



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2007

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 6 February 2007 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
Director Corporate Service - B Matthews
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell
Director Operations - S Barry
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd
Finance Manager - B Bokeyar
Economic Development Manager - M Greenwood
Administration Manager - L Finn
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

07 - 49 Resolution

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

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

07 - 50 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 16 January 2007, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

5.1 Mayoral Minute - Australia Day Celebrations

Executive Summary

This year's Australia Day celebrations across the Parkes Shire generated record interest, particularly in Bogan Gate, Peak Hill and Parkes which enjoyed the presence of the Australia Day Ambassador, Prashanth Shanmugan, a very personable young man whose succinct address and overall demeanour were very well received. The celebrations also provided public opportunity to recognise the awarding of Order of Australia Medals to Shire residents Rhonda Brain, Ray Dunford and Dick Rawson and a Public Service Medal to Council's long serving General Manager, Alan McCormack.

Recommendation

1. That letters of appreciation be provided to the Australia Day Ambassador, Prashanth Shanmugan, and the Chairman of the five Australia Day Committees within the Shire for their efforts in the organisation and conduct of the 2007 celebrations.

07 - 51 Resolution

1. That letters of appreciation be provided to the Australia Day Ambassador, Prashanth Shanmugan, and the Chairman of the five Australia Day Committees within the Shire for their efforts in the organisation and conduct of the 2007 celebrations.
2. That Council formally recognise and congratulate the General Manager, Alan McCormack for receiving the Public Service Medal, as announced in the Australia Day Honours List.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Councillor Patrick Byrne joined the meeting at 1.35 pm.

5.2 Mayoral Minute - Opening of the Northparkes Mines Training and Health Centre

Executive Summary

The Mayor officially opened the Northparkes Mines Training and Health Centre on 31 January 2007 and presented to management the miners statuette by Jim Butler to be presented annually to the trainee of the year. The award enabled Council to formally acknowledge Northparkes' commitment to the training and development of its employees. The function also marked the launch of a new fifteen minute promotional video extolling the operations of Northparkes and its key link with the Parkes community.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that Mr Butler be commended by letter for the quality of the sculpture provided to Northparkes Mines on Council's behalf.

07 - 52 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted and that Mr Butler be commended by letter for the quality of the sculpture provided to Northparkes Mines on Council's behalf.
2. That Council also commend Mr Butler for the sculptures he produced for the Parkes Little Theatre Complex.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

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

That the information be received and noted.

07 - 53 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Queensland State Government - Inland Rail Corridor

Executive Summary

Responding to Council's representations to the Queensland Premier for support of the western line option for the proposed Melbourne to Brisbane inland rail link.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

07 - 54 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) Parkes Swimming Club - Donation of Carnival Gate Takings

Executive Summary

The Parkes Swimming Club thanks Council for the exclusive use of the Parkes Pool for its annual qualifying carnival and requests the donation of the day's gate takings to the Club.

Recommendation

1. That an amount of \$705.00 representing the gate takings on the day of the Parkes Swimming Club Carnival be donated to the Club.

07 - 55 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Drought

Executive Summary

A second submission has been made to the Governments. The latest submission calls for Council and Rural Lands Protection Board rate rebates.

The Alliance Councils together with Bland have been active in personal and written representations.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council express appreciation to Councillor Maurice Simpson (Weddin) and Ms Carissa Bywater (Forbes) for their efforts.

07 - 56 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council express appreciation to Councillor Maurice Simpson (Weddin) and Ms Carissa Bywater (Forbes) for their efforts.
3. That the organisers of the Peak Hill drought meeting be congratulated on the effectiveness of the meeting and on the positive manner in which it was held.
4. That the efforts of Councillor Magill and Councillor Keith in assisting the Alliance in its preparation of submissions for drought assistance measures be formally acknowledged.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Broadband Connect Program

Executive Summary

CENTROC, on behalf of its thirteen General Purpose Councils, has applied for funding of \$78,342,000.00 to deliver 100% broadband to the CENTROC region.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

07 - 57 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Policy Development and Review

Executive Summary

An important component of Council's corporate governance responsibilities is the progressive development and review of Council's policies.

The Motor Vehicle Lease Policy, Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors Policy, Parkes Shire Library Collection Development Policy and Hire of Plant and Equipment Policy have been reviewed and updated and are submitted for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That the Motor Vehicle Lease Policy be adopted.
2. That the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors Policy be adopted.
3. That the Parkes Shire Library Collection Development Policy be adopted.
4. That the Hire of Plant and Equipment Policy be adopted.

07 - 58 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

9.4 (GM) Valuations

Executive Summary

New valuations have been received for the Shire. The overall valuation has increased from \$337,707,263 to \$791,016,940.

Background Information

Valuations are the basis of Council rating, particularly for general rates (water and sewer rates now are more user pay).

Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications

Council will be required to adhere to Departmental requirements.

Budget & Financial Aspects

The new valuations will skew the rates liability.

Recommendation

1. That this preliminary report be received and noted.
2. That the issues be raised at the E Division conference.
3. That the Alliance Councils look to a collective approach to the issues.

Report

The issue of new valuations always gives rise to some anxiousness in the community.

In most cases, valuations will increase, and some people believe this will automatically increase their rates.

The attached statement provided to the local press may help to explain the situation.

What is becoming clear is that rural ratepayers are concerned about coming rate accounts. Normally, without a valuation change, each individual general rate assessment can only increase by the amount allowed by the State Government - the rate pegging amount. New valuations mean that some ratepayers will pay more than the average overall increase, and some will pay less.

The increase in the farmland valuation category was 142%.

To further confuse the issue the State Government has determined that 'Farmland' rate increases are limited to 2% on the previous year. Because of the valuation changes some properties will

Attachments

1. Statement provided to local press.

NEW VALUATIONS - WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

Landholders will have recently received valuation notices issued by the Valuer General's Department. Councils use these valuations to set rates.

People often think an increase in the valuation of their property will mean an increase in rates. This is not necessarily so.

Incidentally, the valuation is the land value, which is the value of the land only, not the improvements, such as a house.

The total assessed value of land in Parkes Shire has risen markedly since the last valuation in 2002.

In 2002 the value was	\$337,707,263
Now it is	\$791,016,940

In 4 years the overall property values have risen by over 100%.

Valuations are calculated according to market prices. If property around you is selling at good prices, you should expect your property will rise in value.

Now back to the rates question, which worries a lot of people.

The Council's 2006/07 General Rates Levy is \$6,184,974. The State Government 'pegs' the annual increase. If rates were 'pegged' at the 2006/07 percentage of 3.6% Council's General Rates in 2007/08 could not exceed \$6,407,633.

If every individual valuation increased by the same as the total increase the only increase would be 3.6%. However that doesn't happen, as all properties are separately valued according to sales in their area. Some properties will increase more than the total percentage increase, some less. Therefore a revaluation causes changes in relativity. However the Council's total collection will only change by the amount allowed by the Government.

Valuation changes have a lesser impact on Water and Sewer Rates as these are largely based on usage.

The new valuation notices do not display the 2002 valuation so if you want to know how much your valuation has changed you could go to the 2002 valuation notice, or, and this may be easier, look at your last rate notice (not instalment reminder).

07 - 59 Resolution

1. That this preliminary report be received and noted.
2. That the issues be raised at the E Division conference.
3. That the Alliance Councils look to a collective approach to the issues.
4. That further information in relation to valuation changes be disseminated through the press, including the closing date for the receipt of objections to valuations to the Valuer Generals Department.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Budget Review - 31 December 2006

Executive Summary

The quarterly financial review to 31 December 2006 is submitted for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That the budget review report to 31 December 2006 be adopted.

07 - 60 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) Peak Hill Open Cut Experience

Executive Summary

Council has again been approached by Alkane for its support in the operation of the Peak Hill Open Cut Experience during the Easter school holiday period from 31 March 2007 to 22 April 2007.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to again underwrite the operation of the Open Cut Experience for the period 31 March 2007 to 22 April 2007, covering the direct operating costs less income derived from entry fees.

07 - 61 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) December 2006 Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of December 2006 there were twelve (12) Development Applications received totalling \$1,419,666.00 and 21 consents issued.

Two (2) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$16,000.00 and seven consents issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

07 - 62 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) REPAIR Programme and Timber Bridge Partnership Programme

Executive Summary

Council made application for funding under the 2006/07 Regional Roads Repair Programme to replace the timber bridge over Genaren Creek on Main Road 348 (Tullamore to Peak Hill Road). Advice was received from the Roads and Traffic Authority that the project had been successful.

Following the announcement of the Timber Bridge Partnership Programme, further advice was received that the bridge project was to be transferred from the REPAIR Programme into the new programme. Advice was also received that the second project put forward under the 2006/07 REPAIR Programme would now be funded, being for the continuation of construction and sealing on The McGrane Way (MR354).

Tenders have been called for the design and construction of the bridge over Genaren Creek, with Council to undertake the approach construction. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by August.

It is intended to commence construction works on The McGrane Way in early April.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the REPAIR and Timber Bridge Partnership Programmes be noted.

07 - 63 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Rail Crossing Forbes Road Parkes

Executive Summary

A safety audit was undertaken on the rail level crossing on Forbes Road in Parkes as part of the proposed automation of the crossing by ARTC. The audit identified lack of sight distance to the crossing as an issue for southbound vehicles from Bogan Street due to trees on the southern side of Hartigan Avenue.

It was recommended that the trees be removed.

Recommendation

1. That the trees be removed on the south side of Hartigan Avenue from the rail crossing on Forbes Road eastward to improve sight distance to the crossing.

07 - 64 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Parkes Regional Airport - Request for Exemption from Landing Fees

Executive Summary

A request has been received from the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) for Council to waive landing fees for a C-47 (DC3) that was to fly into Parkes Regional Airport on 2 February 2007 to pick up an aileron for use in restoration of another C-47. HARS advise that they are a volunteer organisation and any funds they have are used to keep historic aircraft flying for displays and air shows.

Council has in the past usually given exemptions only to service and charity aircraft such as Flying Doctor, Air Ambulance, and Angel Flight.

It is considered that this practice should continue to avoid creating a precedent.

Recommendation

1. That HARS be advised that Council can not accede to their request for an exemption from landing fees.

07 - 65 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Service Agreement with Rural Fire Service - Liaison Committee Meeting

Executive Summary

A meeting of the Liaison Committee was held on Tuesday 30 January 2007 for the six monthly review of the Service Agreement between the Parkes Shire Council and the NSW Rural Fire Service. It was noted that all present considered the current arrangement with RFS to be operating well.

The meeting included a review of the performance of the Rural Fire Service in carrying out Council's delegations under the Rural Fires Act, financial progress, incident review, and a discussion on the current Service Agreement extension that expired on 31 December 2006.

Recommendation

1. That information on the Liaison Committee Meeting - Rural Fire Service be received and noted.
2. That the extension of the current Service Agreement until 30 June 2007 be endorsed.
3. That Council provide an indication as to whether accommodation should continue to be provided in Parkes Administration Centre for RFS staff.
4. That the Department of Planning and Environment investigate a condition to be imposed on rural developments to provide an additional gate in fence lines to enable an escape route or access during bushfires.

07 - 66 Resolution

1. That information on the Liaison Committee Meeting - Rural Fire Service be received and noted.
2. That the extension of the current Service Agreement until 30 June 2007 be endorsed.
3. That Council advise that no objection is raised to RFS staff relocating current accommodation arrangements from the Parkes Administration Centre to the Forbes RFS Centre.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.5 (DO) Bogan Gate Bushfire Station and Public Toilet

Executive Summary

Council had previously considered reports related to the provision of a new bushfire station at Bogan Gate incorporating toilets that could be opened to the public. The Rural Fire Service have indicated that funding is now available to provide a two bay station.

The RFS have requested an indication from Council as to where the new station is to be constructed and what contribution can be made towards the project.

Recommendation

1. That further discussions be held with the Bogan Gate community and Brigade members on alternate locations for the proposed station and toilets.

07 - 67 Resolution

1. That Council include land zoned for railway use at Bogan Gate to be considered for applicable zoning under the current strategic land use strategy review to enable the construction of amenities at the location.
2. That the Department of Lands be contacted in relation to the proposal.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.6 (DO) Rural Fire Service Long Service Awards

Executive Summary

The Rural Fire Service have advised that a number of Volunteers have achieved Long Service Awards. The RFS are currently making arrangements for the presentation of the Awards. To recognise the significant contribution the Volunteers make to the protection of life and property in Parkes Shire, Council may wish to offer to host the presentation during a Council meeting and invite the Volunteers to join Council for afternoon tea.

Recommendation

1. That Council offer to host the presentation of Long Service Awards to the RFS Volunteers at an appropriate Council meeting.

07 - 68 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.7 (DO) Rural Fire Districts - Zoning Considerations

Executive Summary

Council had previously considered the issue of combining several Rural Fire Districts into a "zone" in 2001. At that time Council indicated that it was not in favour of zoning following extensive consultations with the volunteers. In 2003 the Rural Fire Service staff from Parkes, Forbes, Lachlan and Weddin Fire Districts were "consolidated" into the Mid Lachlan Valley Team and Council entered into Service Agreements with the RFS.

It is considered timely that Council review the current arrangements with the Rural Fire Service in relation to zoning.

Recommendation

1. That Council continue with the current arrangements and review the situation again nearing the end of the next Service Agreement, and that the position of other Districts in relation to zoning be monitored in the interim.

07 - 69 Resolution

1. That Council continue with the current arrangements and review the situation again nearing the end of the next Service Agreement, and that the position of other Districts in relation to zoning be monitored in the interim.
2. That the views of the Mid Lachlan Alliance Councils be obtained in this regard.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) Higher Mass Limit Vehicles - East Street Parkes

Executive Summary

A request has been received to operate Higher Mass Limit Vehicles in East Street, Parkes, between Clarinda Street and One Steel Metaland. As East Street is a local road, Council's consent is required.

East Clarinda Street, being a State Road, has been assessed by the Roads and Traffic Authority as suitable for Higher Mass Limit Vehicles and has been gazetted accordingly.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to allow Higher Mass Limit Vehicles to operate on East Street, from Clarinda Street to One Steel Metaland.

07 - 70 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) Truck Parking Near McDonald's and KFC, Bogan Street, Parkes

Executive Summary

Council recently raised the issue of trucks double parking in Bogan Street, near KFC and McDonalds.

It was resolved to refer the matter to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA). The RTA have since replied advising of the difficulties of providing truck parking in that area, and further advising of enforcement potential to address the double parking issue.

Recommendation

1. That the information regarding double parking in Bogan Street from the RTA be received and noted.

07 - 71 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor performed a citizenship ceremony for Dr David Allison.

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

The meeting resumed at 3.26 pm.

13.3 (DI) DRAFT Pesticide Use Notification Plan

Executive Summary

The attached draft Pesticide Use Notification Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 1995. (The Regulation)

The aim of the plan is to meet the communities right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are controlled or owned by Parkes Shire Council.

Recommendation

1. That Council adopt the draft Pesticides use Notification Plan and accordingly advertise the plan for public comment for a period of 28 days.

07 - 72 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

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) DEUS Meeting 2/2/07 - Lachlan River Valley Town Water Supplies for 2007

Councillor Y Hutton enquired if recommendations from the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS) meeting held Friday, 2 February 2007 will be tabled at a future Council meeting and how will any decisions made affect Parkes Shire use of water. Councillor Hutton also asked if Parkes Shire Council is considering further water restrictions?

The Director of Infrastructure advises that on Friday 2 February 2007 the Department of Energy Utilities and Sustainability convened a meeting of Local Government Water Utilities reliant on water from the Lachlan Valley. Parkes Council hosted the delegates.

Statewater advised the current drought continues to break previous records and is clearly the "drought of record" for the 110 years of recorded river flows.

Wyangala Dam is forecast to be down to 5% by July 2007 if the drought conditions continue. Provisions have however be made to protect town water supplies.

At this stage current water restrictions are satisfactory to control demand.

Recommendation

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

07 - 73 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.2 (Q & M) Parkes Pound

Councillor Y Hutton enquired as to the progress of building a new pound in Parkes and was wondering if land is still the issue?

The Director Planning and Environment advises the acquisition of the land is the holding point. Council has resolved to purchase the land but is awaiting for a response from the NSW Department of Lands.

Recommendation

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

07 - 74 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.3 (Q & M) East Street/Clarinda Street, Parkes Intersection

Councillor Y Hutton enquired if a roundabout at the East Street/Clarinda Street intersection is again a topic as Council has before it a change of traffic use application for that area?

On the same topic, Councillor K McGrath advised that he has had a request from a school bus driver for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Clarinda Street and East Street.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that Council has previously made several submissions to the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) suggesting a roundabout be installed at the Clarinda/East Street intersection, including applications under the black-spot funding program. Some minor traffic island work has been completed but the intersection remains essentially unchanged.

Clarinda Street East is a State Road and accordingly managed by the NSW RTA. Without expressed permission Council is not permitted to do works on State Roads. Council has not previously committed Council funds to State Roads.

Queuing and delay appear to be the main issues of community concern and accident history is always a key consideration. It is suggested that Council reiterate to the NSW RTA the desire for a roundabout at the intersection of Clarinda Street East and East Street to particularly address the queuing and delay problems in East Street. Further, that the NSW RTA be respectfully requested to conduct a comprehensive traffic analysis of the intersection to determine the magnitude of the problems.

Recommendation

1. That Council write to the NSW RTA reiterating its desire for a roundabout at the intersection of Clarinda Street East and East Street.
2. That Council request the NSW RTA to conduct a comprehensive traffic analysis of Clarinda Street East and East Street intersection.

07 - 75 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

15.4 (Q & M) Parkes PAC Park Drain

Councillor K McGrath enquired if Council could investigate the cleaning of the drain in the Parkes PAC Park area between the Forbes Road and the East Street crossing.

The Director of Operations advises that Council is looking at getting an employment program involved as a project for a clean up and some stabilising works.

Recommendation

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

07 - 76 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 3.46 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.

07 - 77 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 Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

16.1 (DPE) Joint Waste Facility - Preliminary Agreement

Prepared By: Director Planning & Environment

Executive Summary

A meeting was held on Tuesday, 28 November 2007 to further discuss development of a Regional Resource Recovery and Waste Disposal Facility. The meeting was attended by Councillors and staff from Parkes and Forbes Councils and facilitated by Michael Skinn and Paul Oakes of Quadro Australia Pty Ltd. A preliminary agreement has been drafted for endorsement by the two councils and the appointment of members to The Parkes and Forbes Regional Waste Committee.

Recommendation

1. That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the Preliminary Agreement to develop a Regional Resource Recovery and Waste Disposal Facility and affix the common seal of Parkes Shire Council.
2. That Council appoint Councillor _____ and Councillor _____ together with the General Manager and the Director Planning and Environment as members of the Parkes and Forbes Regional Waste Committee.

07 - 78 Resolution

1. That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the Preliminary Agreement to develop a Regional Resource Recovery and Waste Disposal Facility and affix the common seal of Parkes Shire Council.
2. That Council appoint Councillor McGrath and Councillor Scott together with the General Manager and the Director Planning and Environment as members of the Parkes and Forbes Regional Waste Committee.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

16.2 (DO) Supply of Water for Roadworks

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from property owners on Woodford Road Trundle requesting a refund for water purchased from Council previously as payment for water supplied from their farm dams for use on roadworks. The amount requested is \$214.12.

It is not Council's practice to pay for water used in roadworks.

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

Recommendation

1. That the property owners be advised that Council cannot accede to their request for payment for water used on roadworks in accordance with Council's long standing practice.

07 - 79 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.10 pm.