



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 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 7 November 2006 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

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

Councillor K J Keith
Councillor B Newton
Councillor K McGrath
Councillor G Pratt

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
Director Corporate Service - B Matthews
Director Operations - S Barry
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd
Finance Manager - R Bokeyar
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood
Senior Town Planner - A Johns
Minutes Secretary - D Ehsman

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.30pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

06 - 818 Resolution

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

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

The Mayor advised the meeting that he had received advice that Councillor Yvonne Hutton was running late and would not be in attendance until around 2.15pm.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

06 - 819 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 17 October 2006, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil.

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 letter is attached.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 820 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Tullamore Preschool and Childcare Centre - Application to Waiver Fees

Executive Summary

Council has received a request from Tullamore Preschool & Childcare Centre Inc seeking financial assistance towards the associated costs of the development application to provide some necessary extensions to the preschool.

Recommendation

1. That Council make a contribution of \$1,000.00 to Tullamore Preschool and Childcare Centre Inc to assist with costs associated with lodging a development application in relation to extensions to be constructed at the preschool.

06 - 821 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) Parkes Ministers Association - Carols in the Park

Executive Summary

The Parkes Ministers Association has made application for the use of Cooke Park on 9 December 2006 (Saturday) for this year's Carols in the Park.

Recommendation

1. That approval be given subject to the area being left in a clean and tidy condition at the end of the event and the requirements of the Parkes and Gardens Supervisor being adhered to.
2. That Council make a contribution of \$590.95 from the Section 356 Vote to assist with the costs of staging the event.

06 - 822 Resolution

1. That approval be given subject to the area being left in a clean and tidy condition at the end of the event and the requirements of the Parkes and Gardens Supervisor being adhered to.
2. That Council make a contribution of \$590.95 from the Section 356 Vote to assist with the costs of staging the event.
3. That Council supply the stage for the event like the previous year.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) The Hon Mark Vaile MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Transport and Regional Services

Executive Summary

Thanking Council for its letter concerning the Australian Government's drought relief package and advising that he welcomes the contribution that Council and other Councils in the Mid Lachlan Alliance have offered on the drought.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
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06 - 823 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

8.5 (ICR) Finance Sector Union of Australia - Off-Shoring of Local Jobs

Executive Summary

Advising that Australian Banks have recently announced a number of cost cutting measures that will see Australian jobs shipped to overseas third-parties. The Union is seeking the support of Council for its campaign to halt this worrying trend.

Recommendation

1. For the consideration of Council.

06 - 824 Resolution

1. That Council support the draft resolution.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

Urgent Business without Notice

06 - 825 Resolution

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

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.6 Parkes Relay for Life

Councillor Ken Keith advised of the successful fundraising activity, Relay for Life, held on Saturday, 28 October 2006 and that it was a pleasing result for the Parkes Shire of the amount of funds raised. Councillor Keith asked that Council acknowledge the efforts of those who coordinated Council's participation in the event.

Recommendation

That the Director of Operations be acknowledged for his efforts in coordinating Council's participation in the Relay for Life event.

06 - 826 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Quarterly Report - Implementation of the 2006/2007 - 2007/2008 Management Plan

Executive Summary

The General Manager is required to report each quarter on the progress of the current Management Plan.

Recommendation

That the September 2006 Quarterly Report of the 2006/2007 - 2007/2008 Management Plan be adopted.

06 - 827 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Drought

Executive Summary

Council has been active in representations to alleviate the affects of the prevailing drought situation. It would appear that the Governments are listening to local points of view.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 828 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Conduct Committee Guidelines

Executive Summary

The Department of Local Government has advised Councils to prepare guidelines for the operation of Conduct Committees.

Recommendation

1. That the Guidelines be adopted.

06 - 829 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

9.4 (GM) Interaction of Councillors with Council Staff

Executive Summary

Council has codes which deal with the interaction of Councillors and staff.

Relevant sections of those codes are attached.

A uniform approach is desirable.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 830 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

At this stage of the meeting it was agreed that item 10.1 be adjourned to later in the meeting when the Auditors are present.

10.2 (DCS) Debt Recovery

Executive Summary

As Council would be aware additional emphasis has been placed on the recovery of outstanding rates and charges during recent months.

An extensive list of outstanding accounts has now been finalised and will be referred to Council's debt collection agency, Recoveries and Reconstruction (Aust) Pty Ltd during November to instigate recovery action.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

06 - 831 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.3 (DCS) Spicer Park Caravan Park and Recreation Reserve

Executive Summary

Advice has been received from the Department of Lands that action is required by Council to establish a Trust over the recreation reserve on which the Spicer Park Caravan Park and Spicer, Pioneer and Northparkes Ovals are situated. The establishment of a Trust over the recreation reserve is necessary to accommodate future arrangements covering the operation of both the caravan park and the sporting ovals located within the reserve area.

Recommendation

1. That Council suggest the name Spicer/Pioneer/Northparkes Reserve Trust be assigned and appointed as Trustee of the public recreation reserve created under Dedication Number 590041 on 2 June 1893.
2. That Council advises the Department of Lands that it is prepared to accept the management of the Trust and that the necessary documentation be completed under the Seal of Council.

06 - 832 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10.4 (DCS) Economic Development - Australia Day 2007

Executive Summary

Planning for 2007 Australia Day celebrations across the Shire have commenced. The annual meeting of the Parkes Committee resolved to approach Council for use of Cooke Park on Friday, 26 January 2007 for a community breakfast (7.00 am) and flag raising (11.30 am) and for free entry to the Olympic Pool between 3.00 and 6.00 pm.

Recommendation

1. That Council provide assistance as required in the conduct of the Shire's Australia Day celebrations in Cooke Park and that free entry be authorised to the Olympic Pool between 3.00 and 6.00 pm on 26 January 2007.

06 - 833 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.5 (DCS) Economic Development - Cultural Grants

Executive Summary

A meeting of the Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee on 1 November 2006 assessed twenty applications from across the Shire for funding under Council's 2006/07 Cultural Grants Program. Fifteen of the applications were endorsed for funding totalling \$7,075.00. The amount sought was \$20,250.00.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee's recommendations for funding under the 2006/07 program and that cheques be presented to the successful applicants at the Council meeting of 5 December 2006.
2. That provision be made in Council's 2007/08 Management Plan for funding of \$7,500.00 for the Parkes Shire Cultural Grants Program.

06 - 834 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting a presentation of the 2005/2006 Financial Statements were given by John O'Malley, Partner of Alan Morse & Co. (Auditors).

At this stage of the meeting Councillor Yvonne Hutton joined the meeting at 2.10pm.

At this stage of the meeting a presentation was given by ARTC on the automation of the Hartigan Avenue, Forbes Road, Rail Crossing.

At this stage of the meeting a presentation was given to Mr John Roach acknowledging the 100 years operation of Roach and Matthews.

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 2.58pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.23pm.

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting at 3.23pm.

At this stage of the meeting a presentation was given by the NSW Rural Doctors Network, Sydney on the NSW Rural Doctors Bush Bursary Scheme.

At this stage of the meeting the following business was then dealt with:

10.1 (DCS) Financial Report for the Period Ending 30 June 2006

Executive Summary

A final 'Budget Review' for the year ending 30 June 2006 was presented to Council at the meeting held 5 September 2006. The report was in format used by Council for its Management Plan and for internal reporting and control where each Fund is treated as a separate entity.

The following report is required as Council's 'External Report' and is based upon a consolidation of Council's Funds (ie General, Water and Sewerage Funds). Individual indicators are also supplied for the various Funds, and are included for Council's information.

The statutory reports from Council's Auditors, Alan Morse and Co, have been received and form part of the Financial Reports.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

06 - 835 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council congratulate those staff involved in the preparation of the Financial Report.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) DA06142: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 1 DP 175676, Lot 188 DP 750164 'Wybara' Kamandra Parish, Parkes Shire

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06142

Applicant: Mr JR & Mrs JL Parker

Property: Lot 1 DP 175676, Lot 188 DP 750164, 'Wybara' Kamandra Parish, Parkes Shire

Proposal: Subdivision

Executive Summary

The application is for the subdivision of an existing rural holding into three small allotments and one large residual allotment. The proposed subdivision will result in an increase in traffic across the Sydney to Perth Rail line.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council write to Mr J and Mrs J Parker advising that ARTC have stated that they will not grant consent to the subdivision unless Council agrees to enter into a licensed level crossing agreement. Given the ongoing and indefinite costs that would be assumed by Council as part of an agreement, Council at this stage would not be prepared to enter into any such agreement.

06 - 836 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) DA06162: Proposed Garage and Carport at 422-424 Clarinda Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06162

Applicant: Mr A Ashcroft

Property: Lots 3 & 4 DP 2899, 422-424 Clarinda Street, Parkes

Proposal: Garage and Carport

Executive Summary

The applicant has lodged a Development Application proposal for a large enclosed steel-framed shed with a floor area of 108m², a gable roof ridge height of 5.075 metres, and 4.2 metre high external walls. The shed is proposed to be erected in the rear yard of the subject dwelling.

A 49m², steel framed, free-standing double carport is proposed to be erected along side of the existing dwelling, necessitating removal of a large existing tree on the allotment.

Recommendation

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

06 - 837 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) DA02017: Request to variation of Development Consent No: DA02017

Development Application Information

Application No: DA02017

Applicant: Tully Architects Pty Ltd

Property: Lot 1 DP 588701, 115-135 Condobolin Road, Parkes

Proposal: Residential Units (x17)

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Southern Cross Care requesting Council not enforce a condition of consent requiring them to contribute to the construction of kerb and gutter and subsequent road shoulder in Brolgan Road adjoining the Southern Cross Village.

Recommendation

As the legal mechanism for varying conditions is by way of a formal modification of a development consent, it is recommended that Council write to Southern Cross Care advising that a modification to Development Consent No.DA02017 may be lodged with Council requesting the removal of Condition 2. It is also recommended that Council advise Southern Cross Care that Council is unlikely to accede to this request to delete the condition from the consent and that the kerb and gutter needs to be constructed prior to completion of the works consented to under Development Consent No.DA02017.

06 - 838 Resolution

1. That Council undertake the works and that Southern Cross Care be advised that they can pay their contribution over a period of three years.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

11.4 (DPE) DA06168: Proposed Additions to Dwelling and Garage at 50 Victoria Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06168

Applicant: Mr R & Mrs W Goodsell

Property: Lot 3 & 4 Sec D DP 7552, 50 Victoria Street, Parkes

Proposal: Additions to Dwelling and Garage

Executive Summary

A brick, free-standing double garage alongside the existing dwelling, is the subject of a development application seeking approval to encroach into the minimum side boundary setback requirements of Council.

Recommendation

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

06 - 839 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

11.5 (DPE) DA04137: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 3 DP 566429 Kamandra Parish, Parkes Shire

Development Application Information

Application No: DA04137

Applicant: Mr A Briton

Property: Lot 3 DP 566429, Kamandra Parish, Parkes Shire

Proposal: Subdivision

Executive Summary

An application has been received for the subdivision of land known as Lot 3 DP 566429. The proposed subdivision will involve the creation of an additional allotments from a rural property.

The proposed subdivision is permitted under the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 1990 and can be approved.

Recommendation

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

06 - 840 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

11.6 (DPE) Impounding Report August, September and October 2006

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

06 - 841 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Vandalism of Street Tree

Executive Summary

It has been discovered by Council that a street tree in East Street, south of Clarinda Street Parkes, has been drilled and poisoned. The tree in question is a celtis australis (Nettlewood) and large parts of the canopy have started to die back.

It is unfortunate in this period of drought where Council and property owners are struggling to keep their trees alive, that someone would purposefully destroy a tree. The vandal is unknown at this time and Council can only rely on eyewitness reports coming in to enable action to be taken.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the vandalism of a street tree in east Street south of Clarinda Street Parkes be noted.

06 - 842 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Peak Hill BMX Track

Executive Summary

Council has been approached by members of the Peak Hill community to consider constructing a BMX track in Peak Hill. The idea came from a BMX track constructed in Narromine for minimal cost. The suggested location is on Council land between the Peak Hill Pool and the tennis courts.

Given that it appears the cost of a concrete skate park for Peak Hill may be prohibitive, the provision of a low cost BMX track may be an attractive alternative and worthy of further investigation and consultation with the Peak Hill community groups.

Recommendation

1. That further investigations and costings be explored for the construction of a BMX track in Peak Hill, including consultations with community groups, and reported to a future meeting of Council.

06 - 843 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Request for Extended Opening Hours for Peak Hill Pool

Executive Summary

A request has been received to allow extended opening hours for Peak Hill Pool to provide greater opportunity for the adoption of healthy lifestyles. It is suggested to open the pool at least one morning per week from 7am to 8.30am with designated lanes for laps and an area for exercise programs.

It is considered that the request is worthy of consideration and possibly a trial could be held one day a week to gauge the interest in organised exercise programs. This would also depend on the organisers of the program meeting Council's requirements of insurance etc.

Recommendation

1. That a trial be conducted one morning per week to gauge interest in an organised exercise program provided the organisers meet Council's requirements for use of the pool.

06 - 844 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Timber Bridge Replacements

Executive Summary

Council is replacing timber bridges through the Regional Roads REPAIR Grant (on MR348 at Genaren Creek) and through Roads to Recovery (on Shire Road 76 at the Bogan River). Due to increase in workload for Engineering Design staff and staff shortages, it was decided to contract out the design process to suitably qualified consultants.

The consultants brief involves investigation of suitable structure types, preferred deck heights and stream width, environmental approvals, road works designs and tender documentation development for the bridge construction.

Following a quotation process GHD have been engaged.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the Timber Bridge Replacement progress be noted.

06 - 845 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12.5 (DO) Regulation of Air Transport in NSW - Public Consultation

Executive Summary

The NSW Government has announced a public consultation process to seek community input into future policy on the regulation of intrastate air transport services. Under current policy smaller intrastate air services are regulated, with a one route – one airline license agreement. This policy recognises that smaller routes are potentially vulnerable, and aims to protect them from competition to improve service reliability and encourage market development. Larger routes are deregulated.

The public consultation process will help the State Government decide whether the current policy for determining what routes will be regulated should be maintained or changed when new licence terms commence on 30 March 2008.

The public consultation process will close on Friday 8 December 2008.

Five main options have been put forward by the Ministry for Transport to be considered:

1. Deregulate the entire market.
2. Adopt 100,000 as the threshold, on the basis that airlines generally do not compete below this level.
3. Leave unaltered the list of routes already deregulated by the Minister.
4. Continue using the 50,000 passengers per annum threshold.
5. Lower the threshold to say 35,000 passengers per annum.

From the Parkes Airport perspective, it is probably prudent to retain the 50,000 passenger per annum threshold.

Recommendation

1. That a submission be forwarded to the Ministry of Transport that Parkes Council supports the continuation of the 50,000 passengers per annum threshold.

06 - 846 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) Unit Histories of the New South Wales Emergency Services

Executive Summary

The State Emergency Services (SES) have recently published a book titled "Unit Histories of the New South Wales State Emergency Services". As the title suggests, the book details the Local SES Unit histories. Two (2) copies of the book have been donated to the Parkes Library.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That a letter of appreciation be sent to the SES for donating the book "Unit Histories of the New South Wales State Emergency Services".

06 - 847 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) State Emergency Services - Parkes Vehicle

Executive Summary

Advice has been received from the State Emergency Services (SES) that \$35,000 is available, on a dollar for dollar basis, to replace the Parkes SES Land Cruiser, (letter attached).

Recommendation

1. That Council accept the dollar for dollar offer to replace the Parkes State Emergency Services vehicle, and that funds be drawn from the State Emergency Services vehicle reserve and the sale of the existing vehicle to match the State funding.

06 - 848 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

13.3 (DI) Successful Grant Application for Two (2) Bus Shelters and Six (6) Bus Stop Signs through the Country Passenger Infrastructure Grants Scheme

Executive Summary

An application under the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme, to construct two (2) bus shelters at the Hospital and Southern Cross Retirement Village and install six (6) bus stop signs, has been successful.

Recommendation

1. That a letter of acceptance of the grant and a tax invoice is sent to the Ministry of Transport to initiate payment of funding.
2. That planning and construction of bus shelters is to commence as soon as funding has been received.

06 - 849 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

13.4 (DI) Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Report for October 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 October the RSIPO has been predominantly been involved in finalising the "Ride to Work" project and implementing "STOP. REVIVE. SURVIVE the Newell" project, commencing the "Catch a Cab" Parkes and Forbes project, and promoting the "Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers" project.

Recommendation

1. That the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer's Reports for October 2006 be received and noted.
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06 - 850 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

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) Museum Liaison Committee

Councillor Y Hutton enquired when the next meeting of the Museum Liaison Committee would be and if the Committee could meet on a regular basis as Convergence Design has now progressed with the exhibition.

The General Manager reports that the Liaison Committee (comprising 2 representatives from Council and 2 from the Historical Society) has met on an ad hoc basis. Arrangements for meetings are organised by the members and staff who normally attend.

Recommendation

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

06 - 851 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

15.2 (Q & M) Removal of Trees

Councillor Y Hutton has enquired why Council is cutting down healthy trees and replanting trees in drought? Councillor Hutton advises that there are 20 dead trees on Bushmans Hill and should Council be looking for green credits to not removing healthy trees.

The Director of Operations advised that he is not aware of any such incidents. Trees have been removed due to their dangerous nature and many complaints and are on the tree replacement program due to their extreme unsuitability.

Recommendation

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

06 - 852 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.3 (Q & M) Councillor/Voluntary Work

Councillor Y Hutton has enquired as to what coverage does a Councillor have when doing voluntary work on behalf of Council or on a Council property?

The Director of Corporate Services advises that Council has a Personal Accident Insurance Policy which covers Councillors, staff and voluntary workers while they are engaged in any authorised activity directly or indirectly connected with Council including travel to and from the activity.

The cover provided by the Policy is limited to activities authorised by Council and does not provide a general cover to Councillors, staff or volunteers on Council owned property or undertaking voluntary work not specifically authorised by Council.

Recommendation

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

06 - 853 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

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 - 854 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 John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

16.1 Mayoral Minute - Parkes Museum

Prepared By: Mayor

Executive Summary

A recent visit to the new Museum with the Premier has highlighted the need to complete the current projects.

Recommendation

1. a) That Council authorise the Parkes Museum Development Committee* plus Councillor Laing to oversee the completion of the Museum, Cottage and the new Motor Museum.
- b) That this Committee report to Council regularly.
- c) That this Committee be authorised to approve any works required to finish the Museum, Cottage and associated works.
2. That those representatives urgently meet with Mr Russell Magee of Convergence Design to formulate the management strategy for the complex.
3. That occupation of the Museum be only as authorised by Council and in accordance with the Licence Agreement.
4. That the Museum not be used for exhibition purposes until Council is satisfied with the presentation (a condition of the Licence).
5. That the Historical Society be advised that the Occupation Licence:
 - a) Allows Council to inspect the Museum;
 - b) Requires Council to be satisfied that the Museum is kept presentable.

** Note: The Parkes Museum Development Committee comprises of Councillors G Pratt, J Magill, K Keith and P Byrne.*

06 - 855 Resolution

1. a) That Council authorise the Parkes Museum Development Committee* plus Councillor Laing to oversee the completion of the Museum, Cottage and the new Motor Museum.
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3. That occupation of the Museum be only as authorised by Council and in accordance with the Licence Agreement.
4. That the Museum not be used for exhibition purposes until Council is satisfied with the presentation (a condition of the Licence) and that no public access be made available to the Museum until agreed to by Council.
5. That the Historical Society be advised that the Occupation Licence:
 - a) Allows Council to inspect the Museum;
 - b) Requires Council to be satisfied that the Museum is kept presentable.
6. That the master key be returned to Council until a working solution is reached.

** Note: The Parkes Museum Development Committee comprises of Councillors G Pratt, J Magill, K Keith and P Byrne.*

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

16.2 (GM) Airport Negotiations

Prepared By: General Manager

Executive Summary

This report reviews previous arrangements with the Airport proponent.

Recommendation

1. That the documents be signed under seal.

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That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.45pm.
