

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE HILLSTON DISTRICT OFFICE  
on Tuesday, 20 April 2021 commencing at 10.00 am**

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**1. PRESENT**

Councillors: DL Jardine (Mayor), DP Fensom, MS Armstrong, RF Campbell, B Furner, GR Peters and SM Groat.

Staff: General Manager Rick Warren, Director Infrastructure Services Paul Farrell, Management Accountant Sarah Donnelly and Corporate Services Coordinator Cheryl Wray.

**2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A request for leave of absence was received from Cr WR Kite.

**1622 RESOLVED** that the request for leave of absence from Cr WR Kite be received and leave be granted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr SM Groat

**3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**1623 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held 16 March 2021 as circulated to all councillors, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr RF Campbell / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**6. MOTIONS & QUESTIONS (NOTICE GIVEN)**

Nil

**7. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES (WHERE SCHEDULED)**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS**

**1624 RESOLVED** that the following supplementary report be received for inclusion in the April 2021 Ordinary Meeting Agenda:

10.17 Daisy Hill Solar Farm Planning Agreement

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

**8. MAYORAL REPORTS**

**1625 RESOLVED** that Council note the Mayors report for March and April 2021.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

**9. DELEGATES REPORTS**

**1626 RESOLVED** that Council note the attendance of Cr Furner at the Western Riverina Libraries Meeting held on 26 March 2021.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr RF Campbell

**1627 RESOLVED** that Council note the attendance of Cr Fensom at the Hillston Billylids General Meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr SM Groat

**1628 RESOLVED** that Council note the attendance of Cr Groat at the 9's Rugby Match held in Rankins Springs.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr RF Campbell

## **10.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **10.1 Ongoing Action from Previous Business Papers**

**1629 RESOLVED** that Council note the update on action report for April 2021.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr RF Campbell / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

### **10.2 Precis of Correspondence**

#### **10.2.1 The Hon Dr Geoff Lee MP**

**1630 RESOLVED** that Council note ANZAC Day services can proceed in line with NSW Public Health Orders.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr RF Campbell / Seconded: Cr SM Groat

#### **10.2.2 Goolgowi CWA Branch**

**1631 RESOLVED** that Council approve use of the Community Grant Funds by Goolgowi CWA to connect potable water to their meeting room.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

#### **10.2.3 Hillston Outback Triathlon (HOT)**

**1632 RESOLVED** that Council note the appreciation of the Hillston Outback Triathlon for assistance provided by Council for the 2021 event.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr B Furner

### **10.3 Infrastructure Report**

**1633 RESOLVED** that Council note the Infrastructure Report for March 2021.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr RF Campbell

### **10.4 Hillston Levee Inspection**

**1634 RESOLVED** that Council:  
1. allocate funds of \$40,000 for next financial year for the upkeep and maintenance of the Hillston Levees.  
2. note the audit report in relation to the Hillston Levee.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

### **10.5 Hillston Floodplain Risk Management Study**

**1635 RESOLVED** that Council:  
1. approve the draft flood study to be presented for public exhibition.  
2. note the report for the Hillston Floodplain Risk Management Plan.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

### **10.6 Rural Council Bores Feasibility Study**

**1636 RESOLVED** that Council note the report for the rural bore feasibility study.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr RF Campbell / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

### **10.7 Water & Sewer Capital Expenditure Update**

**1637 RESOLVED** that Council note the water and sewer capital expenditure to date.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr B Furner

### **10.8 Plant Report**

**1638 RESOLVED** that the Plant Report for March 2021 be received.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr RF Campbell / Seconded: Cr SM Groat

### **10.9 Development Applications March 2021**

**1639 RESOLVED** that the Determinations for Development Applications received for March 2021 be noted.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr RF Campbell / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

#### **10.10 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – March 2021**

**1640 RESOLVED** that Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 March 2021 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$2,509,819.88.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

#### **10.11 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – March 2021**

**1641 RESOLVED** that Council note the Schedule of Investments as at 31 March 2021.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr SM Groat

#### **10.12 Draft 2021/2022 General Rate Levy**

**1642 RESOLVED** that:

1. Council adopt the rating structure for inclusion in the draft Operational Plan, noting the increase as approved by IPART will be 2.0%.
2. staff write a report including mapping detailing categorisation of current farmland rating areas.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr RF Campbell / Seconded: Cr SM Groat

#### **10.13 Proposed Stormwater Levy**

**1643 RESOLVED** that Council note the proposed Stormwater Levy report.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr RF Campbell / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

#### **10.14 Council Policy 36 – Water & Sewer Subsidy**

**1644 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. approve the draft Water & Sewer Subsidy Policy and place the draft policy on public exhibition for 28 days.
2. adopt the policy after the exhibition period if no submissions are received.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

#### **10.15 Operational Plan 2021/22 Community Strategic Plan Objectives**

**1645 RESOLVED** that Council approve the Community Strategic Plan objectives for inclusion in the 2021/22 Operational Plan.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr SM Groat

11.51 am the Economic Development Officer joined the meeting.

#### **10.16 Economic Development Unit Report – April 2021**

**1646 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. note the Economic Development Officers report for April 2021.
2. investigate the installation of a defibrillator in each village within Carrathool Shire.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

12.08 pm the Economic Development Officer left the meeting.

#### **10.17 Daisy Hill Solar Farm Planning Agreement**

**1647 RESOLVED** that Council place on display for the required 28 day period the planning agreement for the Daisy Hill Solar Farm seeking submissions for consideration for the adoption of the agreement at the June 2021 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

#### **11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil

## **12.0 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS**

**CLOSED COUNCIL** 12.13 pm

**1648 RESOLVED** that Council resolve into closed council pursuant to Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to consider the closed Council reports.

CARRIED Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr RF Campbell

### **12.1 Boorga Road Engineering Report**

**1649 RESOLVED** that Council note the southern end of Boorga Road report and have a report prepared in relation to the intersection of Pinteebakana and Boorga Road to the Griffith boundary.

CARRIED Moved: Cr SM Groat / Seconded: Cr RF Campbell

### **12.2 Langtree Pipeline Damage**

**1650 RESOLVED** that the owner be requested to pay for the damage to the Langtree Pipeline damaged in 2020.

CARRIED Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

12.58 Cr GR Peters left the meeting returning at 1.00 pm

**OPEN COUNCIL** 1.07 pm

**1651 RESOLVED** that Council resolve into open Council.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr SM Groat

### **CLOSED COUNCIL REPORT**

The resolutions of Council made while the meeting was closed to the public were read to the open Council meeting by the General Manager.

CARRIED Moved: Cr SM Groat / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

## **13.0 NEXT MEETING**

The next **Extra-Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the Goolgowi Council Chambers on **Tuesday 4 May 2021** commencing at **10.00 am**.

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the Hillston District Office on **Tuesday 18 May 2021** commencing at **10.00 am**.

## **CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 1.08 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 20 April 2021 were confirmed at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 18 May 2021.

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Chairman of the Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 18 May 2021, at which meeting the above signature was subscribed.