

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HAY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LACHLAN STREET HAY AT 1.00PM ON TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2012

PRESENT: Councillor M A Rutledge (Deputy Mayor), Councillors J Crighton, J Dwyer, R Howard, M Ireson, R McGrath, and the General Manager Allen Dwyer, Director of Technical Services Bill Moore, Director of Corporate Services Mark Dowling, Executive Officer Kirstyn Thronder, Manager of Tourism and Economic Development Jack Terblanche.

APOLOGIES: Cr R W (Bill) Sheaffe, Cr P Dwyer

111 Resolved that an apology submitted on behalf of Councillors RW Sheaffe and P Dwyer be accepted and leave of absence granted.
(Ireson/Howard)

Confirmation of Minutes

112 Resolved that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 18 September 2012 as circulated be confirmed.
(Ireson/Crighton)

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(Ireson/Crighton)

Matters arising from Minutes

- Nil

Declaration of Interest

- Nil

Deputy Mayoral Report was dealt with.

C1. Mayoral Functions & Engagements

114 Resolved that Council plan/support further youth projects.
(J Dwyer/Howard)

115 Resolved that John Williams MP be requested to assure that the staff and services provided by LHPA, DPI and Murrumbidgee CMA remain in Hay.
(Ireson/J Dwyer)

General Managers Report was dealt with.

C1 Monthly Financial Data

The report was noted.

C2 Tourism Report

The report was noted.

C3 Levee Bank Funding

116 Resolved that the grant offer be refused and Council reassess its long term strategy once the final report and inundation maps are provided.

(McGrath/J Dwyer)

C4 Council Meeting Dates

117 Resolved that:-

- a. The December Council meeting be held on Tuesday 18th December and Standing Committee meetings for the month be abandoned;
- b. The January Committee/Council meetings be abandoned and the February meeting dates run as normal ie Committee Meetings held 19th February and Ordinary meeting on the 26th February 2013.
- c. The Administration Centre and Library be closed from Monday 24th December 2012 to reopen Wednesday 2nd January 2013.
- d. The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to make the necessary decisions during the period when there is no Council meeting.

(Crighton/Ireson)

C5 Modular B-Triple Operation

The report was noted.

C6 Works in Progress

The report was noted.

C7 Projects for Young People

The report was noted.

C8 Sporting Civic Reception

118 Resolved that Council hold the annual sporting civic reception at 4.00pm on 15th November 2012.

(Howard/McGrath)

C9 2011/12 Financial Reports

- 119 Resolved** that Council adopt the Financial Statements for the period ending 30/6/12 and that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer sign the Statement by Council on its opinion of the accounts, and that Council delegate authority to the General Manager to authorise for the issue of the accounts on receipt of the auditors reports and to set the date for the public meeting.

(McGrath/Ireson)

Report of the Works and Planning Committee held 16th October 2012

- 120 Resolved that** the report of the Works and Planning Meeting held 16th October 2012 be noted and the recommendations therein be adopted and further that:

(Howard/McGrath)

- a. Council seek funding from RMS to replace Matthews Bridge at Maude;
(J Dwyer/Crighton)
- b. Cr McGrath, Cr Rutledge and the General Manager attend the National Roads and Transport Congress.

(Ireson/Crighton)

Report of the Plant and Property Committee held 16th October 2012

- 121 Resolved that** the report of the Works and Planning Meeting held 16th October 2012 be noted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

(McGrath/Ireson)

Question Time

- Cr Ireson asked whether improvements can be done to the Hay roundabout.
- Cr Howard enquired to the status of the Director of Environmental Services position. The General Manager advised that it will be reviewed with the staff structure.
- Cr J Dwyer requested further information on the possibility of attracting industry, in particularly a cotton gin facility, to Hay. Agronomist James Hill to be invited to a future meeting.
- Cr McGrath enquired as to who meets the cost for slashing of the stock route within the town area. The Director of Technical Services advised that it is part of works requested and paid for by the Rural Fire Service.
- Cr Crighton has had a request from the Hay Plains Childcare Committee on the following matters:-
 - Request for Sand: The Director of Technical Services advised that Council has arranged to provide sand as requested.
 - Worm Farm: The Centre is looking for a donation of a worm farm.
 - Traffic travelling at high speeds past the Childcare Centre and Preschool: The Director of Technical Services advised that the matter will be referred to the Traffic Committee in December for consideration.

- Cr Crighton moved motions on health related matters.

122 Resolved that John William MP be requested to organise a meeting of Council with representatives from the Murrumbidgee Local Health District, Murrumbidgee Medicare Local and Susan Ley MP, to discuss ongoing health issues.

(Crighton/Ireson)

123 Resolved that interested Councillors along with the General Manager nominate themselves to form a Health Working Group with a focus of maintaining a positive outlook for Hay.

(Crighton/Howard)

- Airlie Circuitt advised that Council held funds from a fundraiser to ‘Save the One Tree’ that could perhaps be utilised for youth projects.
- Tertia Butcher asked what Council’s position was with the proposed water infrastructure takeover from local government bodies.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2.10pm

Confirmed _____
R W Sheaffe
Mayor