



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2013

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held at the Peak Hill Services and Citizens Club Caswell Street Peak Hill, commencing at 2.00 pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER: Kent Boyd

Ordinary Meeting

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Peak Hill Services and Citizens Club
Caswell Street Peak Hill on Tuesday 5 March 2013 at 2.00pm.**

PRESENT

Councillor K J Keith, (in the Chair)
Councillor M J Greenwood
Councillor B J McCorkell
Councillor B F Newton
Councillor G W Pratt

Councillor A J Ward
Councillor R C Haddin
Councillor K M McGrath
Councillor L A O'Leary
Councillor P J Smith

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - K Boyd
Director Technology and Corporate Services - L Finn
Director Planning and Environment - S Campbell
Manager Works - B Howard
Manager Governance and Corporate Planning - B Byrnes
Finance Manager - P McFarlane
Management Accountant - O Jensen
Minutes Secretary - S Henry

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

13 - 79 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 19 February 2013, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Director Planning and Environment S Campbell declared an interest in Item 13.2 (REASON Interest in land mentioned in report).

5 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

6 LATE BUSINESS

Nil

At this stage the Mayor invited local Peak Hill Police Sergeant Adrian Matthews to address Council and the members of the Peak Hill Community present in the gallery on various concerns and issues currently being experienced in the Peak Hill community.

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

7.1 Mayoral Minute - Functions Attended by Mayor and Councillors

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

13 - 80 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Belinda McCorkell, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

CARRIED

7.2 Mayoral Minute - Coming Known Events for Mayor and Councillors

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

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

13 - 81 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

7.3 Mayoral Minute - One Association for Local Government in NSW

Executive Summary

Correspondence from the Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW has been received advising that the One Association to represent Local Government in New South Wales will come into effect from 1st March 2013.

The formal name of the new Association is the Local Government and Shires Association of New South Wales but will operate under its registered business name of Local Government NSW.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

13 - 82 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

CARRIED

7.4 Mayoral Minute - Landcare NSW

Executive Summary

Councillor RC Haddin brought to Council's attention a speech made in the NSW Legislative Assembly by the Hon. Richard Torbay MP on 19th February 2013 regarding the future of funding for Landcare NSW. The speech was made following representations by Landcare NSW and New England Network Chairs in regards to Natural Resource Management Funding.

Recommendation

1. That Council forward a letter to Local Member Mr Troy Grant MP, Minister for Primary Industries The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson, Minister for the Environment The Hon. Robyn Parker and the Hon John Cobb Member for Clare seeking representations to the Federal Environment Minister The Hon Tony Burke requesting a reinstatement of the \$30-million Catchment Action NSW program that supports Landcare and other environmental initiatives.

13 - 83 Resolution

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Moved Councillor Bob Haddin, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

9 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 (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 are from Wellington Council, Alan Jones AO and Parkes Public School.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

13 - 84 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Louise O'Leary, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9.2 (ICR) Declaration of Public Holidays in Parkes Shire for 2014

Executive Summary

The NSW Government - Office of Industrial Relations advises the gazettal of the following dates as local public holidays for show days in 2013.

Time	Date	Place
Full Day	Wednesday 14 August 2013	Town of Trundle
Full Day	Wednesday 21 August 2013	Town of Peak Hill
Half day from 12 noon	Tuesday 27 August 2013	Town of Parkes

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

13 - 85 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9.3 (ICR) Request for Financial Assistance - TAFE Western Parkes College

Executive Summary

TAFE Western are seeking financial support for the Annual Parkes College Graduation Ceremony to be held at the Parkes TAFE Tuesday 12 March 2013.

Recommendation

1. That a contribution of \$100 be made to TAFE NSW Western Institute in support of the Parkes Campus 2013 Annual Graduation Ceremony.

13 - 86 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

CARRIED

10 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.1 (GM) Adoption of Delivery Program including 2013/2014 Operational Plan and 2013/2014 Budget including Special Rate Variation

Executive Summary

The draft Delivery Program incorporating the following suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents has been on display for the statutory period of 28 days:

- Community Engagement Strategy
- Community Strategic Plan
- 4 year Delivery Program
- 4 year Financial Forecast
- 10 Year Asset Management Strategy
- 10 year Long Term Financial Plan
- 4 year Workforce Strategy
- Operational Plan
- Operational Budget

The draft Delivery Program incorporated the special rate variation scenarios of "Static" being a 10% increase per year for four (4) years, and the "Progressive" being a 13% increase per year for four (4) years.

Council received 15 submissions which primarily related to the Special Rate Variation component of the Delivery Program. Details of the submissions and recommended actions are detailed in the report.

The Plans and all associated documents are presented for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That the draft Progressive Delivery Program be adopted, which includes provision for a special rate variation of 13% increase per year for the four (4) years of the delivery program. The Delivery Program consists of the following documents:

- Community Engagement Strategy
- Community Strategic Plan
- 4 year Delivery Program
- 4 year Financial Forecast
- 10 year Asset Management Strategy
- 10 year Long Term Financial Plan
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2. That the draft schedule of fees and charges made under Section 608 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and included in the draft Revenue Policy be adopted.
3. That pursuant to section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the draft Statement of Revenue Policy be adopted for the year 2013/14.
4. That Council hereby approves and votes the expenditure in the 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 Operational Plan and Operational Budget.
5. That the statement of amounts and rates to be charged for works on private land for 2013/14 contained with the draft Operational Plan be adopted.
6. That council lodge a Section 508A Special Rate Variation by the 11th of March 2013 to IPART for a special rate variation of 13% increase per year for four (4) years, as set out in the Progressive delivery program.
7. That Council instigate a formal, risk based, business process review, and that the outcomes of the review be reported to the risk review committee annually.

13 - 87 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Michael Greenwood, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR TECHNOLOGY AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

11.1 (DTCS) Parkes Pool Admission Numbers

Executive Summary

The Mayor has requested that a report be furnished comparing the admission numbers for this season to last season given the recent opening of the refurbished Parkes Pool.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

13 - 88 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Belinda McCorkell, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

CARRIED

11.2 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes 05.03.13

Executive Summary

Correspondence has been received from the Mitchell Conservatorium, Lachlan Division, requesting a contribution to the Lachlan Regional Community Orchestra (LRCO) operational

A portfolio of the LRCO's current activities is also attached for Councillors information.

Recommendation

1. For the decision of Council.

13 - 89 Resolution

That Council invite Mr Andrew Baker Director Lachlan Division Mitchell Conservatorium to a future meeting of Council.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

Nil.

13 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

13.1 (DES) Proposed Road Closure MR354

Executive Summary

Council has constructed a new section of road along the McGrane Way, MR354. The old road is no longer used and is required to be closed.

Recommendation

1. That Council make an application to Land & Property Information to close the former section of MR354 identified as Lot 2 DP 1154118, and that upon road closure that the subject land be transferred to Mr Paul.
2. That Lot 3 DP 1154118 be acquired by Council from Mr Paul in lieu of his payment for Lot 2 DP 1154118.
3. That upon transfer of the land Lot 3 DP 1154118 be gazetted as a public road.
4. That the seal of Council be affixed to the necessary applications to enable the road to be closed and the newly constructed road gazetted.

13 - 90 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

CARRIED

At this stage being 3.12pm the Director Planning and Environment S Campbell temporarily left the meeting

13.2 (DES) Proposed Lane Closure

Executive Summary

It has been brought to Council's attention that a council owned laneway is fenced within the rear of three property boundaries facing Armstrong Street, Parkes. Council needs to make a request to the Land & Property Information, Crown Land Division (LPI) for the closure of the lane and for it be purchased by the three property owners.

Recommendation

1. That Council make application to the Land & Property Information to close the laneway behind Lots 1, 2 and 3 DP 317160.
2. That the seal of Council be affixed to the necessary applications to enable the lane behind Lots 1, 2 and 3 DP 317160 to be closed.
3. That all costs associated with the closure of the lane, including but not limited to application fees, surveying, plan registration and conveyancing be borne by the affected landholders.

13 - 91 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

CARRIED

At this stage being 3.17pm the Director Planning and Environment S Campbell returned to the meeting.

13.3 (DES) Use of Parkes Regional Airport - Skydive Oz

Executive Summary

Skydive Oz have requested permission to operate tandem skydiving activities at Parkes Regional Airport on Sunday 7 April 2013 and Saturday 14 September 2013.

Recommendation

1. That Skydive Oz be granted approval for the use of Parkes Airport for tandem skydiving activities on Sunday, 7 April 2013 and Saturday 14 September 2013 subject to:
 - provision of evidence of not less than \$20 Million Public Liability Insurance,
 - arrangements being made with RPT Services to avoid conflict,
 - compliance with Council's access requirements for Parkes Regional Airport.

13 - 92 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Pat Smith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

At this stage the Mayor invited Mr Scott McLachlan CEO Western NSW Health Services to address the meeting

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.34pm and the Mayor invited all prese afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.58pm

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

14.1 Committee Minutes - Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 13 February 2013

Executive Summary

The Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting was held on 13 February 2013 at 9.00am. The Minutes of the Meeting are attached. A Police representative was not present however they have since provided comment supporting all the recommendations of the Committee.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2013 be adopted.

13 - 93 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Belinda McCorkell.

CARRIED

15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Nil

At this stage being 4.01pm the Mayor invited comments or questions from any community members present in the gallery.

Mrs Lorraine Welsh voiced her concerns at the state of her neighbouring property. Requested Council's assistance in getting the owner to clean it up. Concerns with the amount of vermin on the block and the unsightly mess of the cars and weeds. Mrs Welsh and her husband are often disturbed with queries at all hours by people wishing to purchase the old cars.

Director Planning and Environment advised that Council will continue to follow up with the owner of the property to clear the site. He will also look into Cr O'Leary's suggestion of a possibility of signs on the fence regarding relevant contact information for car queries.

Mr Mervyn Kitchener voiced his concerns about the burnt out petrol station and a residential building adjacent to his house.. The old service station on the highway does not give a good impression of Peak Hill coming in from Dubbo. Mr Kitchener also advised pigeons and vermin are living in the residential property next to his house and infesting his house as a consequence. He said has contacted Council but received no assistance. Mr Kitchener requested Council support in getting the owner to demolish and tidy up the property.

Director Planning and Environment advised that orders have been served on the owner of the burnt out property and a safety fence had been erected around the site. Council will continue to follow up with the owner to have the sites cleared.

Mr Wes Westcott thanked Council for receiving submissions on the proposed rate rise (Special Rate Variation). He said the community especially the farming community, were doing it tough with increases across all areas. Most were mainly okay and accepting of a rate rise - first 50% okay the last 50% is hurting. He also said that the names of those who forwarded a submission should have published in the business paper and asked if all the submissions were being forwarded to IPART along with the Council application.

The Mayor thanked Mr Westcott for his submission and advised that Council had removed the names of the authors of submissions received and published in the Council business paper due to privacy regulations. He also advised that all the submissions received would be forwarded to IPART as part of Council's Application for a Special Rate Variation.

There being no further business the Mayor thanked the Peak Hill community for hosting the Council meeting and declared the meeting closed at 4.13pm.