



21 October, 2015

Minutes Of The Ordinary Meeting Of  
Murrumbidgee Shire Council Held In The  
Council Chambers Darlington Point on  
Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 4.03pm

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

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

The meeting opened at 4.03pm with Mayor Austin Evans reading the Council Prayer.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRUMBIDGEE SHIRE COUNCIL FOR 16 SEPTEMBER, 2015**

**15198. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Gilbert Seconded Cr Curphey**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murrumbidgee Shire Council Held on September 16, 2015 be adopted with the following amendments:**

- **Page 3 – that the report on the Mayoral election include that Cr Austin Evans won the Mayoral Ballot as a result of a ‘draw from the hat’.**
- **Page 11 – That Council reconfirm its adoption of GRPP 02.01.07 – Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.**
- **Pages 12 & 14 – amend the spelling from ‘metre’ to ‘meter’.**
- **Page 13 – Amend spelling of Cr Chirgwin.**

Carried (6-0)

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**2.1 RESCISSION OF MOTION RE COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE QUOTATIONS**

**15199. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Chirgwin Seconded Cr Wells**

**That Council rescind Resolution Number 15197 from the Council meeting held on 16 September, 2015.**

Carried (6-0)

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Curphey – Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item 6 of the General Manager’s Report - Community Grant Program Round One. The description of the conflict is that Cr Curphey is a service provider for a number of applicants for funding from the Community Grant Program. Having made the declaration, the Councillor will not participate in the item, will leave the meeting during the discussion and not return to the Chamber until the matter is resolved.

**4. INFORMATION REPORTS**

**15200. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Gilbert 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)

**5. MAYORAL MINUTES**

To be dealt with in Closed Council. This matter was held over in the agenda and dealt with during the Closed Council session.

**6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**1. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR COLEAMBALLY PIONEERS' MONUMENT**

**15201. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Wells Seconded Cr Gilbert**

**That Council revisit the installation of the Coleambally Pioneers Monument in John McInnes Square and provide revised designs and costings to Council for determination.**

Carried (6-0)

**2. AUSTRALIA DAY FUNDING**

**15202. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Curphey Seconded Cr Chirgwin**

**That Council**

- a) Increase the budget allocation to the Australia Day Committees to \$1,000 for each town.**
- b) That the amendment to the Budget be incorporated into the October Quarterly Review process**

Carried (6-0)

**3. GIFTS AND BENEFITS POLICY**

**15203. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Gilbert Seconded Cr Chirgwin**

**That Council:**

- a) Adopts GRPP.02.02.06 Gifts and Benefits Policy.**

Carried (6-0)

**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS**

**15204. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Black Seconded Cr Wells**

**That Council note that pecuniary interest returns for the period 1 July, 2014 to 30 June, 2015 have been tabled pursuant to Section 450A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**

Carried (6-0)

**5. RIVERINA REGIONAL WEEDS COMMITTEE**

**15205. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Chirgwin Seconded Cr Black**

**That Council:**

- a) Note the Terms of Reference for the Riverina Regional Weeds Committee.**
- b) Nominate Stephen Goodsall as the Council representative on the Riverina Regional Weeds Committee.**

Carried (6-0)

**6. COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM ROUND ONE**

Cr Curphey, having previously declared an interest in this matter left the Chamber, the time being 4.47pm

**15206. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Black Seconded Cr Gilbert**

- 1. Provides funding under the Community Grants program to the following applicants for the agreed amounts:  
(for Council's determination).**

ROUND ONE	Organisation	Amount Requested	Purpose
1	Coleambally Football Netball Club	\$2500.00	Deep fryer for canteen
2	Coleambally Preschool Association Inc	\$3000.00	Shade structure
3	Coleambally Rescue Squad	\$550.00	Rechargeable torches
4	Darlington Point Public School P&C Association Inc	\$3000.00	Swimming lessons
5	Elouera TT's Cafe	\$3000.00	Shop furniture
6	Riverina Classic Fishing Competition	\$1500.00	Fingerlings
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$13,550.00</b>	

2. That Council make an annual contribution to Section 355 Committee known as Heritage Darlington Point of \$900.
3. That the money granted to the Riverina Classic Fishing Competition only be released upon receipt of a duly complete Acquittal for the previous year's funds.
4. That the Murrumbidgee Shire Council Community Grants Guidelines be amended to allow for only two rounds per financial year.

Carried (5-0)

With this item now resolved, Cr Curphey returned to the Chamber, the time being 5.15pm.

## **7. FINANCE AND INVESTMENT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2015**

### **15207. Resolution**

Moved Cr Wells      Seconded Cr Chirgwin

- a) That Council notes the investment income for September, 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 September, 2015.

Carried (6-0)

## **7. LATE REPORTS**

### **LR1 RIVERINA ELECTORATE BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION**

### **15208. Resolution**

Moved Cr Wells      Seconded Cr Chirgwin

- a) That Council write to the Australian Electoral Commission Redistribution Committee expressing its disappointment in the removal of the Murrumbidgee Shire Local Government Area from the Riverina electorate on behalf of the Murrumbidgee community due to the existence of a greater community of interest with Wagga Wagga and Griffith.
- b) That a copy of the submission be sent to the current Member for Riverina, The Honourable Michael McCormack, MP.

Carried (6-0)

## **8. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Nil

## **9. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

Nil

## **10. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

Nil

**7. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTER IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

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KM:KM – Notice of Intention to Deal with Matter in Confidential Session

15209. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin Seconded Cr Gilbert

*That pursuant to Section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993 the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting – IC1, IC2 and IC3 - be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below 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;*

*IC1 – Community Recycling Centre Quotations 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.*

*IC 2 – Darlington Point War Memorial Swimming Pool Lease - Community 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.*

*IC 3 – Personnel Matter the matters and information are:  
(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).*

Carried (6-0)

Having so resolved, Council went into Closed Session – the time being 5.29pm.

Open Council resumed at 5.48pm by virtue of Resolution No. 15213 and the Chamber was opened to the public. The Executive Assistant returned to the Chamber at 5.48pm.

In accordance with Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) regulations 2005, Cr Evans reported the following decisions of Council that were made in Closed Session:

**IC1 - COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE QUOTATIONS**

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KM:GM – Community Recycling Centre quotations

15210. Resolution

Moved Cr Gilbert Seconded Cr Curphey

**That Council, on behalf of the Riverina Waste Group, accept the Quotation of Company 2 for the quoted amount of \$103,400 (including GST) for the supply and construction of 5 (five) Community Recycling sheds using grant funds supplied by the Environmental Protection Authority.**

Carried (6-0)

**IC 2 – DARLINGTON POINT WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL LEASE (LATE REPORT)**

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**15211. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Gilbert Seconded Cr Wells**

**That Council enter into a lease agreement with the preferred applicants for Darlington Point War Memorial Swimming Pool for the 2015/2016 swimming season at the weekly amount detailed in the report.**

Carried (6-0)

**IC 3 – MAYORAL MINUTE – PERSONNEL MATTER**

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**15212. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Curphey Seconded Cr Gilbert**

**The recommendations for Mayoral Minute – Personnel Matter remain In Committee until the matter is finalised.**

Carried (6-0)

**15213. Resolution**

**Moved Cr Chirgwin Seconded Cr Gilbert**

**That Open Council be resumed.**

Carried (6-0)

Having so resolved, the meeting re-opened to the public at 5.48pm

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting closed at 5.53pm