

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRENFELL THURSDAY, 15 MAY 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, D R Taylor, J C Niven, G A Grimm, R Atchison, G McClelland and B R Hinde.
General Manager (T Lobb), Director Corporate Services (G Carroll),
Director Engineering (W Twohill) and Director Environmental Services (C Slade).

APOLOGY: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

563 RESOLVED: Clr Halls and Clr Atchison that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 17 April 2008 be taken as read and **CONFIRMED**

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Forms were submitted as follows:-

Councillor	Item No.	Nature of Interest	Type
Clr B Hinde	Correspondence Item 12	Potential Employee	Pecuniary
Clr D Hughes	DES Item No. B1	Member of Grenfell Rugby Union Club	Conflict

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Western Region Academy of Sport, C1.2.1:

564 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr N Hughes that a contribution of \$190 be approved.

2. Grenfell Ladies Show Auxiliary, C1.3.19:

565 RESOLVED: Clr D Taylor and Clr Grimm that a contribution of \$200 be approved.

3. Peter Gillett, T3.8.2:

566 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr N Hughes that Council agree to make representations for use of the rail line as requested.

4. Jervois Mining Limited, E2.2:

567 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that the action be confirmed.

5. Department of Local Government, A3.9.3:

Noted

6. Department of Local Government, A3.6.8:

Noted

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7. Lachlan Valley Railway, T3.8.2:

Noted

8. National Breast Cancer Foundation, T4.3.1:

Noted

568 RESOLVED: Clr D Hughes and Clr Niven that the correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

569 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Taylor that Late Correspondence be received and dealt with.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

9. Australian Army, 1st/19th Battalion, The Royal New South Wales Regiment, T4.3.1:

570 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr McClelland that Council offer support as requested.

10. Southern Sports Academy, A3.6.2:

571 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr N Hughes that a contribution of \$150 be approved.

11. Electoral Commission NSW, C2.1.7:

572 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that Council strongly object to the Electoral Commission's proposed increase in election costs and advise the NSW Shires Association accordingly.

12. Environmental Defender's Office Ltd, T5.26.2005:

Clr Hinde declared a pecuniary interest as a potential employee and left the room.

Noted

Clr Hinde returned to the room.

573 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Halls that the Late Correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE:

Nil

THE MAYORAL MINUTE: Was here submitted

1. Planning Reforms

574 RESOLVED: Clr Simpson that the action be confirmed and the Mayoral Minute be adopted as presented.

2. Meeting with Planning Minister, A3.6.36

575 RESOLVED: Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that the report be noted.

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THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Was here submitted

1. **Mayoral Round Table, C2.7.9** Noted
 2. **Land and Water Utility Inquiry, U1.6.1** Noted
 3. **Medical Centre, H1.1.7**
- 576 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Taylor that the Anglican Church be thanked for its offer and be advised that the site will be considered for a possible new medical centre.
4. **Mid Lachlan Alliance, C2.9.7** Noted
 5. **Rural and Regional Taskforce, T4.4.1** Noted
 6. **Policy for Fees, Expenses and Facilities for Councillors 2008/2009, C2.4.10**
- 577 **RESOLVED:** Clr Halls and Clr Grimm that the draft Policy for Fees, Expenses and Facilities for Councillors 2008/2009 (version 1.6.2) be adopted with the inclusion of the adopted fees for Councillors and the Mayor.
7. **Inter Council Friendship Agreement, C2.7.23** Noted
 8. **Rates for 2007/2008, R1.4** Noted
 9. **Consideration of Rates for 2008/2009, R1.4**
 - a) **Rates 2007/2008** Noted
 - b) **Rates 2008/2009**
- 578 **RESOLVED:** Clr D Hughes and Clr Grimm that option 8 be the preferred option for the draft 2008/2009 rates with Caragabal residential and Quandialla residential having a nil increase.
10. **Draft Management Plan 2008/2009, A3.4.1**
 - a) **Revenue Policy** Noted

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b) 2008/2009 Budget

579 RESOLVED: Clr Grimm and Clr Atchison that:-

- (i) the draft budget be adopted with the election costs to be reconsidered at the September 2008 Quarterly Budget Review.

c) Licence Fees and Charges

580 RESOLVED: Clr Taylor and Clr McClelland that the draft schedule of fees and charges excluding Lawson Oval be adopted.

d) Draft Management Plan 2008/2009

581 RESOLVED: Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that the draft Management Plan for 2008/2009 (as amended) including rates, budget, licence fees and charges, be approved for public exhibition.

11. Organisation Structure, C2.5.1

582 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Grimm that the Organisation Structure be confirmed.

583 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Niven 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 30 April 2008:

Noted

2. Summary of Income for the month of April 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. 2008 Country Week, T4.4.1

584 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Hinde that:-

- i) Council participate in Country Week from the 8-10 August 2008.
- ii) Council be represented by two (2) Councillors and two (2) staff members and if there is a Councillor vacancy a community representative be invited.
- iii) Council invite a representative of each of the real estate agents in Grenfell to attend Country Week and if there is a real estate agent vacancy a community representative be invited.

7. Grenfell Library, C2.6.29

Noted

8. Economic Development, C2.6.21

Noted

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9. **Tourism/Promotions, C2.6.2** **Noted**
10. **Community Technology Centre (CTC), C2.6.28** **Noted**
- 585 **RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr Halls that Council adjourn for supper.
- Council adjourned for supper: **6.49 pm**
Council resumed at: **7.19 pm**
- 586 **RESOLVED:** Clr Atchison and Clr Niven that Council resume.
11. **Local Government Elections, C2.1.7** **Noted**
12. **Bird Routes Launch, T4.3.8** **Noted**
13. **Half Yearly Audit, A1.6** **Noted**
14. **Goods and Services Tax (GST) – Council Compliance, A3.20.3**
- 587 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Grimm that Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Director of Corporate Services to sign the certificate on Council's behalf.
- 588 **RESOLVED:** Clr Niven and Clr Grimm that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Corporate Services' Report be adopted.

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

1. **Works Report (4 May 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. **Noxious Weed Report, C2.6.16** **Noted**

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| 9. | <u>Grenfell Cemetery, P2.2.1</u> | Noted |
| 10. | <u>Grants to Local Government for Playground Upgrade, A3.9.3</u> | Noted |
| 11. | <u>New Employees, P1.4.101, P1.4.102</u> | Noted |
| 12. | <u>New Depot, P2.6.4</u> | Noted |
| 13. | <u>Bushfire Management Committee Meeting, E1.3.8</u> | Noted |
| 14. | <u>Proposed Pipeline Route, R2.1.16</u> | |

589 RESOLVED: Clr Niven and Clr Atchison that Council offer no objection to the pipeline within the road reserve subject to the following conditions:-

- a) the pipeline being located approximately 0.3 metres from the eastern boundary of Gerrybang Road from the applicant's bore to the intersection of SH6 subject to the pipeline being of a suitable class, 0.6 metres minimum cover and Council being indemnified from any damage from the pipeline to the road,
- b) written approval to be obtained from the RTA to cross SH6,
- c) a development application to be submitted for formal approval.

15. 2008/2009 Lawson Oval Facilities, A3.4, P2.1.6

MOTION: Clr Halls and Clr Niven that Council adopt Option 4 as the preferred option for the draft Fees and Charges for the 2008/2009 Lawson Oval Facilities.

AMENDMENT: Clr D Hughes that Council approve option 4 as the preferred option for the Lawson Oval fees and charges with the charges for Junior League and Junior Soccer eliminated.

Motion **LAPSED** for want of a seconder.

AMENDMENT: Clr Hinde and Clr McClelland that Junior Rugby League be reduced to fifty four (54) hours for training and Senior Rugby League's training and playing fee be reduced to \$4.

Upon being put to the meeting the amendment was **LOST**.

590 The original **MOTION** was then put to the meeting and was **CARRIED**.

591 RESOLVED: Clr Atchison and Clr Grimm that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Engineering's Report be adopted.

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

A. Public Health and Environmental Matters.

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| 1. | <u>Sewerage Treatment Works, S1.1.1:</u> | Noted |
| 2. | <u>Caravan Park Operations, P2.3.3:</u> | Noted |

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3. Animal Control, A4.4 Noted
- B. Development Applications – Building Matters:
- B1. Development Applications under Delegated Authority Noted
- C. Other Matters
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1. Update Report Onsite Sewage Management Systems (OSSMS) Septic Tanks Audit S1.4.4 Noted
2. Draft Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008 T2.5 Noted
3. EPA Licence 1732 Grenfell STP, S1.1.1. Noted
4. Grenfell Gas Works, E3.2.2 Noted
5. Grenfell Landfill, E3.3.2 Noted
6. Grenfell STP OHS Report S1.1.1 Noted

592 **RESOLVED:** Cllr Niven and Cllr Atchison that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Environmental Services' Report be adopted.

DELEGATES REPORT – CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER: were here submitted:-

593 **RESOLVED:** Cllr McClelland and Cllr Hinde that the Delegates Report – Central Tablelands Water be adopted.

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

594 **RESOLVED:** Cllr Taylor and Cllr Halls that the Minutes of the Henry Lawson Festival Committee Meeting be noted.

MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING: were here submitted:-

595 **RESOLVED:** Cllr Niven and Cllr McClelland that the Minutes of the Weddin Local Traffic Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein except where otherwise resolved.

MINUTES OF THE GRENFELL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: - were here submitted:-

596 **RESOLVED:** Cllr D Hughes and Cllr Halls that the Minutes of the Grenfell Business Development Committee Meeting be noted.

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MINUTES OF THE NOXIOUS WEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING:

Nil

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

- 597 RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison 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:-

- 598 RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr Niven 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:-

- 599 RESOLVED:** Clr Hinde and Clr Niven 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>Payne's Gravel Pit</u>	In Progress
1.2	<u>Council Friendship Agreement</u>	Carried Out
1.3	<u>Old Mortuary</u>	In Progress

2. DEFERRED ACTIVITIES:

2.1	<u>Dalton Street Depot</u>	In Progress
2.2	<u>Lawson Oval Charges</u>	Carried Out
2.3	<u>Grenfell Open Days:</u>	In Progress
2.4	<u>Young Shire Council</u>	In Progress
2.5	<u>Good Sports Office</u>	In Progress
2.6	<u>Lawson Oval Facilities</u>	Carried Out
2.7	<u>Keeping of Dogs – Dagmar Street</u>	In Progress
2.8	<u>Keeping of Dogs – Berrys Road</u>	Carried Out

TENDERS

1. Tender 12/08 – Tractor, T1.6.29

- 600 RESOLVED:** Clr Taylor and Clr Halls that:-

- Council purchase a TD80D New Holland tractor from South West Tractors for \$53,900 after trade in of PI. 4066 International 574,
- the purchase be funded from the Plant Fund.

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- 601 RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr Atchison 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. 290 Berrys Lane Grenfell Keeping of Dogs, A3.22.6**
Reason for confidentiality - legal matter (Section 10A(2)(g))

- 602 RESOLVED:** Clr McClelland and Clr Atchison that Council approves the briefing of Counsel before pursuing this matter further.

- 603 RESOLVED:** Clr N Hughes and Clr Atchison that Council return to Open Council.

REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

The Mayor read out the resolution concerning 290 Berrys Lane Grenfell, keeping of dogs.

QUESTIONS

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| Clr Niven | - | advised the detour signs at the Bimbi Bridge should point towards the detour.
→ Director Engineering advised new signs had been ordered. |
| Clr McClelland | - | advised the Council Chambers grounds require attention.
→ Director Engineering to pursue. |
| | - | advised the Cemetery grounds require maintenance.
→ Director Engineering to pursue. |
| Clr N Hughes | - | requested leave of absence for the June 2008 Council meeting. |

- 604 RESOLVED:** Clr Grimm and Clr Atchison that leave be granted as requested.

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| Clr D Hughes | - | enquired regarding the cost of converting the old gasworks site to a carpark.
→ General Manager advised the costs are unknown. However, the current study may reveal these costs and also advise if converting the site to a carpark is an option. |
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CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.11 pm

Taken as read and confirmed as a true record this day 19 June 2008.

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