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GUNNEDAH SHIRE COUNCIL

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
Gunnedah Shire Council
held on

Wednesday 15 July 2015

Consisting of Pages 1 to 10

(Minute Nos 1.07/15 to 22.07/15)

are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting
as per Minute No 1.08/15 of the
Ordinary Meeting held on 26 August 2015.



Mayor Owen Hasler
CHAIRPERSON

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of Gunnedah Shire Council held on Wednesday 15 July 2015 in the
Council Chambers, 63 Elgin Street, Gunnedah, commencing at 4:34pm.

1. COUNCILLOR	PRESENT	APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE	APOLOGY TENDERED	ABSENT
OC Hasler	X			
RG Swain	X			
H Allgayer	X			
T Duddy		X		
C Fuller	X			
GA Griffen	X			
D Quince	X			
R Ryan	X			
SJ Smith	X			
STAFF				
General Manager (E Groth)	X			
Executive Manager Business Systems and Governance (C Formann)	X			
Acting Director Planning and Environmental Services (B O'Mullane)	X			
Director Infrastructure Services (W Kerr)	X			

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

2. **PRAYER**

The Mayor opened the meeting with the customary prayer.

3. **BEREAVEMENTS**

The Mayor read off the list of bereavements being Allen James Stacey, John Matheson, Jayne Fulwood, Ronald Arthur Holloway, William James Rogers, Beverley Jocelyn Dennis, John Warwick Walker, Noel Douglas Mills, Shirley Patricia Dawn Bettridge and Douglas Harold Spradbrow.

It was RESOLVED that Council pay their respects to the deceased and extend their condolences to the family and friends of the deceased with a minute's silence.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

COUNCILLOR	ITEM	REPORT	P	SNP	LSNP	RC	REASON
RG SWAIN	9.4	Caroona Cola Project Community Consultative Committee			X		Son employed by BHP Billiton
STAFF	ITEM	REPORT	P	SNP	LSNP	RC	REASON
Nil							

P – Pecuniary

SNP – Significant Non Pecuniary

LSNP – Less than Significant Non Pecuniary

RC – Remain in Chamber during consideration/discussion of item

5. **COMMUNITY PRESENTATION**

Nil.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor RG SWAIN
Seconded Councillor SJ SMITH*

1.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2015 were received and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting, with the following amendment:

9.1 TARRAWONGA COAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE, CANYON MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors RG Swain, SJ Smith and H Allgayer declared an interest, left the Chamber and took no part in discussion or consideration of this item.

Councillor GA Griffen left the Chamber and took no part in discussion or consideration of this item.

6.2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

*Council Resolution
Moved Councillor SJ SMITH
Seconded Councillor R RYAN*

2.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

The Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 24 June 2015 were received and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

9.1 SPONSORSHIP OF DROVER'S RUN 4WD OUTBACK ADVENTURE – WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE

AUTHOR General Manager

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor R RYAN

3.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council provides level 3 sponsorship totaling \$500 to support fundraising for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service New England North West.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

A Motion was Moved Councillor RG Swain, Seconded Councillor GA Griffen that Council consider Item 2 of the General Manager's Report concerning the Policy Review – Communication and Media Engagement at the conclusion of the General Manager's Report.

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

9.2 POLICY REVIEW – SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

AUTHOR Manager Customer and Community Relations

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

4.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

That the amended Policy – Social Media be noted and adopted.

9.3 CAROONA COAL PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillor RG Swain declared and interest, left the Chamber and took no part in discussion or consideration of this item.

AUTHOR Director Planning and Environmental Services

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor GA GRIFFEN

Seconded Councillor C FULLER

5.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

That the Manager Development and Planning, Mrs Carolyn Hunt be nominated by Council as its technical representative to the Caroon Coal Project Community Consultative Committee in lieu of the Director Planning and Environmental Services for the period up to 30 November 2015.

9.4 BUSINESS CASE – ADDITIONAL SOUVENIR LINE FOR VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

AUTHOR **Manager Customer and Community Relations**

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

6.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

That Council seek expressions of interest from persons/organisations interested in the supply of a promotional product showcasing Gunnedah that best meets the criteria detailed within the report.

9.5 2015 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - MOTIONS

AUTHOR **General Manager**

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

7.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

That Council submit the following motion to the 2015 Local Government NSW Annual Conference:

Issue 1 – proposed for consideration by Councillor RG Swain

Category: 4. Governance/Civic Leadership

Heading or Title: NSW Electorate Review

Details of issue: *In rural regional electorates travel distances, time for travel and remoteness make it difficult for councils and citizens to access their elected representatives.*

Motion or Proposed Solution:

- 1.** *That the NSW Government be requested to urgently investigate the NSW Electoral Act with a view to allowing the creation of smaller electorates in Rural Regional NSW.*
- 2.** *That the size of these electorates be reviewed, taking into consideration travel distances, remoteness and relative disadvantage to facilitate equitable and fair face to face contact for citizens and Councils with elected representatives.*

9.6 INVESTMENTS

AUTHOR **Assistant Finance Manager**

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor H ALLGAYER

Seconded Councillor RG SWAIN

8.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

That the principal investment of \$48.5 million for all funds to date be received and noted.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

9.7 **POLICY REVIEW – COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**

AUTHOR Manager Customer and Community Relations

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

9.07/15 **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

That the amended Policy – Communication and Media Engagement be noted and adopted.

10. **BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND GOVERNANCE**

10.1 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

AUTHOR Executive Manager, Business Systems and Governance

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

10.07/15 **COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:**

That Council:

1. Pursuant to s.241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the annual Mayoral allowance be \$24,030.00 effective 1 July 2015 for the ensuing 12 month period.
2. Pursuant to s.241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the annual Councillor fees be \$11,010.00 effective 1 July 2015 for the ensuing 12 month period.

10.2 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2015/16**

AUTHOR Executive Manager, Business Systems and Governance

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor R RYAN

11.07/15 **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

That Council pay the 2015/16 Local Government NSW membership renewal fee of \$28,097.30 by 30 July 2015.

10.3 **OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REGISTER**

AUTHOR Executive Manager, Business Systems and Governance

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor SJ SMITH

Seconded Councillor C FULLER

12.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That in relation to Resolution No 2.05/15P the General Manager contact the company with regard to the clean up and rehabilitation of the land in relation to the Consolidated Coal Lease 711.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

A Motion was Moved Councillor H Allgayer, Seconded Councillor GA Griffen that Council consider the Executive Manager Business Systems and Governance Supplementary Report.

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor H ALLGAYER

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

10.4 ELECTION OF TEMPORARY DEPUTY MAYOR

AUTHOR Executive Manager, Business Systems and Governance

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor H ALLGAYER

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

13.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That Council proceeds to the election of a temporary Deputy Mayor to perform the role of Deputy Mayor whilst the Mayor and current Deputy Mayor are overseas;
2. That the term of office for the temporary Deputy Mayor be 17 July 2015 to 29 July 2015 or until the current Deputy Mayor returns from overseas;
3. That the current Deputy Mayor resumes office upon her return from overseas;
4. That the election for the temporary Deputy Mayor be conducted by Ordinary Ballot;
5. That, should the vote go to a ballot, the Ordinary Ballot papers for the election of the temporary Deputy Mayor be destroyed;
6. That for the term of the temporary Deputy Mayor all delegations applicable to the current Deputy Mayor be delegated to the temporary Deputy Mayor.
7. That Councillor R Ryan, being the only nomination, be declared to the position of temporary Deputy Mayor for the period 17 July 2015 to 29 July 2015.

11. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

11.1 DRAFT GUNNEDAH KOALA STRATEGY

AUTHOR Manager Development and Planning

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor SJ SMITH

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

14.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Draft Gunnedah Koala Strategy be reviewed by Council and referred to the August Planning Environment and Development Committee meeting for consideration.
2. That the Planning Environment and Development Committee be delegated authority to amend, if necessary, the Draft Gunnedah Koala Strategy and endorse the Draft Strategy for public exhibition.

11.2 PROPOSED ROAD NAMES – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO 2015/003 – 85 LINKS ROAD, GUNNEDAH

AUTHOR Manager Development and Planning

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor H ALLGAYER

15.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

That in relation to the naming of the newly created roads within the approved subdivision of 85 Links Road, Gunnedah, Council:

- i) Approve, in principle, the road names 'Parish Avenue' and 'Siffleet Terrace'.
- ii) Advertise the proposed names as required by the Roads (General) Regulation 2000 addition to the Roads Act 1993, Section 162 to enable interested parties the opportunity to make comment.
- iii) Serve notice of proposed names on Australia Post, the Registrar-General and the Surveyor-General and the Geographical Names Board.
- iv) Following consideration and determination of any submissions made, proceed to publish the adopted names in the Government Gazette and notify the Australia Post, the Registrar-general and the Surveyor-general and the Geographical Names Board, with sufficient particulars for identification of the road.

11.3 ADDENDUM TO THE GUNNEDAH SHIRE RURAL STRATEGY – CURLEWIS AND ENVIRONS

AUTHOR Manager Development and Planning

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor H ALLGAYER

16.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the draft Addendum to the Gunnedah Shire Rural Strategy be endorsed.
2. That a Planning Proposal be prepared for Stage 1 of the Addendum to the Gunnedah Shire Rural Strategy.

12. *INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES*

12.1 2015 LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

AUTHOR Manager Water Services

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

17.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council resolve for Councillor T Duddy to accompany the Manager Water Services to attend the 2015 LGNSW Water Management Conference to be held in Bowral from 24-26 August 2015.

12.2 2015 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS

AUTHOR Director Infrastructure Services

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor H ALLGAYER

Seconded Councillor RG SWAIN

18.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council resolve for Councillor SJ Smith to accompany the Director Infrastructure Services to attend the 2015 ALGA National Local Roads and Transport congress to be held in Ballarat from 17-19 November 2015.

12.3 DRINKING WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

AUTHOR Manager Water Services

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

19.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council adopt the Drinking Water Management System.

12.4 POLICY REVIEW – PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

AUTHOR Senior Weeds Officer

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor C FULLER

20.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council place the revised Pesticide Use Notification Plan Policy on public exhibition for a period of 30 days.

12.5 LYLE GRIFFITHS GYMNASTIC CENTRE – TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

AUTHOR Director Planning and Environmental Services

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

21.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the rule detailed in the Schedule below, in respect of use of the Lyle Griffiths Gymnastic Centre be approved:

Schedule:

Persons undertaking or supporting programs and activities conducted at the Centre shall not be entitled to any remuneration for their services, although out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the conduct or support of such programs or activities may be reimbursed by the user group responsible for the program or activity.

12.6 LEASE AGREEMENT – PART LOT 441 DP755503 – GUNNEDAH SERVICES AND BOWLING CLUB

AUTHOR Director Planning and Environmental Services

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor RG SWAIN

Seconded Councillor GA GRIFFEN

22.07/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club be offered a temporary lease, under the same terms as the recently expired three year lease, for a period of six months to 31 December 2015 in respect of part of Lot 441 DP755503 (Reserve 78765), being an area of 2664 square metres at the corner of Eighth Division Memorial Avenue and Acacia Street, Gunnedah.

2. That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Temporary Lease Agreement on Council's behalf.
3. That discussions be held with the Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club regarding the land area required for any future lease.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5:19pm.

Mayor OC Hasler
CHAIRPERSON