



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 26 November 2024

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 26 November 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

**Location: Council Chambers, Estates Building Cressy
Street Deniliquin**

**Gary Arnold
Interim Chief Executive Officer**

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1. OPENING MEETING

The meeting opened at 2.00pm

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Cr Ashley Hall, Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Craig Druitt, Cr Ken Bates, Cr Linda Fawns, Cr Leanne Mulham, Cr Shannon Sampson

In Attendance: Interim Advisor, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Director Infrastructure, Acting Director Corporate Services, Executive Assistant

Apology: Cr Frank Schofield

3. LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT

Edward River Council wishes to advise members of the public that Council meetings will be recorded and will be available after each meeting on Council's website www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au All care will be taken to maintain the privacy of those in attendance, however as a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded. By remaining in the public gallery, it is assumed your consent is given in the event your image is broadcast. This includes any filming by television cameras if attendance is approved by the Chief Executive Officer or Mayor.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Edward River Council acknowledges and embraces the Traditional Owners of the Lands within the Edward River Council area - the Wamba Wamba/Perrepa Perrepa Peoples - and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging. The Edward River Council also recognises the diversity of different cultures within our community and their contribution.

5. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/5

That the request for a leave of absence from Cr Frank Schofield be accepted.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1. DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 29 OCTOBER 2024

Moved: Cr Ken Bates

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/6.1

That Council receive and note the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Tuesday 29 October 2024.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

8. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

9. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Leanne Mulham

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/9

That Standing Orders are Suspended to allow a final close out of the audited financial statements by Brad Bohne of Crowe Auditors.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/9.1

That Council resumes Standing Orders

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**10.1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ROTARY PARK USERS GROUP**

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/10.1

That Council:

1. Receives the draft minutes of the Rotary Park Users Group meeting held Wednesday 10th July 2024
2. notes the Committee's recommendations with the inclusion of:-
3. discussion of shower and toilet facilities to be included in the minutes and that the Committee receive the draft minutes in a timely manner.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

10.2. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEMORIAL PARK USERS GROUP

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/10.2

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Memorial Park User Group meeting held Wednesday 21st August 2024 and notes the Committee's recommendations.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

10.3. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BLIGHTY ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/10.3

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Blighty Advancement Committee meeting held Tuesday 15th October 2024 and notes the Committee's resolutions.

10.4. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/10.4

That Council notes:

1. The minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Ordinary Meeting held 16 September 2024.
2. The minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Special Meeting held 30 September 2024.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**11.1. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES POLICY -2024 REVISION**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Leanne Mulham

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/11.1

That Council:

1. Adopt the Financial Sustainability Principles Policy 2024 Revision.
2. Note that the Financial Sustainability Principles Policy 2024 Revision, was endorsed by EMT in August 2024, and presented to the ARIC on 18 November 2024.

3. Note Council has previously endorsed the Financial Sustainability Report Implementation Plan (FSRIP), the July 2024 update is enclosed.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

11.2. 2023/2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/11.2

That Council:

1. Endorse the 2023/2024 Annual Report
2. Note that the endorsed Audited Financial Statements and State of the Region report will be inclusions to the 2023/2024 Annual Report
3. Note that the 2023/2024 Annual Report will be placed on Council's website and submitted to the NSW Office of Local Government by 30 November 2024
4. With the inclusion of some minor changes as noted.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

11.3. SEPTEMBER 2024 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT (QBR)

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/11.3

That Council:

1. Adopt the September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBR) and the Responsible Accounting Officer's report on the financial position of the Council (Attachment 1).
2. Approve the revised budget for the 2024/25 financial year:
 - i) Net operating result (including capital grants) of \$6.92 million surplus
 - ii) Underlying net operating result (excluding capital grants) of \$149k deficit
 - iii) Capital expenditure of \$19.69 million

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

11.4. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CONARGO HALL COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/11.4

That Council:

1. Receives the minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held on Wednesday 21 August 2024, and endorses the recommendations from the Committee contained therein, specifically;
 - a) In light of the sheep yards not being suitable for repurposing to the Deniliquin Saleyards, Council put the Sheepyards out for tender, as a priority,
 - b) Message of congratulations be sent to Jessie Jervis on winning the National Junior Whip cracking championships and Beau Jarvis on placing Second in the National under 12 Whip cracking Championship.
 - c) That the Conargo Hall Committee Meetings would be held on the 4th Wednesday of every month. The date for the Annual General Meeting was set for Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 6:30pm, to be followed by a general meeting.
2. Receives the draft minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held Wednesday 25th September 2024 and endorse the recommendations contained therein, specifically;
 - a) Engage a draftsman and go to quotation stage for the hall extension works,
 - b) Install camera on the Toilet block to warn people not to vandalise,
 - c) Invite the community Foundation of Australia to deliver a workshop in Conargo like the one that was presented in Moulamein,
3. Receives the draft minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee Annual General Meeting held Wednesday 23rd October 2024 and welcomes the new and returning Committee Members,
4. Receives the draft minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held Wednesday 23rd October 2024 and endorse the recommendations contained therein, specifically;
 - a) Request the sheepyards go through the asset disposal procedure of the Council and that the Committee be authorised to facilitate the removal of the sheep yards and remediate the site and request Council approval to do so. Any proceeds from the sale will be used to remediate the site, given the yards were solely funded by the Conargo Hall committee more than twenty years ago. Council is requested to expedite the process as a matter of urgency.
 - b) Request meeting with the Interim CEO, and Directors to work out a way to move forward with the projects the community wish to proceed with,
 - c) Discussed letters from the community to support the CUC Southern Riverina & to become a funding partner for the establishment of a new childcare centre in Deniliquin. The committee resolved that they would place the request on the list of projects to be considered once existing projects have been completed.
 - d) To support the Rod Run by providing food & drinks for the event which raises funds for CanAssist,
 - e) Authorise the incoming Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to conduct banking on behalf of the committee, with two signatures required for all approvals.

A further briefing will be requested from the Conargo Hall Committee to Councillors on these minutes.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

12. REPORTS FOR NOTING

12.1. PRESENTATION OF 2023-24 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Cr Ashley Hall recommended that the reports for noting be moved as one. This includes items 12.1 through to item 12.5

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/12.1

That Council:

1. Receive and note the audited Financial Statements and the auditor's reports for the year ended 30 June 2024, in accordance with Section 419 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

12.2. INVESTMENT REPORT - OCTOBER 2024

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/12.2

That Council receive and note the Investment Report for October 2024.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

12.3. FUNDED PROJECTS REPORT - OCTOBER 2024

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/12.3

That Council notes the funded projects report for October 2024.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

12.4. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/12.4

That Council receive and note the Development Services Report for October 2024.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

12.5. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL AS AT 13 NOVEMBER 2024

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/12.5

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 13 November 2024.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/15

That Council move into Confidential items to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the reasons specified as follows:-

2) The matters and information are the following

- d(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

At this stage, the time being 2.26pm Council closed the meeting to the public.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

15.1. SUPPLY OF GRAVEL TO DOWNER FOR PROJECT ENERGY CONNECT WORKS

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/15.1

That Council:

1. Enters into an agreement with Downer Utilities Australia Pty Ltd for the supply of natural gravel from Tchelery Pit 1, located along the Booroorban-Tchelery Road, up to an amount of 45,000 cubic metres,
2. Sets a price of \$6.00 per cubic metre for the supply of gravel, based on Downer Utilities Australia Pty Ltd providing all resources required to win and cart the gravel at their own cost in accordance with Council's requirements, and
3. Authorises the Interim Chief Executive Officer to sign the agreement for the supply of gravel from Tchelery Pit 1 to Downer Utilities Australia Pty Ltd.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

15.2. CONTRACT C2024/14 - FLANAGANS LANE INTERSECTION RECONSTRUCTION

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

RESOLUTION 2024/2611/15.2

That Council

1. Accepts the tender submitted by Deni Civil & Construction for Contract C2024/14 – Flanagans Lane Intersection Reconstruction for the tender price of \$198,681.82 + GST,
2. Authorises the Mayor and Interim Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix the Common Seal of Edward River Council to the contract documentation for Contract C2024/14 – Flanagans Lane Intersection Reconstruction, and
3. Authorises the Contract Superintendent to approve variations on the contract up to a maximum value of 10% of the contract sum.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kellie Crossley

That Council move out of Confidential Business at 2.40pm and the Interim Chief Executive Officer read out the resolutions.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The Meeting Closed at 2.42pm.