

# *Shire of Narrogin*

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 43 FEDERAL STREET, NARROGIN, ON THURSDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2015; COMMENCING AT 9.32 A.M.**

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The President, Cr Richard Chadwick, welcomed all Councillors and visitors to the meeting.

**2. ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

Councillors	Cr R.E. Chadwick (President) Cr A.G. Borthwick (Deputy President) Cr B.G. Hardie Cr G.D. Ballard Cr T.R. Wiese Cr K.M. Quartermaine Cr J.M. Sieber from 9.34AM
Chief Executive Officer	Mr G.R. McKeown
Apologies	Nil
Visitors	Peter & Glenda Vukomanovic Rose Rolleston Filipa Walmsley Robert Shepherd Gary Rasmussen – Works Manager (from 10.23AM)

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The President invited the visitors to address their questions to the Council.

Mr Peter Vukomanovic tabled a list of 32 questions relating to the proposed Regional Refuse Site. He asked that an answer to Question 17 be given as soon as possible.

The President asked that Question 17 be read to the meeting. Mr Vukomanovic agreed and relayed the following:

*“Q17.As we need to URGENTLY complete a business proposal in the next week in which our farm block is an integral part of the deal and requires that our farm NOT be opposite a Regional Rubbish Dump what level of compensation will the Narrogin Shire provide if the Dump Proposal goes ahead and we are required to breach the agreement? Will the Shire cover the total costs of this?”*

The President indicated that a response to the question would be provided as soon as practical.

Mr Robert Shepherd asked why the neighbours to the proposed Regional Refuse Site were not consulted when the site was first considered.

The President responded to say that it was agreed that the Shire of Cuballing should advise nearby landowners of receipt of the development application rather than separate notification coming from the Shire of Narrogin. The Chief Executive Officer also indicated that until the site was proven to achieve the permeability requirements it could not be considered as a viable option for a refuse site. Mr Robert Shepherd responded that the neighbours should have been consulted when the site was first considered.

Robert Shepherd tabled a number of questions and requested a response.

Filipa Walmsley asked who the Shire of Narrogin's representatives were on the Regional Waste Group and if residents opposed to the development could meet with the Group.

Chief Executive Officer indicated that he had attended the meetings of the Great Southern Regional Waste Group and reported back to the Council. He went on to mention the Group has an Executive Officer based at the Shire of Wagin and that person is the contact for the Group.

PETER & GLENDA VUKOMANOVIC, ROSE ROLLESTON, FILIPA WALMSLEY AND ROBERT SHEPHERD LEFT THE MEETING AT 10.02AM

The Council discussed issues raised in Public Question time and asked the Chief Executive Officer to respond to the specific question submitted by Mr Vukomanovic.

MR GARY RASMUSSEN ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 10.23AM

## **8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### Works Unit Report

Mr Gary Rasmussen presented his Works Unit Report.

MR GARY RASMUSSEN LEFT THE MEETING AT 11.28AM

## **4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Cr Borthwick**

**Seconded Cr Hardie**

**The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS**

Councillors advised of their attendance at the following meetings and functions:

1. Cr Sieber attended the Dryandra Country Visitor Centre Meeting and a meeting with the Local Government Advisory Board.
2. Cr Hardie attended the Shire of Narrogin and Town of Narrogin Airport Committee Meeting and a meeting with the Local Government Advisory Board.
3. Cr Borthwick attended a WALGA Central Country Zone Executive Committee Meeting and met with the Local Government Advisory Board.
4. Cr Quartermaine attended the Shire of Narrogin and Town of Narrogin Airport Committee Meeting and met with the Local Government Advisory Board.
5. Cr Wiese attended the Narrogin Cottage Homes Committee Meeting and the Highbury District Community Council Meeting.
6. Cr Ballard attended the Narrogin Agricultural College Advisory Committee Meeting.

The President reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 1 Attended the Shire of Narrogin and Town of Narrogin Airport Committee Meeting.
- 2 Attended the Anzac Day Service.
- 3 Met with the Local Government Advisory Board.

**7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

**8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS (Continued)**

Information Report

The Chief Executive Officer presented his Information Report.

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT FROM 12.32PM TO 1.22PM

CR BORTHWICK WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THE RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING.

**9. MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE DECISIONS**

**9.F FINANCE**

**9.F.275 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Moved Cr Hardie  
That Council,

Seconded Cr Ballard

1. Endorse cheques numbered: 21494 to 21500 (inclusive) as paid under delegated authority, totalling \$1,209,045.00;
2. Approve cheques numbered: 21501 to 21533 (inclusive) as creditors to be paid, totalling \$230,466.57; Endorse electronic transaction payments as paid under delegated authority for other expenses totalling \$219,957.74; Endorse electronic transaction payments for other expenses totalling \$75.76;
3. Endorse electronic transaction payments for salaries and wages expenses totalling \$66,508.80; and
4. Adopt the Financial Statement to the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 as presented.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**9.F.276 INDEXATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

Moved Cr Sieber  
That the Council,

Seconded Cr Quartermaine

1. Acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of Council's services and infrastructure;
2. Acknowledges that the Council will receive \$581,443 in General Purpose Funding and \$415,423 in Local Road Funding in 2014-15; and
3. Will ensure that this federal funding, and other funding provided by the Federal Government under relevant grant programs, is appropriately identified as Commonwealth grant funding in Council publications, including annual reports.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**9.A ADMINISTRATION**

**9.A.337 AGED HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES**

Moved Cr Ballard  
That Council:

Seconded Cr Wiese

1. Supports the joint effort of the Town of Narrogin and Shires of Cuballing, Corrigin, Wickepin, Narrogin and Wandering to obtain funding to construct aged accommodation for their respective communities;
2. Participate in a committee or other body overseeing the effort to construct aged accommodation in this region;
3. Appoint Cr Wiese as the Elected Member representative to the committee or other body overseeing the effort to construct aged accommodation in this region; and

4. Allocate \$3,333 to participate in a review of the demand for aged accommodation in the region through the Creating Age Friendly Communities in Small Towns Grant Program.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**9.A.338 PURCHASE OF LAND – AIRPORT EXPANSION**

Moved Cr Sieber

Seconded Cr Wiese

The Shire of Narrogin endorses that the Chief Executive Officer being given delegated authority to negotiate a grazing access agreement with Mr Bill Moore over the expanded area of Lot 8 Clayton Road. Further, sufficient funds be included in the 2015/16 Budget to maintain the fenced area of Lot 8 to ensure security of the airport grounds.

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0**

**9.A.339 CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL GLIDER HANGARS**

Moved Cr Quartermaine

Seconded Cr Ballard

The Shire of Narrogin approves the application by the Narrogin Gliding Club to construct two new glider hangars on the site leased by the Club, subject to it obtaining a Building Permit prior to works commencing and the location of the hangars being outside the required distance from the runway centreline.

**CARRIED 6/0**

The motion differed from the recommendation with the removal of the word “currently” in reference to the leased site. This change allows for the new hangars to be built on an expanded area should additional land be leased to the Club.

**9.A.340 NAVIGATIONAL AIDS**

Moved Cr Quartermaine

Seconded Cr Hardie

The Shire of Narrogin approves inviting expressions of interest from suitably qualified airport consultants to prepare a report on the costs and statutory requirements for the Narrogin Airport to be registered or certified by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and to install and maintain a Global Navigation Satellite System.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**9.A.341 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT**

Moved Cr Sieber

Seconded Cr Quartermaine

The Shire of Narrogin supports the preparation of a development plan for the Narrogin Airport to determine:

- the cost of installation of services, including power and roads;
- standards for the development of infrastructure; and
- tenure arrangements for land to be leased.

**CARRIED 6/0**

CR QUARTERMAINE DECLARED A PROXIMITY INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING  
ITEM AND LEFT THE MEETING AT 2.13PM

The nature of Cr Quartermaine's interest relates to being the owner of land that is adjacent to the property that is the subject of the application.

**9. B&TP BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING**

**9.B&TP.193 REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE**

Moved Cr Sieber

Seconded Cr Wiese

That Council:

1. Resolves to support the request to close a portion of unconstructed road reserve to the east of Williams Kondinin Road adjacent to Lot 7 Williams Kondinin Road in accordance with the *Land Administration Act 1997* and *Land Administration Regulations 1998* for the purpose of initiating advertising and consultation.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to publicly advertise the road closure for 35 days. Advertising to include:
  - (i) A newspaper notice;
  - (ii) Individual letters to nearby and adjacent landowners;
  - (iii) A sign erected adjacent to Williams Kondinin Road by the owners/ applicant (A3 size);
  - (iv) Individual letters to the Department of Lands and service authorities.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to advise the applicant of the Council resolution, seek written confirmation that the owners agree to pay all advertising costs, and to invoice the landowner/ applicant directly to cover all advertising costs.
4. Note that a further report will be referred to a future Council meeting to consider submissions.

**CARRIED 6/0**

CR QUARTERMAINE RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 2.22PM

**9.B&TP.194 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – LOT 4 (No 303) SIMMONS  
ROAD, NARROGIN VALLEY**

Moved Cr Hardie

Seconded Cr Wiese

That Council:

1. Pursue Option 1 as outlined in this report and construe that the proposed growing of macadamia trees and juju berries is 'intensive agriculture' which is not permitted in the 'Special Rural' zone under the Shire of Narrogin Town Planning Scheme No 2.
2. Determine by Absolute Majority that the proposed growing of pawlonia trees (agroforestry) may be consistent with the objectives of the Special Rural zone and thereafter follow the advertising procedures of sub-clause 6.3 in considering an application for planning approval.

**3. Advise the applicant that:**

(i) The proposed growing of macadamia trees and juju berries is construed as an 'intensive agriculture' which is specifically defined in the Shire of Narrogin Town Planning Scheme No 2 as including *'the production of fruit and nuts'* so unfortunately Council has no discretion to consider approval of the use in the Special Rural zone.

(ii) Whilst berry and fruit growing for commercial gain cannot be considered, Council has discretion to consider a revised proposal for 15 acres (6 hectares) for pawlonia trees however the application will need to be advertised to surrounding landowners.

(iii) Prior to commencing advertising, the applicant is requested to lodge a site plan showing the location and size of the tree growing area and the distance between growing areas and any shared boundaries. This will enable informed consultation with nearby and adjacent landowners.

(iv) The Shire anticipates that there will be more flexibility for Council to consider 'intensive agriculture' uses on the lot once the Draft Town & Shire of Narrogin Joint Local Planning Scheme No 3 becomes finalised, therefore there may be opportunity whereby you the applicant may lodge a future application to grow juju berries and macadamia nuts.

**4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to refer the application to nearby and adjacent landowners for a minimum public comment period of 21 days in accordance with Clause 6.3 of the Shire of Narrogin Town Planning Scheme No 2, on receipt of a plan by the applicant.**

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0**

LATE ITEM

FIRES ESCAPING FROM CONTROLLED BURNING

Cr Ballard raised the issue of fires escaping from controlled burning on private property. He specifically mentioned the prevalence of burning chaff heaps and the lack of proper management of these fires.

The Chief Executive Officer mentioned that this matter had been raised during the last fire season and the Shire of Wagin had asked its Fire Control Officers to place additional control measures on permits to burn that involve chaff heaps. These included requiring the permit holder to remain on the property until the fire was fully extinguished.

The Chief Executive Officer indicated that a similar policy could be introduced in the Shire following consultation with the Fire Control Officers.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE PRESIDENT THANKED COUNCILLORS FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AND CLOSED THE MEETING AT 2.45 PM