
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE SHIRE OF COBAR HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017 COMMENCING AT 5:00PM**

PRESENT (FILE C13-2)

Councillors Lilliane Brady OAM (Mayor), Peter Abbott (Deputy Mayor), Tracey Kings, Janine Lea-Barrett, Christopher Lehmann, Jarrod Marsden, Greg Martin, Peter Maxwell, Julie Payne, Harley Toomey, Bob Sinclair and Peter Yench.

OBSERVERS

Messrs Peter Vlatko (General Manager), Kym Miller (Director of Finance and Community Services), Garry Ryman (Director of Planning and Environmental Services), Stephen Taylor (Director of Engineering Services) and Mmes Angela Shepherd (Director of Corporate and Economic Services) and Janette Booth (Executive Assistant – General Manager/Mayor).

APOLOGIES (FILE C13-2)

- Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (FILE C12-3)

- Nil.

CONDOLENCES (FILE M2-3)

- Mark William Brilley;
- Easter “Essie” Anne Lloyd;
- Elaine Jean Schofield.

A minutes silence was observed by those in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL (FILE C13-11)

68.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 23 March 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Clr Payne/ Clr Abbott

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION – REDUCTION IN COUNCILLOR NUMBERS

FILE: C12-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.4

AUTHOR: *Councillor, Peter Yench*

MOTION: That Council Staff prepare a Report on the process to reduce the number of Councillors for Cobar Shire Council from twelve (12) to five (5) Elected Members.

Clr Yench/ Clr Kings

MOTION: That there be a vote of no confidence in the Mayor.

Clr Yench/ Clr Maxwell

LOST

The **Motion** was put and **Lost**.

AMENDMENT: That the number of Cobar Shire Council Councillors be reduced from twelve (12) to Nine (9) Elected Members.

Clr Marsden/ Clr Lehmann

The **Amendment** was put and **Lost**.

MOTION: That Council Staff prepare a Report on the process to reduce the number of Councillors for Cobar Shire Council from twelve (12) to five (5) Elected Members.

Clr Yench/ Clr Kings

LOST

The **Motion** was put and **Lost**.

NOTICE OF MOTION – FUNDING FOR MEDICAL CENTRE EXTENSIONS

FILE: M6-5

AOP REFERENCE: 1.5.2

AUTHOR: *Councillor, Peter Yench*

MOTION:

1. That subject to Council receiving or not receiving grant funding for the extension, Council commit up to \$300,000 from general funds to start work immediately on the extensions to the Cobar Medical Centre.
2. That the rental income not be adjusted for the extension for a period of two (2) years and that the lease be amended to include the ten (10) year commitment and the lease fee be renegotiated at the end of the two (2) year period.

Clr Yench/ Clr Lea-Barrett

The **Motion** was put and **Lost**.

MOTION: That Council support the current endeavours of Council and the Outback Division to secure funding to proceed with the Medical Centre application.

Clr Sinclair/ Clr Lea-Barrett

The **Motion** was put and **Carried**.

69.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That Council support the current endeavours of Council and the Outback Division to secure funding to proceed with the Medical Centre application.

Clr Sinclair/ Clr Lea-Barrett

CARRIED

CLAUSE 1A – MAYORAL REPORT

FILE: C13-1-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

AUTHOR: Mayor, Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM

70.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the month of April 2017.

Clr Abbott/ Clr Sinclair

CARRIED

**CLAUSE 2A – OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
PROMOTING BETTER PRACTICE REVIEW OF COBAR
SHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT ACTION PLAN STATUS**

FILE: L5-2-3

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

71.4.2017 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council note the reviewed Office of Local Government Promoting Better Practice Review of Cobar Shire Council Report Action Plan status.
2. That Staff continue to work towards the completion of any work required by the recommendations contained within the Promoting Better Practice Review of Cobar Shire Council Report and detailed within the reviewed Action Plan.

Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Abbott

CARRIED

**CLAUSE 3A – REPRESENTATIVE ON PROVIDER
SELECTION PANEL FOR MPS**

FILE: A10-14 & M6-5

AOP REFERENCE: 1.5.1.1

AUTHOR: Director Finance and Community Services, Kym Miller

72.4.2017 RESOLVED: That Council approve the General Managers appointment to the provider selection panel for the Lilliane Brady Village as the Cobar Shire Council representative with the Director of Finance and Community Services as the alternate.
Clr Sinclair/ Clr Martin **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 4A – COBAR SEWER UPGRADE PROJECT

FILE: S3-1 **AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.4.2**

AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor*

74.4.2017 RESOLVED:

1. That Council applies to Infrastructure NSW for an amendment of the project scope for the Cobar Sewer Upgrade Project to include a refurbishment of Council's three other operating pump stations and to install a screen compactor at an estimated total cost of \$1,050,000.
2. That Council notes that approximately \$600,000 of the available funding will be uncommitted and Council will consider options for those remaining funds once the pump stations and screen compactor projects have been completed.

Clr Abbott/ Clr Payne **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 5A – PURCHASE OF SECOND HAND LEAD ROAD TRAIN TRAILER BULK WATER TANKER

FILE: P3-16-2 **AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2.9**

AUTHOR: *Depot Coordinator, Brad Lennon*

75.4.2017 RESOLVED:

1. That the Council purchase of the second-hand Bulk Water Tanker Lead Semi Trailer for a price of \$55,000 (plus GST).
2. That \$10,000 be allocated to undertake modifications of the water tanker.
3. That inclusion of the purchase of a new Bulk Water Tanker be included in the 2017/2018 Plant Replacement Program to ensure the continuation of fleet upgrade.

Clr Payne/ Clr Abbott **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 6A – PURCHASE OF SECOND HAND WOOD CHIPPER

FILE: P3-16-2 **AOP REFERNECE: 3.3.2.9**

AUTHOR: *Urban Services Coordinator, Paul Sullivan*

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76.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That the Council purchase of the second-hand wood chipper for \$25,000.
Clr Martin/ Clr Maxwell **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 7A – CHANGES TO ASSET MANAGEMENT PROCESSES AND NEW ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR DISPLAY

FILE: A9-1, P5-76 & P5-77 **AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2.9**

AUTHOR: *Asset Manager, Anil De Silva*

77.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That Council agrees to place the Recreational Asset Management Plan, the Asset Management Strategy and the Asset Management Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Abbott **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 8A – DISABILITY INCLUSION PLAN 2017

FILE: L5-22-1 **AOP REFERENCE: 3.3**

AUTHOR: *Director of Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd*

78.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That Council adopts the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017.
Clr Abbott/ Clr Marsden **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 9A – ADOPTION OF ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN

FILE: D2-18 **AOP REFERENCE: 2.1.3**

AUTHOR: *Director Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd*

79.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That Council adopts the Cobar Economic Action Plan.
Clr Abbott/ Clr Kings **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 10A – 2017 CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

FILE: C8-16 **AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.2.2**

AUTHOR: *Director of Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd*

80.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That Council adopts the Crime Prevention Plan 2017.
Clr Sinclair/ Clr Abbott **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 11A – MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC TASKFORCE APRIL MEETING

FILE: D2-17 **AOP REFERENCE: 2.1**

AUTHOR: *Director Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd*

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81.4.2017 RESOLVED:

1. That Council resolves to set aside the May Taskforce Meeting to workshop the Newey Plan of Management, input into it and to identify solutions to the issue of free camping in Cobar.
2. That Council resolves to further investigate the idea of a freight depot for Cobar and report back to the Taskforce.
3. That a Call for Expressions of Interest from businesses who would like to engage the services of a security company to monitor their premises and answer alarms to establish demand for such a service.
4. That Council resolves to approach Mr Hausler in regards to the future of his rail track and loco for use in a public space in Cobar.

Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Abbott

CARRIED

81.4.2017 RESOLVED: That an investigation be undertaken in relation to triple road trailers routing from Bourke to Cobar in support of a freight depot/ interchange in Cobar.

Clr Maxwell/ Clr Sinclair

CARRIED

CLAUSE 12A – THIRD QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2016/2017

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

AUTHOR: *Director Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd*

82.4.2017 RESOLVED: That Council receives and endorses the third quarterly review of the 2016/2017 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period January to March 2017.

Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Lehmann

CARRIED

CLAUSE 13A – INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK – RESOURCE STRATEGY – WORKFORCE PLAN

FILE: L5-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2.1

AUTHOR: *Human Resources Manager, Summer Patterson*

83.4.2017 RESOLVED: That Council resolves to place the new four year Workforce Plan on public exhibition for at least 28 days.

Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Sinclair

CARRIED

**CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 16 MARCH 2017
– 18 APRIL 2017**

FILE: T5-1

AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1

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

- 84.4.2017** **RESOLVED:** That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 16 March 2017 – 18 April 2017 be received and noted.
Clr Abbott/ Clr Payne **CARRIED**
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CLAUSE 2B – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

FILE: C13-10

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

- 85.4.2017** **RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 660, 911, 985, 986, 994, 995, 998, 1000, 1002 Part 1, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006 and 1008.
Clr Abbott/ Clr Sincalir **CARRIED**
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**CLAUSE 3B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH
2017**

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Neil Mitchell*

- 86.4.2017** **RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 31 March 2017.
Clr Payne/ Clr Abbott **CARRIED**
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**CLAUSE 4B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW &
LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Neil Mitchell*

- 87.4.2017** **RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 31 March 2017.
Clr Lehmann/ Clr Abbott **CARRIED**
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CLAUSE 5B – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: R5-36, C8-6-4, C8-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

AUTHOR: *Executive Assistant General Manager/ Mayor, Janette Booth*

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88.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes and Status Reports of the Rural Roads Advisory, Cobar Youth Council and Cobar Liquor Accord Committees be received and noted.
Clr Payne/ Clr Lea-Barrett **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 6B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES

FILE: G4-29 **AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.4.2**

AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor*

89.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the updated financial information for the two Restart NSW Resources for Regions infrastructure projects.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Toomey **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 7B – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 **AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2**

AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor*

90.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That the information detailing the Expenditure for Council's Roads Network be received and noted.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Abbott **CARRIED**

91.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That RMS be contacted in relation to a turning lane being installed at the Meadow Glen Rest Area as a matter of urgency.
Clr Martin/ Clr Sinclair **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 8B – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2 **AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2**

AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor*

92.4.2017 **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 Abbott/ Clr Sinclair **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 9B – STAFF CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORT

FILE: Personnel **AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2**

AUTHOR: *Human Resources Manager, Summer Patterson*

93.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That the information provided above in relation to the conferences attended by Council Staff be received and noted.
Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Sinclair **CARRIED**

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CLAUSE 10B – MARCH OUTBACK ARTS BOARD MEETING UPDATE

FILE: A8-1

AOP REFERENCE: 1.4.5.1

AUTHOR: *Director Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd*

94.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That Council receives and notes the report on the March Outback Arts Board Meeting and AGM.
Clr Toomey/ Clr Abbott **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 11B – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: G4-17

AUTHOR: *Director Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd*

95.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the grant funding report detailing grants applied for, grants announced and grants available be received and noted.
Clr Abbott/ Clr Toomey **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 12B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2017

FILE: R2-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6

AUTHOR: *Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown*

96.4.2017 **RESOLVED:** That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at 31 March 2017 be received and noted.
Clr Payne/ Clr Lea-Barrett **CARRIED**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:17PM

CONFIRMED.....

MINUTE NO.....

MAYOR.....