



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2007

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held at the Council Administration Centre, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes, commencing at 2.00 pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on 4 December 2007 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor R I Wilson, (in the Chair)
Councillor Y Hutton
Councillor K McGrath
Councillor B J Laing
Councillor W Scott

Councillor K J Keith
Councillor J H Magill
Councillor B Newton
Councillor G Pratt

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
Director Corporate Service - B Matthews
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell
Director Operations - S Barry
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd
Minutes Secretary - S Henry

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

1 PRAYER

The Mayor asked the General Manager to open proceedings with a prayer.

2 APOLOGIES

07- 883 Resolution

That Councillor Patrick Byrne be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

07- 884 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 20 November 2007, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Yvonne Hutton declared an interest in Item 14.3 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

5.1 Mayoral Minute - Dogs

Executive Summary

The Mayor reports that he has received disturbing reports regarding dogs attacking sheep in the Billabong Creek area.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received.

07- 885 Resolution

1. That Council publicise that dog ownership comes with responsibility for the dogs actions and that dog owners may be liable for any injuries caused by their animal.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 (ICR) Letters of Appreciation

Executive Summary

During the exercise of its various functions, Council frequently receives letters of appreciation for services rendered or actions taken by Councillors and staff. The most recently received congratulatory letters are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

07- 886 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Alectown Neighbourhood Watch - Reduction of Speed Limit

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Alectown Neighbourhood Watch requesting assistance from the RTA and Council in the reduction of the current speed limit within the town.

Recommendation

1. That Council write to the Alectown Neighbourhood Watch and advise them that the matters raised are outside Council's control and that the RTA will be the authority to follow up the matters raised.

07- 887 Resolution

1. That Council write to the Alectown Neighbourhood Watch and advise them that the matters raised are outside Council's control and that the RTA will be the authority to follow up the matters raised.
2. That Council support the Alectown community in their submission to the Roads and Traffic Authority regarding reducing the speed limit within the town.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) Letter of Support for Additional Water Storage

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Forbes Shire Council requesting that Parkes Shire Council supply a letter of support for the development of additional storage in the Lachlan and Belubula River systems.

Recommendation

1. That Council provide a letter Forbes Shire Council supporting the investigation of any sustainable initiatives which improve the water resources in the region.

07- 888 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Community Survey

Executive Summary

It is proposed to conduct a Community Survey in 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted and approved.

07- 889 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Parkes Forbes Business Enterprise Centre

Executive Summary

The Annual Meeting of the Parkes Forbes Business Enterprise Centre and Orana Business Advisory Service was held on 14 November 2007.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted and Mr Ken Turner be congratulated on his re election.

07- 890 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Great Australian Trunk Rail (GATR) System P/L

Executive Summary

This is a report on the activities of GATR.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received.

07- 891 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Dawn Fardell MP, Member for Dubbo

Executive Summary

Advising that she has received correspondence from the Premier and the Minister for Primary Industries in response to her representations on behalf of Council regarding compensation for the cancellation of the Parkes Show due to the equine influenza.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

07- 892 Resolution

1. That Council seek a definite response from the State Government and the matter be taken up with the Federal Government.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) StateCover Scheme Performance Rebate

Executive Summary

Advice has been received from StateCover Mutual Limited that they will return an amount of \$3.7 million to their member Councils renewing workers compensation insurance policies for the next 12 month period.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that StateCover be congratulated on its performance and thanked for the "Scheme Performance Rebate".

07- 893 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.3 (DCS) Koori Kids Association- Request for Financial Assistance

Executive Summary

The Koori Kids Association have request financial support from Council by way of a \$450.00 donation to assist with the annual "Operation Christmas" for underprivileged children.

Recommendation

1. That Council contribute an amount of \$450.00 to the Koori Kids Association to assist with the staging of the "Operation Christmas" event for 2007.

07- 894 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) DA07189: Proposed Shed at Lot B DP 396836, 77 Hill Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA07189

Applicant: Mr R Drew

Property: Lot B DP 396836, 77 Hill Street, Parkes

Proposal: Shed

Executive Summary

It is proposed to erect a shed to the rear of the dwelling on Lot B DP 396836, 77 Hill Street, Parkes. The shed is 6 metres wide and 6 metres long and a height of 2.7 metres to the eave and 3.5 metres to the apex of the roof.

The proposed development contravenes the requirements of Parkes Shire Councils' Residential Code Development Control Plan, 1998 with regard to the required setback of a building from the street boundary line of a corner allotment.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report.

07- 895 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) DA07174: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 319 & 391 DP 750179 'Part Austinmere' Parkes Parish, Parkes Shire

Development Application Information

Application No: DA07174

Applicant: Mr J Sanderson

Property: Lot 319 DP 750179, Lot 391 DP 750179, 'Part Austinmere' Parkes Parish, Parkes Shire

Proposal: Subdivision

Executive Summary

The Development Application is for the subdivision of rural land located near the Tichborne locality.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report.

07- 896 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) DA07183: Proposed Dwelling at Lot 127 DP 750179 Emerton Road, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA07183

Applicant: Mr D & Mrs K Hoe

Property: Lot 127 DP 750179, Emerton Road, Parkes

Proposal: Dwelling

Executive Summary

The application is for a dwelling located in the 1(c) Rural Small Holdings zone. The proponent is seeking a departure to Section 5.4 (Building Lines) of Council's Rural Small Holdings Development Control Plan 1998.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report.

07- 897 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Suggested Naming of Bridge - Main Road 348

Executive Summary

A request has been received for the bridge over Genaren Creek on Main Road 348 (Peak Hill - Tullamore Road) to be named Lindsays Bridge in recognition of the Lindsay family who have lived on the adjoining property since 1901. Background information supplied in support of the request is attached.

The request also states "Cora Lynn will always stand but maybe one day there will be no more Lindsays. It would be lovely to have the bridge record the name of the family who has lived and worked in the Peak Hill district for over 100 years".

It is considered that the naming of the bridge would be a fitting acknowledgement.

Recommendation

1. That the name "Lindsays Bridge" be advertised for public comment for the bridge over Genaren Creek on Main Road 348 (Peak Hill - Tullamore Road).

07- 898 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Tullamore Pool - Blue Light Disco

Executive Summary

A request has been received from Tullamore Blue Light for an extension of the Tullamore pool hours for their Christmas Party on 14 December 2007. The event will involve games, BBQ and music provided by their Blue Light Disco trailer. There will be parents and supervisors present as well as members of the Police. Insurance is covered by NSW Police.

Recommendation

1. That approval be granted for an extension of Tullamore Pool opening hours until 9pm on 14 December 2007 for Tullamore Blue Light's Christmas Party.

07- 899 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Street Lighting - Parkes Industrial Estate

Executive Summary

Previous approaches have been made to Council requesting that street lighting be provided in the industrial estate north of Saleyards Road. Concerns raised related to security of the businesses in the area.

There is a general misconception that street lighting should be provided for the security of property. Street lighting is provided for the safety of road users, not property, and it is the property owner's responsibility to provide security lighting for their premises.

Notwithstanding, a quotation has been obtained from Country Energy to provide new street lighting on existing poles in the industrial estate as shown on the attached plan.

Recommendation

1. That 14 street lights be provided on existing poles in the Parkes Industrial Estate, north of Saleyards Road, at a cost of \$19,458 funded from Industrial Development.

07- 900 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Request for Street Lighting - Flinders Street Parkes

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from a resident in Flinders Street Parkes requesting that Council consider improvements to the street lighting between Condobolin Road and Victoria Street. The writer advises that the street is very busy due to the proximity to the showground and the lack of lighting results in safety concerns for road users.

Street lights exist at the intersection with Victoria Street and on the southern side of Condobolin Road. It is considered that an additional street light in the vicinity of 39 Flinders Street would comply with Council's usual practice.

Recommendation

1. That additional street lighting be provided on an existing pole adjacent to 39 Flinders Street Parkes.

07- 901 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.5 (DO) Request for Street Lighting - Woodward Street Parkes

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from a business in Woodward Street Parkes requesting that Council consider improvements to the street lighting in the street. The writer believes that the absence of adequate night lights appears to contribute to the behaviour of some community members resulting in vandalism.

It is considered that the street lighting in Woodward Street generally complies with Council's usual practice, however it could be improved with the addition of a light on existing poles in the vicinity of Porter Street and mid block between Fisher Street and East Street.

Recommendation

1. That additional street lighting be provided in Woodward Street in the vicinity of Porter Street and mid block between Fisher Street and East Street.

07- 902 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.6 (DO) Playground - Bob Swindle Park

Executive Summary

Concerns have been raised over the condition of the playground at Bob Swindle Park in Westcott Crescent Parkes. The play equipment is being continually vandalised and broken glass and other foreign objects scattered in the soft fall material.

It was intended to replace the play equipment this financial year. However, with the continued vandalism and associated cost of repairs, it is considered that the replacement should be deferred. It is also considered that the playground surrounds should also be removed.

Recommendation

1. That the playground be removed from Bob Swindle Park Westcott Crescent Parkes.

07- 903 Resolution

1. That Council explore alternative arrangements or options and defer decision until February 2008 pending further investigations.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.7 (DO) Parkes Pool - Learn to Swim Club

Executive Summary

Council staff have been approached by some individuals that would be interested in being part of a new Learn to Swim group but need assistance to gauge public interest. Council has been requested to organise a public meeting, to be chaired by Swimming NSW, with a view to forming a new Club from interested members of the public.

Recommendation

1. That the possibility of a public meeting involving Swimming NSW to discuss the formation of a new learn to swim club be progressed.

07- 904 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

At this stage the Mayor made a presentation to Tullamore Central School student Justin Stanbrook prior to his departure to Japan as a recipient of the inaugural Jenesys Scholarship program.

At this stage the Mayor also welcomed Ms Barbara Cameron, 2007 Bush Bursary student to Parkes

The meeting adjourned at 3.14pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.39pm.

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) 2005/06 Triple bottom Line Performance Report for Water Supply and Sewerage Services

Executive Summary

The NSW Government prepares annually Water Supply and Sewerage Performance Monitoring reports. The Parkes specific reports are attached.

For water supply, cost is the main area in the lower statistical group, which is a direct consequence of the cost of pumping water up hill from the Lachlan Bores and River. Sewers main area of low performance relates to sewage treatment works performance. These issues will be addressed with the implementation of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan.

Recommendation

1. That the information is for Council's information.

07- 905 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) Noxious Weeds Report - July to September 2007

Executive Summary

The report outlines the activities and programs of the Noxious Weeds Officer for the months of July, August and September 2007.

Noxious weed control is an important component of Council's Management Plan, which aims to reduce weed infestations and thereby increase the productivity and amenity of land for residents within Parkes Shire.

As of 1 September 2007, whilst the Equine Flu (Horse Flu) was present in the Parkes Shire, Council's on farm property inspections were stopped to ensure there was no potential to spread the disease.

Recommendation

1. That Council receive and note the Noxious Weeds Officer Report for July, August and September 2007.
2. That Council note Coolatai Grass is creeping into the Shire.
3. That Council formally congratulate the winner of the Stephenson/Buerckner Award, Mr Don Mackenzie from Bourke Shire Council.

07- 906 Resolution

1. That Council receive and note the Noxious Weeds Officer Report for July, August and September 2007.
2. That Council note Coolatai Grass is creeping into the Shire.
3. That Council formally congratulate the winner of the Stephenson/Buerckner Award, Mr Don Mackenzie from Bourke Shire Council.
4. Council nominate for the hosting of the 2011 Noxious Weeds Conference.
5. Council congratulate Matthew Bailey for serving in position of Secretary NSW Noxious Weeds Officers Association.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

14.1 Local Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes

Executive Summary

The Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting was held on 14 November 2007 at 10.00am. The Minutes of the Meeting are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 14 November 2007 be adopted.

07- 907 Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 14 November 2007 be adopted.
2. That Council investigate a single parking bay on Heraghty Park (Item 5.3)

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

14.2 Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Pool Planning Sub Committee Meeting held 20 November 2007

Executive Summary

The Parkes Shire Council Pool Planning Sub Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 20 November 2007. The Minutes are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Pool Planning Sub Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 November 2007 be adopted, including the recommendations as follows:
 - That the upgrade of Peak Hill Pool be carried out as soon as possible
 - That a financial review and analysis be carried out on options available to fund the required upgrade of Peak Hill Pool.
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07- 908 Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Pool Planning Sub Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 November 2007 be adopted, including the recommendations as follows:
 - That the upgrade of Peak Hill Pool be carried out as soon as possible
 - That a financial review and analysis be carried out on options available to fund the required upgrade of Peak Hill Pool.
2. Council make representation to the State Member and the new Federal Minister regarding funding avenues available.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting temporarily at 4.25pm

14.3 Minutes of Museum Development Committee Meetings held 9 October & 20 November 2007

Executive Summary

The Parkes Shire Council Museum Development Committee meetings were held on Tuesday, 9 October and Tuesday, 20 November 2007.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted

07- 909 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 4.29pm.

15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

15.1 (Q & M) Traffic Signage - Mitchell St and Clarinda St Intersection

Councillor Ken McGrath requested Council consider placing a Give Way sign at the intersection of Mitchell Street and Clarinda Street for traffic heading north, to allow heavy vehicles right of way heading south.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that if Council would like this matter investigated it could be referred to the Roads and Traffic Authority and the Local Traffic Committee.

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

07- 910 Resolution

1. That the matter be investigated initially by Council staff and referred to the local Traffic Committee and Roads and Traffic Authority.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.2 (Q & M) DA07055 "Fairview" Orange Road

Councillor Ken McGrath has advised he has concerns regarding DA07055 "Fairview" Orange Road and affects on neighbouring properties.

The Director of Planning and Environment refers Council to a letter from adjoining landowner: Ms B Wilson. Council's response to Ms Wilson's concerns have been attached together with a copy of her letter and the report to Council at its meeting held on 18th September 2007. The matters raised have been appropriately addressed.

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

07- 911 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

At this time 4.49pm, Councillor Hutton requested and received, from the Mayor, permission to leave the Council meeting.

At this point Councillor Ken Keith advised that Jan Bruce, Drought Support Coordinator with the Department of Primary Industries has requested Councils assistance with the collection and transport of 60 hampers from Borenore to Parkes and for the hampers to be stored at the Parkes depot until distribution to drought affected families.

07- 912 Resolution

Council advised that a courier will be arranged for the collection of the hampers and that space will be allocated at the Parkes depot for storage.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 4.58pm.

The Mayor asked the Meeting whether it agreed that the items listed by the General Manager appeared to be items which should be discussed in closed session for the reasons given.

The General Manager advised that there were no written representations from the public on the proposed closure of the Council Meeting.

07- 913 Resolution

That the meeting be closed for consideration of the listed items as they involve: information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors) and commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

16.1 (DO) Parkes Regional Airport - Security Breach

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

An incident recently occurred at Parkes Regional Airport where security conditions airside were breached.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the breach of security at Parkes Regional Airport be noted and appropriate action taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

07- 914 Resolution

1. That the information on the breach of security at Parkes Regional Airport be noted and appropriate action taken to prevent a reoccurrence.
2. That the lease for the land when renewed in December 2007, be reworded to address security breaches.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

At this point the meeting was returned to Open Session of Council

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.05pm.