



***DRAFT***

**MINUTES  
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

***held on***

**WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Craig Davies (Mayor and Chair), Dawn Collins (Deputy Mayor), James Craft, Les Lambert, Lyn Jablonski, Rob McCutcheon, Mark Munro, and Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager), Mr André Pretorius (Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services), Mr Phil Johnston (Director Community & Economic Development), Mrs Jeanette Coen (Acting 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 5.31pm.

**PRAYER**

The Lord's Prayer was taken by those present.

**Cr Collins joined the meeting at 5.33pm**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Acknowledgement to Country was made by Cr Davies.

**APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Collins that the apologies of Cr Hamilton be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

**2021/210**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/Munro that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 October 2021 be adopted.

**2021/211**

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

**Jane Redden (General Manager) declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 3 – Community and Economic Development Report and item 1 – Confidential Matters Report – Narromine Industrial Precinct and Freight Exchange, as she is an owner of property on Narromine to Narrabri Inland Rail Route (as previously disclosed)**

**Marion Truscott (Director Governance) declared a Significant Non-pecuniary Interest in item 3 – Reports to Council Infrastructure and Engineering – Narromine Stormwater Drainage Study Report, as she is an owner of property adjacent to a drainage option.**

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**1.    MAYORAL DIARY**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/Lambert that the information be noted.

**2021/212**

**2.    DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/Jablonski that the information be noted.

**2021/213**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**1.    REPORT OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/McCutcheon that the report of the Local Traffic Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2021 be adopted.

**2021/214**

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER**

**1.    END OF TERM REPORT 2017-2021**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Jablonski that Council re-endorse the attached End of Term Report for 2017-2021.

**2021/215**

**2.    ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE – PART LOT 1 DP 430760**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/Lambert that Council consent to the assignment of the Licence Agreement for part of Lot 1 in DP 430760 from the current lessee to the new adjoining property owner.

**2021/216**

**3.    TERMINATION OF LEASE – NARROMINE SALEYARDS**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/Munro:

1.    that the termination of agreement be noted.
2.    that should the facility be used by the Narromine Stock Agents Pty Ltd, the fee remain at \$1,666.67 (including GST) per sale.

**2021/217**

**4.    CODE OF CONDUCT STATISTICS REPORT**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Collins that the Code of Conduct Statistics Report for 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 be noted.

**2021/218**

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER (Cont'd)**

**5. TOMINGLEY GOLD OPERATIONS (TGO) – COMMUNITY FUND PANEL**

**RESOLVED** Crs Craft/Lambert that Council approves the allocation of funds from the TGO Community Fund as follows:

- Narromine Gorillas/Jets – two large double glass fridges, various catering equipment and medical table for Cale Oval upgrade – \$15,000.
- Quentin Park Alpacas & Studio Gallery – Tomingley Christmas Festival - \$6,239.
- Narromine Hospital Auxiliary – Otoscope and other medical devices - \$5,000.
- Tomingley Picnic Race Club (Quiz night) - \$2,500.
- Narromine High School – two trips for Multi Categorical Class, Bush Camp Year 7 \$2,500 and Bridge Climb Senior Students - \$1,200.
- Teacher Earth Science Education Programme (TESEP) – Purchase of rock kits for Schools in Narromine - \$2,286.90

**2021/219**

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FINANCE & CORPORATE STRATEGY**

**1. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Munro that:

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

**2021/220**

**2. 2020-21 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Munro:

1. That Council adopts the 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements and Auditors Report, as presented.
2. That Council inform the community that the RFS assets have been recognised in Council's current year financial statements and not in prior years.

**2021/221**

**3. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Munro:

1. That the document entitled "Quarterly Budget Review Statement – 30 September 2021", as attached to the report, be noted;
2. That the variations of income, operating expenditure, capital expenditure and reserves as identified in the "Quarterly Budget Review Statement – 30 September 2021" be approved and voted.
3. That Council note the amount of \$389,000 is being allocated from Council's Unrestricted Cash Reserves.

**2021/222**

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**1.    DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/Munro that the information be noted.

**2021/223**

**2.    GRANT FUNDING – LOCAL ROADS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Collins that the grant funding report be noted.

**2021/224**

**Jane Redden (General Manager) declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 3 – Community and Economic Development Report and item 1 – Confidential Matters Report – Narromine Industrial Precinct and Freight Exchange, as she is an owner of property on Narromine to Narrabri Inland Rail Route (as previously disclosed)**

**Jane Redden (General Manager) left the meeting at 5.58pm**

**3.    NARROMINE INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT AND FREIGHT EXCHANGE**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/Lambert that this item be deferred until Council moves into Closed Meeting

**2021/225**

**Jane Redden (General Manager) returned to the meeting at 5.59pm**

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL - INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**1.    WORKS REPORT**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/Munro that the information be noted.

**2021/226**

**2.    SHORT TERM LEASE OF COUNCIL ROAD RESERVE**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Jablonski

1.    That Council consider and adopt the proposed fee of \$5,000 for the lease of the road reserves along Sissian Road.
2.    That the fee be reviewed annually.

**2021/227**

**Marion Truscott (Director Governance) declared a Significant Non-pecuniary Interest in item 3 – Reports to Council Infrastructure and Engineering – Narromine Stormwater Drainage Study Report, as she is an owner of property adjacent to a drainage option.**

**Marion Truscott (Director Governance) left the meeting at 6.04pm**

**3.    NARROMINE STORMWATER DRAINAGE STUDY REPORT**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/Munro

1. That Council adopt the Narromine Stormwater Drainage Study Report, considering that a staged approach to its implementation will be followed.
2. As soon as possible Council to engage Geotech to test the soil in the retarding basin and that the results go back to the consultant for their opinion before we go any further.

**2021/228**

**Marion Truscott (Director Governance) returned to the meeting at 6.06pm**

**Jane Redden (General Manager) declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 3 – Community and Economic Development Report and item 1 – Confidential Matters Report – Narromine Industrial Precinct and Freight Exchange, as she is an owner of property on Narromine to Narrabri Inland Rail Route (as previously disclosed)**

**Jane Redden (General Manager) left the meeting at 6.07pm**

**CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS REPORT**

**1.    NARROMINE INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT AND FREIGHT EXCHANGE**

**RESOLVED** Crs Collins/Jablonski that Council moves into Closed Meeting under Sections 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the matters contain commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the persons 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.

**2021/229**



**OPEN COUNCIL**

The Motion adopted in Closed Meeting is as follows:

**Item from the Director Community and Economic Development**

**1.    NARROMINE INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT AND FREIGHT EXCHANGE**

**RESOLVED** Crs Lambert/Munro:

1. That in principle support continue to be provided on the basis of favourable land tenure options and favourable initial planning outcomes.
2. That Narromine Shire Council representatives sign the non binding term sheet in regards to the development of the Narromine Industrial Hub and Freight Exchange.
3. That a further report detailing progress towards each of the steps be brought back to Council for further consideration.

**2021/230**

**The Mayor acknowledged the retiring Councillors and thanked them most sincerely for their 5 ½ years of commitment and for all of their work promoting the Shire and moving Council forward in such a progressive manner.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.49pm

The Minutes (pages 1 to 7) 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 November 2021.

**Chair**