

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRENFELL THURSDAY, 24 JANUARY 2008 AT 5.00 PM

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

LEAVE: Director Corporate Services (G Carroll)

APOLOGY: Clr Grimm

356 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr McClelland that the apology be accepted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

357 RESOLVED: Clr Halls and Clr N Hughes that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 13 December 2007 be taken as read and **CONFIRMED**

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Forms were submitted by Clr Simpson and Clr N Hughes.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Department of Planning, G2.2.2

RECOMMENDATION: that the grants be accepted in accordance with the standard conditions.

2. Mike Foster, P4.10209:

RECOMMENDATION: that a formal reference be provided.

3. Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water, E2.9.4:

RECOMMENDATION: that Council accept the grant funding as approved and the acceptance be signed under seal.

358 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes that the recommendation for items 1 to 3 be adopted.

4. RTA, R2.54.1:

Noted

5. Local Government Shires Association, A3.8.2:

Noted

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6. Nevin Hughes, C1.7.14:

**Clr Simpson declared a conflict of interest as a member of Rotary and remained in the room.
Clr N Hughes declared a conflict of interest as a member of Rotary and General Manager
declared a conflict of interest as Treasurer of Rotary and both left the room**

359 RESOLVED: Clr Taylor and Clr Niven that Council support the Mental Health Forum with the minimum cost being approximately \$100.

Clr N Hughes and General Manager returned to the room.

7. Department of Community Services, G2.15:

Noted

8. WN McSpadden, C2.1.4:

Noted

9. The Hon Frank Sartor MP, A3.6.36:

Noted

10. Parkes Shire Council, A3.18.2:

360 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Atchison that Council's delegates for the Annual "E" Division Conference at Parkes be the Mayor and General Manager.

361 RESOLVED: Clr Niven and Clr Hinde that the correspondence be noted accept where otherwise resolved.

362 RESOLVED: Clr Hinde and Clr Niven that Late Correspondence be received and dealt with.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

11. Various Manganese Road Residents, R2.10.091:
(See Town Works Committee)

Noted

12. NSW Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Water Utilities, Hon Nathan Rees MP, U1.6.1:

Noted

13. NSW Police, E1.1.6:

Noted

14. Telstra, U1.2.2:

363 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr N Hughes that Council write a letter of objection to Telstra and that the matter be publicised to gain public support.

364 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr N Hughes that the Late Correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

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THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Was here submitted

1. Railway Land – Toilet Block, P2.3.12

Clr Taylor declared a conflict of interest as a member of Lions Club and remained in the room.

365 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Halls that:-

- a) Council agree to formally apply for the grant and administer it on behalf of the ARTC,
- b) Council assist the Lions Club as requested (from the Parks and Reserves vote).

2. Mental Health Support, H1.7.10

366 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that the action be confirmed.

3. Mayoral Round Table, C2.7.9

Noted

4. Australia Day Awards, C1.5.2

Noted

5. Policy for Management of Street Trees (No. 13.3.1), C2.4.15

367 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that the amended Policy for Management of Street Trees be adopted.

6. Policy for Telephone Reimbursement (No. 14.13.1), C2.4.15

368 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Taylor that the amended Policy for Telephone Reimbursement be adopted with the additional clause that Council pay the cost of all Council owned mobile phones with the exception of private calls.

7. Policy for Design Standards for Rural Roads (No. 11.2.4), C2.4.15

369 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Niven that the amended Policy for Design Standards for Rural Roads be adopted.

8. Policy for Public Gates and Motor Bypasses (No. 11.4.1), C2.4.15

370 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Halls that the amended Policy for Public Gates and Motor Bypasses be adopted.

9. Policy for Use of Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds, (No. 8.3.3), C2.4.15

371 RESOLVED: Clr Hindes and Clr Atchison that the amended Policy for Use of Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds be adopted for advertising.

10. Policy for Construction of Kerb and Gutter, Footways, Accesses and Driveways (No. 11.1.5), C2.4.15

372 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Niven that the amended Policy for Kerb and Gutter, Footways, Accesses and Driveways be adopted for advertising.

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11. **New Ward Boundaries, C2.1.4**
- 373 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr N Hughes that the proposed new ward boundaries be adopted as exhibited, with the small adjustment of the area between Mid Western Highway, Brickfield Road, Quandong Road and Derribong Lane being transferred from “D” to “E” ward.
12. **Donation to Men’s Shed, C1.1.3**
- 374 **RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr Halls that Council approve a donation of \$250 for the Men’s Shed.
13. **Christmas Competition, T4.3.1** Noted.
14. **Promoting Better Practice Review, C2.10.8**
(see Manex Committee) Noted
15. **Catchment Management Authority Drought Support Initiative, E3.9.2** Noted
16. **Management Plan 2007/2008 - December 2007 Quarterly Report, A3.4** Noted
17. **Remediation Of Grenfell Gasworks, E3.2.2**
- 375 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Taylor that the action be confirmed.
- 376 **RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr N Hughes 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 December 2007:** Noted
2. **Summary of Income for the month of December 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. **Budget Review, 31 December 2007, A1.6**
- 377 **RESOLVED:** Clr Taylor and Clr Niven that the budget review for the period ending 31 December 2007 be adopted as presented including the variations therein.
7. **Budget Review Variances - Administration, A1.6** Noted
8. **Library Development Project, P2.3.5** Noted
- 378 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Hinde that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Corporate Services’ Report be adopted.

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

1. **Works Report (13 January 2008)** Noted
 2. **Parks and Ovals Report** Noted
 3. **Future Works** Noted
 4. **Other Works** Noted
 5. **CENTROC Weight of Loads Group, C2.7.16** Noted
 6. **Plant Report** Noted
 7. **Bimbi Bridge, R2.11.7** Noted
 8. **RTA SIM Contract, R2.54.1** Noted
 9. **Noxious Weed Report, C2.6.16** Noted
 10. **Weddin District Liaison and Senior Management Team Committee Meeting, E1.3.22** Noted
 11. **New Depot, P2.6.4** Noted
 12. **Henry Lawson Oval Charges.**
- 379 **RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that:
- a) a survey of the use of Henry Lawson Oval be carried out and be considered when the charges are set for 2008/09.
 - b) Council not vary the charges to the Grenfell Rugby League Club Inc for the 2007 season and 2008 season to 30 June 2008 and advise the Club accordingly.
13. **Position of Apprentice Gardener, P1.4.98** Noted
 14. **Engineers Alliance – Weddin, Forbes, Parkes and Lachlan** Noted
 15. **Budget Review Variances – Engineering , A1.6** Noted
 16. **Grenfell Cemetery, P2.2.1** Noted
 17. **RTA Rates Comparison, R2.54.1** Noted
 18. **RTA Road Maintenance Council Contracts – Commencing July 2008** Noted
 19. **Vehicle Changeover, P2.10.5.1** Noted
- 380 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Taylor 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, P2.3.1** Noted
5. **Swimming Pool, P2.3.2** Noted

B. Development Applications – Building Matters:

B1. Development Applications under Delegated Authority

Clr D Hughes declared a pecuniary interest for DA 015/2007 as the owner of the property and declared a conflict of interest for DA107/2007 as a business partner of the owner. Clr D Hughes remained in the room as there was no discussion.

Noted

C. Other Matters

1. Alteration to Alcohol Free Zone – Main Street, Grenfell – H1.6.9

381 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr D Hughes Council establish an Alcohol Free Zone at the following area between the hours of 10.00pm and 9.00am.

- The pedestrian footway under the projecting verandah on the western end of the premises known as the Railway Hotel, between Main and George Street, Grenfell.
- That the Alcohol Free Zone operates from 23 January 2008 to 23 December 2008.
- That the existing signage be amended to show the new period for which the Alcohol Free Zone will apply.
- That letters be sent to the interested parties, The Police, and Licensees of the hotels and clubs in Grenfell, notifying them of the variation to the Alcohol Free Zone.

2. NSW Heritage Grants Local Government Heritage Management Funding Approval for 2008-09

(see correspondence item 2)

Noted

3. Development Extractive Industry Lot 2 DP1113818 Pineview Euroka Road Quandialla

Noted

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4. Keeping of Dogs – Mr B Jones, A4.4.3.9

382 RESOLVED: Clr Hinde and Clr Atchison this matter be passed on to Council's solicitor to prepare all necessary documents for this matter to be determined by the Court.

383 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Niven that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Environmental Services' Report be adopted.

CENTRAL TABLELANDS DELEGATES REPORT: was here submitted:-

384 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Halls that Council write to the Central Tablelands Water to examine the feasibility of water extension to Caragabal.

385 RESOLVED: Clr Hinde and Clr McClelland that the Report of the Central Tablelands December Meeting be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE MEETING: were here submitted:-

386 RESOLVED: Clr Niven and Clr McClelland that the Minutes of the Australia Day Committee Meeting held on 15 November be adopted.

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

387 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that the Minutes of the Town Works Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

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

8 (i) Broula King Mine

Clr Hinde declared a conflict of interest as a prospective employee with Broula King Mine and left the room.

Brief discussion took place.

Clr Hinde returned to the room.

388 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.

LIST OF INSPECTIONS, MEETINGS AND DEFERRED ACTIVITIES

(a) List of Inspections and Deferred Activities.

1 INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS:

1.1	<u>New Depot</u>	In Progress
1.2	<u>Payne's Gravel Pit</u>	In Progress
1.3	<u>Irrigation Pipeline</u>	Carried Out
1.4	<u>SIM Contract</u>	Carried Out

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- 1.5 Caragabal Airstrip **In Progress**
1.6 Council Friendship Agreement **In Progress**

2. DEFERRED ACTIVITIES:

- 2.1 Dalton Street Depot **In Progress**
2.2 Irrigation Scheme **Carried Out**
2.3 Ward Boundaries **Carried Out**
2.4 Retention of Wards **In Progress**
2.5 Heritage Committee **In Progress**
2.6 Joint IWCM **In Progress**

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

1. Code of Meeting Practice

389 RESOLVED: Clr Niven and Clr McClelland that the schedule in the Code of Meeting Practice as adopted in Resolution 317, be amended: so that “Motions of Notice” immediately follow “Correspondence”.

390 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that Council adjourn for supper.

Council adjourned for supper: 6.55 pm
Council resumed at: 7.20 pm

391 RESOLVED: Clr Niven and Clr Atchison that Council resume.

QUESTIONS

- Clr Halls - Enquired about there being a “No fuel” sign between Grenfell and West Wyalong → General Manager advised the matter has been referred to the Director Engineer to contact the RTA.
- Concerned about the Citizens Electorate Group contacting Councillors and how did they get Clr names and phone numbers → General Manager advised that the Department and websites have Councillors names.
- Clr Taylor - Enquired as to whether a DA is required for a 22,000 L tank being installed in the town area?
→ Director Environmental Services advised that a DA is required.
- Clr Niven Requested that the detour signs at Bimbi could actually point to the detour? → Director Engineering advised that the signs were in accordance with the RTA guidelines.
- Clr Atchison - Enquired as to the what stage the sign on roundabout is up to.
→ The Director Engineering advised that the RTA are going to supply the sign and as yet Council has not received the sign. Director Engineering to follow up.

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- Clr Hinde
 - Advised that the Cemetery requires attention.
→ Director Engineering advised that staff have been allocated to work at the cemetery recently.
 - Enquired as to what a feral pig proof fence actually entails?
→ Director Environmental Services advised it is not a high netting fence.
- Clr Hughes
 - Enquired whether Derribong Lane was scheduled for sealing.
→ General Manager advised that Council was to do the road when the Tourist facility is established at Brenners.
Enquired if the renovation of meeting room was complete?
→ General Manager advised the remaining funding was allocated to new carpet.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.33 pm

Taken as read and confirmed as a true record this day 21 February 2008.

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