



9 December, 2015

Minutes Of The Ordinary Meeting Of
Murrumbidgee Shire Council Held In The
Council Chambers Darlington Point on 9
December, 2015 at 4.08pm

PRESENT: Councillors Austin Evans, Phillip Wells, Christine Chirgwin, Gavin Gilbert and Robert Curphey

IN ATTENDANCE: Kerry McMurray (Acting General Manager)
Sue Mitchell (Director Corporate Performance and Community)
Alison Balind (Executive Assistant – Minute Secretary)
Stephen Goodsall (GIS/Assets Officer)
Gary Randhawa (Project Officer)

The meeting opened at 4.08pm with Mayor Austin Evans reading the Council Prayer.

APOLOGIES

15238. Resolution

Moved Cr Gilbert, Seconded Cr Wells

That Council accept Cr Black's apology for the meeting of 9 December, 2016 and a leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED (5-0)

1. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRUMBIDGEE SHIRE COUNCIL FROM 18 NOVEMBER, 2015

15238. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin, Seconded Cr Gilbert

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murrumbidgee Shire Council Held on 18 November, 2015 be confirmed

CARRIED (5-0)

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Cr Wells asked whether there should be a note included about the Auditor reporting on Council's Annual Finances at the Workshop. The Acting General Manager advised that this was not necessary.

3. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 26 NOVEMBER, 2015

15239. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin, Seconded Cr Curphey

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Murrumbidgee Shire Council Held on 26 November, 2015 be confirmed.

CARRIED (5-0)

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

5. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 7 DECEMBER, 2015

15240. Resolution

Moved Cr Wells, Seconded Cr Chirgwin

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Murrumbidgee Shire Council Held on 7 December, 2015 be confirmed.

CARRIED (5-0)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Rescission Motion

15241. Resolution

Moved Cr Curphey, Seconded Cr Wells

That Council rescind resolution Number 15235, which states “*That Council resolve to immediately commence a legal challenge (including taking interlocutory proceedings to stay) against any decision by the State Government, including but not limited to any decision or order made by the Minister for Local Government or Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government, to place Murrumbidgee Shire Council into administration pending forced amalgamation or implementation of the State Government’s Fit for the Future policy in respect of amalgamations*”.

LOST (0-5)

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

General Manager’s Report Item 3 - Cr Austin Evans declared a less-than-significant non-pecuniary interest in this matter. Having made the declaration, Cr Evans will stay in the meeting, participate in the debate and vote on the item. The description of the conflict is that access to the back carpark at CICL, where the Councillor works, will be affected by the possible changes to the median strips.

General Manager’s Report Item 5 – Cr Christine Chirgwin declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in this matter. Having made the declaration, Cr Chirgwin will not participate in the item, leave the meeting during discussion and/or consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved. The description of the conflict is that the Councillor’s daughter and partner have bought a property off Britts Rd.

8. INFORMATION REPORTS

15242. Resolution

Moved Cr Curphey, Seconded Cr Gilbert

That Council notes the contents of the Incoming Correspondence, Companion Animals Report, Development Applications Approved Under Delegation, Installation of Telecommunications Equipment, Bangerang Aboriginal Corporation and the Christmas Message from the General Manager for information.

CARRIED (5-0)

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2016

15243. Resolution
Moved Cr Wells, Seconded Cr Gilbert

That Council adopt the following Council Meeting and Workshop Schedule for 2016:

Meeting Date	Location
20 January	Council Meeting Room, Coleambally
17 February	Council Chambers, Darlington Point
17 March	Council Meeting Room, Coleambally
20 April	Council Chambers, Darlington Point
11 May	Council Meeting Room, Coleambally
15 June	Council Chambers, Darlington Point
20 July	Council Meeting Room, Coleambally
17 August	Council Chambers, Darlington Point
21 September	Council Meeting Room, Coleambally
19 October	Council Chambers, Darlington Point
16 November	Council Meeting Room, Coleambally
14 December	Council Chambers, Darlington Point

CARRIED (5-0)

2. COUNCIL POLICY - DRAFT STAFF RECOGNITION POLICY – YEARS OF SERVICE

15244. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin, Seconded Cr Gilbert

- 1. That Council adopt the HR.06.02.06 (Attachment A) – Staff Recognition Policy – Years of Service with the deletion of 4.2.**

CARRIED (5-0)

3. COLEAMBALLY COMMUNITY MEETING OUTCOMES

15245. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin, Seconded Cr Gilbert

That Council;

- 1. Not change the parking arrangements in Brolga Place, Coleambally from rear to kerb to front to kerb.**
- 2. Proceed with the detailed design of the footpath in front of the Brolga Place shops under the awning to address the current problems with disabled access to the shops.**
- 3. Write to the shop owners advising that they should look at increasing the size of the down pipes to round 150mm and to look at additional drainage points (similar to the Council offices) to address the current stormwater overflow issues.**
- 4. Prepare a design and costing for the removal of part of the median strips in Kingfisher Avenue in front of the Brolga Hotel, Doctors Surgery, Community Hall, Church and Primary School to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow.**
- 5. Remove the current plantings in the median strips and replace with low shrubbery.**
- 6. Investigate the establishment of a B-Double route along Kingfisher Avenue and extended from Kestrel Road.**
- 7. That the costing for work required to enable this B-Double Route to operate be bought back to Council prior to enactment.**

CARRIED (5-0)

4. COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE AT DARLINGTON POINT CEMETERY

15246. Resolution

Moved Cr Wells, Seconded Cr Chirgwin

That Council:

- a) Notes the correspondence from 2nd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment Association and its plans to commemorate the service of Lance Corporal Peter McDuff**

- b) Upgrades the area surrounding the Returned Soldiers Section of the Darlington Point Cemetery ahead of the proposed commemoration date, that being 22 April, 2016.**
- c) Be advised of the additional costs associated with the upgrade, if any, through the Quarterly Review Process.**

CARRIED (5-0)

Having declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in this matter, Cr Chirgwin vacated the Chamber, the time being 4.41pm.

5. REQUEST FOR SEALING OF BRITTS RD, DARLINGTON POINT

15247. Resolution

Moved Cr Gilbert, Seconded Cr Wells

That Council:

- a) Investigate the complaint which has been raised with Council**
- b) Prepare details of designs and costings for the sealing of one (1) kilometre of Britts Road.**
- c) A report on the designs and costings be brought to a future meeting of Murrumbidgee Shire Council for consideration during the March Quarterly Review Process**

CARRIED (4-0)

Cr Chirgwin returned to the Chamber at 4.45pm.

6. REQUEST TO LEASE LANEWAY

15248. Resolution

Moved Cr Gilbert, Seconded Cr Curphey

That Council:

- a) Investigate the lease of the proposed laneway as well as the need for easements over Council assets**
- b) Report back to Council to advise on options for the laneway**

CARRIED (5-0)

7. REDUCTION IN FUNDING FOR WEED ACTION PLAN 2015-2016

15249. Resolution

Moved Cr Curphey, Seconded Cr Chirgwin

That Council:

- a) Note the reduction of funding for delivery of the 2015-16 Weed Action Plan.**
- b) Review the Weed Action Plan as it relates to Murrumbidgee Shire and a report prepared to allow for additional funding provisions to be budgeted for should it be required.**

CARRIED (5-0)

8. FINANCE AND INVESTMENT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 2015

15250. Resolution

Moved Cr Curphey, Seconded Cr Wells

- a) That Council notes the investment income for November, 2015.
- b) Note the investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government General Regulations and Council's investment policy.
- c) Adopt the Investment Report for the month of November, 2015.

CARRIED (5-0)

9. APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL SES CONTROLLER, COLEAMBALLY

15251. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin, Seconded Cr Curphey

That Council:

- a) Write to Regional Controller, NSW SES Murrumbidgee Region acknowledging its support of the appointment of Craig Hodge as Local Controller, NSW SES Coleambally Unit.
- b) Write to Mr Hodge congratulating him on his appointment to the role of Local Controller, NSW SES Coleambally Unit.

CARRIED (5-0)

10. MURRAY DARLING REGIONAL ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAM

15252. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin, Seconded Cr Curphey

That Council:

- a) Identify opportunities within Murrumbidgee Shire for funding to be sourced through the Murray Darling Regional Economic Diversification Program.
- b) Liaise with local business and industry representatives to prepare submissions under the funding stream to create economic growth within the Shire.

CARRIED (5-0)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.01pm.