

MEETING MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL



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**Council Chambers | Walgett Shire
Council 77 Fox Street, Walgett**

Held Tuesday 23 July 2024 at 9.00am

MEETING OPEN

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:08 AM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands within the Walgett Shire and acknowledged the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within the Shire.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT**COUNCILLORS:**

Mayor Jasen Ramien
Deputy Mayor Colin Hundy
Councillor Greg Rummery
Councillor Michael Cooke
Councillor Ian Woodcock
Councillor Sue Currey
Councillor Alf Seaton
Councillor Daniel Walford

STAFF:

Megan Dixon General Manager
Ernest Mhande Chief Financial Officer
Kazi Mahmud Director Infrastructure and Compliance
Sherisse Fensom Executive Officer / Minute Secretary

Members of the public present: 2

Livestreaming attendance: 4

09/2024/01 The Mayor raised a motion that Katrina Annis Brown from the Office of Local Government attend the meeting via webcast.

Moved by: Councillor **CURREY**

Seconded by: Councillor **KEIR**

There were no apologies for this meeting.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Item Number	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Jasen RAMIEN	14.3.2	Pecuniary	Family Business
	14.3.3	Pecuniary	Family Business
	14.3.4	Pecuniary	Family Business
	16.1.1	Pecuniary	Family Business
Jane KEIR	14.3.4	Pecuniary	Family Business
	16.1.1	Pecuniary	Family Business

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public forum presenters at this meeting.

09/2024/02 ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2024

RESOLVED ON MOTION by Councillor **WALFORD**; Seconded by Councillor **KEIR**; that the minutes from the Ordinary meeting held on the 25th June 2024 having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

09/2024/03 ADOPTION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2024
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **CURREY**; Seconded by Councillor **WALFORD**;
That the minutes from the Extraordinary meeting held on the 3rd July 2024 having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

09/2024/04 MAYORAL MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RAMIEN**; Seconded by Councillor **CURREY** ;
That Council receive and note the Mayoral report for July 2024.

09/2024/05 FAR NORTH WEST JOINT ORGANISATION REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **HUNDY**; Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY**
That Council adopt the Far North West Joint Organisation Regional Drought Resilience Plan.
The MOTION Upon being put to the meeting was declared CARRIED

09/2024/06 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS ORDER
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **HUNDY**;
That Council receive and note the Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order

09/2024/07 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **COOKE**; Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY**;
That Council receive and note the correspondence regarding contributions from the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

09/2024/08 NETWASTE
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY**;
That Council receive and note the submission from NetWaste

09/2024/09 MATTERS IN PROGRESS
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **CURREY**;
That the Matters in Progress up until July 2024 be received and noted.

09/2024/010 IMPORTANT DATES – UPCOMING MEETING AND EVENTS
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **HUNDY**;
That Council receives and notes the list of upcoming meetings and events.

09/2024/11 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM NSW OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **HUNDY**;
That the information contained in the following circular GC-153 2024-25 Financial Assistance Grants from the Office of Local Government, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure be received and noted.

09/2024/12 COUNCIL PROJECTS UPDATE JULY 2024
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **COOKE**; Seconded by Councillor **CURREY**;
That Council receive and note the monthly projects report for June 2024

09/2024/13 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **WALFORD**

1. That the information in the report be noted
2. That Council approve the closure of Council services on the 14th August to enable all staff to participate in a staff development day and the community be advised of the closures.

09/2024/14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **SEATON**; Seconded by Councillor **KEIR**
That the report for Community Development from May to June 2024 be received.

09/2024/15 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT JUNE 2024
RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **HUNDY**;
That Council receive and note the Economic Development Report for June 2024

09/2024/16 MACQUARIE BANK CASH MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **HUNDY** ; Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY**;
That Council resolves to remove of old signatories, add appointment of new signatories, approve new signatories' roles and approve signing instructions for the management of Macquarie Bank Cash Management Account 968481408 and Macquarie Bank Cash Management Accelerator Account 940356066: and approve of signing instructions being any 2 signatories to authorise transfers and payments on both Macquarie Bank Cash Management Accounts.

Removal of Old Signatories Signatory Role

1. Michael Urquhart General Manager
2. Anthony Hughes Director of Corporate Services
3. Raju Ranij Director of Engineering/Technical Services
4. Hafiz Malik Director of Corporate Services

Additional Signatories Signatory Role

1. Megan Dixon General Manager
2. Kazi Mahmud Director of Infrastructure and Compliance
3. Ernest Mhande Chief Financial Officer
4. Seema Dutt Finance Manager

The MOTION Upon being put to the meeting was declared CARRIED

09/2024/17 JUNE INVESTMENT REPORT UP TO 30 JUNE 2024

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY**;
That the Investment Report to 30 June 2024 be received and noted.

09/2024/18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **HUNDY**; Seconded by Councillor **CURREY**
That Council receive and note the Infrastructure Services Report for June 2024.

At 10.05am Mayor Ramien declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Council Chambers.

Deputy Mayor Hundy assumed the role of Chairperson.

09/2024/19 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT JUNE 2024

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **COOKE**
That Council receive and note the Major Projects Report for June 2024

09/2024/20 AMENDMENT MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT JUNE 2024

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **KEIR** that Council call an extraordinary meeting to discuss Cryon Road prior to the 14th August 2024.

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

The amendment then became the motion.

All in Favour

09/2024/21 GUNDABLOUI ROAD APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **SEATON**

- 1) That Council endorse the funding application for Gundabloui Road Seal Extension through Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.
- 2) That Council endorse the planning and execution of the project if approved by the funding body.
- 3) That Council endorse the use of the 24/25 & 25/26 Block Grant Funding as the 20% co contribution needed for the funding(FY24/25 \$800,000.00 FY25/26 \$450,000.00)

For: Councillors Seaton, Woodcock, Cooke.

Against: Councillors Currey, Keir, Rummery, Walford, Hundy

The MOTION Upon being put to the meeting was declared LOST

At 10.31 Councillor Keir declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Council Chambers.

09/2024/22 INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS UPDATE JUNE 2024**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **COOKE**

That Council receive and note the Infrastructure Works Update Report for June 2024

*At 10.32 Mayor Ramien and Councillor Keir returned to the meeting.**Mayor Ramien resumed the role of Chairperson.***09/2024/23 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION APPROVALS JUNE 2024****RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **CURREY**; Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY**

That Council receive and note the report for Development Application Approvals June 2024.

09/2024/24 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10.33am**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **CURREY**

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

(1) A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises--

- (a) the discussion of any of the matters listed in subclause (2), or
- (b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.

(2) The matters and information are the following—

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person

with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed--
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret,

(3) A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may also close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public.

(4) A council, or a committee of a council, may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

*At 10.05am Mayor Ramien and Councillor Keir declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Council Chambers.**Deputy Mayor Hundy assumed the role of Chairperson.***09C/2024/24 RFT 24/004 PROVISION OF PLANT HIRE****RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **SEATON**; Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY**

That Council approves the 39 nominated suppliers for inclusion to the plant hire panel for a 12 month period.

*At 10.37 Mayor Ramien and Councillor Keir returned to the meeting.**Mayor Ramien resumed the role of Chairperson.***09C/2024/25 FORENSIC AUDIT****RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **HUNDY** ; Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY**

The information in the report be noted.

09C/2024/25 WATER PRICE VARIATION FOR ASSESSMENT 22434

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **CURREY**
That Council declines the request of a reduction on water supply fees and charges for assessment 22434.

All Against

09C/2024/25 Amendment WATER PRICE VARIATION FOR ASSESSMENT 22434

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY** that

- 1) the proposed charge of 28.5c be applied to assessment number 22434
- 2) that 28 days public notice is given for the 28.5c
- 3) that the revised rate of 28.5c does is not to be used intensive livestock activities

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

The amendment then became the motion.

All in Favour

09C/2024/26 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **HUNDY**; Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY** that
Council conduct the Annual Performance Review of the General Manager with LGNSW facilitator.

09/2024/27 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RUMMERY** ; Seconded by Councillor **KEIR** ;
That Council return to open session at 1.44pm

09/2024/28 ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor **RUMMERY** Seconded by Councillor **KEIR**
That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

With no further business the meeting was closed by Mayor Ramien at 1.45 pm
Minutes to be confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27 August 2024

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CHAIRPERSON

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GENERAL MANAGER