

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE GOOLGOWI COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
on Tuesday, 21 May 2024, commencing at 10.00am**

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**1. PRESENT**

Councillors: DL Jardine (Mayor), GR Peters, JK Potter, 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, and Manager Fleet & Town Services Bert Breuling.

**2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

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

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**0865 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held 16 April 2024 as circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong/ 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**

**0866 RESOLVED** that Council note the Mayors report to the May 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded Cr DP Fensom

**9. DELEGATES REPORTS**

Nil

**10.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**10.1 Ongoing Action from Previous Business Papers**

**0867 RESOLVED** that Council note the update on action report for May 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

**10.2 Precis of Correspondence**

Nil

### **10.3 Crown Lands Reserves – Goolgowi**

**0868 RESOLVED** that Council inform Crown Lands that it wishes to be appointed as the crown land manager of:

1. Crown Land Reserve 65264 Goolgowi Golf Course; and
2. Crown Land Reserve 61523 Goolgowi Sports Ground.

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

### **10.4 Internal Audit – Policies**

**0869 RESOLVED** that Council adopt:

1. the terms of reference for the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.
2. the internal audit charter.
3. the updated risk management policy.

CARRIED Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr DA Liddicoat

### **10.5 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

**0870 RESOLVED** that Council staff seek additional quotes for Electric Vehicle Charging stations in Hillston for McFarland park and also in Goolgowi for the toilet block at Pioneers Park and such costings be reported back to the June meeting

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

### **10.6 Local Government Recovery Grant – Status**

**0871 RESOLVED** that Council note the status of the projects submitted through the Office of Local Government for Local Government Recovery Grant Funding.

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

### **10.7 Infrastructure Report**

**0872 RESOLVED** that Council note the Infrastructure Report for the period 30 March 2024 to 26 April 2024.

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

### **10.8 Lachlan River Road Bore Water Use**

**0873 RESOLVED** that Council note the advice received by Water NSW on the use of bore water for Lake Woorabinda.

CARRIED Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

### **10.9 Regional Leakage Reduction Program**

**0874 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. note that funding is available under the Regional Leakage Reduction Program.
2. allocate the required co-contribution fund of \$37,500 in the 2024-25 capital works budget to undertake the proposed works.

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

### **10.10 Plant Report**

**0875 RESOLVED** that Council note the Plant Report as at 2 May 2024.

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

### **10.11 Plant Replacement**

**0876 RESOLVED** that Council note the Plant Replacement report for May 2024.

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

11.36 am Manager Building & Regulatory Services joined the meeting.

### **10.12 Development Applications – May 2024**

**0877 RESOLVED** that the Determinations for Development Applications received for April 2024 be noted.

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

### **10.13 Planning Proposals – Merriwagga and Rankins Springs**

**0878 RESOLVED** that Council note the status of the Merriwagga and Rankins Springs Planning Proposals, and that it is waiting for the Biodiversity report.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

11.47 am Manager Building & Regulatory services left the meeting

### **10.14 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – April 2024**

**0879 RESOLVED** that Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 April 2024 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$4,689,734.65.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

### **10.15 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – April 2024**

**0880 RESOLVED** that Council receive the investment report as at 30 April 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 HJ Lyall / Seconded: Cr WR Kite

### **10.16 Pecuniary Interest Returns and Related Party Disclosures**

**0881 RESOLVED** that Councillors:

1. receive the information provided and complete the pecuniary interest returns in accordance with Section 449 of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. complete the Related Party Disclosures and return to Council by 25 July 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr LW Cashmere / Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

### **10.17 Third Quarter Budget Review 2023/24**

**0882 RESOLVED:**

That the budget review for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023/24 be received and the vote variations as listed in both the budget review statement and this report be implemented.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Furner / Seconded: Cr JK Potter

### **10.18 Draft Operational Plan for 2024/25**

**0883 RESOLVED** that the draft Operational Plan 2024/25 including the proposed rating structure, the proposed fees and charges and the proposed detailed annual budget (including capital works) be placed on public exhibition.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

### **10.19 Community Development Report – May 2024**

**0884 RESOLVED** that Council note the Community Development Managers report for May 2024

CARRIED

Moved: Cr WR Kite / Seconded: Cr LW Cashmere

## **11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil

## **12.0 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS**

**CLOSED COUNCIL** 12.34 pm

**0885 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 LW Cashmere

### **12.1 Carrathool Shire Scholarship Scheme**

**0886 RESOLVED** that Council advises Charles Sturt University that it awards the scholarship of \$3,000 to Jordan Bartholomew for 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr GR Peters

### **12.2 Flood Damage and Restoration Works**

**0887 RESOLVED** that:

1. note the natural disaster repair funding received for event AGRN1034 for Essential Public Asset Reconstruction Works (EPA-RW).
2. instruct staff to prepare a scope and costing for the additional works on Lachlan River Road to incorporate these works with other restoration works.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

### **12.3 Local Government Recovery Grants**

**0888 RESOLVED** that Council:

1. note the Hillston Arid Zone Botanical Garden project has not been approved by the Office of Local Government.
2. note the additional projects can be substituted to the value of \$194,864.
3. nominate additional projects relating to flood relief infrastructure at Hillston and Goolgowi.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters / Seconded: Cr HJ Lyall

### **OPEN COUNCIL**

12.55 pm

**0889 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 LW Cashmere

1.00 pm Cr JK Potter left the building.

### **13.0 Next Meeting**

Please note this is the **fourth** Tuesday of the month. The next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the **Hillston District Office** on **Tuesday 25 June 2024**, commencing at **10.00am**.

### **CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 1.05 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday 21 May 2024 were confirmed at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 25 June 2024.

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Chairman of the Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 25 June 2024, at which meeting the above signature was subscribed.

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CR DL JARDINE, CHAIRMAN