

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JERILDERIE ON
TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT

Present were Councillors R McRae (Mayor) , R Black (Deputy Mayor), G Smith, F Bryce, P Wells, G Gilbert, R Curphey, A Evans and C Chirgwin.

Also present were Craig Moffitt, General Manager, Andrew Crakanthorp, Merger and Transition, Alison Coe, Assistant General Manager, Corporate and Community Services and Peter Chudek, Assistant General Manager, Infrastructure & Environment.

Guest: Council's Economic, Tourism and Community Development Manager, Ms Gerrie Carr-MacFie, attended the meeting

APOLOGIES

- 244/11/17** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Smith that the apologies from Cr Robert Curphey and Ms Susan Appleyard, Director of Environmental Services be received and leave of absence be granted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 245/11/17** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Smith that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 October 2017, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

Councillor Bryce enquired as to the progress on the Darlington Point entrance signs. Cr Wells advised that at its meeting of 14 November 2017, the Darlington Point Town Life Committee had received no correspondence.

Assistant General Manager following up. Requested to have report to Council's December meeting.

Salary Structure Report and Ex Gratia Payment to Staff Report – Cr Wells spoke about payments to specialised staff. The General Manager advised this particular item will be revisited by management.

PECUNIARY INTEREST

A pecuniary interest declaration was received from Councillor Gaila Smith in relation to item 12 – Development Application.

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..... General Manager

..... Mayor

NOTICE OF MOTION BY CR BRYCE

WATER ALLOCATION FOR JERILDERIE

04.44

That Murrumbidgee Council acquire an amount of water allocation for the township of Jerilderie to ensure an adequate supply for the future domestic, business and recreational use in our community.

246/11/17 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Chirgwin that:

- a) a report be presented to Council detailing the water usage and entitlement of the town water supplies, including proposals to secure adequate supplies for the future;
- b) purchase of additional town water entitlement from the Major Projects fund be referred to the Assessment Panel for consideration.

MAYOR'S REPORT

247/11/17 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Smith that the Mayor's Report be received and noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SCHOOL PRESENTATION DONATIONS

02.07 / 05.10

248/11/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Black and Wells that the continuation of payments to local schools be approved for end of year presentations on an annual basis, and an appropriate allocation be made in the Delivery Plan

AUSTRALIA CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

02.03

249/11/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Chirgwin that the Report be adopted.


REQUEST TO SUSPEND ALCOHOL FREE ZONE FOR 2018 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

02.02

250/11/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Smith and Bryce that:

- i) The prohibition on the consumption of alcohol in the vicinity of the Council Chambers, Civic Hall, Luke Park and Powell Street be lifted from midday to midnight on 26 January, 2018;
- ii) The prohibition signs be covered during the period of the celebrations;
- iii) The local Police be notified; and
- iv) Public notice of Council's action be advertised.

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.....General ManagerMayor

ITEM WITHOUT NOTICE

**DARLINGTON POINT REQUEST TO SUSPEND ALCOHOL FREE ZONE
04.30.01**

251/11/17 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Evans that this Item Without Notice be accepted as it requires resolution before the next scheduled Council meeting.

**DARLINGTON POINT REQUEST TO SUSPEND ALCOHOL FREE ZONE
04.30.01**

252/11/17 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor Gilbert and Evans that:

- i) The prohibition on the consumption of alcohol in the vicinity of the CWA Park in Darlington Point be lifted from midday to midnight on Saturday, 2 December 2017;
- ii) The prohibition signs be covered during the period of the celebrations;
- iii) The local Police be notified; and
- iv) Public notice of Council's action be advertised.

At 10.47am Cr Robert Curphey joined the meeting.

**ECONOMIC, TOURISM & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO
05.23**

253/11/17 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Black that the Economic, Tourism and Community Development Portfolio progress report be received and endorsed.

**PRIORITY PROJECTS REGISTER UPDATE
03.13.08A**

254/11/17 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Chirgwin that the Priority Projects Register update report be received and endorsed.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES
03.11.02**

255/11/17 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Black and Smith that Council adhere to the Local Government Act 1993 and not introduce Committees of an operational nature, such as a Plant Committee and Works Committee.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016/17
05.13**

Withdrawal of Item

This item was withdrawn from today's meeting, as the Auditors had not completed their work. This item is to be presented to the December 2017 meeting of Council.

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 General Manager Mayor

DARLINGTON POINT TOWNSHIP STRUCTURE PLAN

04.25.14

- 256/11/17 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Evans and Chirgwin that the General Manager make contact with the President of the Darlington Point Club to detail the proposal of the relocation of the Darlington Point Sports Ground to the Darlington Point Club property, and confirm the position of the Board.
- 257/11/17 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Wells that item 5 be investigated and proceeded with, with child care and aged care being presented as individual items.
- 258/11/17 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Wells that item 7 – upgrade southern gateways at the intersection of Sturt Highway - be treated as a medium to long term item.
- 259/11/17 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Evans and Black that actions 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, as listed, be adopted by Council, with further information to be presented to Council within the time frames.

At 12.40pm the meeting adjourned for lunch.
At 12.55pm the meeting resumed.

CIVICA ICT PROJECT – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

05.22

- 260/11/17 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Curphey that the report be received and the timeframes for full implementation provided by Civica be endorsed.

COLEAMBALLY LEASE CONVERSION No. L268359

04.14

- 261/11/17 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Black that approval be granted to the Lessee to purchase the reversion in fee simple in Lot 18 DP 234758, Parish of Argoon, County of Boyd, for the amount of \$17,200, and the Transfer be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

05.13

- 262/11/17 RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Evans and Smith that the report be noted and variances to the budgets as outlined in the attachment be approved.

Erin Moran General Manager Mayor

Councillor Smith declared her pecuniary interest in this matter and departed the building.

263/11/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Evans and Curphey that the current report be withdrawn and the applicant be encouraged to lodge an amended Development Application seeking to permit outdoor dining only, with no service of alcohol.

Councillor Smith returned to the meeting.

At 1.30pm Councillor Evans departed the meeting.

**MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL TRANSITION & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
UPDATE 03.13.08**

264/11/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Wells and Black that the updated information on the Murrumbidgee Council Transition & Implementation Plan be noted and endorsed.

**MEMBERSHIP OF STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND ASSESSMENT
PANEL 03.13.08A**

265/11/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Bryce that Council amend the membership of the Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel to comprise the following:

- Mayor, Councillor Ruth McRae;
- Deputy Mayor, Councillor Robert Black (nominated by the Mayor);
- Greg Aplin, MP, State Member for Albury;
- Austin Evans, MP, State Member for Murray;
- Regional Coordinator of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Ms Trudi McDonald;
- Independent Probity Advisor, Adrian Lindner (former Head of Wagga Wagga Campus, Charles Sturt University and currently a member of the Wagga Wagga City Council Audit and Risk Committee) (non-voting).

266/11/17 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Black and Wells that Director Merger Transition, Mr Andrew Crakanthorp, be congratulated on his achievements with Murrumbidgee Council over the past 18 months, specifically within the Project Management Office, and wishing him all the best for his appointment as General Manager with Riverina Water.

ENDORSEMENT OF COUNCIL POLICIES

03.06

267/11/17 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Curphey that the following Draft Policies be endorsed:

- a) DRAFT Smoke Free Work Areas Policy;
- b) DRAFT Leasing of Council Residential Properties Policy;
- c) DRAFT Staff Recognition Policy;
- d) DRAFT Hiring of Council Facilities;
- e) DRAFT Workplace Grievance and Dispute Policy;
- f) DRAFT Sale of Surplus IT Equipment;
- g) DRAFT Agency Information Guide;
- h) DRAFT Transportable or Moveable Dwellings and Temporary Accommodation Policy;

and the documents be placed on Public Exhibition in accordance with Section 160 of the Local Government Act.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES & SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT

05.13

268/11/17 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Black and Gilbert that the Statements of Bank Balances and Schedules of Investments as at 31 October 2017 be noted and received.

UPDATE REPORT - MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND, NOVEMBER 2017

03.13.08A

269/11/17 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Smith that the Murrumbidgee Council Stronger Communities Fund report be received.

UPDATE ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PMO)

03.13.08

270/11/17 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Smith and Chirgwin that the information on the activities of the Project Management Office be received and noted.

WORKS IN PROGRESS 02/10/17 TO 12/11/17

03.16.04

271/11/17 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Black and Bryce that the Jerilderie Football Club's request for variation to their Round 1 Stronger Communities Fund grant purpose be approved, and the Works in Progress Report be adopted.

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 General Manager Mayor

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.05pm

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CR RUTH McRAE
MAYOR

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[Signature].....General ManagerMayor

