



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 16 April 2024

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

Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2024
Time: 10:00 AM
**Location: Council Chambers, Estates Building Cressy Street
Deniliquin**

Mark Dalzell
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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1. OPENING MEETING

Meeting opened at 10.05am

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Cr Peta Betts, Deputy Mayor Cr Marc Petersen, Cr Linda Fawns, Cr Harold Clapham, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Shannon Sampson, Cr Tarria Moore, Cr Pat Fogarty

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate Service, Acting Director Infrastructure, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Governance, Risk & Safety, Principal Governance Advisory, Executive Assistant

Via Teams: Performance & Corporate Strategy Officer

3. LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT

Edward River Council wishes to advise members of the public that Council Meetings will be recorded and will be available after each meeting on Council's website [Councils Website](#). All care will be taken to maintain the privacy of those in attendance, however As a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded. By remaining In the public gallery, it is assumed your consent is given in the event your image is broadcast. This includes any filming by television cameras if attendance is approved by the Chief Executive Officer or Mayor.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Edward River Council acknowledges and embraces the Traditional Owners of the Lands within the Edward River Council area - the Wamba Wamba/Perrepa Perrepa Peoples – and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging. The Edward River Council also recognises the diversity of different cultures within our community and their contribution.

5. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

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

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

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1. DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 19 MARCH 2024

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Marc Petersen

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/7.1

That Council accept the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 19 March 2024 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7.2. DRAFT MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 26 MARCH 2024

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Marc Petersen

Seconded: Cr Tarrisa Moore

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/7.2

That Council accept the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 26 March 2024 with an amendment to read that "Cr Harold Clapham was requested to leave the Chambers" as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

9. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

10. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Petersen

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/10.1

Deputy Mayor Cr Marc Petersen cited an urgent item of business requiring a decision by Council relating to the appointment of an Interim Chief Executive Officer/General Manager.

As this relates to Terms of Employment of Interim Chief Executive Officer/General Manager 5.42 this will require moving into Confidential Business under Section 14.1 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW). Council moved into Confidential Business at 10.09am.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Tarria Moore

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/10.2

That Council move out of Confidential Business at 10.29am. Mayor Cr Peta Betts read out the resolution of Council.

1. That Council resolved to appoint Mr Gary Arnold as the Interim Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

CARRIED

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**11.1. DRAFT MINUTES BLIGHTY ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 20TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/11.1

That Council receive the draft minutes of the Blighty Advancement Committee meeting held 20th February 2024.

CARRIED

11.2. AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Marc Petersen

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/11.2

That Council receive the draft minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee meeting held Tuesday 12th March 2024, note the committee's resolutions and amend minutes to reflect the attendance of Cr Linda Fawns.

CARRIED

11.3. ROTARY PARK USER GROUP

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Marc Petersen

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/11.3

That Council receive the draft minutes of the Rotary Park User Group meeting held Wednesday 13th March 2024, note the committee's resolutions and adjust the minutes to reflect the attendance of Cr Pat Fogarty.

CARRIED

11.4. DRAFT MINUTES OF CONARGO HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/11.4

That Council receive the draft minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held 27th March 2024.

CARRIED

12. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**12.1. 2024-25 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET**

Cr Shannon Sampson left the Chambers at 10.50am and returned at 10.52am

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham

Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/12.1

1. Whereas the Council is committed to transparency and accountability in its financial management;
2. Be it resolved that the current operational plan be put on public display to provide the community with an opportunity to review and comment;
3. Further be it resolved that the Council advises the public that modifications are being considered that will aim to reduce the operational deficit. These changes will be designed to enhance fiscal efficiency without compromising the quality of services provided to the community;
4. Be it finally resolved that details of the proposed changes will be made available to the public as part of the consultation process, ensuring that community feedback is solicited and considered before finalising the operational plan.

CARRIED

12.2. SOUTHERN RIVERINA REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Harold Clapham

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/12.2

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Southern Riverina Regional Drought Resilience Plan,
2. Places the draft Southern Riverina Regional Drought Resilience Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, and
3. Receives a further report regarding the draft Southern Riverina Regional Drought Resilience Plan at the June 2024 Council meeting.

CARRIED

12.3. DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham

Seconded: Cr Tarria Moore

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/12.3

That Council adopts the Domestic Waste Management Policy.

CARRIED

Manager Facilities and Outdoor Services entered the Chambers at 11.09am

12.4. POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT - RAMJO

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham

Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/12.4

That Council delegate the authority to execute the contracts for the supply of electricity for large market sites and streetlighting to the Chief Executive Officer, subject to a successful tendering process by the Hunter Joint Organisation.

CARRIED

12.5. MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE - MARCH 2024

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/12.5

That Council receive and note the Major Projects Program - Progress Report for March 2024.

CARRIED

12.6. INVESTMENT REPORT - MARCH 2024

Moved: Cr Tarria Moore

Seconded: Cr Harold Clapham

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/12.6

That Council

1. Note and receive the March 2024 report on Investments totalling \$37,748,230 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations.
2. Note that actual interest earned in the month of March 2024 was \$116,606.
3. Note that total interest earned for the year to 31 March 2024 is \$1,216,544.
4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report.

CARRIED

Manager Facilities and Open Space left the Chambers at 11.22am

12.7. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT MARCH 2024

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Marc Petersen

Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/12.7

That Council receive and note the March 2024 Development Services Report

CARRIED

12.8. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2024/1604/12.8

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 12 April 2024

CARRIED

12.9. MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, CEO MEETINGS MARCH 2024

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Marc Petersen

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

That Council

1. Note meetings attended on behalf of Council by the Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer/Acting Chief Executive Officer during the month of March 2024 with the addition of Deputy Mayor Cr Marc Petersen as an observer at the Growth Strategy Meeting.
2. Continue to advise the Chief Executive Officers' Executive Assistant of their meeting diaries and activities attended.

CARRIED

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11.42am.