

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD
AT THE GOOLGOWI COUNCIL CHAMBERS
on Tuesday, 19 March 2024, commencing at 10.00 am**

1. PRESENT

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

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

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Report	Councillor/ Officer	Reason	Pecuniary / Non-Pecuniary
12.4	Cr LW Cashmere	Expression of Interest – Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges.	Pecuniary

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

0807 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held 20 February 2024 as circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

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

0808 RESOLVED that Council note the Mayors report to the March 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded Cr DP Fensom

9. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

10.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10.1 Ongoing Action from Previous Business Papers

0809 RESOLVED that Council note the update on action report for March 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.2 Precis of Correspondence

10.2.1 Hillston Swans Football & Netball Club

0810 RESOLVED that Council note the letter of thanks from the Hillston Swans Football & Netball Club.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr B Furner

10.2.2 Hillston Junior Basketball – Request Assistance

0811 RESOLVED that Council subsidise fees by 50% for use of the Hillston Community Centre by Hillston Junior Basketball.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

10.2.3 Rankins Springs P & C Association – Donation Request

0812 RESOLVED that Council provide sponsorship of \$500 to the Rankins Springs P & C Association for their 44th Annual Golf Day.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.3 Tabbita Speed Reduction Proposal

0813 RESOLVED that Council:

1. again write to TfNSW expressing its concerns about the safety of the school bus stop at Tabbita.
2. request a reduction from 100km/hour to 80km/hour in the area.
3. seek representation from our local state member to the minister for a reduction in the speed zone.
4. request roadworks be undertaken to widen the pavement for a bus lane parking area to improve safety of the bus stop.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

10.4 Infrastructure Report

0814 RESOLVED that the Council note the Infrastructure Report for the period 20 January 2024 to 1 March 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

10.5 Local and Regional Roadworks Project Report

0815 RESOLVED that Council note the status of the various funded projects to 29 February 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.6 Plant Report

0816 RESOLVED that Council note the Plant Report as at 29 February 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

10.7 Plant Replacement

0817 RESOLVED that Council note the Plant Replacement report for March 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

11.08 am Manager Building & Regulatory Services joined the meeting.

10.8 Development Applications – March 2024

0818 RESOLVED that the Determinations for Development Applications received for February 2024 be noted.

CARRIED

Moved: B Furner / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

11.22 am Manager Building & Regulatory Services left the meeting

10.9 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – February 2024

0819 RESOLVED that Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 29 February 2024 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$7,555,128.84.

CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

10.10 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – February 2024

0820 RESOLVED that Council receive the investment report as at 29 February 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 HJ Lyall

10.11 Draft 2024/25 General Rate Levy

0821 RESOLVED that Council adopt the rating structure for inclusion in the draft Operational Plan, noting the increase as approved by IPART will be 5.5%.

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

10.12 Cost Shifting from State Government to Local Councils

0822 RESOLVED that Council:

1. note the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2021/22 financial year.
2. place a copy of the Cost Shifting report on the Council website so that it can be accessed by the community.

CARRIED Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

10.13 Council Public Halls

0823 RESOLVED that Council note the report detailing the income and expenditure of the public halls.

CARRIED Moved: Cr DA Liddicoat / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

10.14 Hillston & Goolgowi Water Supply

0824 RESOLVED that Council consider increasing access charges and usage charges for all urban potable water schemes in the 2024/2025 financial year.

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

11.47 am Community Development Officer joined the meeting.

10.15 Hillston Water Tower Mural Project

0825 RESOLVED that Council endorse the design as recommended by the committee and commence the project.

CARRIED Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

10.16 Regional Drought Resilience Plan

0826 RESOLVED that Council note that consultation to inform the Regional Drought Resilience Plan will be taking place over the next two months.

CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

12.07 pm Manager Infrastructure Services left the meeting.

10.17 Community Development Officer Report – March 2024

0827 RESOLVED that Council note the Community Development Officers report for March 2024.

CARRIED Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

12.19 pm Community Development Officer left the meeting

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.0 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

CLOSED COUNCIL 12.19 pm

0828 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 Real Café – Cordatos Building Status

0829 RESOLVED that Council staff:

1. provide a cost of the demolition of the building beyond the rear of the two smaller shops.
2. obtain prices for additions to provide for shop space on the original footprint of the larger shop, steel and lined construction.

CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

12.2 Woods Lane Erigolia – Request to Close Road

0830 RESOLVED that Council has made a determination in this regard and this can be conveyed to Mr Paul Glyde.

CARRIED Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

12.3 Carrathool Shire Scholarship Scheme

0831 RESOLVED that Council advise Charles Sturt University that it awards its two scholarships of \$3,000 to Rebecca Morio and Tess Power for 2024.

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

12.54 pm Cr LW Cashmere left the meeting room and took no part in discussion or voting of Item 12.4.

12.4 Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges

0832 RESOLVED that Council accept the highest expression of interest for the purchase of the property being 70 Molesworth Street Hillston being Lisa Wang and Charlie Vella for the amount of \$28,000.

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

12.59 Cr LW Cashmere re-joined the meeting

OPEN COUNCIL 1.01 pm

0833 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 DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

13.0 Next Meeting

The next meetings of Council will be held at the **Hillston District Office** on **Tuesday 16 April 2024**, commencing at **9.00 am Plant Committee**, **9.30 am Roads Committee**, followed by the **Ordinary Meeting at 10.00am**.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 1.07 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday 19 March, 2024 were confirmed at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

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