



REPORT

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

26 APRIL 2021

PRESENT: Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, A Jones, S Lawrence, K Parker and J Ryan.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive Officer, the Governance and Internal Control Manager, the Executive Officer Organisational Performance, the Community Support Officer, the Communications Partner, the Director Organisational Performance, the Chief Financial Officer, the Director Culture and Economy, the Director Infrastructure, the Director Development and Environment, the Manager Growth Planning, the Growth Planner and the Director Liveability.

Councillor S Lawrence assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5:31pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber, with a prayer for Divine Guidance to the Council in its deliberations and activities. The acknowledgement of country was also read by Councillor J Ryan.

CCL21/60 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ID21/588)

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 April 2021.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Dubbo Regional Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 April 2021 comprising pages 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the series be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

CCL21/61 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID21/589)

Requests for leave of absence were received from Councillors D Grant, D Gumley and G Mohr who were absent from the meeting due to personal reasons, whilst Councillor B Shields was previously granted leave of absence from this meeting by Council (refer Clause CCL21/53).

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

That such requests for Leave of Absence be accepted and Councillors D Grant, D Gumley and G Mohr be granted leave of absence from this meeting, whilst Councillor B Shields was previously granted leave of absence from this meeting by Council (refer Clause CCL21/53).

CARRIED

CCL21/62 PUBLIC FORUM (ID21/592)

There were no speakers during Public Forum.

MAYORAL MINUTES:

CCL21/62a PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Councillors.

Moved by Councillor S Lawrence and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

1. That the Policy for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Councillors be amended to provide that if a Councillor or the Mayor is or has been granted a leave of absence of one month or longer they are to return any car, phone or iPad provided by Council until the expiration of their leave of absence.
2. That in accordance with Section 253(3) that council determine that the proposed amendment is not considered substantial and can therefore be adopted without the need to go onto public exhibition.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor A Jones

AMENDMENT

1. **That the Policy for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Councillors be amended to provide that if a Councillor or the Mayor is or has been granted a leave of absence in excess of one month they are to return any car, phone or iPad provided by Council until the expiration of their leave of absence.**

2. That in accordance with Section 253(3) that council determine that the proposed amendment is not considered substantial and can therefore be adopted without the need to go onto public exhibition.

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

CARRIED

The amendment then became the motion and on being put to the meeting was carried.

CARRIED

CCL21/62b CORONIAL INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF MARK FINLAYSON

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Coronial inquiry into the death of Mark Finlayson.

Moved by Councillor S Lawrence and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

1. That council supports a public coronial inquiry into the death of Mark Finlayson and authorises the Acting Mayor to correspond with the relevant authorities to express that support formally.
2. That the CEO provide a confidential report to the 4 May 2021 Ordinary meeting of Council on Thea Finlayson's request for documents.

CARRIED

CCL21/62c CONFIDENTIAL MATTER

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Confidential Matter.

Moved by Councillor S Lawrence

MOTION

That the Council determine a verbal report by the CEO in Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES:

CCL21/63 REPORT OF THE DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL SOLAR AND WIND FARM CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - MEETING 6 APRIL 2021 (ID21/593)

The Council had before it the report of the Dubbo Regional Council Solar and Wind Farm Consultative Committee meeting held 6 April 2021.

Moved by Councillor J Diffey and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

That the report be deferred due to an administrative matter.

CARRIED

**CCL21/64 REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING
12 APRIL 2021 (ID21/647)**

The Council had before it the report of the Development and Environment Committee meeting held 12 April 2021.

Moved by Councillor J Diffey and seconded by Councillor K Parker

MOTION

That the report of the Development and Environment Committee meeting held on 12 April 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

**CCL21/65 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND LIVEABILITY COMMITTEE - MEETING
12 APRIL 2021 (ID21/648)**

The Council had before it the report of the Infrastructure and Liveability Committee meeting held 12 April 2021.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

That the report of the Infrastructure and Liveability Committee meeting held on 12 April 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

**CCL21/66 REPORT OF THE CULTURE, ECONOMY AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE -
MEETING 12 APRIL 2021 (ID21/649)**

The Council had before it the report of the Culture, Economy and Corporate Committee meeting held 12 April 2021.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

That the report of the Culture, Economy and Corporate Committee meeting held on 12 April 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

CCL21/67 DRAFT 2021/2022 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN (ID20/1753)

The Council had before it the report dated 13 April 2021 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Draft 2021/2022 Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

1. That the report from the Chief Executive Officer, dated 13 April 2021, be noted.
2. That the draft 2021/2022 Delivery Program and Operational Plan (attached in Appendix 1) and draft Long Term Financial Plan (attached in Appendix 2), be adopted by Council for the purpose of public exhibition.
3. That the draft 2021/2022 Delivery Program and Operational Plan and draft Long Term Financial Plan be placed on public exhibition from Friday 30 April 2021 for a period of not less than 28 days.
4. That community and stakeholder engagement be undertaken in accordance with the Community Engagement Strategy included in this report.
5. That following completion of public exhibition, a further report be presented to Council for consideration, addressing the outcomes of the public exhibition.

CARRIED

CCL21/68 DRAFT 2021/2022 BUDGET AND FEES/CHARGES (ID21/556)

The Council had before it the report dated 7 April 2021 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Draft 2021/2022 Budget and Fees/Charges.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That the report from the Chief Executive Officer, dated 7 April 2021, be noted.
2. That the 2021/2022 draft Budget (including Fees and Charges) and Forward Budgets for 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 be adopted and placed on public exhibition from Friday, 30 April 2021 for 28 days.
3. That the 2021/2022 draft Macquarie Regional Library Budget be adopted and placed on public exhibition from Friday, 30 April 2021 for 28 days, in conjunction with Council's planning documents.
4. That submissions and comments closing at 5.00 pm on Friday, 28 May 2021 be invited in respect of the 2021/2022 draft Council Budget and the draft Macquarie Regional Library Budget.
5. That the various reports of the Directors, in reference to the Budget, be noted.
6. That the interest rate on overdue rates and charges be the maximum, as advised by the Minister for Local Government for the 2021/2022 year.

7. That the annual pensioner rebates on both water and sewerage charges be maintained at \$100.00 each for the 2021/2022 financial year.
8. That the annual pensioner rebate on the Domestic Waste Management Service Charge – Three Bin Service be maintained at \$52.00 for the 2021/2022 financial year.
9. That Dubbo Regional Council not utilise the provisions under the draft Local Government Amendment Bill 2021 to achieve rates harmonisation gradually.

CARRIED

CCL21/69 DRAFT PLANNING AGREEMENT - RAAF BASE - RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION (ID21/240)

The Council had before it the report dated 26 March 2021 from the Growth Planner regarding Draft Planning Agreement - RAAF Base - Results of Public Exhibition.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor A Jones

MOTION

1. That the report of the Growth Planner, dated 26 March 2021, be noted.
2. That Council enter into a Planning Agreement with Andorra Developments Pty Ltd, in accordance with the agreement attached in Appendix 1.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to enter into a Planning Agreement and complete any documentation under Power of Attorney.
4. That those who made a submission be acknowledged and advised of Council's determination.

CARRIED

In accordance with s375A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, a division was duly called, the following votes on the motion were recorded:

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Diffey	
Councillor Etheridge	
Councillor Jones	
Councillor Lawrence	
Councillor Parker	
Councillor Ryan	
Total (6)	Total (0)

CCL21/70 DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL (ID21/594)

The Council had before it the report dated 6 April 2021 from the Manager Building and Development Services regarding Dubbo Regional Council Representatives on the Western Regional Planning Panel.

Moved by Councillor J Diffey and seconded by Councillor A Jones

MOTION

1. That the report from the Manager Building and Development Services, dated 6 April 2021, be noted.
2. That Council confirm Mr Lindsay Mathieson and Ms Josie Howard as its two nominations to represent Dubbo Regional Council on the Western Regional Planning Panel, for a period not to exceed three years.

CARRIED

CCL21/71 DESIGN SERVICES FOR BULK WATER INFRASTRUCTURE - EXTENSION OF CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR (ID21/582)

The Council had before it the report dated 13 April 2021 from the Manager Major Projects regarding Design Services for Bulk Water Infrastructure - Extension of Consultancy Agreement for One Year.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

1. That the report of the Manager Major Project, dated 13 April 2021, be noted.
2. That Premise Australia be engaged for a further 12 month period to provide consultancy services in relation to the design of water security projects for Dubbo Regional Council.
3. That Premise Australia be engaged under the same terms, including the Schedule of Rates, as per the original agreement entered into with Council in April 2019.
4. That all necessary documentation in relation to this matter be executed under Power of Attorney.

CARRIED

CCL21/72 EVENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - 2020/2021 EVENT FUNDING (ID21/543)

The Council had before it the report dated 31 March 2021 from the Director Culture and Economy regarding Event Assistance Program - 2020/2021 Event Funding.

Moved by Councillor V Etheridge and seconded by Councillor K Parker

MOTION

1. That the report of the Director Culture and Economy, dated 31 March 2021, be noted.
2. That funding determined under Emerging Event Fund (Round 2) of the Event Funding Program totalling \$2,000 and resource assistance be noted.
3. That funding determined under Community Event Fund (Round 2) of the Event Funding Program totalling \$10,000 and resource assistance be noted.
4. That funding be determined and conditional to each event supplying COVID-19 Safety Plans and meeting any conditions and restrictions in place under Public Health Orders.
5. That should any funded events not proceed, the funds will be returned to Council.

CARRIED

CCL21/73 DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION TO THE TARONGA CONSERVATION SOCIETY AUSTRALIA BOARD (ID21/650)

The Council had before it the report dated 20 April 2021 from the Director Organisational Performance regarding Dubbo Regional Council Representation to the Taronga Conservation Society Australia Board.

Moved by Councillor V Etheridge and seconded by Councillor A Jones

MOTION

1. That the report of the Director Organisational Performance, dated 20 April 2021, be noted.
2. That Council nominate the Chief Executive Officer, Dean Frost, and the Director Culture and Economy, Natasha Comber, for representation to the Board of the Taronga Conservation Society Australia Board.

CARRIED

CCL21/74 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID21/591)

There were no matters recorded under this clause.

At this junction it was moved by Councillor S Lawrence that the Council resolves into the Committee of the Whole Council, the time being 5.55pm.

The meeting resumed at 7.29pm.

CCL21/75 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Director Organisational Performance read to the meeting the Report of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on 26 April 2021.

Moved Councillor J Diffey and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

That the report of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on 26 April 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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CHAIRMAN