



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, GRIFFITH ON 27 MAY 2014 COMMENCING AT 7.01 PM**

PRESENT

The Mayor, John Dal Broi in the Chair; Councillors, Alison Balind, Pat Cox, Simon Croce, Doug Curran, Bill Lancaster, Anne Napoli, Mike Neville, Paul Rossetto, Christine Stead, Leon Thorpe and Dino Zappacosta.

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet; Director Infrastructure and Operations, Dallas Bibby; Director Sustainable Development, Neil Southorn; Director Utilities, David Tull; Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services, Max Turner; Manager Executive Services, Shireen Donaldson and Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin.

MEDIA

Jack Morphett, The Area News

The Meeting opened with Councillor Zappacosta reading the Council prayer and the Acknowledgment of Country.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD 13 MAY 2014**

0159

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Napoli that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Griffith held 13 May 2014, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
13 MAY 2014**

There was no Business Arising.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following Councillors declared non-pecuniary interests in the following clauses:

Councillor Alison Balind

CL06 - Consideration of Future dates for City to Lake Fun Run and Clean Up Australia Day

Reason - Councillor Balind is a member of the Private Hospital Fundraising Committee which organises the City to Lake Event.

Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

(Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest Declaration)

Councillor Alison Balind

Minutes of the Transport Committee Meeting held 12 May 2014 and Traffic Committee Meeting held 13 May 2014

Reason - Councillor Balind's husband is employed by Griffith City Council as the Road Safety Officer.

Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

(Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest Declaration)

Councillor Simon Croce

CL05 - NSW State Masters Road Cycle Championships

Reason - Councillor Croce has spoken to a representative of the Griffith Cycle Club.

Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

(Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest Declaration)

Councillor Doug Curran

CL05 - NSW State Masters Road Cycle Championships

Reason - Councillor Curran has been involved in meetings with the Cycle Club and staff.

Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

(Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest Declaration)

Councillor Anne Napoli

CL06 - Consideration of Future Dates for City to Lake Fun Run and Clean Up Australia Day

Reason - Councillor Napoli is the Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee.

Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

(Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest Declaration)

Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held 13 May 2014 - CL03 - 3.3 Winery Tourism Signage

Reason - Councillor Zappacosta owns a winery.

Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

(Non Significant Non Pecuniary Interest Declaration)

PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no Pecuniary Interests declared.

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM01 ADDENDUM TO THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/14 - BUDGET REVIEW AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

(M)

0160

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Neville and Thorpe that:

- (a) Council adopt an additional variation to Financial Assistance Grant income, being a reduction of \$2,430,078 for the quarter ended 31 March 2014.
- (b) The revised Financial Review for the quarter ended 31 March 2014 be adopted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/14 - BUDGET REVIEW AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

(FM)

0161

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Cox that:

- (a) Council note the variations to the 2013/14 original budget for the quarter ended 31 March 2014 as presented in this report, except as amended and updated in the Mayoral Minute.
- (b) The Financial Review for the quarter ended 31 March 2014 be adopted, except as amended and updated in the Mayoral Minute.
- (c) Council adopt the 31 December 2013 Operational Plan Review advising the extent to which the Operational Plan Actions (Performance Indicators) have been achieved.
- (d) Council endorse minor amendments to the Organisational Structure as per this report.

CL02 INVESTMENTS AT 30 APRIL 2014

(FM)

0162

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Neville and Stead that Council note the investment report at the end of April 2014.

CL03 EXTENSION TO CONTRACT - TENDER 2-11/12 SPRAYED BITUMINOUS SURFACING

(WMM)

0163

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Balind that Council offer Downer EDI Works an extension to the current contract (Tender 2-11/12) for a further 12 months from 24 October 2014 in accordance with the relevant annual CPI movements

and bitumen rise and fall clauses in the tender documentation with an additional 2% (above CPI) for the aggregate component only.

CL04 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ITALIAN CULTURAL SISTER CITY TRIP

(EDC)

0164

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Stead that:

- (a) Councillors wishing to be involved in the delegation to the Comunita' Montana del Grappa should confirm their interest to the General Manager.
- (b) Subject to Councillor response, a letter be sent to the President of the Comunita' Montana del Grappa to request assistance with an itinerary, transit, guidance in relation to accommodation and the dates which would be convenient for a City of Griffith delegation.
- (c) An Action Group be formed to establish dates, duration of trip and indicative costs.
- (d) All costs will be at the delegates own expense other than civic gifts.
- (e) Subject to (c) Council advertise an EOI for a travel agency to coordinate travel and accommodation arrangements for the delegation.

CL05 NSW STATE MASTERS ROAD CYCLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(MTED)

The Mayor recognised the contribution made by Mr Peter Budd in facilitating this event being held in Griffith.

0165

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Rossetto and Stead that Standing Orders be suspended to allow Mr Budd to address Council.

Mr Budd provided Council with an overview of the NSW State Masters Road Cycle Championships being held in Griffith in September 2014.

0166

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Neville and Thorpe that:

- (a) Council provide in kind support for holding the NSW State Masters Road Cycle Championships to the value of \$15,000.
- (b) An amendment to the Draft 2014/15 Operational Budget be prepared to increase the budget for Council funded contributions by \$15,000.

CL06 CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE DATES FOR CITY TO LAKE FUN RUN AND CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

(MES)

0167

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Cox and Zappacosta that Council note this report and that it be forwarded to the Environment and Sustainability Committee for

their consideration and that representatives from the Private Hospital Fundraising Committee and Utilities Committee be invited to attend the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting when this item is being discussed.

MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2014

0168

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Napoli and Balind that the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on 15 April 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE FESTIVAL OF GARDENS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 MAY 2014

0169

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Cox and Curran that the minutes of the Festival of Gardens Committee meeting held on 1 May 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 MAY 2014

0170

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Stead and Neville that the minutes of the General Facilities Committee meeting held on 6 May 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE TOURISM AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2014

0171

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Stead and Zappacosta that the minutes of the Tourism and Events Committee meeting held on 8 May 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2014

0172

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Croce and Curran that the minutes of the Transport Committee meeting held on 12 May 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2014

0173

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Croce and Curran that the minutes of the

Traffic Committee meeting held on 13 May 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.

Councillor Zappacosta requested that the Traffic Committee consider safety options for pedestrians at Jondaryan Avenue, such as a pedestrian refuge, providing access to Griffith Central. Requests for a pedestrian crossing have previously been refused due to not meeting the required criteria.

0174

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Zappacosta and Cox that Council staff investigate options for pedestrian safety including installation of a pedestrian refuge at Jondaryan Avenue / Yambil Street.

Councillor Rossetto requested that Council staff investigate moving the pedestrian crossing at the Jondaryan Avenue / Banna Avenue roundabout halfway between that roundabout and the Jondaryan Avenue / Yambil Street roundabout.

Councillors Rossetto and Neville **MOVED** the following **MOTION** that the Traffic Committee consider pedestrian safety along Jondaryan Avenue between the Banna Avenue roundabout and the Yambil Street roundabout and investigate moving the pedestrian crossing at the Jondaryan Avenue / Banna Avenue roundabout halfway between the two roundabouts along Jondaryan Avenue.

The **MOTION** was **PUT** and **LOST**.

Councillor Stead requested that recently installed 30 minute timed parking signage at East Griffith Shopping Centre be reviewed as she has had feedback from a business owner requesting that the signage be evenly distributed throughout the length of the parking area. Councillor Stead further requested that the area be patrolled by Compliance Officers.

0175

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Stead and Zappacosta that the Traffic Committee review the location of the timed parking signage at East Griffith Shopping Centre.

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE

NOTICE OF MOTION - AMENDMENT TO GRIFFITH LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN (GLEP) 2014

(C)

0176

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Lancaster and Balind that:

(a) The General Manager or his delegate prepare a Planning Proposal and a draft amendment to the Griffith Local Environment Plan 2014 (GLEP 2014) for community consultation proposing to remove "shop" or "shops" as prohibited development within Zone B7 Business Park.

(b) A report be presented to Council before the 30 July 2014 outlining what steps have been taken and if there are any outstanding requirements to bring the resolution outlined in paragraph (a) above, into effect.

In accordance with the Local Government Act (section 375A - Recording of voting on planning matters) Council must record the Councillor's vote in relation to this matter.

Councillor	For	Against
Cr Dal Broi	X	
Cr Napoli	X	
Cr Lancaster	X	
Cr Thorpe		X
Cr Balind	X	
Cr Zappacosta		X
Cr Neville	X	
Cr Croce		X
Cr Curran	X	
Cr Cox	X	
Cr Rossetto	X	
Cr Stead		X

QUESTION TIME

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Councillor Rossetto asked the following question:

"Will Council write to the local MP Adrian Piccoli expressing community concerns over the regular and often vicious violence occurring in Griffith."

Councillor Rossetto advised he would provide a Notice of Motion in relation to the above question.

Councillor Rossetto asked the following question on behalf of Mr Raymond Chilvers - telephone message to be read out:

- "1. Mr Chilvers believes the dirt being removed from stage 1b drainage works North Avenue Yenda should be deposited on the town side of the drain along Railway Parade to prevent drainage water backing up into houses in the lower end of Leaver and Henry Streets if the siphon at Dredge Street can't cope.**
- 2. Mr Chilvers believed Murrumbidgee Irrigation Pty Ltd should be fined for blocking Mirrool Creek at the Mirrool Creek/Main Canal junction known as the EMR. He cited similar examples of landholders being fined for less obstructive practises along Mirrool Creek.**
- 3. Mr Chilvers believes his friend Noelene Hill, whom is currently very ill with cancer, has been treated very poorly by Council engaged contractor, named Ledwidge, when the contractor did some work on the Yenda sewerage pump near Noelene's house several years ago, covering her garden with clay and**

ruining her driveway. He would like some assistance from Council to rectify his very ill friends garden."

The Mayor advised these issues would be referred to Council staff.

Councillor Balind asked the following question:

"I note that advertisements have appeared in the local newspaper seeking stakeholder and community representatives for two specific Committees. Does this mean that Council Committees have a full complement of representatives or have some Committees been overlooked?"

Mr Stonestreet advised there were a number of Council Committees where resignations on Committees require to be filled. The Access Committee will also require Committee members and will be need to be advertised following a further report to Council. Council staff will provide a status report to Councillors regarding vacancies on Committees.

Councillor Neville asked the following question:

"Has there been any interruption to CCTV coverage of Banna Avenue and/or Yambil Street in the past month. In particular 8 May 2014 at or around 1:30 am 9 May 2014."

Mr Stonestreet advised that Council staff will provide a response to Councillors once this issue has been investigated.

Councillor Zappacosta asked the following question:

"Could Mr Tull give Council a brief report on the current water main pipes problem of bursting."

Mr Tull addressed Council and provided an explanation of the processes undertaken by Council staff during the recent burst water main.

OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

0177

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Neville and Stead that the Action Report be noted.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Cox for her efforts in relation to the CWA Conference held in Griffith last week.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:20 pm.

Confirmed:
CHAIRPERSON

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