

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HAY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LACHLAN STREET HAY AT 1.00PM ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT: Councillor R W (Bill) Sheaffe (Mayor), Councillors J Crighton, R Howard, M Ireson, R McGrath, M Rutledge and General Manager Allen Dwyer, Director of Technical Services Aaron Drenovski, Executive Officer Kirstyn Thronder, Director of Corporate Services Mark Dowling, Director of Community Development Jack Terblanche.

APOLOGIES: Cr P Dwyer, Cr J Dwyer

30 Resolved that an apology submitted on behalf of Councillors P Dwyer and J Dwyer be accepted and leave of absence granted.

(Ireson/Howard)

Special Guest

Nina O'Brien Hehir and Terri Palmer from Intereach gave an overview of their services and projects.

Confirmation of Minutes

31 Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 September 2013 as circulated be confirmed.

(McGrath/Crighton)

32 Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 September 2013 as circulated be confirmed.

(Rutledge/McGrath)

Matters arising from Minutes

- Nil

Declaration of Interest

- Cr Michael Ireson declared an interest in C3 – Support for Hay Inc. being a relative of the groups Secretary/Treasurer.

Mayoral Report was dealt with.

C1 Mayoral Report

The Mayor presented the Hay Library with a book that he received from Lane Cove Junior Rugby Union Club during their visit to Hay.

- 33 **Resolved** that Council congratulate President Keith Rhodes, Vice President Bruce Miller, Deniliquin Councillor Lindsay Renwick on their election to the LGNSW Board and further that former Shires Association President Ray Donald be afforded a thank you for his contribution to the Association.

(Ireson/Howard)

Supplementary Mayoral Report was dealt with.

S1. Nimmie-Caira Regional and Economic Diversification Proposal

The report was noted.

General Managers Report was dealt with.

C1 Expenses Policy

- 34 **Resolved** that the Expenses Policy be adopted.

(Crighton/Howard)

C2 Swimming Pool Inspection Policy

- 35 **Resolved** that the Swimming Pool Inspection Policy be adopted.

(Ireson/Rutledge)

C3 Providing Support to Hay Incorporated

- 36 **Resolved** that Council provide support to Hay Incorporated through:

- a. Waiving fees at Council facilities;
- b. The use of the vacant room at the Visitors Information Centre for meetings;
- c. Assistance with printing and photocopying;
- d. Letters as support as needed.

(McGrath/Rutledge)

C4 'Paint the Town Red' Day

The report was noted.

C5 Library Report

The report was noted.

C6 2012/2013 Financial Reports

- 37 **Resolved** that Council adopt the Financial Statements for the period ending 30/6/2013 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 accounts on receipt of the auditors reports and to set the date for the public meeting.

(Ireson/Howard)

C7 Monthly Financial Data

The report was noted.

C8 Council Meeting Dates

38 Resolved that

- a. The December Council meeting be held on Tuesday 17th 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 18th February and Ordinary meeting on the 25th February 2014.
- c. The Administration Centre and Library be closed from Tuesday 24th December 2013 to reopen Thursday 2nd January 2014.
- d. The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to make the necessary decisions during the period when there is no Council meeting.

(Rutledge/Ireson)

C9 Matthews Bridge

- 39 Resolved** that Council request the RMS to obtain all the necessary planning approvals to construct the new bridge at Maude over the Murrumbidgee River at no cost to Council.

(Rutledge/McGrath)

C10 Annual Disclosure of Interest Returns

The tabling of the Annual Disclosure of Interest Returns were noted.

C11 Road Resealing Programme

- 40 Resolved** that Council adopt the reseal program outlined in the report and staff be authorised to include additional items as discussed in the report within the budgetary constraints discussed with the exception of the Jerilderie Road component which will be subject of a further report from the Director of Technical Services.

(Rutledge/Crighton)

Report of the Local Emergency Management Committee – 9th October 2013

- 41 Resolved that** the report of the Local Emergency Management Committee held 9th October 2013 be noted and further that Council request the local member to make representations to seek rental subsidy for Highway Patrol Officers at Hay.

(Rutledge/Ireson)

Report of the Works & Planning Committee – 15th October 2013

- 42 Resolved that** the recommendations of the Hay Shire Traffic Committee held 18th September 2013 be adopted.

(Rutledge/Ireson)

Report of the Plant & Property Committee – 15th October 2013

- 42 **Resolved that** the recommendations of the Hay Shire Traffic Committee held 18th September 2013 be adopted.

(Rutledge/Ireson)

Question Time

- Cr McGrath advised that the HACC bus back door needs repair.
- Cr Crighton gave an overview of the annual Murray Darling Association conference he recently attended.
- Tertia Butcher from the Riverine Grazier congratulated Council for its efforts in securing a cotton gin for Hay.

Closed Meeting

- 43 **Recommended** that the meeting be closed during the discussion of the matter relating to:

IC.1 T1/13 Bitumen Spray Seal Construction

- (a) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on the person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business;

(Rutledge/Ireson)

IC1. T1/13 Bitumen Spray Seal Construction

- 44 **Resolved** that

- a. accept the tender from Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd at the unit rate \$2.801 m² for an initial period of 1 year with 2 x 12 month extensions; and
- b. accept an annual rise and fall adjustment for routine items based on movement in ABS 3101 Road & Bridge Construction Australian Index and for bitumen and cutter the rise and fall adjustment (at time of payment claim) be based on fluctuations in the General Market Price of bitumen as published by Shell Bitumen.

(Rutledge/Ireson)

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2.30pm.

Confirmed _____
R W Sheaffe
Mayor