

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD
AT THE HILLSTON DISTRICT OFFICE
on Tuesday, 25 June 2024, commencing at 10.00am**

1. PRESENT

Councillors: DL Jardine (Mayor), GR Peters, DP Fensom, HJ Lyall, Cr B Furner, MS Armstrong, LW Cashmere, Cr DA Liddicoat, and Cr WR Kite.

Staff: General Manager Rick Warren, Director Corporate & Community Services Robert Rayner, Management Accountant Sarah Donnelly, Director Infrastructure Services Barry Heins, Manager Infrastructure Services Willem De Meyer.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A request for leave of absence was received from Cr JK Potter.

0890 RESOLVED that the request for leave of absence from Cr JK Potter be received and granted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded Cr DP Fensom

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

0891 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on 21 May 2024 as circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

6. MOTIONS & QUESTIONS (NOTICE GIVEN)

Nil

7. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES (WHERE SCHEDULED)

Nil

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

8. MAYORAL REPORTS

8.1 Mayors Report

0892 RESOLVED that the Council note the Mayors report to the June 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded Cr WR Kite

9. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

10.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.1 Ongoing Action from Previous Business Papers

0893 RESOLVED that the Council note the update on the action report for June 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.2 Precis of Correspondence

10.2.1 NSW Police Force – New District Commander

0894 RESOLVED that Council note the appointment of Superintendent Ray Stynes to the position of District Commander for the Murrumbidgee Police District. A letter to be sent in regard to police staffing levels throughout the Carrathool Shire.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.2.2 Angela Masters – Carrathool Village Time Capsule

0895 RESOLVED that Council underwrite the community event for the actual cost up to the value of \$800.00.

CARRIED Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

10.2.3 Rankins Springs Progress Committee – Naming of Park

0896 RESOLVED that Council consult with the community by advertising the two names suggested by the Rankins Springs Progress Committee – “Centenary Park” or “Centennial Park”.

CARRIED Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.2.4 Rankins Springs Parents and Citizens Association

0897 RESOLVED that Council note the letter of appreciation from the Rankins Springs Parents and Citizens Association for Council's donation to their fundraising event.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr B Furner

10.2.5 Griffith Off Road Club Incorporated – Request Financial Support

0898 RESOLVED that Council donate \$1,500.00 towards the Griffith Off Road Club event in Hillston.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

10.3 Roads to Recovery – Advice of Funding

0899 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the advice of Roads to Recovery funding of \$12,819,101 for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029.
2. consider projects at the December 2024 meeting for the current financial year and future years roads programs.

CARRIED Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.4 Kidman Way and Tabbita Lane Intersection – Bus Stop

0900 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the response from the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads regarding the bus stop and speed zones on Kidman Way at Tabbita.
2. follow up at a later date the review of the speed zone by TfNSW.
3. table the issue at the Local Traffic Committee meeting when next conducted.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr B Furner

10.5 Councillor and Mayoral Fees 2024/25

0901 RESOLVED that Council retain the current levels of fees from this year as the Councillor and Mayoral sitting fees for 2024/25 being Councillor \$12,650, Mayor additional \$27,600.

CARRIED Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.6 2024 Council General Elections

0902 RESOLVED that Council note the timeline of the general council election to be held on 14 September 2024.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.7 Section 7.12 Fixed Levy Plan – Review

0903 RESOLVED that Council adopt the following works program as part of the review of the Section 7.12 Fixed Levy Contribution Plan, and display as necessary:

Place / Project	\$	Priority
Hillston		
• Caravan Park	200,000	Medium
• Sewer Augmentation	100,000	Medium
• Water Augmentation	100,000	Medium
• Hillston Boat Ramp	150,000	Low
Carrathool		
• Carrathool Boat Ramp	150,000	Low
Goolgowi		
• Upgrade Parks	100,000	Low
• Residential Subdivision	400,000	High
Shire Wide		
• Purchase additional water	500,000	High

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.8 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2024

0904 RESOLVED that Council:

1. confirm that Crs Furner and Lyall are the delegates to the 2024 NSW Local Government Conference to be held at Tamworth from 17 to 19 November 2024.
2. nominate as its voting delegate Cr Furner for the conference.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

10.9 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

0905 RESOLVED that Council has determined the location of Electric Vehicle charging stations for Goolgowi will be the Caravan Park and Hillston at the Library Car Park. This will enable an application for funding to be made under the NSW Electric Vehicle destination charging grants.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

10.10 Infrastructure Report

0906 RESOLVED that Council note the Infrastructure Report for the period 27 April 2024 to 24 May 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

10.11 Plant Report

0907 RESOLVED that Council note the Plant Report as of 5 June 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

11.20 am Manager Building & Regulatory Services joined the meeting.

10.12 Development Applications – June 2024

0908 RESOLVED that the Determinations for Development Applications received for May 2024 be noted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr B Furner

12.05 pm Manager Building & Regulatory Services left the meeting.

10.13 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – May 2024

0909 RESOLVED that Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 May 2024 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$3,283,612.80.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

10.14 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – May 2024

0910 RESOLVED that Council receive the investment report as at 31 May 2024 and it be noted that in accordance with clause 212 paragraph (1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.15 Review of Information Guide

0911 RESOLVED that Council adopt the draft information Guide for a period of 12 months.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr B Furner

10.16 Operational Plan 2024/25 (including the General Rate Levy and Fees & Charges)

0912 RESOLVED that Council:

1. adopt the 2024/25 Operational Plan as amended.
2. adopt the Ordinary Rates for 2024/25 as detailed below and within the 2024/25 Operational Plan (General Rate Structure).

Rate Type	Category	Sub-category	Ad Valorem Amount (c in \$)	Minimum Rate \$	Approximate Rate Yield 2023/24 \$
Ordinary	Farmland	General	0.1279906	560.00	1,992,213
Ordinary	Farmland	Irrigable S6A(3) <i>Land Valuation Act</i>	0.1711109	560.00	1,260,318
Ordinary	Farmland	Farmland West	0.1240406	560.00	24,007
Ordinary	Residential	General	1.3613895	420.00	405,281
Ordinary	Residential	Rural	0.5984476	420.00	31,908
Ordinary	Business	Hillston	2.9120569	560.00	98,190
Ordinary	Business	Hillston/Main	4.6392027	560.00	99,821
Ordinary	Business	Goolgowi	2.6400142	560.00	12,559
Ordinary	Business	Villages	2.6392623	560.00	5,727
Ordinary	Business	Rural	1.7055377	560.00	55,018

3. make each annual access and consumption charge for water, sewer, liquid trade waste and waste for 2024/25 as detailed in the Fees & Charges document contained within the 2024/25 Operational Plan.

4. set the interest rate payable on overdue rates & charges at the maximum rate specified by the Minister for Local Government being 10.5% for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

10.17 General Fund Projects 2023/24 – Status Update

0913 RESOLVED that Council note the status update for 2023/24 general fund projects.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

10.18 Council Policy 72 – Buildings – Erection over Sewer Main

0914 RESOLVED that the Council cancel Council Policy 72 Buildings – Erection over Sewer Main.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

10.19 Council Policy 165 – Social Media Policy

0915 RESOLVED that Council:

1. adopt the Social Media Policy 165 and that the draft policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. adopt policy 165 following the public exhibition period if no submissions are received.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

12.27 pm the Community Development & Project Manager joined the meeting

10.20 Community Development Report – June 2024

0916 RESOLVED that the Council note the Community Development Managers report for June 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

12.34 pm the Community Development & Project Manager left the meeting

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

12.0 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

CLOSED COUNCIL 12.39 pm

0917 RESOLVED that Council resolve into closed council pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to consider the closed Council reports.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

12.1 Hillston Subdivision – Covenants

0918 RESOLVED that Council authorise:

1. the following restrictions on the Hillston Subdivision land,
 - a. no dwelling shall be constructed or erected other than in new materials or with such materials as are approved by Carrathool Shire Council.
 - b. no transportable or relocatable home shall be bought onto the land, constructed thereon or permitted to remain thereon unless it is constructed of new material or without the approval of Carrathool Shire Council.
 - c. no driveway will be constructed of earthen material, with construction to be of Pebblecrete, patterned or plain concrete, concrete brick or brick tile paving, or other such material as approved by Carrathool Shire Council.
 - d. each Lot shall be entitled to a single dwelling or Dual occupancy rights or a second dwelling provided the second dwelling size does not exceed 60 m² subject to appropriate building and development applications being approved by Carrathool Shire Council.
 - e. Carrathool Shire Council shall not be required to contribute to the cost of any boundary fencing owned by Carrathool Shire Council to divide it from adjoining lots.
2. the deed of covenant relating to the building time frame of three years.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

OPEN COUNCIL 12.55 pm

0919 RESOLVED that Council return to open Council.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

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 MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

13.0 Next Meeting

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the **Goolgowi Council Chambers** on **Tuesday 16 July 2024**, commencing at **10.00am**.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 12.57 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday 25 June 2024 were confirmed at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 16 July 2024.

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Chairman of the Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 16 July 2024, at which meeting the above signature was subscribed.