

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF
BREWARRINA HELD AT BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL ON
FRIDAY 24 JULY 2015**

Meeting commenced at 10am

Present

Councillors

**Mark Brown
Michael Hertslet
William Loughnan
Phillip O'Connor
Angelo Pippas
Tom Stanton**

**General Manager
Director Corporate & Community
Services
Director of Technical Services
Executive Assistant
Acting Executive Assistant**

**Dan Simmons
Belinda Colless
Siew Neale
Sue Phillips
Tara Byrnes**

Apologies

130/15 **RESOLVED on MOTION of Councillor Loughnan seconded by Councillor O'Connor that Councillor Reichler, Slack-Smith and Wason's apologies be accepted.**

The MOTION upon being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflict of interest

Item 5 Belinda Colless declared a non-pecuniary interest as she is the secretary of the Clay Target Club

Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Friday 26 June 2015

131/15 **RESOLVED on MOTION of Councillor Hertslet seconded by Councillor Loughnan that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 26 June 2015 covered by resolutions 99/15 to 129/15 with amendment be adopted.**

- Amendment - remove Councillor Wason as being present.

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Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Status Report

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- 132/15 RESOLVED on MOTION of Councillor Hertslet seconded by Councillor O'Connor that the Status Report be received as information.**

The MOTION upon being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Councillor Request Status Report

- 133/15 RESOLVED on MOTION of Councillor Stanton seconded by Councillor O'Connor that the Councillor Request Status Report be received as information.**

The MOTION upon being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

- *Councillor Brown entered meeting at 10:10am*

Reports from Advisory Committees

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on the 27 May 2015

- 134/15 RESOLVED on MOTION of Councillor O'Connor seconded by Councillor Hertslet that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on the 27 May 2015 be received as information.**

The MOTION upon being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Mayoral Minutes

Verbal Mayoral Minute

1. Discussion between Mayor and Principal has resulted in a request for Council's General Manager to send correspondence to the Department of Education and then representation be made to the Minister for Education and Training.
2. Consultation with Merriman Shearing School has revealed their continuance into the future.

Notice of Rescission Motion

NIL

Notice of Motion

NIL

Request to Address Council in a Public Forum

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Representatives from Brewarrina Central School to make a presentation to Council at 10:30am.

Petition if tabled

NIL

Reports of the General Manager

Item 1 Drought Communities Programme Funding

The purpose of this report is to update council on Brewarrina Shire Council being a declared council under the Drought Communities Programme and the associated funding.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council:

1. Accept the offer of the \$1.5 million under the Drought Communities Program; and
2. Prepare and put forward for funding for Exclusion fencing of the Goodooga and Weilmoringle Airstrips; and
3. Prepare and put forward for funding for the toilets, showers at the Brewarrina Race Course Tea Rooms.

135/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Hertslet seconded by Councillor O'Connor that Council:

- 1. Resolve to submit a proposal under the Drought Communities Program; and**
- 2. Prepare and put forward for funding for Exclusion fencing of the Goodooga and Weilmoringle Airstrips; and**
- 3. Prepare and put forward for funding for the toilets, showers at the Brewarrina Race Course Tea Rooms:**
- 4. Council to consult with community for further submission on projects.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Item 2 Councillor Professional Development Plan

The purpose of this report is to advise Councillors of available training.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council determine its training requirements for the 2015/2016 financial year to include:

1. Mayor to attend the Mayors Weekend Seminar scheduled for 14 and 15 November; and
2. Councillors to attend the Councillors Weekend Seminar scheduled for 5 and 6 December; and
3. General Manager, Mayor and/or Councillors to attend Chairing and Meeting Procedures scheduled for 3 September.

136/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor O'Connor seconded by Councillor Hertslet that

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Council determine its training requirements for the 2015/2016 financial year to include:

- 1. Mayor to attend the Mayors Weekend Seminar scheduled for 14 and 15 November; and**
- 2. Interested Councillors to attend the Councillors Weekend Seminar scheduled for 5 and 6 December; and**
- 3. General Manager, Mayor and/or Councillors to attend Chairing and Meeting Procedures scheduled for 3 September.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Meeting went into recess for presentation from Brewarrina Central School

- Brewarrina Central School presented the Youth centre with a cheque from funds they raised as part of their Big Picture Project.

Meeting recommenced 11:09am

Item 3 Local Government Conference NSW 2015

The purpose of this report is to provide for the approval of attendance at the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference 2015

RECOMMENDED:

That Council:

1. Representation at the 2015 LGNSW Annual Conference be approved; and
2. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and or a stand in if the Mayor or Deputy are unable to attend the conference to be held in Rosehill Gardens Racecourse from 11-13 October 2015. To be nominated by the Mayor.

137/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor O'Connor seconded by Councillor Stanton that Council determine:

- 1. Representation at the 2015 LGNSW Annual Conference be approved; and**
- 2. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and or a stand in if the Mayor or Deputy are unable to attend the conference to be held in Rosehill Gardens Racecourse from 11-13 October 2015. To be nominated by the Mayor.**
- 3. Councillor Hertslet expressed interest in attending the conference.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Item 4 Pecuniary Interest Returns

The purpose of this report is to notify Councillors and designated person of their responsibility to complete and lodge Pecuniary Interest Returns as prescribed by Section 449 of the NSW Local Government Act, 1993 (LGA).

RECOMMENDED:

That Council notes the information report concerning councillor and senior staff requirements to lodge pecuniary interest returns in accordance with S449 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

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- 138/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Hertslet seconded by Councillor Loughnan that Council notes the information report concerning councillor and senior staff requirements to lodge pecuniary interest returns in accordance with S449 of the Local Government Act, 1993.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Director of Corporate and Community Services left meeting 11:13am

Item 5 Request For Support – Brewarrina Clay Target Club

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request for support from the Brewarrina Clay Target Club for the provision of gravel.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council

1. Supply 50m³ of uncrushed gravel to Brewarrina Clay Target Club as requested at a cost of \$2010.00
2. Do not supply bobcat and labour.

- 139/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Brown seconded by Councillor Hertslet that Council**
- 1. Supply 50m³ of uncrushed gravel to Brewarrina Clay Target Club as requested at a cost of \$2010.00**
 - 2. Do not supply bobcat and labour.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Director of Corporate and Community Services re-entered meeting 11:18am.

Engineering

Item 6 Birrie Bridge - Sidetrack

The purpose of the report is to complete the task as resolved by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 June 2015 resolution no: 109/15.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council resolve to:

1. Upon consideration of the contents of this report item indefinitely defer the decision taken at the June 2015 meeting to install a sidetrack adjacent to the current Birrie Bridge, Brenda Road, and
2. Continue with the pre-construction activities for the replacement of the Birrie Bridge, Brenda Road, inclusive of the associated road realignment; and
3. Decide if applications are to be made for grant funding towards the replacement of the bridge and roadworks.

- 140/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Hertslet seconded by Councillor O'Connor that Council resolve to:**

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- 1. Upon consideration of the contents of this report item indefinitely defer the decision taken at the June 2015 meeting to install a sidetrack adjacent to the current Birrie Bridge, Brenda Road.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Item 7 Brewarrina Court House: Air-Conditioning Units on the Front Facade

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the air-conditioning units installed on the front façade of Brewarrina Court House and to seek endorsement of Council to write to the NSW Attorney-General to seek to have the units relocated.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council resolve that a letter be written to the NSW Attorney-General seeking removal of the air-conditioning units from the front facade of Brewarrina Court House, with copies to the Member for Barwon and the Minister for Heritage.

- 141/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Brown seconded by Councillor O'Connor that Council resolve that a letter be written to the NSW Attorney-General seeking removal of the air-conditioning units from the front facade of Brewarrina Court House, with copies to the Member for Barwon and the Minister for Heritage.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Item 8 Noxious Weeds Policy

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt a noxious weeds policy. This is a requirement of NSW Department of Primary Industries and is required for Council to receive funding.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council adopt the attached draft Noxious Weeds Policy.

- 142/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Hertslet seconded by Councillor Stanton that Council adopt the attached draft Noxious Weeds Policy.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Corporate and Community Services

Item 9 Work Place Learning Agreement Brewarrina Shire Council and Charles Sturt University

The purpose of this report is to formalise the agreement between Brewarrina Shire Council and Charles Sturt University.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council enter into an agreement with Charles Sturt University to utilise the Brewarrina Shire Dental Clinic for student placements from 2015 until 2017 and affix Council's seal to the agreement.

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- 143/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor O'Connor seconded by Councillor Hertslet that Council enter into an agreement with Charles Sturt University to utilise the Brewarrina Shire Dental Clinic for student placements form 2015 until 2017 and affix Council's seal to the agreement.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Item 10 Aged Care Committee Meeting

The purpose of this report is to inform Council on the recent meeting of the Aged Care Committee

RECOMMENDED:

That Council accept the minutes of the Aged Care Unit Committee meeting held on 2 July 2015.

- 144/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Hertslet seconded by Councillor Brown that Council accept the minutes of the Aged Care Unit Committee meeting held on 2 July 2015.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Item 11 Rates & Water Billing Outstanding as at 30 June 2015

The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors of the balance of rates and water billing outstanding as at 30 June 2015.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Rates and Water Billing Outstanding as at 30 June 2015 report be received as information.

- 145/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Hertslet seconded by Councillor Stanton that the Rates and Water Billing Outstanding as at 30 June 2015 report be received as information.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Item 12 Rates & Charges Abandonments

The purpose of this report is to seek Council confirmation of rates and charges abandoned during 2014/2015.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council confirm the abandonment of a total of \$26,636.34 in respect of rates and charges for the rating year 2014/15.

- 146/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Loughnan seconded by Councillor Brown that Council confirm the abandonment of a total of \$26,636.34 in respect of rates and charges for the rating year 2014/15.**

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The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Item 13 Bank Reconciliation, Investments & Rate Collections

The purpose of this report is to present to Council:

1. The reconciliation of Council's cash book and bank statement as at 30 June 2015.
2. A written report (setting out details of all money that the council has invested under Section 625 of the Act).
3. A comparison of rate collections as at 30 June 2015 with the same period last year.

RECOMMENDED:

That:

1. The bank reconciliation report be received as information.
2. The Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer for compliance with the Investment Policy and the Ministerial Investment Order dated 17 February 2011 be received and noted.
3. The Rate Collection report be received as information.

147/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Stanton seconded by Councillor Hertslet that Council confirm that:

- 1. The bank reconciliation report be received as information.**
- 2. The Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer for compliance with the Investment Policy and the Ministerial Investment Order dated 17 February 2011 be received and noted.**
- 3. The Rate Collection report be received as information.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Information Reports

General Manager

Roads

Utilities

Plant

Environment, Health & Building

Heritage Fund

Youth & Community Development

Tourism & Event Management

Human Services

Library

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- 148/15 RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Hertslet seconded by Councillor O'Connor that the information reports be received and noted.**

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Correspondence for Action

NIL

Correspondence for Information

NIL

Late Reports

Making and Levying of 2015/2016 Commercial Waste Charges

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council an adjustment to the commercial waste management charges for 2015/16 adopted at the June meeting.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council endorse the following amendments to Resolution 116/15 (26 June 2015) and make the following charges for 2015/16:

D. WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES

- (vii) A Commercial Waste Management charge of \$495.45 for one service per week rendered in the town of Brewarrina and the village of Goodooga for commercial properties. Such charges being levied in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993. Extra services be at the rate of \$6.00 for each additional service.
- (viii) A Rural Waste Management charge of \$6.00 per 240 litre service plus 0.90c per km return.

- 149/15 RESOLVED on MOTION of Councillor Brown seconded Councillor O'Connor that Council endorse the following amendments to Resolution 116/15 (26 June 2015) and make the following charges for 2015/16:**

D. WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES

- (vii) **A Commercial Waste Management charge of \$495.45 for one service per week rendered in the town of Brewarrina and the village of Goodooga for commercial properties. Such charges being levied in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993. Extra services be at the rate of \$6.00 for each additional service.**
- (viii) **A Rural Waste Management charge of \$6.00 per 240 litre service plus 0.90c**

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per km return.

The MOTION on being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Closed Session

Opened Session

Questions Without Notice

COUNCILLOR R WASON

Question:

Answer:

COUNCILLOR P O'CONNOR

Question: Has fuel testing of the Depot storage been completed?

Answer: Awaiting results.

COUNCILLOR M HERTSLET

Question:

Answer:

COUNCILLOR W LOUGHNAN

Question:

Answer:

COUNCILLOR T STANTON

Question:

Answer:

COUNCILLOR M BROWN

Question: Brookfield residents complaining about the Road

Answer: General Manager made contact with residents.

Question: School Bus Contractor is experiencing issues with turning vehicle around on granite area at end of Barwon Four.

Answer: investigate

Question: Doctor's housing and vehicle contractual arrangements

Answer: Motor vehicle to be returned Monday 27 July 2015 and investigating options with house and surgery.

For Information

COUNCILLOR A PIPPOS

- Ochre health has lost the contract for health services.
- Royal Flying Doctors Services has lost funding for transporting specialist services.

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The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on 28 August 2015 at Brewarrina Shire Council Chambers commencing at 10am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:59pm

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