



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

Our Vision:

*In 2022 the Parkes Shire will be a progressive regional centre,
embracing a national logistics hub with vibrant communities,
diverse opportunities, learning and healthy lifestyles.*

MINUTES

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2013

Minutes of the 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 Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER: Kent Boyd

Ordinary Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on Tuesday 3 December 2013 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor K J Keith, (in the Chair)
Councillor M J Greenwood
Councillor K M McGrath
Councillor L A O'Leary
Councillor P J Smith

Councillor A J Ward
Councillor R C Haddin
Councillor B F Newton
Councillor G W Pratt

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - K Boyd
Director Technology and Corporate Services - L Finn
Director Planning and Environment - S Campbell
Director Engineering Services - S Barry
Minutes Secretary - C Thompson

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 2.04pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

13 - 550 Resolution

That Councillor Belinda McCorkell be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

13 - 551 Resolution

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

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil

6 LATE BUSINESS

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice 3.7(c) a decision is now required to determine which, if any Late item/s submitted to the meeting will be dealt with at the meeting or deferred for further consideration at a future Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council.

13 - 552 Resolution

That Late Item/s 15.1 be considered at this Council meeting.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

CARRIED

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 upcoming functions for the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted

13 - 553 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Pat Smith, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

CARRIED

7.2 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

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

13 - 554 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

7.3 Mayoral Minute - NSW Tourism Awards 2013 - Silver Award

Executive Summary

The NSW Tourism Awards are designed to recognise and celebrate the diverse range of Tourism throughout NSW and the outstanding individuals who promote and support the industry. Our Tourism Unit successfully won the Silver Award for 2013.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

13 - 555 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Louise O'Leary.

CARRIED

7.4 Mayoral Minute - Inland Rail Group Announced

Executive Summary

At the Annual AusRail Conference held in Sydney last Thursday, Infrastructure Minister Warren Truss announced the formation of a Government appointed group tasked with progressing the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail Project.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

13 - 556 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

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 Western Care Lodge, Middleton Public School, Australian Breastfeeding Association Parkes/Forbes Group, Holy Family School and Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan Sport.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

13 - 557 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.1 (GM) - CENTROC Board Meeting and AGM - November 2013

Executive Summary

The CENTROC Board Meeting and AGM was held in Young last Thursday and I provide the following report for information. Formal minutes will be provided in due course.

The election of the Executive was also held during the Annual General Meeting which followed the Board Meeting with Parkes Mayor Ken Keith and Cr Bill West of Cowra were returned as Chair and Vice Chair.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

13 - 558 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR TECHNOLOGY AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

11.1 (DTCS) Year End Application - Financial Statement Analysis 2012/13

Executive Summary

The year-end application (**YE App**) is 'live' on the web site for Parkes Shire Council. This is a tool which is useful for analysing Council's financial results for 2012/13 with a comparison to the previous year. This is a means and an opportunity to provide the community with information regarding our results in a graphical format and to assist analysing our results.

Recommendation

The information be received and noted.

13 - 559 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Pat Smith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

Nil

13 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

13.1 (DES) RAV Approval Modification - London Road

Executive Summary

Council has received complaints of road user conflict on London Road. The Parkes Shire Local Traffic Committee has reviewed the emerging issues and the complaints.

A site meeting with stakeholders, including representatives from Council, Roads and Maritime Services, Western Road Liners, and Westlime P/L was held on Monday 18 November 2013. It was considered by those present that improvements to the safety of vehicle movements could be achieved by reducing the B-Double speed to 80 kph in line with the Road Train restriction, and removal of the current school bus time restrictions that were previously imposed.

Line marking on London Road and signage installation will be investigated to determine additional traffic safety outcomes for all road users.

Recommendation

1. That Council approve the modifications to restrict Road Train and B Double speeds to 80 kph on the existing approved route, with no restriction related to school bus times, and forward the Gazettal notice to the RMS.

13 - 560 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

13.2 (DES) Design a Bicycle Rack Competition

Executive Summary

A "Design a Bike Rack" competition is currently being run. The competition arose through discussions with Parkes Cycling Group, Kinsela Bicycles, and Council (Cr McCorkell and the Road Safety Officer). The competition aims to turn bike racks into works of art which could be installed in key locations around Parkes' CBD. There are three entry categories - primary school aged, high school aged and adult.

Judging will take place during the afternoon tea break of the Council Meeting.

Recommendation

1. That the competition be endorsed by Council and that an application be submitted for funding under the Roads and Maritime Services' Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program for 2014/15.

13 - 561 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Louise O'Leary, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

13.3 (DES) ALGA National Local Roads and Transport Congress 2013

Executive Summary

The 2013 National Local Roads and Transport Congress was held in Alice Springs, Northern Territory from 12-14 November 2013. Cr Bob Haddin and Manager Works, Ben Howard, attended the Congress on behalf of Council. This year's Congress was attended by over 300 delegates, again indicating that it is a very important event for local government. The theme of this years Congress was "Sustaining Our Roads".

Council has previously noted correspondence from both sides of Australian politics pledging the continuation of the Roads to Recovery Program beyond 2014. It was announced at the Congress that the Roads to Recovery Program will continue until 2019. A clear indication of the success of the continuing lobbying of the Australian Local Government Association members through the Congress.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the 2013 National Local Roads and Transport Congress be noted.

13 - 562 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bob Haddin, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

13.4 (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 Saturday, 1 February 2014 and Saturday 1 November 2014.

During their operation at Parkes Regional Airport, Skydive Oz advise that they will be conducting fundraising activities which include donating part of their income per skydive participant to the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

Recommendation

1. That Skydive Oz be granted approval for the use of Parkes Airport for tandem skydiving activities on Saturday, 1 February 2014 and Saturday 1 November 2014 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 - 563 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

13.5 (DES) Swimming Lessons for Parkes

Executive Summary

Council considered a report on 15 October 2013 on a request from Sport and Recreation for Council to take on the learn to swim programs. Council indicated a desire for Sport and Recreation to continue with their Program. It was also noted that access for the community to additional lessons when the Sport and Recreation programmes are finished is a problem.

Council officers met with providers of private swimming lessons at Parkes Pool to discuss how to improve the community's access to swimming lessons.

Recommendation

13 - 564 Resolution

1. That Council issue a media release to encourage the formation of a register of Swimming Lesson Providers held at Council's office to facilitate access of swimming lessons within the shire community.

Moved Councillor Louise O'Leary, seconded Councillor Michael Greenwood.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

14.1 Minutes of Moat Cottage Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 November 2013

Executive Summary

Moat Cottage Development Committee was held on Tuesday, 19 November 2013.

Minutes of that meeting are attached for Council's information.

Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications

Nil.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Moat Cottage Development Committee meeting held on 19 November 2013 be received and noted and that the recommendations of the Committee be endorsed by Council.

13 - 565 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bob Haddin, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

15.1 (Q & M) New Cricket Nets - Victoria Street, Parkes

Cr McCorkell would like to raise the following as a Questions and Matters of Urgency in regards to the new cricket nets - Victoria Street, Parkes.

I have been approached by a very concerned resident of Victoria Street who lives in the direct vicinity of the partly constructed new cricket nets. I am advised that the excavation for the nets has commenced, two large street trees and a small playground has been removed and construction fencing is now in place.

I am advised that residents are concerned (if not irate) about the location of the nets, particularly that they have been given no notification of the work and have not been provided any opportunity to comment on the locality.

Recommendation

1. For Council discussion

13 - 566 Resolution

That an onsite meeting be arranged with Council Representatives and residents in the area surrounding the development.

Moved Councillor Michael Greenwood, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 3.06pm.

At this stage of the proceedings 3.06pm the Mayor made a presentation to Council Staff Michelle Bicket and Greg Jones for their 20 years service to Parkes Shire Council.

At this stage of the meeting adjourned at 3.12pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.45pm.

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.

13 - 567 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 Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

CARRIED

16.1 (DES) Disabled Amenities and Mothers Change Room Peak Hill Memorial Pool

Prepared By: Director Engineering Services

Executive Summary

The Special Rate Variation will enable funding to upgrade and improve the facilities at the Shire's public swimming pools. In the current budget, pool blankets are being obtained for the Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore Pools. Some savings have been made on the purchase of the blankets.

It had also been identified that the Peak Hill swimming pool facility does not have disabled access to its toilet and shower amenities. This proposal is intended to enable the construction of unisex toilets/showers for Disabled access and double as a mother's change room.

Recommendation

Council proceed with the construction of the unisex toilets/showers for disabled Access and a mother's change room funded from the Special Rate Variation savings and Peak Hill Town Improvement Vote or Public Convenience Reserve.

13 - 568 Resolution

That Council proceed with the construction of the unisex toilets/showers for disabled Access and a mother's change room funded from the Special Rate Variation savings and \$4,222 from the Peak Hill Town Improvement Vote.

Moved Councillor Louise O'Leary, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.14pm.