



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

18 DECEMBER 2007

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council will be held at the Council Administration Centre, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes, commencing at 2.00 pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Minutes.

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on 18 December 2007 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cr K J Keith, (in the Chair)
Councillor J H Magill
Councillor B J Laing
Councillor W Scott

Councillor Y Hutton
Councillor K McGrath
Councillor G Pratt
Councillor B Newton

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
Director Corporate Service - B Matthews
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell
Director Operations - S Barry
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd
Administration Manager - L Finn
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood
Tourism Coordinator – K Hendry
Minutes Secretary - S Henry

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

07- 915 Resolution

That

Councillor Robert I Wilson, OAM be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Councillor Patrick Byrne 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- 916 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 4 December 2007, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 8.5 and 11.4(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

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

07- 917 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

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.

07- 918 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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.

07- 919 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Macquarie Philharmonic Orchestra - Update and Annual General Meeting Notes

Executive Summary

Forwarding a report from the 2007 Annual General Meeting for the information of Council.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

07- 920 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) The Hon Verity Firth MP - 2008 International Women's Day Grants

Executive Summary

Council has been advised that its application for a grant from the Office of Women for the 2008 International Women's Day function was successful.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Parkes Quota International be advised of the success of the application and invited to receive the funds to stage a 2008 Women's Day luncheon.

07- 921 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) Condobolin Health Service - Request to Sponsor Breakfast Meeting

Executive Summary

The Mental Health Drought Support Officer of the Condobolin Health Service has asked Council to sponsor and host a breakfast meeting for members of the business community and general community. Attendees will be instructed on how to identify signs of anxiety and depression in people they deal with on a daily basis.

Recommendation

1. For the decision of Council.

07- 922 Resolution

That Council agree in principle to the request subject to discussions being held with the coordinator to ascertain the length of the workshop and other facilities required with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor authorised to finalise the level of support.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in the following item. Councillor John Magill was invited to Chair the meeting for this item.

8.5 (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 during the period Thursday 10 January to Monday 14 January 2008.

Recommendation

1. That permission to use Cooke Park from 10 to 14 January 2008 be granted, subject to the Committee:-
 - Meeting with Council representatives to discuss security (including lighting) and safety management in relation to the Saturday night event;
 - 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.

07- 923 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith resumed the Chair.

8.6 (ICR) Boundary Fence between Parkview Motor Inn and Cheney Park

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from the manager of the Parkview Motor Inn requesting permission to erect a security fence between the Parkview Motor Inn and Cheney Park.

Recommendation

1. It is recommended that Council write to Mr Moore advising that approval is granted to erect the proposed security fence at the rear and side of the Parkview Motor Inn subject to:
 - (i) That the southern gate on the western boundary fence be moved to the southern boundary (ie access off Baker Street).
 - (ii) Occasional access be permitted to the gates, (to avoid damaging the park).
 - (iii) As there will be encroachment onto public land that prior to construction the actual alignment be discussed with Councils Urban Overseer, Greg Duffy (particularly to ensure the sewer line is not enclosed).

07- 924 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Promoting Better Practice Review

Executive Summary

The Department of Local Government has issued the final report following the Better Practice Review and Council's comments. This report is to be tabled at a Council meeting. Council is required to complete an action plan for the implementation of the recommendations.

Recommendation

1. That the report be noted.

07- 925 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Contractor Management Policy

Executive Summary

A recent Occupational Health and Safety Audit identified deficiencies in Councils current Contractor Management procedures and identified this area as a high priority for improvement. Accordingly a Contractor Management Policy has been developed which addresses the issues identified. The implementation of the policy will assist Council comply with duty of care obligations under the OHS Act 2000.

The policy is risk based and will impose similar OHS obligations on Councils Contractors as apply to Councils employees.

Recommendation

1. That the draft Contractor Management Policy be adopted.

07- 926 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Incident Investigation Policy

Executive Summary

During 2007, Council participated in two audits of Safety Management Systems. These audits have highlighted the need for the development of an Incident Investigation Policy.

Recommendation

1. That the Incident Investigation Policy adopted.

07- 927 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

9.4 (GM) Investment Policy Review

Executive Summary

Council's Investment Policy is subject to annual review with the last review being December, 2006.

Recommendation

1. That the attached Investment Policy be adopted.

07- 928 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9.5 (GM) Procurement and Disposal Policy

Executive Summary

The need for a Procurement and Disposal policy was identified in the Department of Local Government, Promoting Better Practice Audit. Accordingly a policy has been developed aimed at providing clear guiding principles for the procurement and disposal of materials, equipment, land and services.

Recommendation

1. That the draft Procurement and Disposal Policy be adopted

07- 929 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

9.6 (GM) Central West Organisation of Councils (CENTROC)

Executive Summary

CENTROC held its Annual General meeting at Oberon on 6 December 2007. The new Chairman is Councillor Neville Castle from Lithgow.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

07- 930 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Financial Information November 2007

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 30 November 2007 be received and noted.

07- 931 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 30 November 2007

Executive Summary

As at 30 November, 2007 Council held \$44,272,463.14 in investments.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

07- 932 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.3 (DCS) Financial Health Check (FHC)

Executive Summary

The Financial Health Check (FHC) is presented in addition to the 30 June 2007 Financial Report and Auditor's Report which were recently presented to Council.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

07- 933 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.4 (DCS) Library Services Statistics and Monthly Update November 2007

Executive Summary

Library usage statistics and activities for the month of November 2007 are provided for the information of Council.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted

07- 934 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.5 (DCS) Tourism and Event Update - December 2007

Executive Summary

A brief update of general Shire tourism and event activities.

Recommendation

1. That Council support the Inland NSW Tourism Awards and that the Tourism Manager and Events Officer form a local working party with the Parkes Leagues Club, and further that Council consider financially supporting the awards in the 2008/09 Management Plan.
2. That the Tourism Manager be granted permission to present an Elvis Festival Case Study at the 2008 Department of State and Regional Development Community Economic Development Conference.
3. That the Tourism and Event Update be received and noted.

07- 935 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.6 (DCS) Tourism - Town Crier Championships 2008

Executive Summary

Parkes has been selected to host the 2008 National Town Crier Championships. The event will form part of the 125th Anniversary of Local Government in Parkes celebrations.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorses the use of Cooke Park for the staging of the Town Crier Competition and assists with the necessary arrangements.
2. That Council hosts a Civic Reception for the National Town Crier Championships.

07- 936 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.7 (DCS) Economic Development - NSW Sport and Recreation Grants

Executive Summary

Council has been advised that funding will not be provided under the 2007/08 Regional Sports Facilities Program for a second synthetic hockey surface in Parkes or for the construction of skate parks at Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted;
2. That Council make representations through the Member for Dubbo for a substantially increased allocation of funding for the Regional Sports Facilities program in the 2008 State Budget;
3. That Regional Partnership Program funding be pursued for the skate parks and hockey projects.

07- 937 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted;
2. That Council make representations to the Member for Dubbo and to the Minister for Sport and Recreation for a substantially increased allocation of funding for the Regional Sports Facilities program in the 2008 State Budget.
3. That Regional Partnership Program funding be pursued for the skate parks and hockey projects.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.8 (DCS) Economic Development - Pioneer Oval Recognition

Executive Summary

As part of its 2008 Centenary celebrations, the Australian Rugby League has sought Council approval for a plaque to be positioned at Pioneer Oval to recognise the staging of the Australia v France World Cup fixture in 1990. Details are outlined in the attached letter.

Recommendation

1. That Council accept the offer of the Australian Rugby League for a plaque to be positioned at Pioneer Oval and that an invitation be extended to the former Australian Rugby League Chairman Mr Ken Arthurson AM to officiate at the ceremony.

07- 938 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.9 (DCS) Economic Development - Australia Day Ambassador

Executive Summary

The Australia Day Council has advised the former dual international and Parramatta stalwart Ray Price OAM will be the Parkes Shire Ambassador for 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted

07- 939 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) November 2007 - Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of November 2007 there were fourteen (14) Development Applications received totalling \$789,831.40 and 20 consents issued.

Fourteen (14) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$1,493,295.00 and 13 consents issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

07- 940 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) Modification to DA07006: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 174 DP 750164 Eugowra Road, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA07006

Applicant: Ms Kristy Bennetts

Property: Lot 174, DP 750164, Eugowra Road, Parkes

Proposal: Subdivision

Executive Summary

A modification to DA07006, for the excision of 2 concessional lots from the property known as "Glastonbury", Eugowra Road, Parkes has been lodged by Ms Kristy Bennett. The modification proposes to withdraw the 'dwelling entitlement/envelope' from proposed lot 1, slightly move the building envelope on proposed lot 2 (closer to the Michalk's property) and to establish vegetation buffers in an alternate manner than conditions of consent currently require.

Recommendation

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

07- 941 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) DA07185 Proposed Subdivision Lots 113 & 102 DP 750160 and Lot 1 DP 827306, "The Gums", Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA07185

Applicant: Alan Forbes

Property: Lot 113 DP 750160. Lot 102 DP 750160, Lot 1 DP 827306, "The Gums", Parkes.

Proposal: Subdivision

Executive Summary

The application is for the subdivision of a rural property known as 'The Gums' into four new allotments.

Recommendation

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

07- 942 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

Councillor John Magill invited to take the Chair the meeting for the following item.

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 3.00pm.

11.4 (DPE) DA07193: Proposed Temporary Accommodation - Elvis Tent City at 'Northparkes Oval', Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA07193

Applicant: Elvis Revival Inc.

Property: Lot 7040 DP 1023666, 'Northparkes Oval' Victoria Street, Parkes

Proposal: Temporary Accommodation - Elvis Tent City

Executive Summary

An application has been received from the Parkes Elvis Revival Incorporated for temporary accommodation facility (tent city) at NorthParkes Oval, Parkes. The tent city will accommodate visitors to Parkes attending the Elvis Festival.

Recommendation

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

07- 943 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 3.01pm.

Councillor Ken Keith resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

11.5 (DPE) DA07197: Proposed Carport at 18 Willaroo Street, Peak Hill

Development Application Information

Application No: DA07197

Applicant: Mr G Parker

Property: Lot 9 Sec 18 DP 758832, 18 Willaroo Street, Peak Hill

Proposal: Carport

Executive Summary

A development application has been received to allow the erection of a carport within the 6 metre building line at 18 Willaroo Street, Peak Hill. The flat roofed carport is 6060 mm long x 3970mm wide has colorbond iron roof and would be located a minimum distance of 670mm of the southern side boundary and 230 mm from the front street boundary.

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

Recommendation

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

07- 944 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

At this stage Mr Ben Bardon from the Central West Group Apprentices made a presentation to Mr Brian Matthews, Director of Corporate Services for 20 years service to the Central West Group Apprentices Board.

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.08pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.32pm.

11.6 (DPE) Development Contributions and Planning Reforms

Executive Summary

The NSW Government has announced changes to the rules on development contributions. The proposed changes will mainly affect metropolitan Councils, larger regional Councils and to a lesser extent rural Councils and will cost hundreds of millions of dollars and deprive communities of basic social infrastructure such as libraries, district sporting facilities and childcare centres. A leader's forum is proposed to be held by the Local Government and Shires Association for all Mayors and General Managers in Sydney on Wednesday 30 January 2008.

Recommendation

1. That consideration be given to attendance by the Mayor and General Manager, or their nominees, at the proposed forum on 30 January 2008.

07- 945 Resolution

1. That consideration be given to attendance by the Mayor and General Manager, or their nominees, at the proposed forum on 30 January 2008.
2. That a submission be prepared to the Minister for Planning by the closing date for submissions being the 8th February 2008.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at December 2007

Executive Summary

Other than routine maintenance, major works that have been carried out over the past month are reported below.

Recommendation

1. That the information on Major Works Status as at December 2007 be noted.

07- 946 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Aqua Aerobics - Peak Hill Pool

Executive Summary

A request has been received from the Regional Health Service Peak Hill for approval to conduct aqua aerobics classes at Peak Hill Pool on Tuesday mornings at 7am commencing 29 January 2008 until the end of the season.

The programme ran successfully last season and it is anticipated that interest will be equally as strong this season.

Recommendation

1. That approval be granted for the opening of Peak Hill Pool on Tuesday mornings from 7-8.30am to conduct aqua aerobics from 29 January 2007 until the end of the season, subject to the organisers of the program meeting Council's requirements for use of the pool.

07- 947 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Street Lighting - Tullamore

Executive Summary

Discussions were held at the 4 December 2007 Council meeting on street lighting at Tullamore. It was requested that the lighting be reviewed and a report brought to Council.

Recommendation

1. That quotations be obtained from Country Energy for additional street lighting in Tullamore and a further report brought back for Council on a possible programme.

07- 948 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Parkes Regional Airport - Lease for Parkes VOR

Executive Summary

Airservices Australia advised that the current lease over the Parkes VOR is due to expire on 30 June 2008. Airservices Australia gave notice of its desire to extend the lease for a further term of 10 years, plus a 10 year option, and have now sent the Variation of Lease for execution under the common seal of Council.

Recommendation

1. That the necessary documentation for the extension to 30 June 2018 of the lease, plus a 10 year option to 2028, with Airservices Australia over the Parkes VOR be signed under the common seal of Council.

07- 949 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

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

Executive Summary

A meeting of the Liaison Committee was held on Monday 3 December 2007 for the six monthly review of the Service Agreement between the Parkes Shire Council and the NSW Rural Fire Service.

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, and incident reviews. Of particular note were discussions on the recent spate of hayshed fires and associated responsibilities, and that the RFS will again be conducting a cadet programme at the high school.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Liaison Committee Meeting - Rural Fire Service be received and noted.

07- 950 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12.6 (DO) Australian Airports Association - 2007 National Convention and Technical Workshop

Executive Summary

The Australian Airports Association National Convention and Technical Workshop was held in Melbourne from 11-15 November 2007, with the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 11 November. The Director of Operations attended the Convention, and the Facility and Emergency Management Officer attended the Technical Workshop.

The Convention and Technical Workshop proved to be most informative and the Director of Operations and Facility and Emergency Management Officer thank Council for the opportunity to attend.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the Australian Airports Association National Convention and Technical Workshop be noted.

07- 951 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

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) Traffic Control

Councillor George Pratt is concerned regarding speeding in the area adjacent to the Parkes skate park and the Parkes Railway Bowling Club. Cr Pratt would like to suggest a marked crossing.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that the traffic warrant to allow installation of a marked pedestrian crossing includes certain minimum volumes of pedestrian and vehicles using the facility per hour. It is very unlikely that vehicle and pedestrian volumes would permit the installation of a marked crossing. The Director of Infrastructure suggests that speed classifiers be installed to determine the extent of the problem.

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

07- 952 Resolution

1. That the Director of Infrastructure's suggestion in relation to speed classifiers be implemented.
2. That appropriate signage for the area be investigated

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

15.2 (Q & M) Raised Crossing - East Street

Councillor George Pratt queried the progress of a request for a raised pedestrian crossing in Want Street near Parkes East School.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that the matter has been placed on the agenda for the next Traffic Committee meeting.

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

07- 953 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.3 (Q & M) Water Detention Basin Near Parkes Cemetery

Councillor Bev Laing has received concerns from residents living near the water detention basin located alongside the Parkes Cemetery. The area is not fenced and as school holidays approach there is concern with the amount of water that can pool in the basin.

The Director of Infrastructure advises the responsibility in the case of a serious incident would be determined by the Courts, however the Civil Liabilities Act 2002 has significantly moved the onus of responsibility for negligent acts back to those performing the act. The ponded water is shallow and would only rise during large storm events. It is anticipated that after operation for a short period siltation will alleviate the ponding in the dam.

Recommendation

For the information of Council

07- 954 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.4 (Q & M) Open Cut Experience - Peak Hill

Councillor John Magill has received two requests from the Peak Hill Advancement Association

1. Requesting an extension in operating hours of the Open Cut Experience to 8.00am to 12 noon to catch early morning travellers.
2. Introduction of a token entry system to the Open Cut Experience to save on labor charges.

The Director of Corporate Services advises:

1. *The employment of staff for the additional 1 hour would cost approximately \$770.00. Subject to the employee being prepared to work the additional time, the extended opening could be arranged.*
2. *The introduction of a token entry to the Open Cut Experience should be investigated. Having the area open to the public, without an attendant on site, would need to be discussed with Alkane Pty Ltd to determine if it is permissible under the Tourism Permit.*

Recommendation

For the decision of Council.

07- 955 Resolution

1. That the earlier opening time be implemented, subject to the availability of staff, for the current trial period.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

At this stage Councillor Hutton asked about the Parkes Hospital Redevelopment Plan and if discussions had been held with Robert Martin and Trish Straun from Greater Western Area Health, The General Manager advised that discussion had taken place and that a Planning meeting was scheduled for 14 January 2008 to further discuss Hospital Planning.

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 4.19pm.

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- 956 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 Bev Laing.

CARRIED

16.1 (DO) Sale of Bushfire Trucks

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

Quotations closed on Thursday, 29 November 2007 for the sale of a International Bushfire Truck, Registration Number BFO-5457 (Council plant number 8056) formerly housed by the Sandy Creek Bushfire Brigade.

Recommendation

1. That the quotation of Scott Goodsell from the Sandy Creek Brigade area of \$3,000 be accepted for the purchase of the International Bushfire Truck, Registration Number BFO-5457 which will allow the truck to remain within its original brigade area.

07- 957 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

16.2 (DI) Tullamore Sewage Treatment Plant Tenders and Villages Sewerage Scheme Funding Arrangements

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

Tenders have been called for the construction of the Tullamore Sewage Treatment Plant and detailed estimates have been prepared for the two village sewerage schemes.

Recommendation

1. That the Tullamore and Trundle sewer schemes proceed.
2. That the potential to maintain the present \$400 charge be investigated.
3. That discussions be conducted with the preferred tenderers to identify opportunities to reduce the project costs.

07- 958 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

16.3 Occupational Health and Safety Meeting - 13 December 2007

Prepared By: Human Resource Manager

Executive Summary

The minutes of the Occupational Health and Safety Meeting of 13 December 2007 will be tabled at the Meeting.

Recommendation

1. That the recommendations of the Occupational Health and Safety Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

07- 959 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

At this stage the Council moved back into Open Council at 4.42pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.43pm.