



18 November, 2015

Minutes Of The Ordinary Meeting Of
Murrumbidgee Shire Council Held In The
Council Meeting Room in Coleambally on
Wednesday, November 18 at 4.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors Austin Evans, Phillip Wells, Robert Black,
Christine Chirgwin, Gavin Gilbert and Robert Curphey

IN ATTENDANCE: Kerry McMurray (Acting General Manager)
Sue Mitchell (Director Corporate Performance and Community)
Steve Goodsall (GIS/Assets Officer)
Alison Balind (Executive Assistant – Minute Secretary)

The meeting opened at 4.00pm with Mayor Austin Evans reading the Council Prayer.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
MURRUMBIDGEE SHIRE COUNCIL FOR 21 OCTOBER, 2015**

15214. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin Seconded Cr Gilbert

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murrumbidgee Shire Council Held on
October 21, 2015 be confirmed with the following amendment:**

P4 – rechargeable torches.

Carried (6-0)

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Cr Black – With regards to the grants, the Quilters Club were asking about the tables.
The Acting General Manager replied that the tables have been ordered.

Cr Chirgwin – Do we have an update on the Memorial? AGM provided brief details of
the costings. The Acting General Manager that a report on the matter will come back
to the December meeting of Council.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE OF MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
MURRUMBIDGEE SHIRE COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2015 AT
5.00PM**

15215. Resolution

Moved Cr Curphey, Seconded Cr Wells

**That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Murrumbidgee Shire Council
Held on 5 November, 2015 be confirmed.**

Carried (6-0)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Austin Evans – Item 10.3 – Cr Evans declared a Less than significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in the matter as his wife will be co-ordinating the event. Having made the declaration, Cr Evans will remain in the meeting, participate in the debate and vote on the item.

7. INFORMATION REPORTS

15216. Resolution

Moved Cr Curprhey, Seconded Cr Chirgwin

That Council notes the contents of the Mayor's Annual Report, Incoming Correspondence, Companion Animals and Development Applications Approved Under Delegation Report for information.

Carried (6-0)

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES

15217. Resolution

Moved Cr Wells, Seconded Cr Gilbert

That the Minutes of Coleambally Australia Day 2016 Committee Meeting of 28 October, 2015 and the Darlington Point Townlife Committee of 8 September 2015 be adopted.

Carried (6-0)

9. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2015

15218. Resolution

Moved Cr Gilbert, Seconded Cr Wells

- a) That Council adopt the Annual Financial Statements for 2014/15 as presented.**
- b) That the Director of Corporate Performance and Community along with their staff be commended for the work on preparing the information for the auditor.**

Carried (6-0)

2. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING NOVEMBER 25, 2015

15219. Resolution

Moved Cr Gilbert, Seconded Cr Wells

That Council hold an Extraordinary Meeting on Thursday, November 26 commencing at 4pm at the Council Chambers at Darlington Point.

Carried (6-0)

3. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ASSISTANCE FOR FESTIVE EVENTS

15220. Resolution

Moved Cr Curphey, Seconded Cr Chirgwin

That Council:

- a) Lifts the alcohol Free Zone in the CWA Park, Darlington Point, for the hours of 5.00pm to 12.00pm of Friday, 11 December 2015 for the lions Club/Darlington Point Fire Brigade Christmas**
- b) Grant delegated authority to the Acting General Manager to approved or refuse any similar requests up to December 31, 2015.**
- c) Advertise as required under the Local Government Act**
- d) Staff liaise with the Light Up Coly committee with regards to road safety, traffic management plans and festive lighting.**
- e) Grant the request of Coleambally Fusion Youth & Community Organisation to access McInnes Square on Friday, November 27 between 10am and 1pm for the purpose of its Christmas Advent Pageant.**

Carried (6-0)

4. FINANCE AND INVESTMENT REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2015

15221. Resolution

Moved Cr Wells, Seconded Cr Gilbert

- a) That Council notes the investment income for October, 2015.**
- b) Note the investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government General Regulations and Council's investment policy.**
- c) Adopt the Investment Report for the month of October, 2015.**

Carried (6-0)

11. LATE REPORT

FIT FOR THE FUTURE

15222. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin, Seconded Cr Gilbert

- a) That in box one, Murrumbidgee Shire Council respond to the errors in the IPART assessment.**
- b) That Council nominate no merger partners to indicate Murrumbidgee Shire Council is to stand alone as a Rural Council in the Murrumbidgee Joint Organisation.**

- c) That Council indicate its willingness to extend the Murrumbidgee Shire Local Government Area south as far as Yanco Creek to align with the State Government's Local Lands Service Boundary and place the entire Coleambally Irrigation Area in the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area.

Carried (6-0)

15223. Resolution

Moved Cr Curphey, Seconded Cr Gilbert

That Council write to the Premier, Minister for Local Government, Member for Murray and all Members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council containing the details of Council's Community Consultation during the past 30 days and the responses received through the Community Survey.

Carried (6-0)

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

Cr Phillip Wells

15224. Resolution

Moved Cr Wells, Seconded Cr Chirgwin

That Murrumbidgee Shire Council obtain a price for the development of a promotional video and additional footage for future use for Murrumbidgee Shire Council.

Carried (6-0)

13. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

Nil

14. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Nil

15. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTER IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

15225. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin, Seconded Cr Gilbert

That the meeting is closed during the discussion of the matters Items IC1 and IC2 as on balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision-making because the disclosure of this information would prejudice Council and individuals from achieving a 'best' outcome for the community and individuals involved;

The decision to close the meeting to consider; is recorded as follows:

IC1 – Quotations For Waste Management Facility Darlington Point the matter and information are:

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:**
- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.**

IC2 – Personnel Matter the matters and information are:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).**

Carried (6-0)

Having so resolved, the meeting was closed to the public at 4.46pm

The meeting re-opened to the public at 4.49pm.

The Mayor read the resolutions that had been passed in Closed Council as follows:

16. IN COMMITTEE REPORTS

IC1 QUOTATIONS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY DARLINGTON POINT

15226. Resolution

Moved Cr Curphey, Seconded Cr Gilbert

That GHD be appointed as preferred contractor to undertake the Review of Environmental Factors and Prepare an Operational Management Plan for the Waste Management Facility at Darlington Point as per their quotation dated 5 November 2015.

Carried (6-0)

IC2 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

15227. Resolution

Moved Cr Curphey, Seconded Cr Gilbert

- 1. That two additional labourers positions, one construction and one maintenance, be added to the organisation structure**
- 2. That Council establish a permanent position of Economic Development/ Tourism Officer replacing the current contract position**
- 3. That Council increase the staffing numbers in the organisation structure by 3 positions.**

Carried (6-0)

IC MAYORAL MINUTE – STAFF MATTER

In keeping with Resolution No 15211, the recommendations of Mayoral Minute – Personnel Matter remain In Committee until the matter is finalised and were not reported to the Open Council.

15228. Resolution

Moved Cr Curphey, Seconded Cr Gilbert

That Open Council be resumed.

Carried (6-0)

Having so resolved, the meeting re-opened to the public at 4.49pm and the Mayor read the resolutions that had been passed in Closed Council.

15229. Resolution

Moved Cr Evans, Seconded Cr Wells

That the resolutions as read were a true record of those passed during Closed Council.

Carried (6-0)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.50pm.