



REPORT

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

25 MAY 2020

PRESENT: Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, D Grant, D Gumley, A Jones, S Lawrence, G Mohr, K Parker, J Ryan and B Shields.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, the Acting Governance Team Leader, the Community Support Officer, the Director Environment and Development, the Director Liveability, the Director Culture and Economy, the Director Infrastructure, the Director Organisational Performance and the Chief Information Officer.

Councillor B Shields assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.30pm, with a prayer for Divine Guidance to the Council in its deliberations and activities. The Acknowledgement of Country was also read by Councillor J Diffey. The Local Government Act and Regulations were amended to provide for video conferencing of Council and Committee meetings. This meeting was held by video conference with live web streaming.

CCL20/67 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ID20/404)

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 April 2020.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Dubbo Regional Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 April 2020 comprising pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the series be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

CCL20/68 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID20/466)

There were no requests for Leave of Absence.

CCL20/69 PUBLIC FORUM (ID20/467)

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, social distancing requirements and this meeting being held by video conferencing, there was no live/active public participation in the meeting. Accordingly, the following submissions were received and read out during Public Forum:

- Dubbo Environment Group – Adoption of Zero Emissions Policy.
- Libby McMahon – Old Mendooran Road.
- Inland Waterways Rejuvenation Association – River Repair Bus – Macquarie River, Dubbo.
- Wayne Schneider – Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets.

MAYORAL MINUTES:

CCL20/70 DUBBO REGIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASKFORCE (ID20/442)

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Dubbo Regional Economic Recovery Taskforce.

Moved by Councillor B Shields

MOTION

1. That a Dubbo Regional Economic Recovery Taskforce be established for a period of 6 – 8 weeks to advise on the actions that will be delivered through a Council developed strategy for the economic recovery of the Dubbo Region, post the impacts of COVID-19.
2. That the following Industry representatives be invited to provide advice on actions as part of the development of an economic recovery strategy for the Dubbo Region:
 - Dubbo Chamber of Commerce and Industry: (Three nominations) Representing retail, accommodation and hospitality.
 - Wellington Business Chamber: (One representative) Representing Wellington business community specifically.
 - Destination Outback and Country: (One representative) Representing regional tourism.
 - Regional Development Australia: Orana: (One representative) Representing Dubbo's role as a service centre for the Orana Region.
 - Taronga Western Plains Zoo: (One representative) Representing Dubbo's major tourism operation.
 - Real Estate Sector: (One representative) Representing interests in LGA real estate investment.
 - Education Sector: (One representative) Representing tertiary education in the LGA.
3. That the Manager Economic Development and Marketing report back to Council on the development and delivery of the economic recovery strategy for the Dubbo Region.

CARRIED

CCL20/71 NRL 2021 (ID20/437)

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding NRL 2021.

Moved by Councillor B Shields

MOTION

1. That research be conducted with the community to confirm the desire for an NRL game and what opportunities exist to host a match.
2. That all avenues of funding from State and Federal Government grants for this event be explored.
3. That a cost-benefit analysis of hosting an NRL game be conducted.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer be requested to make contact with the NRL with a view to Dubbo hosting a competition game in 2021-2023.
5. That relevant local stakeholder partnerships be developed to participate in the event attraction of an NRL game.
6. That once concluded, a report come back to Council on the outcomes of the negotiation.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ONLY MATTERS:

CCL20/72 NEIGHBOURHOOD SHOPPING CENTRE BEAUTIFICATION - BOUNDARY ROAD DUBBO (ID20/427)

The Council had before it the report dated 6 May 2020 from the Senior Design Engineer regarding Neighbourhood Shopping Centre Beautification - Boundary Road Dubbo.

Moved by Councillor V Etheridge and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

That the information contained within the report of the Senior Design Engineer dated 6 May 2020, be noted.

CARRIED

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES:

CCL20/73 REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING 11 MAY 2020 (ID20/461)

The Council had before it the report of the Development and Environment Committee meeting held 11 May 2020.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

That the report of the Development and Environment Committee meeting held on 11 May 2020, be noted.

CARRIED

CCL20/74 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND LIVEABILITY COMMITTEE - MEETING 11 MAY 2020 (ID20/462)

The Council had before it the report of the Infrastructure and Liveability Committee meeting held 11 May 2020.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor S Lawrence

MOTION

That the report of the Infrastructure and Liveability Committee meeting held on 11 May 2020, be noted.

CARRIED

CCL20/75 REPORT OF THE CULTURE, ECONOMY AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE - MEETING 11 MAY 2020 (ID20/463)

The Council had before it the report of the Culture, Economy and Corporate Committee meeting held 11 May 2020.

Moved by Councillor D Gumley and seconded by Councillor A Jones

MOTION

That the report of the Culture, Economy and Corporate Committee meeting held on 11 May 2020, be noted.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

CCL20/76 MARCH 2020 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENTS (ID20/419)

The Council had before it the report dated 8 May 2020 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding March 2020 Quarterly Budget Review Statements.

Moved by Councillor D Gumley and seconded by Councillor A Jones

MOTION

- 1. That the Quarterly Budget Review Statements as at 31 March 2020, as attached to the report of the Chief Executive Officer dated 8 May 2020, be adopted and such sums voted for such purpose.**

2. That the Statement of the Responsible Accounting Officer that Council is in a satisfactory financial position as at 31 March 2020 after utilising \$2.045M of the COVID-19 reserve, be noted.
3. That for the remainder of 2020, a monthly report be prepared for Councillors which outlines the financial impacts of COVID-19.
4. That Council undertake a full review of the 2020/2021 financial year component of the four year budget in July 2020 to incorporate the known and likely impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on budget forecasts.

CARRIED

CCL20/77 DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION TO THE TARONGA CONSERVATION SOCIETY AUSTRALIA BOARD (ID20/441)

The Council had before it the report dated 6 May 2020 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Dubbo Regional Council Representation to the Taronga Conservation Society Australia Board.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

1. That the information contained within the report of the Chief Executive Officer dated 6 May 2020, be noted.
2. That the Member for Dubbo, Mr Dugald Saunders MP, be thanked for his support of the Mayor, Councillor Ben Shields', nomination and appointment to the Taronga Conservation Society Australia Board.

CARRIED

CCL20/78 D20-21 - DWELLING - LOTS 45, 49, 50, 52, AND 213 DP754287 AND LOT 1 DP1112666 - DEEP CREEK ROAD AND LOTS 46 AND 138 DP574287 - DUNEDOO ROAD, DUBBO OWNER: MEYATA PTY LTD (ID20/402)

The Council had before it the report dated 6 May 2020 from the Planner regarding D20-21 - Dwelling - Lots 45, 49, 50, 52, and 213 DP754287 and Lot 1 DP1112666 - Deep Creek Road and Lots 46 and 138 DP574287 - Dunedoo Road, Dubbo. OWNER: Meyata Pty Ltd.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor D Grant

MOTION

1. That Development Application D20-021 Part 1 – Dwelling, Deep Creek and Dunedoo Roads Dubbo be approved, subject to the conditional consent (as attached as Appendix 1 to the report of the Planner dated 6 May 2020).
2. That Council seek concurrence from the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

3. That Council grant the Chief Executive Officer delegation to issue development consent upon receipt of the Secretary of the Department of Planning Industry and Environment's concurrence.

CARRIED

Councillor G Mohr declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor Mohr works with two son-in-laws of the applicant.

Councillor D Gumley declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor Gumley works with people associated with the proponent.

CCL20/79 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID20/464)

There were no matters recorded under this Clause.

At this juncture it was moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by D Gumley that the Council resolves into the Committee of the Whole Council, the time being 6.26pm.

The meeting resumed at 6.29pm.

CCL20/80 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (ID20/465)

The Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control read to the meeting of the Report of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on 25 May 2020.

Moved by Councillor J Diffey and seconded by Councillor D Gumley

MOTION

That the Report of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on 25 May 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 6.37pm.

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CHAIRMAN