



**Edward
River**
COUNCIL

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

18 February 2021

**MINUTES OF EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE RFS BUILDING, MACKNIGHT DRIVE, DENILQUIN
ON THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Norm Brennan (Mayor), Cr Pat Fogarty (Deputy Mayor), Cr Peta Betts, Cr Marg Bull, Cr Ashley Hall, Cr Norm McAllister, Cr Peter McCrabb, Cr Nick Metcalfe, Cr Mac Wallace

IN ATTENDANCE: Philip Stone (General Manager), Mark Dalzell (Interim Director Infrastructure), Suni Campbell (Director Corporate Services), Tiffany Carroll (Communications Advisor), Amanda Barber (Manager Finance), Michelle Cobb (Manager Community & Economic Development), Michael Todd (Assets & Procurement Administrator), Belinda Perrett (Executive Assistant)

1 OPENING MEETING

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge that we are here today on the land of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa people. I would also like to acknowledge and pay my respects to past Aboriginal Elders, the present Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who reside within this area, and their future generations.

3 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I have come here as a Councillor freely and without bias to:

- Represent the views of the community in considering the matters before us today
- To vote in a matter I consider to be in the best interest of the community
- To observe the Code of Conduct and respect the rule of the chair and views of my fellow Councillors.

4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2021/1

Moved: Cr Mac Wallace
Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 December 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr Marg Bull declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 10.7

7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

That Councillors refer to items 10.7 and 10.6 in the first instance.

8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**10.7 BOB WHITE MEMORIAL TRUST****RESOLUTION 2021/2**

Moved: Cr Peta Betts

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council:

1. Discuss and endorse the establishment of the Bob White Memorial Trust and associated documents that support the formation of the Trust:
 - (a) The Trust Document (attachment 1)
 - (b) The Conargo Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Committee meeting minutes held in January 2021 (attachment 3)
 - (c) The submission to the Minister for Local Government (attachment 4)

CARRIED

10.6 STRATEGIC REVIEW OF COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK**RESOLUTION 2021/3**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That council adopt the detailed implementation plan (attachment 1) which includes allocated resources and estimated support costs required to achieve the remainder of the Strategic Review of Committee Framework project.

CARRIED

10.1 MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND GENERAL MANAGER MEETINGS**RESOLUTION 2021/4**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council note the Mayor, Councillors and General Manager meetings attended during the month of December 2020 and January 2021, undertaken either remotely, or adhering to COVID-19 distancing regulations.

CARRIED

10.2 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL**RESOLUTION 2021/5**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb
Seconded: Cr Norm McAllister

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at February 2021.

CARRIED

10.3 INVESTMENT REPORT DECEMBER 2020**RESOLUTION 2021/6**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb
Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council:

1. Note and receive the December 2020 report on Investments totalling \$45,134,557 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations.
2. Note that actual interest received for the month of December 2020 was \$3,359.
3. Note that accrued interest earned to 31 December 2020 but not yet received was \$104,169.
4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report

.CARRIED

10.4 INVESTMENT REPORT JANUARY 2021**RESOLUTION 2021/7**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb
Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council:

1. Note and receive the January 2021 report on Investments totalling \$44,094,049 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations.
2. Note that actual interest received for the month of January 2021 was \$2,883.
3. Note that accrued interest earned to 31 January 2021 but not yet received was \$127,631.
4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report

.CARRIED

Michelle Cobb, Manager Community & Economic Development entered the Chambers at 9.38am

10.5 RATES HARMONISATION PROJECT - RECOMMENDED RATE STRUCTURE UPDATES**RESOLUTION 2021/8**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

1. That Council receive and note the independent review report from Morrison Low.
2. That Council adopt the preferred rate structure, as set out in 'Attachment 2 - *Preferred Rate Structure – Option 10 C*, as an outcome of the Rates Harmonisation Project is a revised Statement of Revenue Policy for commencement at 1 July 2021.

.CARRIED

10.8 EDWARD RIVER SENIORS LIVING PRECINCT**RESOLUTION 2021/9**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council:

1. Endorse the Seniors Living Precinct sketch plans and standard unit designs for the purposes of detailed design, cost estimates and expressions of interest to the community.
2. Note the estimated project costs and construction approach detailed in this report
3. Proceed with more detailed design and costs for the purposes of construction.
4. Note that, if the Building Better Regions Fund grant is successful, Council will be required to contribute at least 50% to the cost of the project, either from borrowing or reserves.
5. Delegate authority to the General Manager to apply to the Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Projects Stream for at least 50% of the costs of stage 1 of the development on a 1:1 funding basis
6. Proceed with developing an operating and management model for the project, based on a community-based, not-for-profit entity, utilising either leasehold or loan/license, for decision by Council prior to 30 June 2021.
7. Endorse the market testing expressions of interest process underway to determine market demand in the local community.

CARRIED

Michael Todd, Assets & Procurement Administrator left the Chambers and did not return.

**10.9 COMBINED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2018-2021 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020-2021
QUARTERLY DECEMBER 2020 PROGRESS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2021/10**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Mac Wallace

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Combined Delivery Program 2018-2021 and Operational Plan 2020-2021 Quarterly December 2020 Progress Report, contained at Attachment 1.

CARRIED

At 10.12 am, Cr Pat Fogarty left the meeting. At 10.16am, Cr Pat Fogarty returned to the meeting.

10.10 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - DECEMBER 2020**RESOLUTION 2021/11**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Norm McAllister

That Council

- 1) Receive the 31 December 2020 financial review of the 2020/21 Operational Plan as adopted at the Council Meeting on June 2020
- 2) Approve the budget variations as detailed in this report. If all these variations are approved Council will have a surplus of \$13,797,000, and after removing Capital Grants a *deficit* of \$575,000.

CARRIED

At 10.20am, Cr Norm McAllister left the meeting. At 10.23am, Cr Norm McAllister returned to the meeting.

10.11 MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM - FEBRUARY 2021 - PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/12**

Moved: Cr Mac Wallace

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council note the Major Projects Program from various funding sources - Progress Report for February 2021.

CARRIED

Suni Campbell, Director Corporate Services left the Chambers at 10.29am and returned at 10.31am.

10.12 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2021/13**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council notes the final Capital Works update for the 2020/21 financial year.

CARRIED

10.13 REALLOCATION OF DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME FUNDING**RESOLUTION 2021/14**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council:

1. Reallocate \$20,000 from the Drought Communities Programme Village Beautification Project to the Visit Deni marketing campaign.

CARRIED

Amanda Barber, Manager Finance left the Chambers at 10.39am and did not return.

10.14 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2021/15**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That That Council receive and endorse the Community and Economic Development update

CARRIED

10.15 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/16**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council note the Environmental Services reports for December 2020 and January 2021

CARRIED

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

11 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11.09am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 March 2021.

.....
CHAIRPERSON