



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

Our Mission: To Deliver Progress and Value to our Community

Our Communities 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 16 MARCH 2021

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council 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 PSM

Ordinary Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor K J Keith OAM, (in the Chair)
Councillor W P Jayet
Councillor L A O'Leary
Councillor P J Smith
Councillor N C Westcott

Councillor B F Newton
Councillor K M McGrath
Councillor G W Pratt
Councillor AJ Ward

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - K Boyd
Director Planning and Environment - B Hayes
Director Works & Services - B Howard
Director Infrastructure - A Francis
Chief Operating Officer - A McGrath
Chief Financial Officer - J Barnard
Minutes - M Wyatt

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1pm with Confidential Items.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the following declaration. It is now 1pm Tuesday 16 March 2021 and as the Mayor I declare the Ordinary Meeting of the Parkes Shire Council being held electronically due to the restrictions surrounding the COVID-19. As such the confidential items will be discussed at the commencement of the meeting.

The open section of the meeting will commence as publicly advertised at 2.00pm and was livestreamed to Council's Facebook page and audio recorded.

A copy of the audio recording will be available on the Council website for a period of 12 months.

17 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

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.

21 - 084 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, or commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Neil Westcott.

CARRIED

17 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

17.1 (DPE) Notice of Intention to Apply for a Liquor Licence

Prepared By: Director Planning and Environment

Executive Summary

Parkes Shire Council has received a Notice of Intention to Apply for a Liquor Licence.

Recommendation

1. For the decision of Council.

21 - 085 Resolution

1. That this information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

17.2 (DPE) Status of Legal Action - Bogan Gate Hoarding

Prepared By: Director Planning and Environment

Executive Summary

Council is well advanced in relation to the compliance and legal actions regarding an appeal against Council Order for the property in Hutton Street, Bogan Gate. The appeal has been set for hearing of the Appeal on 22 March 2021.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

21 - 086 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bill Jayet, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor Alan Ward left the meeting at 1.25pm.

17.3 (DWS) Lease Agreement - Craft Corner

Prepared By: Director Works and Services

Executive Summary

The Combined Crafts Group, known as Craft Corner, was established in 1974 as an outlet for the work of talented local crafters. Since the establishment of the group, Parkes Shire Council has supported Craft Corner with rent assistance.

A lease agreement between Parkes Shire Council and Shon Pty Ltd is currently in place on a month to month basis as the lease has expired.

Council sub-lets the premises owned by Shon Pty Ltd to Craft Corner.

Recommendation

1. That rental assistance be maintained in the short term.
2. That the Combined Crafts Group be encouraged to secure their own tenancy agreement.
3. That the Combined Crafts Group be encouraged to apply for Community Financial Assistance Grant to assist with their future tenancy expenses.

21 - 087 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bill Jayet, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

Councillor Alan Ward returned to the meeting at 1.34pm.

17.4 (DI) Brolgan Road Communications East Extension

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to formally request Council endorse engaging local resources to augment PSC to complete the Brolgan Road Comms East Extension construction work, and endorse executing the Contract following the finalisation of the Contract negotiations with the nominated local resources.

Recommendation

It is recommended that due to:

1. The efficiencies in completing the Brolgan Road Comms East extension under the National Logistics Hub Project budget.
2. The existing contractor's demobilisation from site and non-responses to requests for variation.
3. The likely ability to engage local qualified NBN accredited contractors under direct negotiation.
4. Council's ability to negotiate in accordance with the Direct Negotiation guidelines.

That Council proceed to commence direct negotiation with NBN accredited local contractors to supply the balance of the required services that cannot be self-performed by Council.

21 - 088 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Neil Westcott.

CARRIED

17.5 Committee Minutes - Economic Development Committee Meeting 16 February 2021

Prepared By: Economic & Business Development Manager

Executive Summary

Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 are attached for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That the minutes of the Economic Development Committee held on 16 February 2021 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

21 - 089 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Neil Westcott.

CARRIED

17.6 Committee Minutes - Economic Development Committee Airport Sub-Committee Meeting 16 February 2021

Prepared By: Economic & Business Development Manager

Executive Summary

Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Airport Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 are attached for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Airport Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 be noted and the recommendations be adopted

21 - 090 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Bill Jayet.

CARRIED

17.7 (DI) Transport for NSW Bypass and Ballerdee Lane water mains crossings

Prepared By: Director Infrastructure

Executive Summary

TfNSW has approached PSC to complete modifications of existing water mains. The driver for this is the proposed TfNSW bypass which is programmed to start construction the second half of 2021. Specifically, TfNSW has given PSC the opportunity to retrofit/ upgrade/ modify the existing water mains which will cross the proposed bypass so they are up to TfNSW standard prior to TfNSW constructing the bypass. This means the water mains construction is urgent works.

The purpose of this report is to formally request Council endorse the recommendation of engaging local resources to augment PSC to complete the TfNSW Bypass and Ballerdee Lane Crossings Project construction work, and endorse the executing the Contract following the finalisation of the Contract with the nominated local resources.

Recommendation

It is recommended that due to:

1. The efficiencies in completing the TfNSW Bypass and Ballerdee Lane Crossings Project.
2. The existing contractor's demobilisation from site and non-responses to requests for variation.
3. The likely ability to engage local qualified contractors under direct negotiation.
4. Council's ability to negotiate in accordance with the Direct Negotiation guidelines.

That Council proceed to commence direct negotiation with local contractors to supply the balance of the required services that cannot be self-performed by Council.

21 - 091 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

CARRIED

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

21 - 092 Resolution

That

Councillor Wally Biles be granted leave of absence (REASON: Work commitments).

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

21 - 093 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Alan Ward declared an interest in Item 17.3 (REASON: Owner of affected premise)

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.

21 - 094 Resolution

That Late Item/s

16.3 Q&M from Cr McGrath Water park at Kelly Reserve

17.7 (DI) Transport for NSW Bypass and Ballerdee Lane water mains crossings

be considered at this Council meeting.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Neil Westcott.

CARRIED

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

7.1 Mayoral Minute - Functions Attended by Mayor and Councillors

Executive Summary

A report on functions recently attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff in relation to community events or civic matters.

Social distancing restrictions implemented due COVID-19, has resulted in meetings being held electronically.

Council has also been assisting local community groups to hold their respective meetings electronically.

Recommendation

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

21 - 095 Resolution

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Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

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.

Social distancing restrictions implemented due COVID-19, has resulted in meetings being held electronically.

Council has also been assisting local community groups to hold their respective meetings electronically.

Recommendation

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

21 - 096 Resolution

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Moved Councillor Pat Smith, seconded Councillor Bill Jayet.

CARRIED

7.3 Mayoral Minute - 2021 Jack Scoble Scholarship Presentation

Executive Summary

2021 Jack Scoble Scholarships were awarded to Monique Morgan and Josie Thompson in a presentation ceremony on Tuesday 16 February 2021.

Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.

21 - 097 Resolution

1. That this report be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Neil Westcott.

CARRIED

7.4 Mayoral Minute - The Honourable Margret Beazley AC QC, Governor of NSW visits Parkes

Executive Summary

On Wednesday 17 February 2021, Council welcomed Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of NSW and Mr Dennis Wilson. As part of a wider Central West region tour, Her Excellency spent some time exploring Parkes and meeting with local community groups and Council staff.

Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.

21 - 098 Resolution

1. That this report be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Neil Westcott.

CARRIED

7.5 Mayoral Minute - Vale Lilliane Brady OAM

Executive Summary

I attended the State funeral of the late Mayor of Cobar Lilliane Brady OAM on Friday 19 February 2021.

Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.
2. That Council observe one (1) minutes silence in recognition of Lilliane Brady OAM.

21 - 099 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

7.6 Mayoral Minute - Vale Ian Armstrong AM OBE

Executive Summary

I attended the State funeral of the late Ian Armstrong AM OBE former NSW Nationals leader, deputy premier and Member for Lachlan in Cowra on Monday 22 February 2021. He was aged 83.

Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.
2. That Council observe one (1) minutes silence in recognition of Ian Armstrong AM OBE.

21 - 100 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

7.7 Mayoral Minute - Skillset CareerLink Parkes Launch

Executive Summary

On Thursday 4 March 2021, the Skillset CareerLink CEO, Craig Randazzo and Skillset General Manager officially launched the Skillset CareerLink Central West program in the Parkes. Parkes Shire Councillors, Parkes Chamber of Commerce, Parkes TAFE, CUC and Neighbourhood Central met in the Parkes Shire Council Chambers for afternoon tea and speeches to welcome the launch of Skillset in Parkes.

Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.

21 - 101 Resolution

1. That this report be received and noted.

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

CARRIED

7.8 Mayoral Minute - Collaborative Care Model

Executive Summary

On Tuesday 9 March 2021, Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Member for Riverina, Michael McCormack, Federal Regional Health Minister, Mark Coulton and National Rural Health Commissioner Professor Ruth Stewart were joined by representatives from Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils and members of the Lachlan Health Service to announce a new Collaborative Care model for Parkes, Forbes, Lachlan and the surrounding communities.

Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.

21 - 102 Resolution

1. That this report be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bill Jayet, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

CARRIED

7.9 Mayoral Minute - Parkes Shire Crown reserves secure funding

Executive Summary

On Wednesday 10 March 2021, NSW Nationals Upper House MP, Sam Faraway today announced over \$900,000 in funding for a range of local improvement projects for Crown land reserves and community facilities in the Parkes region.

Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.

21 - 103 Resolution

1. That this report be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

7.10 Mayoral Minute - Local government representation at the National Cabinet

Executive Summary

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) are advocating strongly for the inclusion of a local government representative in the National Cabinet, a representative whose first and foremost consideration is the impact of decisions on Councils and the communities they represent.

Recommendation

1. That Council send a letter to the Premier and to The Hon Michael McCormack MP as the Federal Member for Parkes and the State member Phil Donato which highlights the Council's disappointment that Local Government is not represented on the newly formed National Cabinet and seeks their assistance in requesting that First Ministers review the decision to exclude Local Government.
2. That Council note that the Australian Local Government Association, Local Government NSW and other state/territory local government associations will continue to advocate for local government representation on the National Cabinet and for Local Government's interests in all relevant forums.

21 - 104 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bill Jayet, seconded Councillor Neil Westcott.

CARRIED

8 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil

9 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.1 (GM) Major Projects & Current Works - Progress Report as at 16 March 2021

Executive Summary

This report presents an update on the current major projects within the Shire being managed or undertaken by Council's Technology & Corporate Services Department.

The report outlines works other than routine maintenance that have been carried out over the past month and is provided for the information of Councillors.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

21 - 105 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.2 (GM) Investment and Borrowings Report as at 28 February 2021

Executive Summary

The carrying value of Council's cash & investments at 28 February 2021 was \$23,384,357 and the principal outstanding on Council's borrowings was \$19,373,556.

Recommendation

1. That the information in relation to investments held and borrowings at 28 February 2021 be received and noted.

21 - 106 Resolution

1. That the information in relation to investments held and borrowings at 28 February 2021 be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Neil Westcott, seconded Councillor Bill Jayet.

CARRIED

10.3 (GM) Classic Outback Trail 2021

Executive Summary

The Classic Outback Trial 2021 is a competitive sporting car rally that is set to commence in Parkes in August 2021 with the expectation of 60 vehicle entries including 6 internationals rallying over seven days from Parkes through the Central West and finishing in Bathurst. It is estimated that this will bring approximately 350 people to town (including support crews) for an average of 4 nights, generating in excess of \$100,000 of direct visitor spend in Parkes for the duration of the event.

Recommendation

1. That Council support (pending approval from the Traffic Committee) and coordinate the road closure of Church Street between Bogan and Clarinda Streets for the official flag off event from 7am - 11am on Sunday 22 August 2021.
2. That Council provide a Welcome/Civic Reception at the Parkes Services Club for 250-300 guests for approximately 1 hour on Saturday 21 August 2021 (subject to public health/ Covid venue regulations).
3. That Council support (pending approval from the Traffic Committee) and coordinate special event parking for 60 vehicles in the vicinity of the Services Club for the cars leaving for the Prologue from 12pm to 4pm on Saturday 21 August 2021.
4. That Council's Events team continue to work with event organisers and promote the event.
5. That Council contact local businesses, including accommodation providers to advise of the event and an expected influx of accommodation and restaurant bookings throughout this period.
6. That Council request a copy of the event's Covid Safe Plan.

21 - 107 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.4 (GM) 2021-2025 Community Engagement Framework

Executive Summary

Council's Community Engagement Framework has been reviewed in preparation for the new term of Council and Integrated Planning and Reporting activities for the 2022/23-2024/25 period.

The Framework review also considers the interim 2021-22 Operational Year due the postponement of elections as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Parkes Shire Council's Community Engagement Framework comprises of:

- ☐ Community Engagement & Participation Policy
- ☐ Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2025
- ☐ Community Engagement Road Map 2021-22

Recommendation

1. That Council adopt the Community Engagement & Participation Policy (Attachment 1).
2. That Council approve the Community Engagement Strategy (Attachment 2) for public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.
3. That Council endorse the Community Engagement Roadmap for 2021/22 and its promotion to the community to ensure stakeholders are aware of the upcoming engagement opportunities.

21 - 108 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.
2. That Council staff be commended for further work in preparing the documents and presenting the plans to Council.

Moved Councillor Bill Jayet, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

CARRIED

10.5 (GM) 2021 Local Government Election - Update

Executive Summary

The NSW Local Government Elections are scheduled to be held on 04 September 2021. The NSW Election Commission are releasing bulletins to keep Councils up to date with arrangements for the election.

Recommendation

1. For the information of Council.

21 - 109 Resolution

1. That this information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Neil Westcott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.6 (GM) NAIDOC Week Event 2021

Executive Summary

NAIDOC Week is recognised annually, this year from 4-11 July and the theme is 'Heal Country!'. Neighbourhood Central are requesting to host an event at Bushman's Hill Indigenous Precinct on Saturday 10 July 2021 between 11.30am - 3.30pm. This event is set to attract 50-100 community members and aims to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Recommendation

1. That the Council owned stage is loaned to the event organisers free of charge and set up for the event prior to and dismantled following the event;
2. That Council's Destination team continue to work with the event organisers to promote the event, provide community engagement support and leverage the event for the Shire;
3. That the Mayor and/or Councillors accept the invitation to attend the event & present the NAIDOC awards on Saturday 10th July 2021, if calendar permits and details to be confirmed.
4. That Council allow the use of Bushman's Hill Indigenous precinct to hold the event and allow access to power;
5. That Council hire 2 x portable toilets for the event and arrange delivery of the toilets.
6. That in exchange for the provision of this support, Council seeks appropriate sponsorship recognition and acknowledgement from Organisers of the event.
7. That the event adhere to NSW Health COVID-19 guidelines Parkes Shire Council would request the event organisers submit a COVID Safe Plan for the event.

21 - 110 Resolution

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6. That in exchange for the provision of this support, Council seeks appropriate sponsorship recognition and acknowledgement from Organisers of the event.
7. That the event adhere to NSW Health COVID-19 guidelines Parkes Shire Council would request the event organisers submit a COVID Safe Plan for the event.
8. That the Council liaison contact the Mid-Lachlan Aboriginal Housing in relation to this event.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.7 (GM) 2020-21 Operational Plan - 6 Monthly Status Update July 2020 - December 2020

Executive Summary

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Recommendation

1. That the 2020/21 Operational Plan - 6 Monthly Status Update, July 2020 - December 2021 be received and noted.

21 - 111 Resolution

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Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

CARRIED

10.8 (GM) Transitioning back to In-Person Council and Committee Meetings

Executive Summary

The Office of Local Government have released a Circular (21-01) advising of the transitioning back to in-person Council and Committee meetings and are calling on submissions from Council's on proposed changes allowing remote attendance at meetings.

The Circular is provided for information and possible comment.

Recommendation

1. For the information of Council.

21 - 112 Resolution

1. That this information be received and noted.

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

CARRIED

10.9 (GM) Under 13s Hockey Championships 2021

Executive Summary

Parkes Hockey Incorporated together with Hockey NSW will host the NSW Hockey Under 13s Boys Hockey Championship on 8-11 July 2021. The Championship is set to attract over 35 teams and in excess of 1,500 players, coaching staff, support team, crew and spectators. The Championship will utilise the Mariah Williams and Stephen Davies Turfs, plus grass fields at the Parkes Hockey Complex.

Recommendation

1. That Traffic Control on Baker Street be implemented on 8-11 July 2021 with assistance and provision of equipment including signs and setup for the road closures (including Coach/Bus parking areas)(pending traffic committee approval);
2. That Council mark out four (4) grass playing fields for the duration of the U13's carnival on the McGlynn Sporting complex, field location to be determined by Presentation Team;
3. That Council assist with the installation/removal of grass field goal mouths from the Station Street car park;
4. That a site drawing of the Fields be provided for planning purposes;
5. That in the occurrence of pre-event wet weather, bark chip or similar suitable material be applied or installed in identified wet areas at the entrance to the Turfs to prevent tracking of mud and damage to the synthetic turf;
6. That Council owned relocatable grandstands are loaned to the Committee and set up prior to and dismantled following the event;
7. That Council owned shade shelters are loaned to the Committee for use in front of the clubhouse, if available and subject to loanee ensuring the safety and dismantle of the shelters in adverse weather;
8. That Council assist with the provision of two (2) Portable Buildings for use as Umpire and Medical areas;
9. That Council provides portable toilet blocks inclusive of toilet paper at the McGlynn sporting complex for the duration of the Championships including delivery, pick up and pump out (if required) and daily clean;
10. That Council arrange additional event bins and collection on a daily basis;
11. That Council provide a portable PA system for use at the presentation ceremony;
12. That the Mayor and/or Councillor accept the invitation to attend the Presentation Ceremony on Sunday the 11th of July if calendar permits - time will be confirmed closer to the date;
13. That in exchange for the provision of this support, Council seeks appropriate sponsorship recognition and acknowledgement from Organisers of the event through the use of both Parkes Hockey Incorporated and Hockey NSW social media platforms as well as through the use of the Council and Destination tear drop Banners and pop up gazebos/marquees, if available.
14. That Council promote the event through Visit Parkes website and social media platforms as well as send out a media alert to local media and share any marketing material and images with event organisers.
15. That the event adhere to NSW Health COVID-19 guidelines and submit their COVID Safe Plan to Council.

21 - 113 Resolution

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14. That Council promote the event through Visit Parkes website and social media platforms as well as send out a media alert to local media and share any marketing material and images with event organisers.
15. That the event adhere to NSW Health COVID-19 guidelines and submit their COVID Safe Plan to Council.
16. That Council look at obtaining some drone footage of this event.

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

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR TECHNOLOGY AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Nil

12 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

12.1 (DPE) Major Projects & Current Works - Progress Report as at 16 March 2021

Executive Summary

This report presents an update on the current major projects within the Shire being managed or undertaken by Council's Planning and Environment Department.

The report outlines work that has been carried out over the past month and is provided for the information of Councillors.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

21 - 114 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Neil Westcott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.2 (DPE) February 2021 Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of February 2021 there were fourteen (14) Development Applications received totalling \$1,330,322.24 and seven (7) consents were issued. Three (3) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$1,208,805.00 and three (3) consents were issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

21 - 115 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bill Jayet.

CARRIED

12.3 (DPE) Re-Establishment of Alcohol free Zones in Parkes and Peak Hill

Executive Summary

Council resolved at its meeting of 19 January 2021 to re-establish Alcohol Free Zones in Parkes and Peak Hill in accordance with the process outlined in the Ministerial Guidelines. The process has been completed and the results tabled for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the re-establishment of the Alcohol Free Zones in Parkes and Peak Hill as outlined in the advertised proposal.
2. That Council update the Alcohol Free Zone signage to validate the new period ending 31 March 2025.

21 - 116 Resolution

1. That these recommendations be adopted.

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

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR WORKS AND SERVICES REPORT

13.1 (DWS) Major Projects & Current Works - Progress Report as at 16 March 2021

Executive Summary

This report presents an update on the current major projects within the Shire being managed or undertaken by Council's Works and Services Department.

The report outlines works other than routine maintenance that have been carried out over the past month and is provided for the information of Councillors.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

21 - 117 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Neil Westcott.

CARRIED

13.2 (DWS) Crown Reserve 79832 at Cookamidgera - Request for Additional Purpose

Executive Summary

Council's Director of Works and Services has been in negotiations with the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) and Cookamidgera residents to identify land suitable for the construction of a new RFS Brigade Station. A potential site has been identified within Crown Reserve 79832 for the placement of a Rural Fire Service Brigade Station.

Advice was sought from Crown Lands regarding the validity of the RFS Station being placed on the land and Council was advised that an additional purpose of "Rural Services" would need to be placed on Lot 9 Section 2 DP 758273 to allow future use by the RFS.

It was noted that the other allotment within Crown Reserve 79832 is subject to an Aboriginal Land Claim.

Recommendation

1. That Council request an additional purpose of "Rural Services" to land parcel identified as Lot 9 Section 2 DP 758273 within Reserve 79832.

21 - 118 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Neil Westcott, seconded Councillor Bill Jayet.

CARRIED

14 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

14.1 (DI) Major Projects & Current Works - Progress Report as at 16 March 2021

Executive Summary

This report presents an update on the current major projects within the Shire being managed or undertaken by Council's Infrastructure Department.

The report outlines works other than routine maintenance that have been carried out over the past month and is provided for the information of Councillors.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

21 - 119 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Neil Westcott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

15 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

15.1 Committee Minutes - Little Theatre Management Committee Meeting 1 February 2021

Executive Summary

The Parkes Shire Little Theatre Management Committee met on Monday 1 February 2021.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes together with the Recommendations of the Little Theatre Management Committee meeting held on 1 February 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

21 - 120 Resolution

1. That the Minutes together with the Recommendations of the Little Theatre Management Committee meeting held on 1 February 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Neil Westcott.

CARRIED

15.2 Committee Minutes - Elders Advisory Committee Meeting 16 February 2021

Executive Summary

A meeting of the Elders Advisory Committee was held in the Committee Room at Parkes Shire Council on 16 February 2021. Minutes of this meeting are attached for Council's information and endorsement.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Elders and Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 February 2021 be received and the recommendations of the Committee be endorsed and adopted by Council.

21 - 121 Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Elders and Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 February 2021 be received and the recommendations of the Committee be endorsed and adopted by Council.

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

CARRIED

15.3 Committee Minutes - Waste Facilities Committee Meeting 16 February 2021

Executive Summary

A meeting of the Parkes Shire Council Waste Facilities Committee was held at 10am on Tuesday 16 February 2021.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Waste Facilities meeting held on 16 February 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

21 - 122 Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Waste Facilities meeting held on 16 February 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

15.4 Committee Minutes - Climate Change Committee Meeting 2 March 2021

Executive Summary

The Climate Change Committee met on Tuesday 2 March 2021.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Climate Change Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

21 - 123 Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Climate Change Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

Moved Councillor Neil Westcott, seconded Councillor Bill Jayet.

CARRIED

15.5 Committee Minutes - Cooke Park Multipurpose Centre Inaugural Performance Sunset Committee Meeting 2 March 2021

Executive Summary

The Cooke Park Multipurpose Centre Inaugural Performance Sunset Committee met on 2 March 2021.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Cooke Park Multipurpose Centre Inaugural Performance Sunset Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

21 - 124 Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Cooke Park Multipurpose Centre Inaugural Performance Sunset Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2021 be endorsed and adopted except that the Community Open Day will be held the Saturday after the official opening.

Moved Councillor Bill Jayet, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

15.6 Committee Minutes - Rural Roads Advisory Group Meeting 4 March 2021

Executive Summary

A meeting of the Rural Roads Advisory Group was held Thursday 4 March 2021 in Peak Hill. The Minutes of the meeting are attached for Council's information.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Group Committee held on 4 March 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

21 - 125 Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Group Committee held on 4 March 2021 be endorsed and adopted.
2. That Council write to the members to thank them for their participation in these meetings.

Moved Councillor Neil Westcott, seconded Councillor Louise O'Leary.

CARRIED

15.7 Committee Minutes - Road Naming Committee Meeting 9 March 2021

Executive Summary

A Parkes Shire Council Road Naming Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 9 March 2021.

Recommendation

1. That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Road Naming Committee held 9 March 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

21 - 126 Resolution

1. That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Road Naming Committee held 9 March 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

Moved Councillor Pat Smith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

15.8 Committee Minutes - Parkes Sports Council Meeting 09 March 2021

Executive Summary

The Minutes of the Parkes Sports Council meeting held on 09 March 2021 are presented for the information of Council. At another well attended meeting the members discussed notable sporting performances with Bogan Gate taking home cricket's Grinstead Cup, representation of local players in regional Hornets touch football squads and local junior Bayden Moran debuting as a Panther in the NSW Rugby League Harold Matthews Cup. Also on the agenda were the Australia Day Sporting Awards, a projects update and a proposal to name the new running track at Northparkes Oval.

Recommendation

1. That the minutes of the Parkes Sports Council held on 09 March 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

21 - 127 Resolution

1. That the minutes of the Parkes Sports Council held on 09 March 2021 be endorsed and adopted.

Moved Councillor Louise O'Leary, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

16 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

16.1 Q&M from Cr Bill Jayet: Parkes Heated Pool

The issue of the much sought after Indoor Heated Pool facility for Parkes is often raised with me - even more so of late as the current swimming season comes to an end.

I recall at the commencement of my first term on Council of learning that the number 1 item on the community wish-list - gained through data/surveys and Community Consultative meetings - was an Indoor Pool for Parkes.

Anecdotally, comments repeatedly made to me indicate this is still the case.

Health and well-being of residents is a goal of Council. Children, our ageing population, those with disabilities or requiring rehabilitation after surgery are just 'pockets' of our population that would benefit from an indoor pool.

Many older residents - particularly those who are regular users of the pool during summer - be it through water aerobics classes that attracts up to 60 participants on certain days or regular lap swimmers - have expressed disappointment that come season's end they virtually have to go into "hibernation."

They are passionate that Council continues to pursue an Indoor Pool complex - repeatedly pointing out town's around our region who boast such a facility.

Residents want a heated pool in their lifetime.

They have spoken to me about outdoor pools in Canberra that are covered by an inflatable dome to allow for heated winter swimming.

Is this something we could look at doing, we certainly have the heating process in place.

Response from Director Works & Services Ben Howard:

Council has completed the initial design report for the construction of the indoor facility which was presented to Council in 2018. With the availability of multiple grant avenues and savings, Council could over time accumulate the capital, however capital is not the limiting factor.

The ongoing operating costs (ie over and above income) of an efficient indoor pool, based on the design that Council has received is likely to be in the magnitude of approximately \$400,000. This information has been provided to Council following a review of indoor pool facilities previously undertaken in Victoria and NSW.

According to the Office of Environment and Heritage, their report titled "Energy efficient water heating technology guide for aquatic centres" states that water and space heating can account for up to 80% of an aquatic centre's total energy costs and is the single most expensive operating cost after labour. The report also states that the following is an example of heat loss on heated pools:

- ☐ Evaporation: - 65% loss
- ☐ Convection: - 20% loss
- ☐ Radiation: - 10% loss
- ☐ Other losses incurred through backwash and conduction: - 5%

The cost of running a covered 50m pool (ie the existing pool), which would be less efficient in terms of heat retention, and a much larger water body the estimated cost for operations would be in the vicinity of \$650,000 - \$700,000. (this does not include the initial purchase of any external device such as a bubble or other systems). It is this ongoing operational costs which has a significant impact on the budget as this would need to be taken from other operational areas of council, such as roads, parks & gardens, or similar.

Additional information on the Parkes Indoor Pool Study identified that for the indoor aquatic centre to become more viable, a population drawcard of approx. 15,000 would be required which is currently the entire PSC population. With the development of the SAP and other economic drivers, the future of the indoor pool could become more viable with this potential increase in population

21 - 128 Resolution

1. That Council explore with the community during the next round of consultation whether a heated pool is still a high priority.
2. If the community deems a heated pool to be a high priority, then Council will obtain quotes for a 25m heated pool including change rooms to link into the existing system and other alternatives/ options and also a consideration of the operational costs.

Moved Councillor Bill Jayet, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

16.2 Q&M from Cr Bill Jayet: Purchase of keyboard from the Parkes Town Improvement Fund

What is the possibility of Council drawing from the Parkes Town Improvement Fund to purchase an electronic piano for use at the new Cooke Park Pavilion and the Coventry Room at the Parkes Shire Library and Cultural Centre? I see a piano as being essential for future concerts on stage at the Cooke Park Pavilion and for formal and other arts events at the Coventry Room where the piano would be housed. I have been advised that an electronic Baby Grand piano would cost between \$10,000 to \$12,000. However, I believe it would be an investment in further enhancing the arts in Parkes.

Response from General Manager Kent Boyd PSM:

Currently Council hires a keyboard every year for the Parkes Elvis Festival and has done so in the past for shows at the M&D and Parkes Leagues Club. The need varies each year depending on the bands the Council uses and their needs. It is envisaged that a keyboard would also be used for Opera in the Park.

The available balance in the Parkes Town Improvement Fund is \$115,835.

21 - 129 Resolution

1. That Council obtain quotes to purchase a piano for the Cooke Park Pavilion and Coventry Room.

Moved Councillor Pat Smith, seconded Councillor Bill Jayet.

CARRIED

16.3 Q&M from Cr Ken McGrath: Water park at Kelly Reserve

Can Council please investigate the feasibility of building a water park at Kelly Reserve.

Response from Director Works & Services Ben Howard:

Council has previously investigated options and suitable locations for the construction of a water park/splash park facility in the township of Parkes. The concept was originally brought to Councils attention through the development of the Kelly Reserve Master Plan in 2019.

Council staff have formed a working party in conjunction with Northparkes Mines as NPM have contributed \$50,000 towards the project. The working party have developed a community consultation framework which is expected to be released shortly to gauge the level of interest for the project. Other matters to be discussed through the consultation process include (but not limited too):

- Location (is Kelly Reserve the most appropriate location)
- Style and type of splash park
- Size - projects of this magnitude with filtration and recycling systems could easily exceed \$400,000 for base style systems

Grant funding would need to be sought for the success of this project as this is currently unfunded in any Council long term plans. The ongoing operational costs, including water, power, maintenance and replacement of pumping systems would all need to be factored into the original CAPEX application to determine the entire project and operating costs.

21 - 130 Resolution

1. That Council consult with the community and Parkes Action Club whether a water park is a high priority.
2. That Council investigate the feasibility of building a water park in Parkes (costs, style and location).

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bill Jayet.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.15pm.