



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 8 April 2020**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA VIDEO LINK, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL 2020 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Ahmad Karanouh (Mayor), Cr Paul Wheelhouse (Deputy Mayor), Cr Karen Churchill, Cr Pat Cullen, Cr Barbara Deans and Cr Bill Fisher.

IN ATTENDANCE: Hein Basson (General Manager), Bruce Quarmby (Director of Corporate and Urban Services), Robyn Ryan (Director of Community Services), Kookie Atkins (Director of Engineering Services) and Jill Moorhouse (GM Secretary).

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.04 a.m.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet today, the Wailwan people and the Gamilaroi people and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil.

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Robert Thomas gave written notice to the General Manager of his intention not to attend the meeting for personal reasons.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That the Leave of Absence notice submitted by Cr Robert Thomas be approved and accepted.

5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2020/1

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 11 March 2020 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

Siting of Skate Bowl – Macdonald Park – Proposed Relocation of Shelter

At this juncture there was discussion regarding the siting of the skate bowl in Macdonald Park and the removal of the current shade shelter.

The General Manager pointed out that at this stage of the meeting Council should be resolving the correctness or otherwise of the minutes; and that no other discussion was appropriate.

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Deans advised that she has a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 12.6 – pertaining to the Inland Rail section of the report – as being a potentially affected owner of a property through which the current Inland Rail route is proposed. However, she will remain as part of the meeting, discussing and voting on the item as it is only for Councillors' information.

8 RESOLUTION BOOK

Nil.

9 MAYORAL MINUTE

The Mayor provided Council with a verbal account of his activities during this period, saying he has been busy attending meetings with the Western NSW Health District officials and the Local Emergency Management Committee in regard to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Cr Karanouh said that in this unprecedented time we all should be taking extreme care and looking out for one another.

He praised the local community for its diligence in complying with the regulations in trying to stop the spread of the disease and congratulated business owners for their positive actions in doing as much as possible to keep their premises safe.

Cr Karanouh referred to the wonderful work being done by the Police – he said their work is extremely important in keeping the community safe and asked everyone to work together during this critical time.

ANZAC Day, along with many other events have been cancelled. Cr Karanouh said that he has spoken with RSL personnel who suggested that the community as one stand in front of their homes on ANZAC Day at 6.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. to honour our fallen in the theatre of War. He said because we cannot gather together at the Cenotaph, this would be one simple way we could

respect the Day and also acknowledge the men and women still serving our country.

RESOLUTION 2020/2

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council notes the information provided by the Mayor to the meeting.

CARRIED

9 PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL****SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Nil.

10 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

11 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**12.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY****RESOLUTION 2020/3**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes Development Application No 004/2020 has been approved under delegated authority since Council's March 2020 Meeting.

CARRIED

12.2 STATUS REPORT REGARDING COUNCILLOR ENQUIRIES**RESOLUTION 2020/4**

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

12.3 COONAMBLE WOMEN'S SHED - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**RESOLUTION 2020/5**

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council resolves to consider the request from the Coonamble Women's Shed Inc. for financial assistance in the amount of \$10,000 in conjunction with consideration of the Operational Plan and Budget for 2020/2021, noting that the organisation will not be able to continue its operations without Council support.

CARRIED

12.4 CANCELLATION OF 2020 COONAMBLE SHOW**RESOLUTION 2020/6**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council requests the Department of Premier and Cabinet to cancel the public holiday gazetted for Wednesday, 27 May 2020 because the Coonamble Show has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

CARRIED

12.5 DRAFT MASTERPLAN FOR EXHIBITION

Councillors spent considerable time discussing its Draft Coonamble Shire Masterplan with the consultants, sala4D. Various components of this Plan were raised and questions answered. The theme is *3 birds, 3 towns, a lovely place to be*. Updated plans were displayed on-screen for Council to view and the key projects in all of the three (3) areas within the local government area were discussed.

It is inter alia proposed to open-up the Coonamble Main Street with a roundabout design which will considerably slow traffic down at this intersection to allow for easy access for the travelling public (including recreational vehicles) from the Castlereagh Highway into the Main Street, whilst still adequately catering for the movement of heavy vehicles. The bore baths was another topic discussed at length, with the consultants pointing out it that it is envisaged to be a staged project development.

Public feedback is now being sought for the development of the final version of the Coonamble Shire Masterplan.

RESOLUTION 2020/7

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

1. That Council notes the contents of this report.
2. That Council selects two (2) preferred corporate logo options: Option 1 for display on uniforms/work wear and Option 3 for use on Council letterheads, documents and all other printed matter, as are visually depicted in the Draft Coonamble Shire Masterplan documentation provided under separate cover as part of the Business Paper; FURTHER, that it confirms the approval of the tourism logos as are visually depicted in the aforementioned Masterplan documentation.
3. That Council approves of the Draft Coonamble Shire Masterplan documentation provided under separate cover with this report to be placed on public exhibition for a period of four (4) weeks, as from Tuesday 14 April.

CARRIED

Cr Churchill requested that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

12.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2020/8

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

1. That Council notes the contents of this report.
2. That Council formally adopts the Coonamble Shire Council Adverse Event Plan attached to the report as an Annexure.
3. That Council requests the Mayor to formally contact both the local Federal and State Members of Parliament and lobby them for local government as an industry to be included with any economic stimulus packages that the other spheres of Government will be embarking upon during and after the Covid-19 pandemic.

CARRIED

12.7 NSW OLG - COUNCILLOR SUPERANNUATION DISCUSSION PAPER

RESOLUTION 2020/9

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

1. That Council, after having evaluated the information contained within the Councillor Superannuation Discussion Paper distributed by the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG), resolves to adopt Option 1, maintaining the status quo whereby Council will continue not to be obliged to make superannuation guarantee payments on behalf of the Mayor and Councillors AND FURTHER this resolution be included in a submission to the OLG.
2. That Council informs the local community about the discussion paper mentioned in paragraph one (1) above through its normal media outlets and encourages members of the community to make submissions to the OLG in this regard.

CARRIED

12.8 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS – MARCH 2020

RESOLUTION 2020/10

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
 Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

CARRIED

12.9 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 2020

RESOLUTION 2020/11

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
 Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the list of investments as at 27 March 2020 and also that these investments comply with Section 625(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council’s Investment Policy.

CARRIED

12.10 SALEYARDS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2020/12

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
 Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

CARRIED

12.11 URBAN SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2020/13

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill
 Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

Enquiry re Service NSW Agency - Access to Transport for NSW Office

Councillors referred to the closure of the local Service NSW Agency, saying the public has been concerned not having access to transact business and citing that other offices of Transport for NSW (former RMS) are still operating.

The Director Corporate and Urban Services informed the meeting that staff employed in those offices are employed by the Department of Transport NSW and are working under a different regime than local councils during the Covid-19 crisis.

12.12 ENGINEERING SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2020/14

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

12.13 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2020/15

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

CARRIED

12 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil.

13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

14 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 13 May 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON