



7 March, 2016

Minutes Of The Extraordinary Meeting Of Murrumbidgee Shire Council Held In The Council Chambers at Darlington Point commencing at 5.30pm on 7 March, 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Pinyon (Interim General Manager)
Alison Balind (Executive Officer – Minute Secretary)
Stephen Goodsall (Assets Manager)
Gary Randhawa (Project Engineer)

The meeting opened at 5.30pm with Mayor Austin Evans reading the Council Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Nil

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. FIT FOR THE FUTURE – JERILDERIE PROPOSAL

Moved: Cr Gilbert Seconded: Cr Curphey

That Council:

- a) Distribute information on the merger options to the community from March 8.
- b) Hold a Public Meeting ahead of Council's Ordinary Meeting on March 16.
- c) Undertake a survey of the community to determine its position in relation to the whole of Jerilderie merger proposal.
- d) Allocate up to \$13,000 for the information campaign and surveys to be undertaken.

Motion was lost (2-4)

16034. Resolution

Moved: Cr Black

Seconded: Cr Chirgwin

That Council:

- a) **Advise the community of the consultation and feedback process – distributed via web page, email, media release, Facebook from March 8.**
- b) **Distribute information to the community via the web page, email, newsletter, Facebook, letterboxing from Wednesday, March 16.**
- c) **Hold public meetings in Coleambally on Monday, March 21 and Darlington Point on Wednesday, March 23.**
- d) **Undertake a survey of the community to determine its position in relation to the whole of Jerilderie merger proposal, consisting of paper-based/online survey or comment forms promoted with Information Distribution 2 - survey to close March 30. Telephone poll of random selection of between 300 and 400 residents. Phone poll to be conducted between March 24 and March 30.**

- e) Allocate up to \$13,000 for the information campaign and surveys to be undertaken.**

Carried (5-1)

Discussion was held on the initial financial assessment.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.21pm.