monday 25 September subject to:
 - the usual conditions for the use of Cooke Park being obeyed including no vehicles being driven onto the Park or no spikes being driven into the turf without prior liaison with the Parks and Gardens Supervisor and
 - the area being left in a clean and tidy condition at the end of the event

06 - 665 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

14.1 (DPE) Parkes Shire Council Access Committee - Minutes 8 August 2006

Executive Summary

The meeting of the Parkes Shire Council Access Committee was held on Tuesday, 8 August 2006. The minutes of the meeting are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Access Committee held on 8 August 2006 be adopted.

06 - 666 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

14.2 (DO) Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Pool Planning Sub Committee Meeting held 15 August 2006

Executive Summary

The Parkes Shire Council Pool Planning Sub Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 15 August 2006 at 12.40 pm. The Minutes are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Pool Planning Sub Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 August 2006 be adopted, including the recommendations as follows:
 - An assessment be carried out on the current condition of Council's pools.
 - Other sources of funding be explored.
 - Investigation be carried out on :
 - Refurbishment of the existing pool including a wet deck and possible eighth lane

- Refurbishment of the existing pool including covering and heating half the pool through winter
- Refurbishment of the existing pool plus the construction of a separate 25metre indoor heated pool.
- That visits be authorised to selected pools to ascertain their applicability and functionality for the Parkes context.

06 - 667 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

14.3 (DO) Parkes Pool Management Committee Meeting - 24 August 2006

Executive Summary

The Parkes Pool Management Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, 24 August 2006. The Minutes of the Meeting and Events Calendar are separately attached.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Pool Management Committee Meeting held on 24 August 2006 be adopted.

06 - 668 Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Pool Management Committee Meeting held on 24 August 2006 be adopted.
2. That Learn to Swim and Swimming Club have two lanes between the groups allocated in the morning session.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

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

15.1 (Q & M) Request for Garbage Bin

Councillor K Keith has receiving an enquiry for the provision of a garbage bin in Grenfell Street so that takeaway packaging from nearby shops can be deposited.

The Director of Planning and Environment advised that the area will be monitored to determine the need for either public place or commercial litter bins.

Recommendation

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

06 - 669 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.2 (Q & M) Enquiries from Trundle Residents

Councillor B Newton has received enquiries from 2 local residents regarding the following:

- A mound of soil has been placed in front of 5 Plevna Street, Trundle and the resident has asked if the soil can be levelled to prevent water run off and pooling on the property; and
- Bloomfield Street has been cut off with soil and is overgrown with weeds and a resident has asked if the street can be re-opened as was previously.

The Director of Operations advised that the matters will be investigated and the appropriate action taken.

Recommendation

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

06 - 670 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.3 (Q & M) Tidy Towns 2006

Councillor Y Hutton has advised that Jenny Hamilton, Tidy Towns Assessor will be in Parkes on Wednesday 6 of September 2006. The Mayor and any Councillors are invited to attend a light lunch in the Council's Committee Room at 12:30 pm to meet and welcome Jenny to the Parkes Shire. Following lunch staff will be discussing various aspects of the overall town's submission which will include environmental initiatives, waste management and the recycling program. Please advise Michelle Bicket beforehand of your attendance.

Recommendation

That the information supplied by Councillor Y Hutton be received and noted.

06 - 671 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

15.4 (Q & M) Community Land

Councillor Y Hutton has requested a definition of community land under the Local Government Act and has asked if it can be consolidated with operational land for sale. Councillor Hutton also enquired as to the quantity of community land within the Parkes Shire.

The Administration Manager advises that community land is one type of Council public land. Land that Council owns must be classified, under the Local Government Act 1993, as either "community" or "operational" land. Operational land has no special management restrictions other than those which may apply to any freehold piece of land. Community land is reserved for community use. Classification as community land reflects the importance of the land to the community because of its use or special features and must be managed according guidelines in the Local Government Act. Community land cannot be sold, leased or licensed for a period exceeding twenty one years and must have a plan of management prepared for it or applying to it. As the classification of community land contains the public land categorised as natural areas, parks, sportsgrounds, general community use and areas of cultural significance, the amount of all community land within the Shire would run to many hundreds of hectares.

Recommendation

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

06 - 672 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.5 (Q & M) Development Applications

Councillor Y Hutton has made enquiries in relation to development applications and how enforceable are the limitations imposed by the consent conditions eg signs; parking on public footpaths; dust; noise; removal of asbestos; landscaping etc.

The Director of Planning and Environment advised that Council's Environmental Health and Building Surveyors and Planners are able to use orders under Section 121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and Penalty Notices under Section 125 of the said Act to enforce conditions of consent. Generally developers, builders and owners respond to a verbal and/or written direction from Council staff and there is no need to use the enforcement process.

Recommendation

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

06 - 673 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

15.6 (Q & M) Parkes Pound/Animal Shelter

Councillor Y Hutton made enquiries as to the progress of the plans for Parkes Pound.

The Director of Planning and Environment advised that the land is a crown lease and Council recently agreed to convert such to freehold. Fresh plans have been prepared for the new Parkes Animal Shelter and development consent will now be sought for the project. It is hoped to complete the project during the 2006/07 financial year.

Recommendation

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

06 - 674 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 4.20pm.

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 - 675 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 Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

16.1 (GM) Sale to Buildev

Prepared By: General Manager

Executive Summary

The transfer of land in the Industrial Estate to Buildev has been concluded.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 676 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

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

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service

Executive Summary

Council has been approached to again consider underwriting the shortfall in Alkane's operating expenses for the Open Cut Experience over the September/October school holiday period. The Victorian, Queensland and NSW holiday spread extends from Saturday, 16 September to Sunday, 15 October 2006.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to again underwrite operations of the Open Cut Experience for the period 16 September to 15 October 2006, covering the direct operating costs less income derived from entry fees.

06 - 677 Resolution

1. That Council agree to again underwrite operations of the Open Cut Experience for the period 16 September to 15 October 2006, covering the direct operating costs less income derived from entry fees.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

16.3 (DI) Lease of Council Land "Tallawalla West", Forbes-Eugowra Road

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

In 2001 Council sought expressions of interest for the Commercial Lease of the Council owned property "Tallawalla West". The land is situated on the Lachlan River 15 kilometres east of Forbes and is approximately 24 hectares in area. The lessee has requested an extension of the lease to validate anticipated expenditure on property improvements.

Recommendation

1. That the lessee be offered a new five (5) year lease with five (5) year option, annually adjusted by the CPI.

06 - 678 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.05pm.