

# MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Council Chambers | Walgett Shire Council 77 Fox Street, Walgett

Megan Dixon

GENERAL MANAGER

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2024 AT 9.00 AM

#### **MEETING OPEN**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:04am

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Deputy 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.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

#### **COUNCILLORS:**

Mayor Jasen Ramien Councillor Jane Keir Councillor Ian Woodcock Councillor Alf Seaton Councillor Daniel Walford

#### STAFF:

Kazi Mahmud Director Infrastructure and Compliance

Ernest Mhande Chief Financial Officer

Tim Williams Acting Manager of Infrastructure (Roads)
Katherine Matts Communications Consultant
Sherisse Fensom Executive Officer / Minute Secretary

#### 11/2024/01 RECESS AND AWARDS FROM 10.15AM

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; That Council take a short recess at 10:15am, followed by the Citizenship Ceremony, Dick Colless Awards Presentation, and Councillor Awards Presentation at 10:30am.

#### 11/2024/02 APOLOGISE AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; Seconded by Councillor **WALFORD**; That the apologise received for Councillor Currey, Councillor Cooke, Councillor Rummery and Deputy Mayor Colin Hundy are accepted.

#### 5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Item No	Pecuniary/Non-	Reason
		Pecuniary	
Ramien	12.3.3	Pecuniary	Family Business –
			Maintenance Grading
Keir	12.3.3	Pecuniary	Family Business –
			Maintenance Grading

#### 6. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

#### 11/2024/03 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 23 JULY 2024

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **SEATON**;

That the minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

#### 11/2024/04 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 13 AUGUST 2024

RESOLVED ON MOTION by Councillor SEATON; Seconded by Councillor KEIR;

That the minutes from the Extraordinary Council meeting held on the 13th August 2024 having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE/DELEGATES

Nil

#### **MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

#### 11/2024/05 MAYORAL MONTHLY REPORT

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **SEATON**; Seconded by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; That the Mayoral Report for August 2024 be received and noted.

#### 11/2024/06 IMAGINATION LIBRARY - LETTER TO PREMIER OF NSW

RESOLVED ON MOTION by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor SEATON;

That Council notes the letter and support for the Imagination Library.

## 11/2024/07 INTEGRITY ISSUES RELATING TO THE 2024 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – ICAC

RESOLVED ON MOTION by Councillor KEIR: Seconded by Councillor WOODCOCK;

That Council notes the letter from the Independent Commission Against Corruption regarding integrity issues relating to the 2024 NSW Local Government Elections.

#### 11/2024/08 MATTERS IN PROGRESS

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **WALFORD**; Seconded by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; That the Matters in Progress up until August 2024 be received and noted.

#### 11/2024/09 IMPORTANT DATES - UPCOMING MEETING AND EVENTS

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; Seconded by Councillor **SEATON**; That Council receives and notes the list of upcoming meetings and events.

## 11/2024/10 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM NSW OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLVED ON MOTION by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor SEATON;

That the information contained in the following Department circular 24-13, 24-14 and 24,15 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet, be received and noted.

#### 11/2024/11 GENERAL MANAGER DELEGATIONS DURING CARETAKER PERIOD

RESOLVED ON MOTION by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor WALFORD;

That Council grant the General Manager temporary delegated authority to make decisions on routine and administrative matters until the new Council is formally sworn in.

#### 11/2024/12 COUNCIL PROJECTS UPDATE AUGUST 2024

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; Seconded by Councillor **KEIR**; That the Council projects list for August 2024 be received and noted.

#### 11/2024/13 CASH AND INVESTMENT FOR JULY 2024

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; That the Investment report for July 2024 be received and noted.

#### 11/2024/14 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; Seconded by Councillor **SEATON**; That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 30 June 2024 as tabled.

#### 11/2023/15 COMPLIANCE MATTERS FOR BRIEF MENTION JULY 2024

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; That the Council receive and note the matters for brief mention or information for compliance matters during July 2024.

#### 11/2023/16 DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS JULY 2024

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; That Council receives and notes the development approvals for July 2024 report.

#### 12.3.3 WORKS UPDATE FOR ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE JULY 2024

No resolution was reached on this matter due to a lack of quorum, as two Councillors declared a pecuniary interest. The matter will be deferred to a later meeting, though this decision was not made through a formal resolution.

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the works update for roads infrastructure report July 2024

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009 - SECT 150EU Procedure if no quorum for deciding matter because of prescribed conflicts of interest or declarable conflicts of interest (austlii.edu.au)

## 11/2023/18 INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE REPORT JULY 2024 RESOLVED ON MOTION by Councillor WOODCOCK; Seconded by Councillor KEIR; That Council receive and note the Infrastructure Services expenditure report for July 2024.

#### 11/2023/19 INFRASTRUCTURE MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE JULY 2024

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; Seconded by Councillor **SEATON**; That Council receive and note the Infrastructure major projects update report for July 2024.

#### 11/2023/20 REVIEW OF FUNDING MODELS FOR LOCAL WATER UTILITIES

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **KEIR**; Seconded by Councillor **SEATON**; That Council receive and note the attached Review of Funding Models for Local Water Utilities from the NSW Productivity and Equality Commission.

#### 11C/2024/21 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; Seconded by Councillor **SEATON**; That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2) (a) (f) the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

- 1) The matters and information are the following
  - a. personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),

(f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property.

Time: 9:40am

## 11C/2024/22 UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE – 15 AUGUST 2024

**RESOLVED ON MOTION** by Councillor **KIER**; Seconded by Councillor **SEATON**; That council receives and notes the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee – held via Teams on the 15 August 2024.

## 11C/2024/23 GENERAL MANAGERS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor KEIR; Seconded by Councillor SEATON; That Council note and receive information in this report.

#### 10/2024/24 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; Seconded by Councillor **SEATON**; That Council return to open session.

#### 10/2024/25 ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **WOODCOCK**; Seconded by Councillor **KEIR**;

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports

- 1) 15.1.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee 15 August 2024.
- 2) 15.1.2 General Managers Annual Performance Review Report

With no further business the meeting was closed by Mayor Ramien at 10.02 pm Minutes to be confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 22 October 2024