

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE HILLSTON DISTRICT OFFICE  
on Tuesday, 19 November 2024, commencing at 9.50 am**

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**1. PRESENT**

Councillors: DL Jardine (Mayor), GR Peters, Cr DP Fensom, Cr CM McKeon, Cr MS Armstrong, Cr NJ Smith, Cr JB Parsons, and Cr A-M Young.

Cr McKeon entered the meeting at 10.05 am

Staff: General Manager Rick Warren, 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 B Furner, Cr HJ Lyall who are representing Council at the Annual Local Government Conference in Tamworth.

**0045 RESOLVED** that the request for leave of absence from Cr B Furner, Cr and Cr HJ Lyall be received and granted.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr A-M Young/ Seconded Cr DP Fensom

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

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**0046 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on 15 October 2024 as circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters/ Seconded: Cr JB Parsons

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

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

Nil

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

Citizenship Ceremonies held for:

Kalpesh PATEL  
Piramal PATEL  
Diya PATEL  
Princy PATEL  
Jingjie (Jessie) YANG

Presentation made by Brad Bohun – External Auditor

Presentation made by Doctor Albert Ng

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil

**8. MAYORAL REPORTS**

**8.1 Mayors Report**

**0047 RESOLVED** that Council note the Mayor's report to the November 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong/ Seconded Cr NJ Smith

## **9. DELEGATES REPORTS**

Nil

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

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

**0048 RESOLVED** that the Council note the update on the action report for November 2024.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong/ Seconded: Cr A-M Young

### **10.2 Precis of Correspondence**

#### **10.2.1 Local Government NSW – Annual Report**

**0049 RESOLVED** that Council note the receipt of the Local Government NSW Annual Report for 2023/2024.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr NJ Smith/ Seconded: Cr CM McKeon

#### **10.2.2 Minister for Water NSW – Lachlan River**

**0050 RESOLVED** that Council note the response to Council concerns regarding releases from Wyangala dam by the Minister for Water NSW  
CARRIED Moved: Cr JB Parsons/ Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

#### **10.2.3 Goolgowi Riverina Children's Preschool Van Committee – Request Donation**

**0051 RESOLVED** that Council donate one family season ticket valued at \$140.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr A-M Young/ Seconded: Cr JB Parsons

### **10.3 Office of Local Government Council Financial Comparisons 2022-2023**

**0052 RESOLVED** that Council note the information provided by the Office of Local Government in measuring Councils performance and comparative information of Councils for the 2022-2023 financial year.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr GR Peters/ Seconded: Cr NJ Smith

### **10.4 Infrastructure Report**

**0053 RESOLVED** that Council note the Infrastructure Report.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong/ Seconded: Cr JB Parsons

### **10.5 Flood Restoration Works Update**

**0054 RESOLVED** that Council note the status of the Flood Restoration Works.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong/ Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

### **10.6 Plant Report**

**0055 RESOLVED** that Council note the Plant Report as of 31 October 2024.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr MS Armstrong/ Seconded: Cr NJ Smith

### **10.7 Plant Replacement**

**0056 RESOLVED** that Council note the Plant Replacement report for October 2024.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr GR Peters/ Seconded: Cr NJ Smith

10.40 am Manager Building & Regulatory Services joined the meeting.

### **10.8 Development Applications – November 2024**

**0057 RESOLVED** that the Determinations for Development Applications received October 2024 be noted.  
CARRIED Moved: Cr CM McKeon/ Seconded: Cr A-M Young

### **10.9 Planning Proposal – Merriwagga**

**0058 RESOLVED** that Council note the Gateway Planning Approval for the Merriwagga Planning Proposal – subject to the conditions imposed by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr NJ Smith/ Seconded: Cr JB Parsons

### **10.10 Planning Proposal – Rankins Springs**

**0059 RESOLVED** that Council note the status of the Rankins Springs proposal and the additional compliance obligation placed on the development by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in order to obtain state government approval for housing development opportunities in Rankins Springs.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr JB Parsons/ Seconded: Cr CM McKeon

10.56 am Manager Building & Regulatory Services left the meeting.

### **10.11 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – October 2024**

**0060 RESOLVED** that Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 October 2024 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$4,144,080.36.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom/ Seconded: Cr GR Peters

### **10.12 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – October 2024**

**0061 RESOLVED** that Council receive the investment report as at 31 October 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 GR Peters/ Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

### **10.13 Community Strategic Plan Review**

**0062 RESOLVED** that Council

1. note the status of the Community Strategic Plan.
2. review the plan at the February 2025 meeting of Council.
3. hold an open day at the Goolgowi and Hillston Offices to allow the community to provide input or ask questions regarding the plan.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr MS Armstrong/ Seconded: Cr A-M Young

### **10.14 Annual Report – 2023/2024**

**0063 RESOLVED** that Council adopt the 2023/2024 Annual Report.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr A-M Young/ Seconded: Cr CM McKeon

### **10.15 Audit Report on Annual Financial Statements for 2023/2024**

**0064 RESOLVED** that Council note the 2023/2024 independent audit reports on the annual financial statements.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr NJ Smith/ Seconded: Cr JB Parsons

### **10.16 First Quarter Budget Review 2024/2025**

**0065 RESOLVED** that Council note the Budget Review for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024/2025 be noted and the vote variations as listed in both the budget review statement and this report be approved.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr GR Peters/ Seconded: Cr DP Fensom

11.12 Community Development & Project Manager and the Community Development Officer joined the meeting.

**10.17 Community Development Officer Report – November 2024**

**0066 RESOLVED** that Council note the Community Development Officers report for November 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr A-M Young/ Seconded: Cr CM McKeon

**10.18 Regional Drought Resilience Plan**

**0067 RESOLVED** that Council note the Hay and Carrathool Regional Drought Resilience Plan Summary Consultation Report, dated October 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr JB Parsons/ Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

11.25 am Community Development & Project Manager and the Community Development Officer left the meeting.

**11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**11.1 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – Chairman’s Report**

**0068 RESOLVED** that Council note the Carrathool Shire Council Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Chairpersons report from the committee meeting held 16 October 2024.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr DP Fensom/ Seconded: Cr MS Armstrong

**12.0 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS**

Nil

**13.0 Next Meeting**

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the **Goolgowi Council Chambers** on **17 December 2024** commencing at **10.00 am**.

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 12.00 pm

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday 19 November 2024 were confirmed at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 17 December 2024.

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Chairman of the Meeting of the Carrathool Shire Council held on Tuesday, 17 December 2024, at which meeting the above signature was subscribed.