



I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 18 April 2023
Time: 10:00 AM
**Location: Council Chambers, Estates Building Cressy Street
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MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 18 April 2023

Philip Stone
General Manager

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1. OPENING MEETING

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6. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Moved: Cr Tarria Moore

Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/6

That the leave of absence requested by Cr Pat Fogarty and Cr Shannon Sampson be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1. EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 21 MARCH 2023

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Paul Fellows

RESOLUTION 2023/0418/7.1

That Council accept the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 March 2023 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

12.3 Proposed Sale of April Street Report - Mayor Peta Betts declared a Non-Pecuniary - Significant Interest and did not participate in the discussion.

9. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil.

10. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

11.1. ARIC DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING NO 21, THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2023

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham

Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/11.1

That Council receives the draft Minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held on 16 March 2023 with minor administrative amendments and endorse the resolutions of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2. AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 28 MARCH 2023

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

RESOLUTION 2022/0418.11.2

That Council note the minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting held 28 March 2023 with amendments to attendees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3. ROTARY PARK USERS GROUP MEETING 5 APRIL 2023

Moved: Cr Marc Petersen

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/11.3

That Council note the minutes from the Rotary Park Users Group meeting of 5 April 2023 with minor changes to action items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.4. SALEYARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham

Seconded: Cr Paul Fellows

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/11.4

That Council note the minutes of the Saleyards Advisory Committee Meeting of 30 March 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**12.1. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW DRAFT REPORT**

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.1

That Council

1. Note the Report and findings of the Financial Sustainability Review and strategies to achieve a financially sustainable Council.
2. Adopt the Financial Sustainability Review report and recommendations and action plan contained within the report.
3. Adopt the draft Long Term Financial Plan for public exhibition alongside the draft 2023-24 draft Operational Plan and Budget

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2. 2023-24 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET

Moved: Cr Paul Fellows

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.2

That Council:

1. Endorse the attached draft 2023-24 Operational Plan and Budget (including Fees and Charges) for public exhibition,
2. Notes the public exhibition period will run for at least 28 days and will invite members of the community to make a submission on the draft documents,
3. Notes that a community engagement program will be implemented during the exhibition period to enable community consultation and discussion on the draft documents,
4. Notes that all submissions received during the public exhibition period will be considered during finalisation of the 2023-24 Operational Plan and Budget prior to its formal adoption before 30 June 2023.

Cr Paul Fellows, Cr Linda Fawns, Cr Tarria Moore, and Mayor Peta Betts voted for the Motion.

Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Harold Clapham and Cr Marc Petersen voted against the Motion.

CARRIED

12.3. PROPOSED SALE OF PART OF APRIL STREET

Mayor Peta Betts left the Council Chambers at 10:56am due to a conflict of interest.

Moved: Cr Tarria Moore

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.3

That Council proceeds with the sale, by way of an expression of interest process, of the former Crown Road reserve located off April Street, adjacent to Lot 1 DP251852 and Lot 2 Section 122 DP758782.

Mayor Peta Betts returned to the Council Chambers at 10:59am

Cr Paul Fellows left the Council Chambers at 10:59am.

12.4. CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW POLICY

Cr Paul Fellows returned to the Council Chambers at 11:02am

Acting Chief Finance Officer left the Council Chambers at 11am.

Acting Chief Finance Office returned to the Council Chambers at 11:01am.

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Harold Clapham

MOTION

That Council adopt the policy with an amendment to include all Councillors as members of the review committee.

Cr Marc Petersen, Cr Shirlee Burge and Cr Harold Clapham voted for the motion.

Cr Paul Fellows, Mayor Peta Betts, Cr Linda Fawns and Cr Tarria Moore voted against the motion.

LOST

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Paul Fellows

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.4

That Council adopt the revised CEO Performance Review Policy.

Cr Paul Fellows, Mayor Peta Betts, Cr Linda Fawns and Cr Tarria Moore voted for the Resolution.

Cr Marc Petersen, Cr Shirlee Burge and Cr Harold Clapham voted against the Resolution.

CARRIED

12.5. AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

Moved: Cr Marc Petersen

Seconded: Cr Paul Fellows

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.5

That Council

1. Approves the attendance of the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer at the Australian Local Government Association 2023 National General Assembly 13 to 16 June 2023 at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.
2. Approves the attendance of up to 3 other Councillors in line with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

12.6. EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Chief Executive Officer left the Council Chambers at 11:26am

Chief Executive Officer returned to the Council Chambers at 11:29am.

Moved: Cr Marc Petersen

Seconded: Cr Tarrisa Moore

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.6

That Council adopt the draft Terms of Reference for the Edward River Council Arts & Culture Advisory Committee with an amendment to include a representative from Play on the Plains and Art Life.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.7. THE LONG PADDOCK

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham

Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.7

That Council:

1. Note the Minutes of the Officers' Forum.
2. Dissolve the s355 committee arrangement for the Long Paddock Tourism Route of Edward River Council (noting that the Committee was not reconfirmed after the council election, nor was it dissolved).
3. Support in principle the formation of a membership-based committee with an incorporated association governance model for the purpose of marketing and promoting the Long Paddock Touring Route, noting proposed membership will include a council representative and community representative for each member Council and that community representatives should be appointed via an open and transparent process.
4. Notes that Councillor Burge is the Edward River Councillor delegate.
5. Support in principle the establishment of a bank account for the deposit of current Long Paddock Committee funds once evidence of incorporation is provided and that Council transfer the remaining Long Paddock Touring Route funds to that account.
6. Notes the recommendation by the Committee to waive the 2021/22 financial contribution from member councils.
7. Notes the intention to maintain membership fees for the new incorporated association at \$7,000 per member council, and notes that Edward River Council's contribution will reduce to \$7k per annum which is comparable to Hay and Murray River Councils' contributions.
8. Notes Edward River Council's limited ability to support the transition work described above, given current resourcing constraints, and that it is recommended that this work will be

assigned to the project officer (currently an employee of Hay Shire Council) to undertake in the interim until an external contractor can be hired.

9. Notes that the sculpture and other Long Paddock Touring Route assets that reside in the Edward River Council LGA are considered assets of council, and will require appropriate management in accordance with asset management principles and processes.
10. Notes that performance measures and return on investment in the Long Paddock Touring Route for Edward River Council are largely anecdotal, however, continued participation is recommended to an extent that is within current Council's resourcing (staffing and proposed future budget allocations).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.8. INVESTMENTS & RESERVES REPORT - MARCH 2023

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Paul Fellows

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.8

That Council:

1. Note and receive the March 2023 report on Investments totalling \$46,133,606 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations.
2. Note that actual interest earned in the month of March 2023 was \$85,931.
3. Note that total interest earned for the year to 31 March 2023 is \$555,130.
4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.9. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham

Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.9

That Council receive and note the March 2023 Development Services team update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.10. MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.10

That Council note the Major Projects update for March 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.11. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

Moved: Cr Marc Petersen

Seconded: Cr Paul Fellows

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.11

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 31 March 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.12. MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CEO MEETINGS

Moved: Cr Marc Petersen

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2022/0418/12.12

That Council

1. Note the Mayor, Councillor and Chief Executive Officer meetings attended on behalf of Council during the month of March 2023 with the following amendments:
 - a. 8th March 2023, International Women's Day, remove Mayor Peta Betts
 - b. 8th March 2023, River Front Artwork Unveiling, add Cr Shirlee Burge
 - c. 28th March 2023, Break the Cycle, add Mayor Peta Betts.
 - d. 28th March 2023, Airport Advisory Meeting, remove Cr Linda Fawns
2. Continue to advise the Chief Executive Officer's Executive Assistant of their meeting diaries and activities attendance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11:46am.