
**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1 BENEREMBAH STREET, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 ON
TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2015 COMMENCING AT 7:07 PM**

PRESENT

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

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Dallas Bibby, Manager Executive Services, Shireen Donaldson, Acting Director Utilities, Steve Oosthuysen, Acting Director Sustainable Development, Carel Potgieter, Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services, Max Turner and Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin

MEDIA

Ben Jaffrey, The Area News

1 COUNCIL PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

THE MEETING OPENED WITH COUNCILLOR ZAPPACOSTA READING THE COUNCIL PRAYER AND THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY.

ONE MINUTE SILENCE WAS OBSERVED IN HONOUR OF THE RECENT PASSING OF MR KEN CROSKELL, GENERAL MANAGER CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL.

2 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No apologies or requests for leave of absence were received.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

15/250

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLORS DOUG CURRAN AND PAUL ROSSETTO THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRIFFITH ON 11 AUGUST 2015, HAVING FIRST BEEN CIRCULATED AMONGST ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, BE CONFIRMED WITH AN AMENDMENT TO THE WORDING OF COUNCILLOR PAUL ROSSETTO'S DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR CL01 INTERMODAL FREIGHT TRANSPORT FACILITY. COUNCILLOR ROSSETTO REQUESTED THE WORDING "PROPOSERS AND DEVELOPERS" BE AMENDED TO READ "OBJECTORS AND DEVELOPERS".

COUNCILLOR ANNE NAPOLI ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO THE MINUTES OF THE GRIFFITH COMMUNITY PRIVATE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 28 JULY 2015, TO BE CONSIDERED LATER IN THE MEETING, THAT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION FROM COUNCILLOR NAPOLI HAD BEEN OMITTED FROM THE MINUTES.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Report of the 2016 Centenary Committee Meeting 5 August 2015

Councillor Leon Thorpe enquired why the embroidered shirts had been replaced with a vinyl logo. Mrs Donaldson advised that the embroidered logo would be difficult to replicate, vinyl being the easier material to work with, providing better clarity of images. Councillor Christine Stead advised the logo could be made larger with vinyl print.

Councillor Alison Balind advised she had been approached by a member of the community wanting to be part of the 2016 Centenary Committee. The Mayor advised any community members wishing to participate are more than welcome to attend meetings.

Councillor Paul Rossetto enquired how a subcommittee for the Yenda Centenary would work and would a representative from the Yenda Committee be required to attend the 2016 Centenary Committee? Councillor Alison Balind advised that Sue Reynolds is a member of both the 2016 Centenary Committee and the Yenda Centenary Committee and would be the conduit for both Committees. Any events held by Yenda Centenary Committee that have been endorsed by the 2016 Centenary Committee would be covered by Council's insurance.

Intermodal Freight Transport Facility

Councillor Leon Thorpe enquired if the developers had indicated a time when the intermodal freight transport facility would be up and running? Mr Stonestreet advised that nothing in writing had been received from the proponents however they had indicated that construction would commence within a 12 month period.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

Councillors making a pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.

Councillor Anne Napoli

CL04 – SIRENS 2015 Thanksgiving Dinner

Reason – Councillor Napoli is to be considered to attend the SIRENS fundraising dinner in Sydney in support of St Vincent's Hospital.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Minutes Traffic Committee 11 August 2015 - Clause 3.1 TASAC Signage and 3.4 Trucks Double-Parking Hanwood Store

Reason – Councillor Zappacosta owns businesses that clauses refer to.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

Councillor Alison Balind

Minutes Traffic Committee 11 August 2015

Reason – Councillor Balind's husband is employed as Griffith City Council's Road Safety Officer. The Road Safety Officer's role is in an advisory capacity only.

Councillor Anne Napoli

Minutes Griffith Community Private Hospital Committee 28 July 2015

Reason – A member of Councillor Napoli's family is one of the Directors that was awarded a subcontract for work at the Griffith Community Private Hospital.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

The Mayor welcomed back Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Leon Thorpe back from the Sister City trip to Italy. Councillor Dino Zappacosta advised a report on the Sister City trip would be provided to Council.

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 RENAMING - IOOF PARK

15/251

Councillors Anne Napoli and Alison Balind **MOVED** the following **MOTION** that:

- (a) Council support the renaming of IOOF Park to Centenary Park as requested by the 2016 Centenary Celebrations Committee.
- (b) Council place the renaming proposal on public exhibition for 28 days.
- (c) If no public submissions are received, the renaming be formally adopted and appropriate new signage be developed for Council's review and implementation, and
- (d) If any public submissions are received then a further report be provided to Council for determination.

Councillors Bill Lancaster and Simon Croce **MOVED** the following **AMENDMENT** that:

- (a) Council support the renaming of Willow Park to Centenary Park.
- (b) Council place the renaming proposal on public exhibition for 28 days.
- (c) If no public submissions are received, the renaming be formally adopted and

appropriate new signage be developed for Council's review and implementation, and

- (d) If any public submissions are received then a further report be provided to Council for determination.

The **AMENDMENT** was **PUT** and **CARRIED**. The **AMENDMENT** became the **MOTION**.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Alison Balind that:

- (a) Council support the renaming of Willow Park to Centenary Park.
- (b) Council place the renaming proposal on public exhibition for 28 days.
- (c) If no public submissions are received, the renaming be formally adopted and appropriate new signage be developed for Council's review and implementation, and
- (d) If any public submissions are received then a further report be provided to Council for determination.

CL02 GRIFFITH EASTER PARTY

15/252

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Christine Stead that the report be raised from the table.

15/253

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Alison Balind that:

- (a) Council encourages the La Festa Committee to reconsider its business model & return the event to more like a Community Festival.
- (b) Council investigate attracting high profile entertainment events and therefore significant visitors to the region in line with the Promotion, Advertising & Sponsorship of Events Policy, in conjunction with or in addition to the Griffith Easter Party program.

Councillor Thorpe requested that more detail be provided in relation to the La Festa Treasurer's Report particularly regarding the make-up of the Cash Book Balance as at 1 July 2015, being \$67,425.76.

CL03 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION - 2015 AGM AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE - BAROOGA

15/254

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Christine Stead that Council be represented at the 71st Annual General Meeting and National Conference of the Murray Darling Association held in Barooga from 9 – 11 September 2015, with Councillor Rossetto being appointed Council's delegate to attend the conference.

CL04 SIRENS 2015 THANKSGIVING DINNER

Councillor Anne Napoli left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 7:42 pm.

15/255

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Leon Thorpe that as per the 'Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities' policy (GC-CP-407):

- (a) Mayor John Dal Broi and Councillor Anne Napoli's ticket and associated expenses to attend the SIRENS Thanksgiving Dinner on 5 September 2015 be paid.
- (b) Ticket and associated expenses relating to the attendance of the Mayor's partner be paid.

Councillor Anne Napoli returned to the meeting at 7.42 pm.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

CL05 DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT - 30 JUNE 2015

15/256

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Leon Thorpe and Mike Neville that Council note the Delivery Program Progress Report as at 30 June 2015.

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE GRIFFITH COMMUNITY PRIVATE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 JULY 2015

15/257

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Griffith Community Private Hospital Committee meeting held on 28 July 2015 be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE PIONEER PARK MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 JULY 2015

15/258

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Paul Rossetto that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Pioneer Park Museum Committee meeting held on 28 July 2015 be adopted with the exception of the recommendation in CL01 Business & Administration Coordinator Update 5.1.1 Australia Day as follows:

"RECOMMENDED on the motion of Allan Bennett and Charlie Bishop that Council determine that the Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Ceremony be held at Griffith Pioneer Park Museum considering the 2016 Centennial Celebrations."

The Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Committee and the Australia Day Working Group are to meet to discuss Australia Day activities for 2016.

Councillor Simon Croce left the meeting the time being 7:47 pm and returned to the meeting at 7:48 pm.

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2015

15/259

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Leon Thorpe that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 August 2015 be adopted.

Councillor Christine Stead raised the issue of trucks parking in front of Beelbangera Store overnight.

15/260

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Simon Croce that the issue of trucks parking at Beelbangera Store be referred to the Transport Committee for further consideration.

Councillor Paul Rossetto expressed his disappointment that the Traffic Committee did not approve the installation of queuing across intersection signs at main roundabouts in the Griffith CBD. Councillor Doug Curran explained that the RMS did not support additional signage that is covered by existing road rules.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

Nil

13 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

The following question was raised by Councillor Leon Thorpe:

“On the understanding that keeping up to date with changes and innovations in one’s field of endeavour is most relevant and indeed important can the following kindly be provided? For the past three years details of attendances of senior staff to seminars, educational courses, net working meetings, conferences and the like, together with costs for fees, accommodation and food, travel and incidentals.”

Mr Stonestreet advised this would be taken on notice.

The following question was raised by Councillor Alison Balind:

“Has the new Sikh Temple been given final approval? Have received a complaint from a member of the Sikh community about health and safety concerns.”

The Mayor advised Council staff would look into safety concerns as requested.

14 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

15/261

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Doug Curran that the report be

noted by Council.

14 July 2015 – 239 Banna Avenue Griffith Expressions of Interest to Lease the Premises

Councillor Mike Neville requested an update on the EOI with the Mayor advising that the offer has been verbally accepted with a report to come back to Council.

23 June 2015 – Ardlethan Tin Mine Rehabilitation Solid Waste Landfill Project

Councillor Alison Balind requested an update on the community meeting regarding the Ardlethan Tin Mine with the Mayor advising that a date will be determined depending on the availability of the Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP and the Hon. Michael McCormack MP.

28 July 2015 – Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2015

Councillor Paul Rossetto advised that the Hon. Niall Blair MP had recently stated that no more water should be bought by the Government and let down the river. Councillor Rossetto advised he would raise a Notice of Motion at the next Council meeting for Council to consider a statement affirming Minister Blair's announcement that future buy backs be stopped. The Mayor advised he had written a letter to the editor of The Area News, offering full support of Minister Blair's stand.

24 February 2015 – Griffith City Council Entry for the Citrus Sculpture

Councillor Alison Balind requested an update on the Council entry for the Citrus Sculptures with Mrs Donaldson advising that Council's welder is finalising the design in consultation with Mr Ceccato.

15 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:04 pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON