

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
of Gunnedah Shire Council held on Wednesday 20 April 2022 in the
Council Chambers, 63 Elgin Street, Gunnedah commencing at 4:30pm

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Kamilaroi people as the traditional custodians of the Land on which we gather today. I would also like to pay respect to Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians present.

2. PRAYER

The Mayor opened the meeting with the customary prayer.

3. BEREAVEMENTS

The Mayor read off the list of bereavements being Joan May Moran, Rose Catherine Lucy Kelly, Barry Henry Whillock, Charles Edward Jerry, Dennis Leon Herrington, Samuel James Orman, Lola Jean Faulkner, Albert George Man, Ross William Ferguson, Robert Welsh, Patricia Elizabeth Green, Beryl Joan Smith, Elizabeth Barbara Frend, Anthony Patrick Tydd, Maria Harriette Urquhart, Peter Johannes van de Moosdijk, Stephen Russell and Jennifer Florence Whillock.

It was RESOLVED that Council pay their respects to the deceased and extend their condolences to the family and friends of the deceased with a minute's silence.

4. PRESENT/APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR	PRESENT	APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE	ABSENT
J Chaffey (Chair)	X		
C Fuller		X	
R Hoddle	X		
R Hooke	X		
A Luke	X		
J McArthur	X		
K McGrath	X		
D Moses	X		
M O'Keefe	X		
STAFF			
General Manager (E Groth)	X		
Acting Director Corporate and Community Services (W Somerville)	X		
Director Planning and Environmental Services (A Johns)	X		
Director Infrastructure Services (J Bartlett)	X		

Council Resolution

Moved Councillor K MCGRATH

Seconded Councillor D MOSES

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

MOTION Moved Councillor J MCARTHUR
Seconded Councillor R HOOKE

1.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 10 March 2022 were received and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING

MOTION Moved Councillor D MOSES
Seconded Councillor J MCARTHUR

2.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2022 were received and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR	ITEM	REPORT	P	SNP	LSNP	RC	REASON
NIL							
STAFF	ITEM	REPORT	P	SNP	LSNP	RC	REASON
NIL							

P – Pecuniary

SNP – Significant Non Pecuniary

LSNP – Less than Significant Non Pecuniary

RC – Remain in Chamber during consideration/discussion of item

7. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE

8.1 COUNTRY MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION PRIORITIES

AUTHOR Mayor J Chaffey

MOTION Moved Councillor J CHAFFEY

3.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

That the table of priorities contained in this Minute be endorsed and reported to the Executive of the NSW Country Mayors Association.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

9.1 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL VARIATION

AUTHOR Revenue Accountant

MOTION Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor K MCGRATH

4.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That Council makes a permanent Additional Special Variation Application of 2.50% under section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, being 1.70% higher than the IPART approved increase of 0.80%, which will generate an additional \$236,441 general rate income in the first year.

2. That Council acknowledges the 2021/22 Delivery Program and Operational Plan and subsequent budget adjustments demonstrates financial need such that, in the absence of a special variation, Council will not have sufficient capacity to meet all its obligations as and when they fall due in Financial Year 2022/23, and maintain a positive Operating Performance Ratio to meet capital works funding requirements.
3. Council has considered the impact on ratepayers and the community and will provide assistance via Council's Hardship Policy to ratepayers if required and that the amount of the increase is reasonable to ensure Council's long term financial viability.

9.2 INVESTMENTS

AUTHOR Coordinator Accounting and Treasury

MOTION Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor D MOSES

5.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the principal investment of \$78.9 million for all funds to date be received and noted.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and report adopted.

10. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1 2021/22 CAPITAL ROLLOVER – PERIPHERAL REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

AUTHOR Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

MOTION Moved Councillor R HOOKE
Seconded Councillor J MCARTHUR

6.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the 2021/22 allocation of \$160,000 for the Peripheral Replacement Program be rolled over to the 2022/23 Capital Works Operational Plan.

10.2 SECTION 356 (ARTS AND CULTURAL) SMALL GRANTS PANEL – COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

AUTHOR Cultural Precinct Team Leader

MOTION Moved Councillor R HOOKE
Seconded Councillor D MOSES

7.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the appointment of Councillors J MCARTHUR, R HODDLE and M O'KEEFE for the purpose of assessing the 2022/23 Section 356 (Arts and Cultural) Small Grant applications.

10.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW – DESTINATION AND VISITOR ECONOMY CONFERENCE 2022

AUTHOR Acting Manager Communications and Cultural Services

MOTION Moved Councillor J MCARTHUR
Seconded Councillor D MOSES

8.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

1. That Council nominate Councillors R HOOKE and K MCGRATH to attend the Local Government NSW – Destination and Visitor Economy Conference 2022; and

2. That funds be drawn from the existing 2021/22 Tourism Staff Training Operational budget.

10.4 OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REGISTER

AUTHOR Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

MOTION Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor K MCGRATH

9.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the information be received and noted.

An Amendment was Moved Councillor R HODDLE, Seconded Councillor K MCGRATH:

That the Outstanding Resolution Register be workshopped.

The Amendment was Withdrawn.

11. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

11.1 GUNNEDAH SHIRE COUNCIL RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP – COMMUNITY NOMINATION

AUTHOR Community and Social Planner

MOTION Moved Councillor R HOOKE
Seconded Councillor J MCARTHUR

10.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Council endorses Helen Lickorish as the fourth community representative on the Gunnedah Shire Council Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group.

11.2 SECTION 356 (COMMUNITY AND SPORTS) SMALL GRANTS PANEL – COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

AUTHOR Community and Social Planner

MOTION Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor R HODDLE

11.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the appointment of Councillors K MCGRATH, R HOOKE and D MOSES for the purpose of assessing the 2022/23 Section 356 (Community and Sports) Small Grant applications.

11.3 CRIME PREVENTION WORKING GROUP – NOMINATIONS

AUTHOR Community and Social Planner

MOTION Moved Councillor D MOSES
Seconded Councillor J MCARTHUR

12.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the listed nominees to the Gunnedah Crime Prevention Working Group.

11.4 ACCESS WORKING GROUP – NOMINATIONS

AUTHOR Community and Social Planner

MOTION Moved Councillor K MCGRATH
Seconded Councillor R HOOKE

13.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the community representatives for the Gunnedah Access Working Group.

11.5 BUSINESS PARTNER ADVISORY GROUP - NOMINATIONS

AUTHOR Business Support Officer – Economic Development

MOTION Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor J MCARTHUR

14.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the nominations of Lindsay Sheedy, Bruce Hockings, Simon Gainsford and Treena Daniells for the community representatives for the Business Partner Program Advisory Group.

11.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP – NOMINATIONS

AUTHOR Business Support Officer – Economic Development

MOTION Moved Councillor J MCARTHUR
Seconded Councillor D MOSES

15.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the listed nominees for the Economic Development Working Group.

11.6 SKILLS AND TRAINING WORKING GROUP – NOMINATIONS

AUTHOR Business Support Officer – Economic Development

MOTION Moved Councillor R HOOKE
Seconded Councillor D MOSES

16.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the community representatives for the Skills and Training Working Group.

12. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

12.1 2022 LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS

AUTHOR Director Infrastructure Services

MOTION Moved Councillor R HOOKE
Seconded Councillor K MCGRATH

17.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the attendance of Councillor A LUKE to accompany the Director Infrastructure Services to attend the 2022 Local Roads Congress to be held at NSW Parliament House on Monday 6 June 2022.

13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13.1 PLANNING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

AUTHOR Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

MOTION Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor R HOOKE

18.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council note that all items of the Planning Environment and Development Committee Meeting held on 6 April 2022 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

14. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

15.1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTION – ASSOCIATION OF MINING AND ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS

AUTHOR Councillor A Luke
Councillor C Fuller
Councillor K McGrath

MOTION Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor K MCGRATH

RESCISSION MOTION:

That Council's resolution "that Council not renew membership of the Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils" passed at the ordinary meeting of Council on 16 March 2022 be rescinded.

The Rescission Motion on being put to the meeting was Lost.

15.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – DECLARED DISASTER EVENTS

AUTHOR Councillor A Luke

MOTION Moved Councillor A LUKE
Seconded Councillor K MCGRATH

19.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That staff prepare a report to a future Council meeting that outlines options to allow for the waiving of user fees and charges associated with disposal of household items in the recovery phase of declared disaster events.

An Amendment was Moved Councillor J MCARTHUR, seconded Councillor D MOSES:

That staff prepare a report to a future Council meeting that outlines options to allow for the waiving of user fees and charges associated with disposal of household items in the recovery phase of declared disaster events provided that affected residents show proof of residence in the disaster area.

The Amendment was Withdrawn.

15.3 NOTICE OF MOTION – WOOLSHED RESERVE – OFF LEASH AREA

AUTHOR Councillor A Luke

MOTION *Moved Councillor A LUKE*
Seconded Councillor M O'KEEFE

20.04/22 COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That staff prepare a report to a future Council meeting that outlines options and costings for a fenced off leash area at Woolshed Reserve for the consideration of Council.

15.4 NOTICE OF MOTION – ASSOCIATION OF MINING AND ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS DELEGATES

AUTHOR Councillor A Luke

MOTION *Moved Councillor A LUKE*
Seconded Councillor K MCGRATH

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That Councillors A LUKE and K MCGRATH be appointed as delegates to the Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils (NSW) Inc.

The Notice of Motion on being put to the meeting was Lost.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5:50pm.

Councillor J Chaffey
MAYOR