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**MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

held on

WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH 2021

PRESENT

Councillors Craig Davies (Mayor and Chair), Dawn Collins (Deputy Mayor), James Craft, Mark Munro, Colin Hamilton, Les Lambert, Lyn Jablonski, Rob McCutcheon and Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager), Mr Phil Johnston (Director Community & Economic Development), Mr John Sevil (Director Finance & Corporate Strategy), Mrs Marion Truscott (Director Governance) and Mrs Sally McDonnell (Minute Taker).

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer was taken by those present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement to Country was made by Cr Davies.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Mr André Pretorius (Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services),

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Munro that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 February 2021 be adopted.

2021/019

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Jane Redden (General Manager) declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 5 – Mayoral Minute – General Manager Declaration of Interest – Inland Rail - All Council matters that may consider acquisition of property for the Narramine to Narrabri route as well as consideration of quarry supplies for the construction of the railway.

Cr Les Lambert declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 1 – Reports to Council Community and Economic Development – Request to Reduce Sewer and Headworks Charges for Timbreebongie Aged Development, as he is the Secretary of the Timbreebongie House Ltd.

Marion Truscott (Director Governance) declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 2 – Reports to Council Community and Economic Development – Development Applications as DA 2021/10 relates to DA approval for property owned.

MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Lambert that the information be noted.

2021/020

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Jablonski that the information be noted.

2021/021

3. DELEGATES REPORT – TRANGIE ACTION GROUP MEETING

RESOLVED Crs Hamilton/Jablonski that the information be noted.

2021/022

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - SUBMISSION

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Collins that a submission be made with regard to increasing the Mayor Additional Fee for Rural Councils.

2021/023

It was noted the submission is to be based on criteria for categorisation and should be GDP, not population based.

Jane Redden (General Manager) declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 5 – Mayoral Minute – General Manager Declaration of Interest – Inland Rail - All Council matters that may consider acquisition of property for the Narromine to Narrabri route as well as consideration of quarry supplies for the construction of the railway.

Jane Redden (General Manger) left the meeting at 5.50pm

5. GENERAL MANAGER DECLARATION OF INTEREST – INLAND RAIL

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Lambert that the Declaration of Interest by the General Manager be noted and, in accordance with Clause 4.13 of the Code of Conduct, all Council matters that consider acquisition of property for the Narromine to Narrabri railway route as well as consideration of quarry supplies for the construction of the railway be undertaken by the Director Community and Economic Development.

2021/024

MAYORAL MINUTE Cont'd

**6. GENERAL MANAGER DECLARATION OF INTEREST – EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY
DEVELOPMENT**

The Director Community and Development advised that since publication of the business paper, Western Regional Planning Panel have advised they may be able to determine the DA should there be a conflict with Council determining it, however formal notification of such is still to be received.

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Munro that:

1. Council formally correspond and request delegation of the authority to determine the application to the Western Regional Planning Panel pursuant to s377 of the Local Government Act;
2. Further should the Western Regional Planning Panel advise formally of their inability to accept this delegation, it be put before Council for determination in accordance with Clause 4.13 of the Code of Conduct.

2021/025

Jane Redden (General Manager) returned to meeting 6.06pm

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**1. REPORT OF THE NARROMINE SHOWGROUND AND RACECOURSE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Collins that the report of the Narromine Showground and Racecourse Advisory Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2021 be adopted.

2021/026

2. REPORT OF NARROMINE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Hamilton/McCutcheon that the recommendations from the minutes of the Narromine Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held on 23 February 2021 be adopted.

2021/027

3. REPORT OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Collins that the recommendations from the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2021 be adopted.

2021/028

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES Cont'd

**4. REPORT OF THE TRANGIE SHOWGROUND AND RACECOURSE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Craft that the report of the Trangie Showground and Racecourse Advisory Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2021 be adopted.

2021/029

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER

1. INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK TIMETABLE

RESOLVED Crs Collins/McCutcheon that Council hold an Extraordinary Meeting on 5 May 2021 to consider accepting the draft Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework documents for public exhibition.

2021/030

2. VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT – TOMINGLEY GOLD OPERATIONS

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Munro that Council place the proposed amendment to the existing Voluntary Planning Agreement between Narromine Shire Council and Tomingley Gold Operations on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.

2021/031

3. LEASE OF UNUSED ROADWAY AND ADJACENT FOOTPATH AREA

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Collins that Council finalise renewal of the lease of the unused roadway plus the adjoining footpath area in accordance with Council's previous resolution No 2020/262.

2021/032

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FINANCE & CORPORATE STRATEGY

1. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Munro that:

3. the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio be received and noted;
4. the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer is noted and the report adopted.

2021/033

2. COVID RATES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Munro that the COVID-19 Rates Financial Assistance Policy not be renewed.

2021/034

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE & CORPORATE STRATEGY Cont'd

3. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Collins that the revised Related Party Disclosure Policy be adopted.

2021/035

4. DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIPS & WAIVER OF FEES & CHARGES POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Craft that the revised Donations, Sponsorships & Waiver of Fees & Charges Policy be adopted.

2021/036

5. HARDSHIP POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED Crs McCutcheon/Munro that the revised Hardship Policy as attached be adopted.

2021/037

6. DEBT RECOVERY POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Collins that the revised Debt Recovery Policy as attached be adopted.

2021/038

7. PENSIONER RATES AND CHARGES REDUCTION POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED Crs Craft/Lambert that the revised Pensioner Rates and Charges Reduction Policy as attached be adopted.

2021/039

8. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE WRITE OFF – UNDETECTED WATER LEAK

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/McCutcheon that Council write off \$6,423.87 in water consumption charges.

2021/040

Cr Les Lambert declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 1 – Reports to Council Community and Economic Development – Request to Reduce Sewer and Headworks Charges for Timbrebongie Aged Development, as he is the Secretary of the Timbrebongie House Ltd.

Cr Les Lambert left the meeting at 6.19pm

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. REQUEST TO REDUCE SEWER AND HEADWORKS CHARGES FOR TIMBREBONGIE AGED DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED Crs Collins/McCutcheon that:

1. That Council agree to the request to reduce the sewer and headworks charges for DA 2019/70 to be:

16 x \$6,255 = \$100,080 for the freehold allotments and the amount payable for the 31 two-bedroom aged care units be reduced to zero.

2. That this be enacted by Council staff under delegation, through an approval process pursuant to Section 4.55, once formally requested by the applicant.

2021/041

Cr Les Lambert returned to meeting 6.22pm

Marion Truscott (Director Governance) declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 2 – Reports to Council Community and Economic Development – Development Applications as DA 2021/10 relates to DA approval for property owned.

Marion Truscott (Director Governance) left meeting at 6.22pm

2. DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/McCutcheon that the information be noted.

2021/042

Marion Truscott (Director Governance) returned to meeting 6.23pm

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. WORKS REPORT

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Lambert that the information be noted.

2021/043

2. NARROMINE AND TRANGIE TENNIS FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENTS

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Craft that:

1. That Council lease four Trangie tennis courts and the clubhouse for a two year period, at a fee of \$100 per annum.
2. That Council lease four Narromine tennis courts and the clubhouse for a two year period, at a fee of \$100 per annum.

2021/044

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING SERVICES Cont'd

3. PURCHASE OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS HUT AT SAPPA BULGA

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Craft that:

1. That Council purchase the telecommunications hut from Essential Energy.
2. Approve expenditure of \$4,000 from the unrestricted reserves for the purchase of the hut and for minor repairs.

2021/045

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS REPORT

1. **FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NARROMINE AERODROME**
2. **BUSINESS CASE INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT AND FREIGHT EXCHANGE**

RESOLVED Crs Munro/Craft that Council moves into Closed Meeting under section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the items contain commercial information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and is therefore not in the public interest to disclose. Early disclosure of the information may put Council at a commercial disadvantage and prevent it from achieving best value for money outcome for the community.

2021/046

OPEN COUNCIL

Resolutions from the Closed Meeting

The Motions adopted in Closed Meeting are as follows:

1. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NARROMINE AERODROME

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Jablonski that:

1. That continued in principle support be provided for the further development of the Narromine Aerodrome as outlined in the report.
2. That the General Manager be delegated to seek a valuation for the land as outlined in the report and provide a recommendation to Council regarding the sale price of the land.
3. That the valuation be funded from the General Manager's contingency fund to be adjusted at the next Quarterly Budget Review.

2021/047

2. BUSINESS CASE INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT AND FREIGHT EXCHANGE

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Collins that:

1. That in principle support continues to be provided on the basis of favourable land tenure options and favourable initial planning outcomes.
2. That a further report detailing progress towards each of the steps be brought back to Council for further consideration.

2021/048

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.58pm

The Minutes (pages 1 to 9) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of _____ 2021, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 10 March 2021.

Chair