
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
SHIRE OF COBAR HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY
23 APRIL 2020 COMMENCING AT 5:01PM**

PRESENT (FILE C13-2)

Councillors Peter Abbott (Deputy Mayor), Janine Lea-Barrett, Jarrod Marsden, Peter Maxwell, Julie Payne, Harley Toomey, Robert Sinclair and Kate Winders.

OBSERVERS

Messrs Peter Vlatko (General Manager), Kym Miller (Director of Finance and Community Services), Garry Ryman (Director of Planning and Environmental Services) and Ms Janette Booth (Executive Assistant - General Manager/ Mayor).

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

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APOLOGIES (FILE C13-2)

60.4.2020 **RESOLVED:** That the apologies received from Councillors Lilliane Brady OAM (Mayor) and Peter Yench be accepted.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Sinclair **CARRIED**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (FILE C12-3)

- Nil.
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CONDOLENCES (FILE M2-3)

- Paul Alexander Oliver.

A minutes silence was observed by those in attendance.

PUBLIC ACCESS SESSION

- Nil.
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COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF COBAR HELD ON THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2020**

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL (FILE C13-11)

61.4.2020 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 26 March 2020 adjourned to Thursday, 9 April 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Winders **CARRIED**

MAYORAL MINUTE – COVID-19 PANDEMIC

FILE: M2-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

AUTHOR: *Mayor Councillor, Lilliane Brady OAM*

62.4.2020 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Cobar Shire Council calls on the Federal Government and NSW Government to urgently deliver comprehensive and multifaceted financial support and stimulus packages to local government to enable them to continue to operate effectively and provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. That Cobar Shire Council calls for the packages to include the following measures:
 - Increasing Financial Assistance Grants payments to help councils maintain essential functions and services, acknowledging the increased costs and mounting revenue losses arising from COVID-19 as well as giving councils capacity to provide hardship assistance to businesses and residents.
 - Immediate financial assistance to support council employees, especially in early education and care.
 - Providing stimulus funding to councils for projects that will help sustain council operations and boost local economies. This could be achieved through increasing or bringing forward funding under existing funding programs or introducing new programs.
 - Increased access to TAFE, VET and other apprenticeship opportunities that council staff can undertake to address skill shortages, especially for staff in non-essential services who are unable to be redeployed.
3. That Cobar Shire Council commends the NSW and Federal Governments on their stewardship during this crisis and commits to working in partnership to protect community health and sustain local economies through this crisis.
4. That Council write to the local Federal and State Member(s) Mark Coulton and Roy Butler, Prime Minister the Hon Scott Morrison MP, NSW Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Federal Treasurer the Hon Josh Frydenburg MP, NSW Treasurer the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, NSW Local Government Minister the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Federal Minister for Local Government the Hon Mark

Coulton, Federal Opposition Leader the Hon Anthony Albanese, NSW Opposition Leader Jodi McKay MP, Federal Shadow Minister for Local Government Jason Clare MP and NSW Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren MP to confirm their support for increased financial assistance and stimulus funding for local government to help councils maintain essential services and employment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. That Cobar Shire Council endorses Local Government NSW's sector-wide campaign to obtain financial assistance, employment support and stimulus funding for the local government sector.

6. That Council advise LGNSW President Linda Scott of the passage of this Mayoral Minute.

Clr Payne/ Clr Marsden

CARRIED

CLAUSE 1A – MAYORAL REPORT

FILE: C13-1-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

AUTHOR: Mayor, Lilliane Brady OAM

63.4.2020

RESOLVED: That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the month of April 2020.

Clr Payne/ Clr Toomey

CARRIED

CLAUSE 2A – COVID-19 EFFECTS ON COUNCIL'S COMMERCIAL RENTALS

FILE: A10-19 & C1-2-1

AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.4

AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

64.4.2020

RESOLVED: That a further report regarding COVID-19 Effects on Council's Commercial Rentals be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reasons stated in Sections 10A (2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as discussions of this matter in open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Clr Sinclair/ Clr Lea-Barrett

CARRIED

CLAUSE 3A – TENDER – CONVERSION OF A HOUSE (9 MAIDENS AVE, COBAR) TO GIRL GUIDES HALL (T3-20-3)

FILE: T3-20-3

AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.4

AUTHOR: Projects Co-Ordinator, Carly Hunter

WITHDRAWN

CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 18 MARCH 2020 – 14 APRIL 2020

FILE: T5-1

AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1

AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman*

- 65.4.2020** **RESOLVED:** That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 18 March 2020 – 14 April 2020 be received and noted.
Clr Payne/ Clr Lea-Barrett **CARRIED**
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CLAUSE 2B – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

FILE: C13-10

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

- 66.4.2020** **RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1363, 1364, 1365 and 1366.
Clr Payne/ Clr Lea-Barrett **CARRIED**
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CLAUSE 3B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

- 67.4.2020** **RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 31 March 2020.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Payne **CARRIED**
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CLAUSE 4B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

- 68.4.2020** **RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 31 March 2020.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Payne **CARRIED**
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CLAUSE 5B – PURCHASING ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTORS

FILE: T3-15-6

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

- 69.4.2020** **RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the information contained within this report.
Clr Maxwell/ Clr Sinclair **CARRIED**
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CLAUSE 6B – LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

FILE: C6-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

70.4.2020

RESOLVED:

1. That the Minutes and Status Report of the Local Traffic Committee be received and noted.
2. That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee:
 1. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee requesting that parking between Khans Supermarket in Linsley Street and to the Corner of Linsley Street and Marshall Street be changed from rear to kerb parking to parallel parking;
 2. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee to approve the use of the taxi rank by Country Link public transport;
 3. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee to investigate three potential sites for a disabled parking spaces at the Western end of Marshall Street.

Clr Payne/ Clr Lea-Barrett

CARRIED

CLAUSE 7B – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

71.4.2020

RESOLVED: That the information detailing the Expenditure for Council's Roads Network be received and noted.

Clr Maxwell/ Clr Toomey

CARRIED

CLAUSE 8B – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

72.4.2020

RESOLVED: That the information contained in the Engineering Works Report detailing maintenance on Shire and Regional Roads, State Highways and Water Sewer Mains, Resources for Regions Projects and other Major Grant Works be received and noted.

Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Payne

CARRIED

CLAUSE 9B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES

FILE: G4-29

AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 & 4.4.4.2

AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Manager, Victor Papierniak-Wojtowicz*

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GENERAL MANAGER

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DEPUTY MAYOR

73.4.2020 **RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the updated financial information for the three Restart NSW Resources for Regions infrastructure projects.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Sinclair **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 10B – THIRD QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019/2020 (Q3)

FILE: L5-22 **AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**
AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

74.4.2020 **RESOLVED:** That Council receives and notes the third quarterly review of the 2019/2020 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period January to March 2020.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Sinclair **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 11B – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17 **AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3**
AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Brytt Moore*

75.4.2020 **RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the grant funding report detailing grants applied for, grants announced and grants available be received and noted.
Clr Payne/ Clr Lea-Barrett **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 12B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

FILE: R2-1 **AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6**
AUTHOR: *Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown*

76.4.2020 **RESOLVED:** That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 March 2020 be received and noted.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Marsden **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED COUNCIL)

77.4.2020 **RESOLVED:** That Council move into the Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded at 6:05pm as matters to be discussed are considered to be confidential vide *Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed in open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*
Clr Marsden/ Clr Lea-Barrett **CARRIED**

Council resumed in Open Council at 6:32pm.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED COUNCIL)

78.4.2020 RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Sinclair **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 1C – COVID-19 EFFECTS ON COUNCIL’S COMMERCIAL RENTALS

FILE: A10-19 & C1-2-1

AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.4

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

17COW.4.2020 RESOLVED:

1. That Council approve the write off of \$35,196.68 rental income for the Cobar Caravan Park lease representing quarterly from 1 April 2020; and
2. That Council approve the write off of \$12,000 effluent re-use charge for the Cobar Golf Course payable by the Cobar Golf and Bowling Club for the 12 months ending December 2020.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:35PM

CONFIRMED.....

MINUTE NO.....

DEPUTY MAYOR.....