

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, LIBRARY COMPLEX,
LIBRARY COURT, HOLBROOK
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2017**

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Wilton (Chairperson), Meyer, O'Neill, Osborne, Quinn, Schilg, Stewart and Weston.

PRESENT: General Manager, Director Environment & Planning, Director Engineering and Executive Assistant.

Cr Osborne offered a prayer to open the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor (Chairperson) offered an Acknowledgement of Country at the commencement of the meeting.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON PECUNIARY INTEREST (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)

Nil.

APOLOGY

4592 RESOLVED [Osborne/Meyer]

That the apology for Cr Hicks be received and leave of absence granted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21 DECEMBER 2016

4593 RESOLVED [Meyer/Schilg]

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Shire Council held at Culcairn on Wednesday, 21 December 2016 as printed and circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of such meeting.

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ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

1. ACTION REPORT – ENHANCED FORMAT HELPFUL

Cr Schilg indicated that in relation to the format of the Action Report from the Minutes, the inclusion of the comment which has been dated is provides clarity and is helpful.

OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. **CR MEYER – CLEAN UP OF LAND FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT DAM AREA LEASED FROM STATE RAIL**

4594 RESOLVED [Meyer/Quinn]

That staff investigate the condition of the Henty parcel of land (approximately 10.9ha) formerly known as the Government Dam area leased from State Rail and provide a report back to Council in relation to:

1. Cleaning up the said area by removing old fences that have been flattened by successive floods and age, together with all dumped rubbish that has been allowed to accumulate over years on the said area, and appropriate levelling out as may be required
2. Generally removing all fallen and dangerous trees and timbers from the area with a view to making the area aesthetically appealing when viewed from the Olympic Way and Bartsch Avenue thereby enabling some public use of the area as a natural leisure park
3. That the Henty Community be asked to assist in those considerations, and generally assist in the clean-up through being able to assist in burn offs and clean-up if required.

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OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. **ADOPTION OF THE NEW GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL CONTAMINATED LAND MANAGEMENT POLICY**

4595 RESOLVED [Quinn/Schilg]

That:

1. Council formally resolve to adopt the draft Greater Hume Shire Contaminated Land Management Policy as a local policy of Council.
2. Council advertise the adoption of the Greater Hume Shire Contaminated Land Management Policy as local policy on its website.

GOVERNANCE

1. **2016/2017 DELIVERY PLAN – REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

4596 RESOLVED [O'Neill/Quinn]

That the report be received and noted.

2. **BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUNDING APPLICATION – HENTY RAIL CROSSING RELOCATION**

4597 RESOLVED [Meyer/Osborne]

That:

1. Council endorse the decision to engage Morrison Low to prepare the economic and business assessment of the project along with up to four funding applications.
2. an amount of \$45,000 transferred from the Works Warranty Reserve to assist in the development of the economic and business assessment and up to four funding applications.
3. Council endorse a loan borrowing of \$500,000 as a cash contribution to the Henty Rail Relocation project.

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3. WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES

4598 MOTION [Osborne/Stewart]

Subject to Council being provided with a draft building plan and cost estimate, and a business case that Council assist the Walla Walla Community Development Committee to prepare a grant application for funding under the Building Better Regions Program and including a commitment of funding up to \$250,000.

AMENDMENT [Quinn/Meyer]

That Council support the concept in principle and Council indicates that it is prepared to lend the auspice organisation the matching funding to a maximum of \$150,000.

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST. ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

4. GREATER HUME SHIRE DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL PLAN 2016 – PUBLIC EXHIBITION

4599 RESOLVED [Meyer/Schilg]

That:

1. the draft Greater Hume Shire Economic Development and Social Plan 2017 – 2022 (*formerly known as the Greater Hume Shire Economic Development and Social Plan 2016*) be placed on public exhibition for 28 days commencing Monday, 20 February 2016 seeking written comments in response to the draft plan
2. a final draft plan be presented to the April meeting of Council for adoption.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. **INTERIM 2016/2017 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

4600 RESOLVED [O'Neill/Schilg]

That Council note and approve the Interim Budget Review Statement as at 31 December 2016.

ENGINEERING

1. **CREATING A PLAN FOR BETTER URBAN ADDRESSING IN JINDERA**

4601 RESOLVED [Osborne/Meyer]

That due to the lack of support, Council abandon the plan to rename and renumber any of the affected streets in Jindera. (ie Gibson, Wood, Fallon, Huon and Jindera Streets).

2. **ROAD PROJECTS TENDER AND CONSTRUCTION VARIATIONS**

4602 MOTION [Osborne/O'Neill]

That:

1. Holbrook Works Depot site works be carried out by Council and subcontractors to allow selective tendering to commence on a reduced scope of building works.
2. Odewahns Rd intersection be included in current GHSC works program with additional funding to come from the traffic component of the regional roads block grant.
3. the Hueske Road reconstruction project be revisited to ascertain if there are any other alternative methods of dealing with the Hueske Road reconstruction project
4. the additional cost of the Raymond St Project \$56,288.27 be funded out of current Roads to Recovery allocation.
5. the design for Pioneer Drive be completed to 450m west of the current Cahill subdivision and that works commence on a limited scope this financial year with the remainder to be considered during the formulation of the 2017/2018 budget.

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ROAD PROJECTS TENDER AND CONSTRUCTION VARIATIONS [CONT'D]

AMENDMENT [Quinn/Schilg]

That:

1. Holbrook Works Depot site works be carried out by Council and subcontractors to allow selective tendering to commence on a reduced scope of building works.
2. Odewahns Rd intersection be included in current GHSC works program with additional funding to come from the traffic component of the regional roads block grant.
3. the Hueske Road reconstruction project be carried over to next financial year 2017/2018 with a revised scope of works/budget.
4. the additional cost of the Raymond St Project \$56,288.27 be funded out of current Roads to Recovery allocation.
5. the design for Pioneer Drive be completed to 450m west of the current Cahill subdivision and that works commence on a limited scope this financial year with the remainder to be considered during the formulation of the 2017/2018 budget.

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST. ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

3. RECONSTRUCTION OF AN EXISTING CULVERT ON SWEETWATER ROAD, MULLENGANDRA

4603 RESOLVED [Quinn/Stewart]

That:

1. the tender submitted for the reconstruction of the existing culvert on Sweetwater Road by Sanananda Pty Ltd for \$168,514.80 (excl. GST) be accepted.
2. the General Manager and the Mayor be authorised to sign the contract with the successful tenderer.
3. the unsuccessful tenderers be advised.

4. DRINKING WATER QUALITY POLICY

4604 RESOLVED [Quinn/Stewart]

That Council adopt the Drinking Water Quality Policy.

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5. HEATHCOTE LANE – NAME CHANGE OBJECTION

4607 RESOLVED [Osborne/Quinn]

That Council accept the changing of the name for the west end of Baird Street to Heathcote Lane.

6. SQUIRREL GLIDER LAMP PROJECT - MOU

4608 RESOLVED [Schilg/Stewart]

That Council endorse the signing of the MOU with the Petaurus Group for the Squirrel Glider Lamp Project.

CR QUINN REQUESTED THAT HIS OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION BE RECORDED.

7. INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTING

4609 RESOLVED [Osborne/Quinn]

That Council endorse the locations for the future installation of streetlighting as detailed in the report.

8. TOWN AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

4610 RESOLVED [O'Neill/Schilg]

That the report be received and noted, and a copy forwarded to all Council's community committees for their information.

ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

1. JAMES AND KELLIE WATSON (WATTO'S HAULAGE) - OFFER TO PURCHASE 15,000 SQM. AT JINDERA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

4611 RESOLVED [Meyer/Quinn]

That consideration of the offer submitted by James and Kellie Watson to purchase 15,000 sqm. at the Jindera Industrial Estate be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10 A (2) (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer an a person whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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REASON

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the offer to purchase 15,000 sqm. at the Jindera Industrial Estate outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision making because the disclosure of this information could compromise the commercial position of Council in any future sales.

2. REQUEST TO AMEND WATER CONSUMPTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2016 TO DECEMBER 2016 (10024412)

4612 RESOLVED [Meyer/Quinn]

That consideration of the large water account for Assessment No.10024412 be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10A (2) (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

REASON

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality a resident or ratepayer potentially suffering financial hardship outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision making at this time.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S INTERIM PERFORMANCE REVIEW

4613 RESOLVED [Meyer/Quinn]

That as the General Manager's Performance Review is confidential in nature the matter will be referred to Closed Council (Committee Of The Whole) for discussion, in accordance with the relevant section of the Local Government Act 1993 section 10a (2)(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

REASON

That the ability of councillors to discuss the performance of the General Manager in a full and frank manner outweighs the need for the report to be discussed in Open Council.

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PART B - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

GOVERNANCE

1. OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW SOUTH WALES (LGNSW) – WEEKLY CIRCULARS
3. TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS OFFICER'S REPORT
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE – SUMMARIES OF MONTHLY REQUESTS
2. STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016 AND 31 JANUARY 2017
3. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

ENGINEERING

1. DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017 REPORT OF WORKS
2. WATER & SEWER REPORT – DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016 AND JANUARY 2017
2. SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017
3. RANGER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

4614 RESOLVED [Meyer/Quinn]

That Part B of the Agenda be received and noted.

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PART C – COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

4615 RESOLVED [Meyer/Quinn]

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

1. HENTY STREETScape PROJECT

Cr Meyer indicated that the Henty Community Development Committee had requested an update in the relation to the status of the streetscape project, particularly as Council had been unable to appoint a contractor to undertake the works due to tenders submitted being over the determined budget.

In response the Director Engineering advised that he is now recommending that the project be rescheduled and re-budgeted in the 2017/2018 Operational Plan. Director Engineering also agreed to have staff investigate any potential unsafe footpaths and corrective treatment undertaken to make the surface safe for pedestrian traffic.

2. JINDERa STREETScape PROJECT – FINAL WORKS

Cr Osborne questioned when the spray paving of concrete footpaths would be undertaken. In response, the Director Engineering indicated it was imminent, with contractors scheduled to be on site at Jindera next week.

3. GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL 'CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY' EVENT

Cr Osborne requested that a review be undertaken of the event and how the shire celebrates Australia Day, suggesting that more needs to be done to feature the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year in Council promotions and activities.

4. SHIRE ENTRANCE AND TOWN SIGNAGE

Cr O'Neill queried progress with the replacement of Shire entrance boundary and town Council signage update. In response, General Manager advised that due to a resolution from the December meeting, the money allocated in the budget for this program has been redirected to the development of a contemporary Communications Plan for the Council.

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5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MARCH MEETING

Cr Schilg sought leave of absence for the March 2017 meeting of Council.

6. COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS ANNEXURE

Cr Schilg queried if the Capital Works Program includes actions included in the 10 Year Plan Public Toilets Upgrade, and is Council on track to complete the upgrades within the 10 year timeframe. In response, Director Engineering indicated the upgrades are being completed as prioritised in the program.

Further Cr Schilg queried if the provision for bus shelters across the shire was on track also. In response Director Engineering advised the funds were for the manufacture of two steel bus shelters that will be installed where required. Manufacture was yet to be undertaken.

Cr O'Neill left the meeting room briefly at 8.01pm, returning at 8.04pm.

7. RECYCLING AT TRANSFER STATIONS

Cr Stewart advised that options for recycling at transfer stations appears to be inadequate, suggesting perhaps the balance of recycling options across the shire needs revisiting. In response, the Director Environment and Planning advised he would bring a report back to Council regarding recycling at transfer stations so that councillors could be fully informed on the matter.

8. RECYCLABLES

Cr Schilg indicated that there needs to be an awareness campaign that Council's landfills will receive recyclables free of charge (up to one trailer load domestic quantities only) per landfill visit.

9. TOILETS OPPOSITE RAILWAY PARADE CULCAIRN

Cr Weston advised that he had been notified that a hook on the back of toilet doors and a soap dispenser were needed at the public conveniences located in Culcairn opposite Railway Parade. Staff to action.

10. DEFIBRILLATORS

Cr Meyer noted, that upon reading the latest Part C Minutes of the Greater Hume Shire Council Work Health and Safety/Risk Management Committee held 13 December 2016, that the Manex has taken the decision to not provide defibrillators at worksites across the shire. Cr Meyer suggested that awareness campaign be undertaken to advise where defibrillators are located within communities across the shire.

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11. JINDERA 150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS – DATE FOR EVENT ANNOUNCED

Cr Osborne advised that the Jindera Community Forum has selected the dates for the Jindera 150 years Celebration Event. The three day event will occur on 29, 30 September 2018 and 1 October 2018.

CLOSING THE MEETING

At this juncture there were no members in the public gallery.

4616 RESOLVED [8.08pm] [Quinn/Weston]

That the meeting be closed during the discussion of the confidential matters listed in the agenda.

COMMITTEE OF WHOLE SECTION

4617 RESOLVED [Osborne/Meyer]

That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, Council enter into 'Committee of the Whole' for the discussion of the following items of business:

CONFIDENTIAL - CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Cr Schilg briefly left the chamber at 8.08pm, returning at 8.09pm.

1. **REQUEST TO AMEND WATER CONSUMPTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2016 TO DECEMBER 2016 (10024412)**

RECOMMENDATION [Osborne/O'Neill]

That the landowner's estate be advised:

1. that Council cannot accede to his request to waive the account or levy a water account based on his average consumption and
2. that a payment plan can be negotiated

Further that Council provide the estate with a copy of Council's Hardship Policy.

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RECOMMENDATION AMENDMENT [Quinn/Meyer]

That the landowner's estate be advised:

1. that Council accede to his request to waive the account or levy a water account based on his average consumption and
2. Council's formal policy regarding waiving of water and sewerage charges be reinforced.

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE, THE RECOMMENDATION AMENDMENT WAS LOST. ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE RECOMMENDATION WAS CARRIED.

CR QUINN AND CR SCHILG REQUESTED THAT THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE RECOMMENDATION BE RECORDED.

2. JAMES AND KELLIE WATSON (WATTO'S HAULAGE) - OFFER TO PURCHASE 15,000 SQM. AT JINDERA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

RECOMMENDATION [Quinn/Schilg]

That:

1. Council accept the offer submitted by James and Kellie Watson (Watto's Haulage) for 15,000 sqm. and
2. Council discontinue the offer of a 10% discount for any new fresh enquiries
3. any offers under the adopted list prices be referred to Council for consideration.
4. Lots 102 and 107, and part 108 be retained pending further consideration by Council.

AT THIS JUNCTURE, ALL STAFF DEPARTED THE MEETING ROOM AT 8.27PM.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S INTERIM PERFORMANCE REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION [Meyer/Schilg]

That Council adopt the General Manager's Performance Review for the 6 month period to 30 December 2017

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ORDINARY MEETING RECONVENED

4618 RESOLVED [8.26pm] [Osborne/Quinn]

That the Ordinary Meeting be reconvened for the purpose of determining the report of the matter dealt with in Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Mayor reported that the Committee of the Whole makes the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

4619 RESOLVED [Quinn/Schilg]

That the foregoing report and recommendations from Closed Council (Committee of the Whole) be adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.28pm.

THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED at the Council meeting held on 15 March 2017 at which time the signature hereon was subscribed.

Cr Heather Wilton,
Mayor - Greater Hume Shire Council