



GunnedahShire

GUNNEDAH SHIRE COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 16 March 2022

Consisting of Pages 1 to 7
(Minute Nos 1.03/22 to 16.03/22)

are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting
as per Minute No 2.04/22 of the
Ordinary Meeting held on 20 April 2022.

GUNNEDAH

Mayor Jamie Chaffey
CHAIRPERSON

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
of Gunnedah Shire Council held on Wednesday 16 March 2022 in the
Council Chambers, 63 Elgin Street, Gunnedah commencing at 4:30pm

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Kamilaroi people as the traditional custodians of the Land on which we gather today. I would also like to pay respect to Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians present.

2. PRAYER

The Mayor opened the meeting with the customary prayer.

3. BEREAVEMENTS

The Mayor read off the list of bereavements being Norman Kingsford Syphers, John Douglas Ashworth, Wendy Christine Rootes, Elva Margaret Cameron, Michael James Leslie, Margaret Mary de Mestre-Allen, Mavis Magdalene Jones, Peter David Kelly, Kevin William George Court and Leslie Edward Jones.

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. PRESENT/APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR	PRESENT	APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE	ABSENT
J Chaffey (Chair)	X		
C Fuller	X		
R Hoddle	X		
R Hooke	X		
A Luke	X		
J McArthur	X		
K McGrath	X		
D Moses	X		
M O'Keefe	X		
STAFF			
General Manager (E Groth)			X
Acting General Manager (J Bartlett)	X		
Director Corporate and Community Services (C Formann)	X		
Director Planning and Environmental Services (A Johns)	X		

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING

MOTION Moved Councillor D MOSES
Seconded Councillor J MCARTHUR

1.03/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 16 February 2022 were received and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR	ITEM	REPORT	P	SNP	LSNP	RC	REASON
NIL							
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

7. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Mr Greg Lamont, Executive Officer- Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils, was in attendance to make a presentation in relation to Item 1 (Agenda Item 11.2) of the Director Planning and Environmental Services Report concerning Membership of Mining and Energy Related Councils.

Mr Owen Hasler was in attendance to make a presentation in relation to Item 1 (Agenda Item 11.2) of the Director Planning and Environmental Services Report concerning Membership of Mining and Energy Related Councils.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

9.1 2022 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE – MOTIONS

AUTHOR General Manager

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider the proposed motions for the 2022 National General Assembly (NGA) Conference and determine those it wishes to submit to the Assembly.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A Motion was Moved Councillor R HOOKE, Seconded Councillor M O'KEEFE to move into Committee of the Whole.

Councillor K McGrath left the Chamber, the time being 5:34pm.

Councillor K McGrath returned to the Chamber, the time being 5:36pm.

RESOLUTION OUT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A Motion was Moved Councillor R HOOKE, Seconded Councillor D MOSES to move back into Ordinary Meeting.

MOTION *Moved Councillor R HOOKE*
 Seconded Councillor M MCARTHUR

2.03/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

That Council submit the seven motions within the report to the 2022 National General Assembly Conference.

1. *That the Australian Local Government Association calls on the Federal Government to remove restrictions preventing the development of Nuclear Energy as a viable option in the production of base load electricity following the decommissioning of coal fired power stations throughout Australia.*
2. *That the Australian Local Government Association calls on the Commonwealth Government to conduct a review into the Local Government (Financial Assistance Grant) Act 1995 and the basis on which grant funding for roads is allocated, to create a more equitable approach to allocations and one that recognises the infrastructure managed by Local Government in the rural, regional and remote regions of Australia.*
3. *That the Australian Local Government Association calls on the Commonwealth Government to provide Councils with an additional one off Roads to Recovery grant equal to 50% of the annual funding for the maintenance, repair and renewal of roads because of the prolonged wet and dry conditions across the Eastern Seaboard.*
4. *That the Australian Local Government Association calls on the Commonwealth Government to commence a mature and informed discussion inclusive of all relevant commonwealth guidelines, on the use of wastewater for specific purposes other than parks and gardens and including road maintenance activities undertaken by local government.*
5. *That the Australian Local Government Association calls on the Commonwealth Government to delay any cut or suspension of the current fuel excise tax arrangements until such time as a genuine reform package can be legislated to replace the tax with a mechanism which distributes this vital road maintenance funding across all road users regardless of fuel type.*
6. *That the Australian Local Government Association calls on the Commonwealth Government to provide funding to the States for full time career medical officer positions in rural and remote public hospitals MM4-7 where local GP's cannot adequately fill their VMO vacancies.*
7. *That the Australian Local Government Association calls on the Commonwealth Government to redouble their efforts to both extend and improve mobile coverage in rural areas.*

9.2 INVESTMENTS

AUTHOR Coordinator Accounting and Treasury

MOTION Moved Councillor M O'KEEFE
Seconded Councillor D MOSES

3.03/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the principal investment of \$77.5 million for all funds to date be received and noted.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and report adopted.

10. **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

10.1 COUNCILLOR SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTION

AUTHOR Manager Governance and Legal

MOTION Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor C FULLER

4.03/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That pursuant to Section 254B of the Local Government Act, superannuation payments be made to Councillors, commencing 1 July 2022; and

2. Note that the estimated budget of \$15,000 will be included in the 2022/23 draft Operational Plan and Delivery Program and already considered in existing long term estimates.

10.2 OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REGISTER

AUTHOR Director Corporate and Community Services

MOTION Moved Councillor K MCGRATH
Seconded Councillor C FULLER

5.03/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the information be received and noted.

11. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

11.1 REQUEST TO REALLOCATE CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING – ANIMAL IMPOUND FACILITY

AUTHOR Director Planning and Environmental Services

MOTION Moved Councillor D MOSES
Seconded Councillor C FULLER

6.03/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the transfer of \$166,935.00 from the Wandobah Reserve Fencing project to the construction of the new Animal Impound Facility.

11.2 MEMBERSHIP TO MINING AND ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS

AUTHOR Director Planning and Environmental Services

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

For the decision of Council.

A Motion was Moved Councillor R HOOKE, Seconded Councillor M O'KEEFE:

That Council not renew membership of the Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was Carried.

MOTION Moved Councillor R HOOKE
Seconded Councillor M O'KEEFE

7.03/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council not renew membership of the Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils.

11.3 STANDARD INSTRUMENT LEP AGRITOURISM AMENDMENT ORDER

AUTHOR Senior Development Officer (Strategic)

MOTION Moved Councillor C FULLER
Seconded Councillor M O'KEEFE

8.03/22 **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

That Council advise the Department of Planning and Environment to incorporate the proposed Farm Stay Accommodation and Farm Gate Premise Clauses (Clauses 5.23 and 5.24), as detailed in Attachment 1, into the Gunnedah Local Environmental Plan 2012, and to permit 'Agritourism', 'Farm Experience' and 'Farm Gate Premises' in the zones that currently have 'Agriculture' as a permissible land use.

11.4 **EMPLOYMENT ZONES REFORM**

AUTHOR **Senior Development Officer (Strategic)**

MOTION *Moved Councillor J MCARTHUR*
 Seconded Councillor K MCGRATH

9.03/22 **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

That Council endorses the Employment Zones Translation Detail, prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment, for the Gunnedah Local Environmental Plan 2012 for public exhibition for a period of six weeks.

12. **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

12.1 **COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – 100 YEAR CENTENARY PLAQUES**

AUTHOR **Acting Manager Public Facilities**

MOTION *Moved Councillor C FULLER*
 Seconded Councillor R HOOKE

10.03/22 **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

That Council place the Country Women's Association 100 Year Centenary plaque design on public exhibition for a period of 21 days and approve its installation in the locations described in the report if no submissions are received.

12.2 **WAIVING OF PRIVATE WORKS FEES – GUNNEDAH MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC**

AUTHOR **Acting Manager Public Facilities**

MOTION *Moved Councillor D MOSES*
 Seconded Councillor J MCARTHUR

11.03/22 **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

That Council waive \$2,438.56 of private works hire fees on plant and equipment to assist the Gunnedah Motorcycle Club maintain the track.

12.3 **RYAN ROAD, CARROLL – CREEK CROSSING UPGRADE PROPOSAL**

AUTHOR **Manager Works**

MOTION *Moved Councillor R HOOKE*
 Seconded Councillor C FULLER

12.03/22 **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

That Council allocate the required 25% co-contribution of \$122,000 from the 2022/23 gravel resheeting program toward a NSW Government Fixing Local Roads grant application to enable the design and construction of a box culvert drainage structure with concrete causeway top and sealed road approaches to address issues for heavy vehicle access to properties on Ryan Road, Carroll.

12.4 **REVIEW WATER DROUGHT AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLANS**

AUTHOR **Acting Manager Water Services**

MOTION *Moved Councillor R HOOKE*
 Seconded Councillor R HODDLE

13.03/22 **COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:**

That Council:

- 1.** **Adopt the revised Gunnedah Water Supply Drought and Demand Management Plans.**
- 2.** **Update the Gunnedah Shire Water Restrictions Policy to reflect the community survey results by adjusting the watering times to 5:00pm to 7:00pm Eastern Standard Time, and 6:00pm to 8:00pm Daylight Savings Time.**

13. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Nil.

14. **DELEGATES REPORTS**

Nil.

15. **NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil.

CLOSED COUNCIL

MOTION *Moved Councillor J MCARTHUR*
 Seconded Councillor C FULLER

14.03/22 **A Motion was Moved into Closed Council for consideration of the following matters and that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting, the reason being that the matters to be discussed concerned personnel and contractual matters, as detailed below:**

- a)** **Director Infrastructure Services Report to Closed Council.**

16. **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

16.1 **TENDER T2122-10 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE GUNNEDAH AIRPORT NEW RUNWAY LIGHTING**

AUTHOR **Manager Project Services**

MOTION *Moved Councillor C FULLER*
 Seconded Councillor M O'KEEFE

15.03/22 **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

That Saunders Electrics be awarded contract T2122-10 as the single source supplier to Gunnedah Shire Council for the Gunnedah Airport New Runway Lighting works.

RESOLUTION OUT OF CLOSED COUNCIL

MOTION *Moved Councillor D MOSES*
 Seconded Councillor C FULLER

16.03/22 **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

On the resumption of the Ordinary business of the meeting, the Chairperson reported that the previous resolutions were adopted in Closed Council.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:30pm.

Councillor J Chaffey
MAYOR