



Business Papers 2023

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

Wednesday 19 April 2023

MINUTES

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 4 April 2023.....3

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council

Held at the Council Chambers, 86 Market Street, Mudgee
on 04 April 2023, commencing at 5.00pm and concluding at 5.15pm.

PRESENT Cr D Kennedy, Cr S Paine, Cr K Dicker, Cr A Karavas, Cr R Palmer, Cr P Shelley, Cr P Stoddart and Cr JP Thompson.

IN ATTENDANCE General Manager (Brad Cam), Director Community (Simon Jones), Director Operations (Julian Geddes), Chief Financial Officer (Leonie Johnson), Manager Customer Services & Governance (Richard Cushway) and Executive Assistant (Mette Sutton).

Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we meet, the Wiradjuri people and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Item 1: Apologies

An apology was received for Cr Paul Cavalier.

51/23 MOTION: / karavas/paine

That the apology received for Cr Paul Cavalier be accepted.

The motion was carried with the Councillors voting unanimously.

Item 2: Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Item 3: Confirmation of Minutes

52/23 MOTION: Shelley / Paine

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15 March 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

The motion was carried with the Councillors voting unanimously.

Item 4: Urgent Business Without Notice

Nil

Item 5: Confidential Session

53/23 MOTION: Shelley / Karavas

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the meeting be closed to the public.

The motion was carried with the Councillors voting unanimously.

Following the motion to close the meeting being moved and seconded, the General Manager announced that the following matters would be considered in confidential session and the reason why it was being dealt with in this way.

5.1 Proposed Property Purchase

The reason for dealing with this report confidentially is that it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Discussion of this matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest as it involves discussion of information about a strategic property purchase proposal, that if known to competitors could convey a commercial advantage to them or drive up costs for Council.

Following an enquiry from the Mayor, the General Manager advised that there were no written representations in respect of this matter and that no person in the gallery wished to make verbal representations.

5.1 PROPOSED PROPERTY PURCHASE

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MOTION: Shelley / Paine

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Property Coordinator on the Proposed Property Purchase;
2. agree to purchase the property identified in this report;
3. authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate and execute the completion of the property purchase, including signing of a purchase contract and any relevant documents, up to the value specified in this report;
4. amend the 2022/2023 Budget to allocate a budget amount as specified in this report for the purchase of land identified in this report, to be funded from Unrestricted Cash;
5. note that the details around this property purchase are to remain confidential until the purchase is confirmed or until the opportunity passes, after which the details in this report will become available to the public;
6. agree to implement a strategy to purchase the remaining properties identified in this report as the land becomes available for purchase;
7. authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate and execute the completion of each of the property purchases, including signing of a purchase contract and any relevant documents, up to the value identified for each property specified in this property; and

8. **affix the Council Seal, if necessary, to all documents related to the property purchase, and all other property purchased under the strategy as identified in this report.**

The motion was carried with the Councillors voting unanimously.

Item 6: Urgent Confidential Business Without Notice

Nil

Item 7: Open Council

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MOTION: Dicker / Thompson

That Council move to Open Council.

The motion was carried with the Councillors voting unanimously.

The General Manager announced the decisions taken in Confidential Session.

Item 8: Closure

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.15pm.