

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRENFELL THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 5.00 PM**

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**PRESENT:** The Mayor Clr M A Simpson in the Chair, Clrs D W Hughes, N W Hughes, G B Halls, D R Taylor, J C Niven, G A Grimm, R Atchison and G McClelland.  
General Manager (T Lobb), Director Corporate Services (G Carroll), Director Engineering (W Twohill) and Director Environmental Services (C Slade).

**APOLOGY:** Clr Hinde

**392 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that the apology be accepted.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**393 RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr Halls that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 24 January 2008 be taken as read and **CONFIRMED**

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Nil

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

A form was submitted by Clr D Hughes as follows:-

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>Type</b>
DCS 8	Taxi Operator is his father-in-law	Conflict

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Local Government and Shires Association, A3.8.2:

**394 RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Niven that Council:-

- i) support the actions of the Presidents and Executives of the Local Government and Shires Associations in mounting a campaign on the NSW Government's proposed planning changes, including both the issue of section 94 developer contributions and the recommendations in the Government's discussion paper, and preparing an alternative reform package as a basis for discussion with the Government, councils, stakeholders and the community.
- ii) refuse to cooperate with the NSW Government if requested to transfer section 94 funds held in trust by council.
- iii) support in principle the proposal that the Association seek contributions from member councils towards the costs of engaging high level lobbying and media representation to formulate and assist with the implementation of a continuing public campaign.

2. D & V Withers, T5.26.2005:

**395 RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr Atchison that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the developer for his attention.

3. Department of Local Government, A3.9.3:

**Noted**

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4. Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, C1.6.7:
- 396 RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr McClelland that the Deed of Variation be signed as requested.
5. CENTROC, H1.7.12:
- 397 RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr D Hughes that Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison be Council representatives on the CENTROC Health Workforce group committee.
6. NSW Rural Doctors Network, H1.7.9:
- 398 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that Council decline the invitation to participate in the scheme.
7. RF Reynolds, R2.4.15:
- Noted**
8. NSW Department of Health, H1.5:
- 399 RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Grimm that Council's Executive meet with Mr Wright from the Department of Health.
- 400 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that the correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.
- 401 RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr Taylor that Late Correspondence be received and dealt with.

### LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

9. Weddin Community Services, C1.7.5/C1.7.6:
- Noted**
- 402 RESOLVED:** Clr Halls and Clr Taylor that the Late Correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

### THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Was here submitted

1. LGSA Planning Reform, T2.3.1
- Noted**
2. "E" Division Conference, A3.18.2
- Noted**
3. Meeting with Country Labor, A3.19.2
- Noted**

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### **4. Review of Policies, C2.4.15**

**403 RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr Atchison that the draft Policies for Use of Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds and Construction of Kerb and Gutter, Footways, Accesses and Driveways be adopted.

### **5. Promoting Better Practice Review, C2.10.8**

**404 RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Taylor that the draft Action Plan be amended as above, updated as applicable and forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

### **6. Retention/Abolition of Wards, C2.1.4**

**Noted**

### **7. 2008/2009 Management Plan, A3.4**

**405 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Taylor that:

- i) any new projects for consideration now be nominated, and;
- ii) the Extra-ordinary Meeting to consider priorities for the 2008/2009 Management Plan be held on Monday, 7 April 2008 at 6.00 pm

### **8. Australia Day Awards, C1.5.2**

**406 RESOLVED:** Clr Taylor and Clr Grimm that all school principals be invited to comment on the value of the present Youth Awards, and to suggest alternatives which may be more suitable.

### **9. New Residence, P2.12.**

**Clr McClelland declared a pecuniary interest as a Real Estate Agent and left the room.**

**407 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Halls that:-

- i) the Executive be given approval to purchase a block of land, preferably in Lawson Estate, using the local agents (jointly),
- ii) house plans be prepared,
- iii) tenders be invited,
- iv) funding be provided partly by quarterly review of the 2007/2008 budget with the balance in the 2008/2009 budget.

It is further recommended that, should a suitable property become available before the conclusion of (i) above, the Executive be given approval to negotiate for that property.

**Clr McClelland returned to the room.**

### **10. Business Information Session, H1.7.10**

**Noted**

### **11. Appointment of Heritage Advisor, H2.2**

**Noted**

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### **12. Mid Lachlan Alliance, C2.9.7**

**Noted**

**408 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Taylor that except where otherwise dealt with the General Manager's Report be adopted.

### **THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT:** - Was here submitted:-

#### **1. Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 January 2008:**

**Noted**

#### **2. Summary of Income for the month of January follows**

**Noted**

#### **3. Roads and Other Expenditure 2007/2008:**

**Noted**

#### **4. Grenfell Community Hub, C1.6.7**

**Noted**

#### **5. Debt Recovery – Rates and Debtors, A1.7**

**Noted**

#### **6. Open Days/Trade Expo Review, T4.3.7**

**Clr McClelland declared a pecuniary interest as a Real Estate Agent and left the room.**

**409 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Grimm that Council:

- i) proceed with the Open Days/Market Day Campaign on 24-25 October 2008 and approve the draft budget as presented.
- ii) make representations to the Department of State and Regional Development seeking further funding to assist in offsetting the cost to Council.
- iii) endorse the suggested changes to the Campaign as detailed above.

**Clr McClelland returned to the room.**

### **7. Request for New Business Assistance, T4.5.9**

**410 RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr D Hughes that:-

- i) the Policy for Incentives for New Businesses (shops) be revised to include additional incentives to attract new businesses that will assist Weddin Shire's development as a Business and Professional Service Centre.
- ii) the revised Policy be submitted to Council for formal adoption.
- iii) Ms Hendy be then invited to resubmit her application for assistance based on the amended Policy.

### **8. Taxi Service, T3.6.3**

**Clr D Hughes declared a conflict of interest as his father-in-law is the taxi operator and left the room.**

**411 RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Taylor that Council formally offer Mr Grogan a one (1) year lease of the Taxi Service which will expire on 17 March 2009 with the terms and conditions as listed above.

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Clr D Hughes returned to the room.

9. Grenfell Library, C2.6.29 Noted
  10. Economic Development, C2.6.21 Noted
  11. Tourism/Promotions, C2.6.2 Noted
  12. Community Technology Centre (CTC), C2.6.28 Noted
  13. EDO/Tourism/CTC Managers Position, T4.5.1 Noted
- 412 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Taylor that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Corporate Services' Report be adopted.

**THE DIRECTOR ENGINEERING'S REPORT:** Was here submitted:-

1. Works Report (10 February 2008) Noted
  2. Future Works Noted
  3. Other Works Noted
  4. CENTROC Weight of Loads Group, C2.7.16 Noted
  5. Plant Report Noted
  6. Engineers Alliance – Weddin, Forbes, Parkes and Lachlan Noted
  7. RTA SIM Contract, R2.54.1 Noted
  8. RTA Road Maintenance Council Contracts (RMCC), R2.54.4 Noted
  9. Noxious Weed Report, C2.6.16 Noted
  10. Bimbi Bridge, R2.11.7 Noted
  11. Tenders – Grader Noted
  12. Department of Lands – Licence, E2.3.452 Noted
- 413 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Niven that Council investigate the cost of purchasing the granite pit.

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### **13. Disposal of Bushfire Tankers, E1.3.8**

- 414 RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Halls that Council advertise for sale the following vehicles:-
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| BFO 2878 | Emu Creek 7  |
| BFO 3613 | Quandialla 2 |
| BFO 5550 | Pullabooka 2 |

### **14. New Depot, P2.6.4**

**Noted**

### **15. Proposed Kerb and Gutter Construction, R2.12.2**

- 415 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr McClelland that kerb and gutter works as listed below be carried out:-
- Melyra St (south side) from Alexandra St to Dalton St and Dalton St west side from Melyra St to Emu Creek (155 m)
  - North St (north side) from showground to Forbes St
- and that the owner for the time being of the land on the same side of the road and the adjacent to the work be charged for work of the kerb and gutter an amount to be fixed by Council not exceeding one half of the cost of so much of the work (and any other work incidental thereto) as is opposite and adjacent to the land.

### **16. Proposed Foot Paving Construction, R2.12.1**

- 416 RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that foot path works as listed below be carried out:-
- Warraderry St (west side) from South St to Rose St (120 m)
  - Weddin St (east side) from Rose St (102 m x 1.2 m wide)
- and that the owner for the time being of the land on the same side of the road and the adjacent to the work be charged for work of the foot paving an amount to be fixed by Council not exceeding one half of the cost of so much of the work (and any other work incidental thereto) as is opposite and adjacent to the land.

### **17. Beaurepaires Fire, E1.3.23**

- 417 RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr Taylor that Council convey its appreciation to the agencies involved.

### **18. Manganese Road – Flooding, R2.10.091**

**Referred to Town Works Committee**

**Noted**

- 418 RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr McClelland that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Engineering's Report be adopted.

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**THE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT:** Was here submitted:-

**A. Public Health and Environmental Matters.**

1. Sewerage Treatment Works, S1.1.1: Noted
2. Caravan Park Operations, P2.3.3: Noted
3. Animal Control, A4.4 Noted
4. Swimming Pool, (Grenfell) P2.3.1 Noted
5. Swimming Pool, (Quandialla) P2.3.2 Noted

**B. Development Applications – Building Matters:**

- B1. Development Applications under Delegated Authority** Noted

**C. Other Matters**

1. On-Site Sewerage Management, S1.4.4

419 **RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that Council approve the inspection program.

2. DA 75/2002 Poultry Farm Complex Summerfield Gooloogong Road, Grenfell, T2.2.75/2002

420 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr D Hughes that Council concur that work has “physically commenced” and that the development consent will not lapse and that Bath Stewart be advised in writing.

3. Repainting of Grandstand and Entry Gates, P2.1.6

421 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr McClelland that funds of \$7,000 to paint the Grandstand be provided in the next budget review, if required.

4. Grenfell Museum, P2.3.4 Noted

5. Michael Mitton – Water Pipe, U1.6.1 Noted

422 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Grimm that Council adjourn for supper.

**Council adjourned for supper: 6.51 pm**  
**Council resumed at: 7.22 pm**

423 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Atchison that Council resume.

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### **6. Grenfell Landfill, E3.3.2**

**424 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Taylor that:-

1. Council approve the proposed concept plan for the Grenfell landfill site.
2. That an advert be placed in the Grenfell Record seeking public comment on the proposed operational hours for the land fill facility.

### **7. Grenfell Caravan Park, P2.3.3**

**425 RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that the matter be referred to Council's Property and Development Committee for assessment and consideration.

### **8. DA 03/2008 – Lot 1 and 2 DP 569688, Berrys Lane, Grenfell. T2.2.03/2008**

**426 RESOLVED:** Clr Halls and Clr Niven that delegated authority be granted to the General Manager to determine a possible development application for a hardstand subject to the development application for subdivision being approved.

### **9. Swimming Pools – T2.3.1**

**Noted**

**427 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Environmental Services' Report be adopted.

**CENTRAL TABLELANDS DELEGATES REPORT:** was here submitted:-

**428 RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Halls that the Report of the Central Tablelands February Meeting be adopted.

**DROUGHT ACTION MEETING DELEGATES REPORT:** was here submitted:-

**429 RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr D Hughes that the Report of the Drought Action Meeting be adopted.

**MINUTES OF THE HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING:** were here submitted:-

**430 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Taylor that the Minutes of the Henry Lawson Festival Committee Meeting held on 15 November be noted.

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP:** were here submitted:-

**431 RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr McClelland that the Minutes of the Workshop be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE NOXIOUS WEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING:** were here submitted:-

**432 RESOLVED:** Clr Halls and Clr Taylor that the Minutes of the Noxious Weeds Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

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**MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING:** were here submitted:-

- 433 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Halls that the Minutes of the Weddin Shire Tourism Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING:** were here submitted:-

- 434 **RESOLVED:** Clr Taylor and Clr N Hughes that the Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE MANEX COMMITTEE MEETING:** were here submitted:-

- 435 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that the Minutes of the Manex Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING:** were here submitted:-

### **C4 Grenfell Museum**

- 436 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Simpson that the matter be treated as urgent.
- 437 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that the Minutes of the Town Works Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

## **LIST OF INSPECTIONS, MEETINGS AND DEFERRED ACTIVITIES**

### **(a) List of Inspections and Deferred Activities.**

#### **1 INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS:**

1.1	<u>New Depot</u>	<b>In Progress</b>
1.2	<u>Payne's Gravel Pit</u>	<b>In Progress</b>
1.3	<u>Caragabal Airstrip</u>	<b>Carried Out</b>
1.4	<u>Council Friendship Agreement</u>	<b>In Progress</b>
1.5	<u>Promoting Better Practice Review</u>	<b>Carried Out</b>
1.6	<u>'E' Division Conference</u>	<b>Carried Out</b>

#### **2. DEFERRED ACTIVITIES:**

2.1	<u>Dalton Street Depot</u>	<b>In Progress</b>
2.2	<u>Retention of Wards</u>	<b>In Progress</b>
2.3	<u>Heritage Committee</u>	<b>In Progress</b>
2.4	<u>Joint IWCM</u>	<b>In Progress</b>
2.5	<u>Lawson Oval Charges</u>	<b>In Progress</b>

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**QUESTIONS**

Clr Halls - advised the opening of the Caragabal Bowling Club green will be held on Saturday 15 March 2008 and invited the Mayor and Councillors to attend.  
→ The Mayor advised he is unavailable and invited Clr N Hughes to attend on his behalf. Clr N Hughes accepted.

**438 RESOLVED:** Clr Taylor and Clr Grimm that Council form a Closed Council to consider the items listed below AND THAT the Press and the public be excluded from the Meeting of the Closed Council because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**CLOSED COUNCIL**

**DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT**

**1. Complaint about Accommodation, H1.6.1**  
Reason for confidentiality - personal matters (Section 10A(2)(a))

**439 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that inspections be conducted at the premises three (3) times a year.

**440 RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that Council return to Open Council.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL**

The Mayor read out the resolution concerning the complaint about accommodation.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.19 pm

Taken as read and confirmed as a true record this day 20 March 2008.

.....General Manager.....Mayor