



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 19 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 19 September 2006 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

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

Councillor K J Keith
Councillor K McGrath
Councillor G Pratt

IN ATTENDANCE

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

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.30pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

06 - 679 Resolution

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

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

06 - 680 Resolution

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

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

06 - 681 Resolution

That Councillor Wayne Scott be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

06 - 682 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 5 September 2006, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ken McGrath declared an interest in Item 8.6 (ICR) Elvis Festival Organising Committee - Application to use Cooke Park (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 10.10 (DCS) Economic Development - Australia Day Planning (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

5.1 Mayoral Minute - Functions Attended

Executive Summary

A report on the functions recently attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff in relation to community events or civic matters.

Recommendation

That the report of recent functions attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted.

06 - 683 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

5.2 Mayoral Minute - Coming Known Events

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

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

06 - 684 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

5.3 Mayoral Minute - State Electoral Boundary Changes

Executive Summary

The Electoral Commission has decided on the boundaries and names for the Federal Electoral Divisions in NSW. Changes were made to the redistribution maps first published on 30 June 2006 (attached). As the changes are not considered significant, by the Commission, it has ruled out further objection periods and hearings.

Recommendation

1. That Council express its disappointment in the boundaries as drawn up by the Commission and reiterate its objection to the size of the electorates and loss of communities of interest.

06 - 685 Resolution

1. That Council express its disappointment in the boundaries as drawn up by the Commission and reiterate its objection to the size of the electorates and loss of communities of interest.
2. That Council strongly suggest that the population basis (trigger) upon which boundary changes are instigated be reviewed.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

5.4 Mayoral Minute - Access to Kingsford Smith Airport by Regional Air Services

Executive Summary

On the 7th September 2006 the Australian Productivity Commission released its Review of Price Regulation of Airport Services (Draft Report). The Review has found efficiency at Kingsford Smith Airport could be boosted by changing international carrier premiums to permit access to the Airport at peak times, thus pushing out regional carriers. Regional Airlines may therefore be forced to Bankstown if the Government adopts the proposal.

Recommendation

1. That Council seek comment from Rex Regional Airlines on the Draft Report findings.
2. That Council make comment on the Draft Report in the strongest terms calling for the retention of pricing mechanisms that would maintain regional air service access to Kingsford Smith Airport.

06 - 686 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 (ICR) Letters of Appreciation

Executive Summary

During the exercise of its various functions, Council frequently receives letters of appreciation for services rendered or actions taken by Councillors and staff. The most recently received congratulatory letters are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 687 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Application for Annual Council Picnic Holiday

Executive Summary

The Parkes Branch of the United Services Union has applied for Monday, 9 October 2006 to be allocated as the annual Union Picnic Holiday.

Recommendation

1. That Monday, 9 October 2006 be authorised as the 2006 Union Picnic Holiday.
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06 - 688 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) Dawn Fardell, Local Member for Dubbo - Trade Schools

Executive Summary

Forwarding for Council's information a response from Carmel Tebbutt, MP, Minister for Education and Training in relation to proposed Trade Schools.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 689 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) Dawn Fardell, Member for Dubbo - Peak Hill Police

Executive Summary

Forwarding a response by the Minister for Police in relation to representations made concerning policing matters in Peak Hill.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 690 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.5 (ICR) Departmental Circular - 06/57 - Guidelines for the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors

Executive Summary

The Department has released the long awaited guidelines for the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors.

Recommendation

1. That Council develop a Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy in compliance with the Guidelines and Sections 252-254 of the Local Government Act, 1993.
2. That the Policy be submitted to the Department by 28 February 2007.

06 - 691 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken McGrath left the meeting temporarily at 1.45 pm..

8.6 (ICR) Elvis Festival Organising Committee - Application to use Cooke Park

Executive Summary

The Elvis Festival Organising Committee has made application for the use of Cooke Park for the 2007 event to be held the weekend of 13 and 14 January 2007.

Recommendation

1. That permission to use Cooke Park on 13 and 14 January 2006 be granted, subject to the Committee:-
 - Meeting with Council representatives to discuss security (including lighting), safety management, and temporary occupancy issues;
 - Meeting all obligations imposed by Council staff in relation to the abovementioned matters;
 - No pegs or stakes driven into the earth without prior consultation with the Parks and Gardens Supervisor;
 - Possessing sufficient insurance (not less than \$10 million coverage) for the activities proposed and providing proof of same.
 - Leaving the Park in a clean and tidy condition at the conclusion of the event.

06 - 692 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken McGrath rejoined the meeting at 1.47 pm.

8.7 (ICR) St Joseph's School, Peak Hill - Application to Waiver DA Fees

Executive Summary

St Joseph's School at Peak Hill has asked for the reimbursement of development application fees associated with their application to build a shade structure in preparation for the coming summer months.

Recommendation

1. That Council make a contribution of \$582.90 to the St Joseph's School to assist with costs associated with lodging a development application in relation to a shade shelter constructed at the school.

06 - 693 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

8.8 (ICR) Leichhardt Council - Financial Support for Asylum Seekers

Executive Summary

Leichhardt Council is seeking Council's support of a project endorsed at the Local Government Association Mudgee Conference earlier this year. The project provides regular financial and professional support for asylum seekers.

Recommendation

1. For the decision of Council.
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06 - 694 Resolution

That Council not accede to the request on this occasion.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Address to Council - Liquor Accord

Executive Summary

Council will recall correspondence from the Licensing Sergeant of the Lachlan Area Command seeking administrative assistance from Council with the implementation of a Local Liquor Accord.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 695 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Parkes Rail Conference

Executive Summary

Councillors will be aware of the Rail Conference to be held in Parkes at the Leagues Club on Monday, 25 September 2006 commencing at 9.30am.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
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06 - 696 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Council Committees - Election of Members

Executive Summary

Due to an irregularity with the reporting of the Committees to Council last meeting the Committees should be redetermined. Accordingly, Council's full list of Committees is submitted for consideration.

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 - 697 Resolution

1. That the representatives for the Committees contained within the report remain unaltered.
2. That the Operating Procedures for each Committee be affirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

9.4 (GM) Delegates and Representatives to External Committees and Organisations

Executive Summary

Council is asked to determine its representatives to external organisations.

Recommendation

1. That Council determine the Councillors and other representatives for external Committees and organisations.

06 - 698 Resolution

1. That Councillor Y Hutton be Council's representative for Central West Community College Limited.
2. That representation for Item 26 - Parkes Shire Tourism Board be deferred until Board elections are held in October.
3. That it be noted that Council can no longer appoint delegates to the Central West Group Apprentices Limited Board, however, Council can nominate any person for a position on the Board at the appropriate time.
4. That enquiries be made into the ongoing operation of the Parkes Senior Citizens' Centre Committee.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - August 2006

Executive Summary

A regular report is provided to Council in relation to a number of financial indicators, including investments, total monthly payments, receipting and collection of rate revenue.

Recommendation

That the report detailing accounts paid, rate revenue collected, receipts received and the bank reconciliation to 31 August 2006 be received and noted.

06 - 699 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 31 August 2006

Executive Summary

As at 31 August 2006 Council held \$39,815,067.34 in investments.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

06 - 700 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10.3 (DCS) Library Services Statistics and Monthly Update - August 2006

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted

06 - 701 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.4 (DCS) Tourism Update August/September 2006

Executive Summary

A brief update of general Shire tourism activities.

Recommendation

1. That the Tourism Update be received and noted.

06 - 702 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.5 (DCS) Economic Development - Educational Initiatives

Executive Summary

Council continues to retain an association with regional educational developments including the Australian Technical College and the Charles Sturt University Dubbo Regional Consultative Committee which the Economic Development Manager was invited to address on 14 September 2006 to promote awareness of existing and prospective student educational needs.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 703 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.6 (DCS) Economic Development - Cultural Promotion

Executive Summary

The Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee continues to discharge its charter with enthusiasm. The Committee's latest meeting endorsed arrangements to provide a public performance of the Sydney Theatre Company production 'The 7 Stages of Grieving' in the Little Theatre on Wednesday, 13 September 2006. Applications have been invited from across the Shire for the 2006/07 Cultural Grants which close on 20 October for endorsement by Council in November.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 704 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10.7 (DCS) Economic Development - Building Regional Towns Tour

Executive Summary

The Minister for State and Regional Development (David Campbell MP) has announced that Wakool and Parkes Shires will host the fourth annual NSW tour on 8/9 November 2006. Around 25 developers and investors will be accompanied by the Minister for an overnight and half day inspection of Parkes' development opportunity and growth projections.

Recommendation

1. That Council formally accept from the Minister for State and Regional Development the invitation to part host the 2006 Building Regional Towns Tour on 8/9 November 2006.

06 - 705 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.8 (DCS) Economic Development - NSW Tennis Titles

Executive Summary

Parkes will host the NSW Combined High Schools under 15 boys regional teams tennis titles from Tuesday, 31 October to Thursday, 2 November providing another substantial tourism impetus. Given the status of the event, Council has been asked to consider the conduct of a civic reception in the Coventry Room on Tuesday, 31 October at 5.00pm.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to extend a civic reception in the Coventry Room on Tuesday, 31 October 2006 at 5.00pm to acknowledge the staging of the NSW Combined High Schools boys tennis titles.

06 - 706 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.9 (DCS) Economic Development - Town Crier's National Titles

Executive Summary

Town Crier, Tim Keith represented Council at the annual National Championships in Gosford on 8th/9th September weekend and successfully lobbied for Parkes to host the event in 2008 as part of Council's 125th anniversary celebrations.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 707 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Mr Tim Keith be congratulated on attaining the Town Criers National Championships in Parkes for 2008.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 2.20 pm.

10.10 (DCS) Economic Development - Australia Day Planning

Executive Summary

The Economic Development Manager represented Council at a regional Australia Day seminar in Griffith on 24 August 2006 which served to reinforce Parkes Shire's profile in terms of Australia Day activities in regional NSW. Information provided at that seminar has been made available to Australia Day Committees in Bogan Gate, Trundle, Tullamore and Peak Hill.

Recommendation

1. That the funding for the Australia Day Committees in 2007 be increased to \$1,200.00 for Parkes and \$400.00 for the Bogan Gate, Trundle, Tullamore and Peak Hill Committees.

06 - 708 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 2.21 pm.

10.11 (DCS) Economic Development - Sir Henry Parkes Cottage

Executive Summary

Council has been advised of plans to establish the Sir Henry Parkes Trust to raise funds to continue to renovate the birthplace of Sir Henry Parkes at Canley, on the outskirts of Coventry, Parkes' Sister City. Formal endorsement of the Trust establishment is expected from Coventry City Council in early October.

Recommendation

1. That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be appointed Parkes Shire representatives on the Sir Henry Parkes Trust Steering Committee.
2. That representations be made to the Australian Government, the British Government and Coventry City Council to promote the historic importance of the cottage in development of Australia's nationhood.

06 - 709 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.12 (DCS) Economic Development - Peak Hill Youth Programme

Executive Summary

Council will be represented at a meeting in Peak Hill on 22 September 2006 for discussions with the Dubbo based group Burnside, which has been appointed to implement the Youth Development Strategy for which Council has received funding of \$5,000.00 under the Juvenile Justice programme. It is expected the programme will be completed prior to Christmas.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 710 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.13 (DCS) Economic Development - NSW Hockey Titles

Executive Summary

Parkes has been allocated two further NSW Junior Hockey titles in 2007 and 2009, reinforcing the town's proud hockey profile and the contribution of sport to the Shire's tourism portfolio. The under 13 boys titles in July 2007 is the sport's largest state title with an estimated 1,200 visitors for three days. In 2009 Parkes will host the under 15 south state girls titles with 600 visitors.

Recommendation

1. That Council provide appropriate assistance to the Sports Council and Parkes Hockey Inc in the staging of the 2007 NSW under 13 boys hockey championships and the 2009 under 15 girls south state championships.

06 - 711 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor invited Senior Constable Michael Wheelhouse to speak on the proposed Liquor Accord.

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor made a presentation to Tony Hendry for 22 years of service to the Parkes Tourism Board.

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor made presentations to Darren Byrnes, Ron Hunt and Russell Tanswell for twenty years service to Parkes Shire Council.

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor made a presentation to Michael Greenwood for thirty years service to Parkes Shire Council

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor invited Bob and Judy Barter to make a presentation to Parkes Shire Council of an international gift from the Mayor of Newport, Wales..

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.30 pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.57pm.

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) DA06101: Proposed Carport at 34 Gap Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06101

Applicant: Mr P Lovett

Property: Lot 2 DP 431854, 34 Gap Street, Parkes

Proposal: Carport

Executive Summary

It is proposed to erect a carport to the rear of the dwelling on Lot 2 DP 431854, 34 Gap Street, Parkes. The carport is 5.2 metres wide and 7.6 metres long and a height of 2.5 metres to the eave and 3.577 metres to the apex of the roof.

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

Recommendation

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

06 - 712 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) DA06115: Proposed Dwelling at Lot 4 DP 855568 Kamandra Lane, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06115

Applicant: Brett Harvey Constructions Pty Ltd

Property: Lot 4 DP 855568, Kamandra Lane, Parkes

Proposal: Dwelling

Executive Summary

The application is for the erection of a dwelling-house on a rural property located adjacent to the Parkes Airport.

Recommendation

1. It is recommended that the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report.
2. It is further recommended that the Council write to the proponents to advise them of the proposal to re-develop the Parkes Airport to an International Freight Airport Facility.

06 - 713 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted subject to it being noted that in the Engineering Assessment section of the report and Condition 3 of the report, the reference to '38' metres should be '28' metres.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) DA06127: Proposed Residential Flat Building at Lot 6 Sec 39 DP 758827, 2 Victoria Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06127

Applicant: Mr B Piercy

Property: Lot 6 Sec 39 DP 758827, 2 Victoria Street, Parkes

Proposal: Residential Flat Building

Executive Summary

An application has been received for a medium density development on land known as Lot 6 Section 39 DP 758827, 2 Victoria Street Parkes. A dwelling-house exists on the land, with the proposal involving the erection of a second dwelling on the same parcel of land. 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 - 714 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

11.4 (DPE) DA06136: Bed and Breakfast at 33 Currajong Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06136

Applicant: Mrs J Wilson

Property: Lot 3 Sec 10 DP 758827, 33 Currajong Street, Parkes

Proposal: Home Occupation - Bed & Breakfast

Executive Summary

The application is for a Bed and Breakfast establishment within an existing residential property located near the Parkes Central Business District.

Recommendation

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

06 - 715 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.5 (DPE) DA06144: Proposed Shed and Carport at 38 Grenfell Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06144

Applicant: Mr GT Boland

Property: Lot 2 DP 511460, 38 Grenfell Street, Parkes

Proposal: Shed and Carport

Executive Summary

A steel framed, free-standing double carport to the front of the existing dwelling, and an enclosed steel framed shed in the rear yard of the existing dwelling are the subject of a development application seeking approval to encroach into the minimum side and rear boundary setback requirements of Council.

Recommendation

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

06 - 716 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

**11.6 (DPE) DA06149: Proposed Front Fence at Lots 1 & 2 Sec 4 DP 758014
Goobang Street, AlecTown**

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06149

Applicant: Mr L Plummer

Property: Lots 1 & 2 Sec 4 DP 758014, Goobang Street, AlecTown

Proposal: Front Fence

Executive Summary

It is proposed to erect a colorbond fence to the front of the dwelling on Lots 1 and 2, Sec 4, DP 758014, 47 Newell Highway, AlecTown. The fence extends for the width of the property with side returns at an overall height of 1.2 metres.

The proposed development contravenes the requirements of Parkes Shire Councils' Residential Code Development Control Plan, 1998 with regard to the height of a front fence within the front 6 metre building line from the street.

Recommendation

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

6 - 717 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

11.7 (DPE) August 2006 Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of August 2006 there were twenty-three (23) Development Applications received totalling \$1,492,343.00 and 21 consents issued.

Six (6) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$56,200.00 and nine consents issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 718 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11.8 (DPE) SBS Radio

Executive Summary

The Federal Government provides SBS with funding to establish a subsidy scheme for SBS installations achieved via the self-help retransmission scheme. Under the scheme Council is eligible for funding to establish radio services for SBS programs.

Recommendation

1. That Council engage Rural Electronic Products of Orange to assist Council with an application to SBS under the Self-Help Retransmission Scheme to obtain SBS radio for Parkes.

06 - 719 Resolution

1. That Council engage Rural Electronic Products of Orange to assist Council with an application to SBS under the Self-Help Retransmission Scheme to obtain SBS radio for Parkes.

2. That Council contact the Australian Broadcasting Authority in relation to the current status of the proposed rollout of the NewsRadio service.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at September 2006

Executive Summary

Other than maintenance works and flood damage repairs, major works that have been carried out over the past month are reported below. It should be noted that the lack of rain is again affecting Council's capital works, such as gravel resheeting, due to the lack of available water sources. Investigations are continuing with a view to hiring bulk water tankers.

Recommendation

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

06 - 720 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Footpath Construction - Parkes

Executive Summary

Letters have been received requesting that the concrete footpath be extended along Forbes Road to the last house on the eastern side, and that a concrete footpath be installed in Captain Wilson Avenue from Middleton to Close Street, and on the western side of Middleton Street from Brolgan Road to Dalton Street. All requested footpaths are used by the elderly. The alternative to walking on the natural footpaths is to walk on the shoulder of the roads which is particularly hazardous.

It is considered that the safety aspects of the projects warrant the extension of the concrete footpaths. However, funding restrictions will not allow all works to be undertaken this financial year.

The provision of the concrete footpath in Captain Wilson Avenue would probably have the higher usage and is considered the more meritorious of the proposals. Some works could then be undertaken on the Forbes Road footpath extension, unless Council considered the project worthy of allocating additional funding from the Long Term Plan reserves for Roads, Kerb and Gutter and Footpaths to complete the extension to No 65.

Recommendation

1. That a concrete footpath be provided in Captain Wilson Avenue from Middleton to Close Street, at an estimated cost of \$20,000, under the 2006/07 Footpath Construction Program.
2. That Council extend the footpath to the southern side of No 45 Forbes Road only at this stage, at an estimated cost of \$3,500, under the 2006/07 Footpath Construction Program.
3. That the remaining works be deferred for consideration in the 2007/08 Footpath Construction Program.

06 - 721 Resolution

1. That a concrete footpath be provided in Captain Wilson Avenue from Middleton to Close Street, at an estimated cost of \$20,000, under the 2006/07 Footpath Construction Program.
2. That Council extend the footpath to the southern side of No 45 Forbes Road only at this stage, at an estimated cost of \$3,500, under the 2006/07 Footpath Construction Program.
3. That the remaining works be deferred for consideration in the 2007/08 Footpath Construction Program.
4. That enquiries be made with adjoining property owners in relation to the proposal for Captain Wilson Avenue.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Suggested Transfer of Mobile Fire Fighting Assets

Executive Summary

The Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW has distributed a Position Paper on the "Suggested Transfer of Mobile Fire Fighting Assets from Councils to the NSW Rural Fire Service". The Associations request that Councils indicate their views on whether support would be given for the transfer noting that there could be an increase in contributions payable by Council as a result.

Council will be aware of the issues previously experienced related to insurance of fire fighting equipment. Council has been required to insure the vehicles as owner even though it has no control or custody of the vehicles.

It is considered that a transfer of ownership would allay much of the concerns and finally clarify with certainty the issue of insurable interest.

Recommendation

1. That the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW be advised that Parkes Shire Council supports the transfer of ownership of mobile fire fighting assets from Councils to the NSW Rural Fire Service subject to negotiation of reasonable costs to offset the transfer.

06 - 722 Resolution

1. That the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW be advised that Parkes Shire Council supports the transfer of ownership of mobile fire fighting assets from Councils to the NSW Rural Fire Service subject to negotiation of reasonable costs to offset the transfer.
2. That final support would be dependent on consultation with the Brigade members in the Parkes Shire also indicating general support.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Pools - Donation of Family Season Ticket for Fundraising

Executive Summary

In previous years Council has donated a Family Season Ticket to the Swimming Clubs at each of the pools. A request has been received from the Trundle Club for the continuation of the practice for their fundraising activities. It is anticipated that the other clubs will also request the ticket.

It should be noted that the ticket will be non-redeemable and is for the current season only.

It is considered that the donation of the tickets provides the clubs with a much needed avenue to raise additional funds at minimal cost to Council.

Recommendation

1. That a non redeemable Family Season Ticket for the 2006/07 season be provided to the swimming clubs at each pool for their fundraising activities.

06 - 723 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) Bogan Street / Dalton Street Intersection Works

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from the Roads and Traffic Authority advising that a "seagull" intersection treatment will be installed at the intersection of Bogan Street and Dalton Street, in accordance with the original Bogan Street Masterplan. The proposed treatment is in direct response to an increase in crashes at the locality.

Recommendation

1. That the information relating to the Bogan Street / Dalton Street Intersection be noted.
2. That Council not object to the proposed "seagull" treatment at the Bogan Street / Dalton Street Intersection.

06 - 724 Resolution

1. That the information relating to the Bogan Street / Dalton Street Intersection be noted.
2. That the RTA be requested to undertake an appropriate level of publicity in relation to the proposed treatment of the intersection.
3. That the RTA be requested to investigate solutions to improve the cross movements over, and access to Bogan Street for heavy vehicles, including treatments of Short, Grenfell and Cecile Streets.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) Development of Carpark - Currajong Street, Parkes

Executive Summary

As Council is aware the demolition of the building at 62-64 Currajong Street, formally known as Lei-Lani is now complete. It is proposed to develop this land as a carpark to service the Main Street businesses, subject to appropriate approvals.

Recommendation

1. That the land at 62-64 Currajong Street be developed as a carpark, subject to normal approvals.
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06 - 725 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

13.3 (DI) Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Monthly Report for July and August 2006

Executive Summary

The attached report outlines the monthly activities and programs of the Lachlan, Parkes, Forbes Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer (RSIPO).

In July and August the RSIPO has been predominantly been involved in planning the "Ride to Work" and "STOP. REVIVE. SURVIVE the Newell" project, and gathering and collating information for preparation of Council's "Fleet Safety Policy" project.

Recommendation

1. That the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer's Reports for July 2006 and August 2006 be received and noted.

06 - 726 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

13.4 (DI) Water Bore No 3 Failure and Proposal for Urgent Repair

Executive Summary

It has recently been determined that Bore # 3 (one of Councils large production water bores) has several serious structural defects, specifically casing erosion.

Given the persisting drought and the criticality of bore water to the Parkes Water Supply, urgent repairs are considered to be a necessity.

Recent refurbishment of Bore #5 (a smaller diameter bore) using a stainless steel lining technique to repair a similar failure appears to have been particularly successful. The stainless steel casing is anticipated to provide an enduring repair (more than 10 years).

Contractor availability is likely to be the limiting factor to get the repair completed quickly. Accordingly early engagement of a suitable contractor is critical.

It is however possible that the necessary repairs may approach or exceed the \$150,000 limit, over which tenders should be called. As the time required to call tenders (hence advise the successful contractor) would potentially cause risk to the continuity of water supply to Parkes, it is proposed to complete repairs using the extenuating circumstances provisions (section 55(3)), of the Local Government Act 1993.

Recommendation

1. That a contractor be engaged to reline Bore 3 as soon as possible.
2. That the engagement be on a quotation basis, not tenders, as the time constraints in preparing tender documentation and calling tenders is likely to delay repairs into or past the critical peak water supply period for the Parkes Water Supply, potentially threatening supply.

06 - 727 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Nil.

15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

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

15.1 (Q & M) Ongoing Drought Conditions

Councillor J Magill has requested an opportunity to discuss the ongoing drought conditions and the effect it is having on rural landowners and the general community within the Shire.

The General Manager advises that the latest drought figures show that 92% of NSW remains drought declared. With five years of low moisture levels, the Department of Primary Industries has indicated that significant and above average rainfalls are required to save the winter crop harvest.

Recommendation

Nil.

06 - 728 Resolution

1. That a request be put to the Deputy Prime Minister during his visit to Parkes on 25 September 2006 for a meeting with the Prime Minister and Treasurer to discuss the potential dire circumstances which will occur in rural areas with the continuation of the drought.
2. That a meeting of the various support agencies be organised under the Chairmanship of Councillor Magill.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

15.2 (Q & M) Roundabouts on Local Roads

Councillor K McGrath has requested a progress report on the proposed roundabout at Currajong and Bushman Streets, Parkes. Cr McGrath has also raised the matter of a roundabout at the intersection of Clarinda and East Street, Parkes which has previously been evaluated.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 August 2004, it was resolved to prioritise the intersection of Bushman and Currajong Street as the next major traffic facility to be installed.

It was also indicated that as no specific budget is provided for traffic facilities of this size, funds would need to be allocated from the Urban Construction budget item. Accordingly, the intention was to accrue funds over three (3) financial years to facilitate the construction of the roundabout.

Funds have been accrued in accordance with the above and would be available in the 2007/08 financial year to complete construction. Preliminary work has however already commenced, including survey and design. It is anticipated drainage will be installed in 2006/07 and the main structure early 2007/08.

With regard to the intersection of East Street and Clarinda Street, Council has applied to the Roads and Traffic Authority on several occasions for Black Spot funding to build a roundabout, without success. Council has limited influence over development of facilities at this location as Clarinda Street East is a State Road under the control of the Roads and Traffic Authority.

Recommendation

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

06 - 729 Resolution

1. That the information supplied by the Director of Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. That Council provide publicity in relation to the Bushman Street roundabout as the project progresses.
3. That further representations be made to the RTA in relation to the East Street roundabout.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

15.3 (Q & M) Harrison Park Soccer Complex - Northern End - Ground Six

Councillor K Keith advises that the Parkes Soccer Association is planning to level areas adjacent to ground six and seed and grass the extended area. The Association requests access to water for the new area outside of the constraints of the current water restrictions to ensure the success of the project.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that Level 1 water restrictions are currently in place. These restrictions limit watering of public playing fields to sprinklers for two (2) hours per day.

In circumstances where additional water is required for particular purposes, Council is able to approve variations to these restrictions as considered necessary.

Recommendation

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

06 - 730 Resolution

1. That the information supplied by the Director of Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. That permission be granted for additional watering subject to liaison with the Director of Infrastructure.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.4 (Q & M) Gunningbland to MR61W Widening

Councillor K Keith has received complaints from users of the road situated from the turn off on MR61W to the village of Gunningbland. It is stated that urgent widening of this section of road is required.

The Director of Operations advises that submissions have been put in unsuccessfully for REPAIR grant funding in the past. Works would also require reconstruction of the failing pavement. Short-term costs will be estimated for widening only to determine if works can be met in current Block Grant funding levels.

Recommendation

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

06 - 731 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

15.5 (Q & M) Newell Highway - Northern Access to Central West Livestock Exchange

Councillor K Keith has been advised of concerns of a local stock carrier that the northern access to the Livestock Exchange on the Newell Highway between Parkes and Forbes is not satisfactory as the turning lane is not long enough. Cr Keith requests that Council discuss extending the turning lane, or the implementation of some other form of traffic treatment with the RTA to make the northern access safer.

Recommendation

Nil.

06 - 732 Resolution

1. That Council write to Forbes Shire Council advising of the request made and seeking Forbes Shire Council's approach to the RTA to rectify the matter.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

15.6 (Q & M) Blowclear Forest WW II Airstrip Research

Council K Keith advises that Arthur Parker of the Parkes RSL Sub Branch has enquired as to the status of the research being conducted into the history of the airstrip and associated buildings constructed in the Blowclear State Forest during WW II.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that following a previous inquiry the Librarian had obtained information on the WW II airstrip development in the Blowclear State Forest from the National Archives. The information is available for inspection at the Library.

Recommendation

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

06 - 733 Resolution

That Mr Arthur Parker be advised that the information can be obtained from the Parkes Library.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 5.29 pm.

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 - 734 Resolution

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

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

16.1 (DCS) Parkes Pool Kiosk and Turnstile Tenders - 2006/07

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service

Executive Summary

Council received four (4) tenders for the operation of the Parkes Pool Turnstiles and Kiosk for the 2006/07 season following advertisements in the local press in early September.

Recommendation

1. That subject to satisfactory "Working with Children" checks being carried out and compliance with Council's Workers Compensation and Public Liability requirements the lowest complying tender be awarded.

06 - 735 Resolution

1. That subject to satisfactory "Working with Children" checks being carried out and compliance with Council's Workers Compensation and Public Liability requirements the second lowest complying tender be awarded.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

16.2 (DO) Parkes Regional Airport - Lease of Airport Land

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

Council considered a report at the 18 July 2006 meeting concerning a request received for a lease of airport land to be renewed for a period of three years. It was resolved to defer consideration pending the receipt and analysis of a report on native grasses at the airport.

The report has now been received and indicates that the return of the cropped areas to native grass that can be harvested could provide a good return to the Council. The report also states that the science of revegetating cropped areas back to native grasses is relatively unknown. Given this uncertainty, the report recommends that the initial revegetation be established as a trial to determine what conditions/treatments influence the return of native grasses to such areas. Such a project could also attract funding from the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority, and possibly from other sources, as a research project.

The existing cropped area north of the cross runway (RWY 11/29) would be the ideal area for a trial. This would reduce the leased area by about 19 hectares, leaving an area of over 100 hectares south of the cross runway still available for lease.

Recommendation

1. That a research proposal be developed on revegetation with native grasses of the existing cropped areas north of Runway 11/29, and submitted to the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority for funding assistance.
2. That the current lessee be advised that only the existing leased land south of Runway 11/29 is available for an extended lease and only on a year by year basis.

06 - 736 Resolution

1. That the current lessee be advised that Council will extend the lease, but only on a year by year basis.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.53 pm.