

## **MINUTES**

# Extraordinary Council Meeting 8 May 2024

#### MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2024 AT 2PM

The Mayor declared the meeting opened at **2pm** and welcomed the Councillors, Staff, Member of the Gallery and those watching via live stream.

#### 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

#### 2 HOUSE KEEPING

Advice provided of Council's Work, Health and Safety (WHS) Evacuation Plan and location of the Amenities.

#### 3 DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

Advice provided to those present, of the legislative requirement for Disclosure of Political Donations:

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Section 147 requires a person submitting planning applications or submissions regarding a planning application, to disclose any reportable political donation and/or gifts to any local Councillor or employee of Council. Reportable political donations include those of, or above, \$1,000. The Disclosure Statement forms are available on Councils website or from the Customer Service Centre and must be lodged in accordance with the Act.

There were no Disclosure of Political Donations received by the Chairperson.

#### 4 PRESENT

Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka, Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles, Cr Narelle Payne, Cr Jenny Clarke OAM, Cr Peter Dawson, Cr Cameron Lander

Councillors Jenny Clarke and Narelle Payne joined the meeting at 2.02pm

#### In Attendance

George Cowan (GM), Shane Wilson (DGMI), Martin Hiscox (DGMCC), Vicki Maher (EA), Melissa Johnson (CAA)

#### 5 APOLOGIES

#### **RESOLUTION 24/071**

Moved: Cr Narelle Payne

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

That apologies from Cr Kevin Morris, Cr Braden Lyons and Cr Tracey Lewis be received,

accepted and that Leave of Absence be granted.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

#### 7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

#### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

#### **RESOLUTION 24/072**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

At 2.04pm, a Motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders providing opportunity for a presentation by the General Manager and relaxed discussion on Item 8.1.

**CARRIED** 

#### **RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

#### **RESOLUTION 24/073**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

At 2.44pm, a motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

#### 8 OUR LEADERSHIP

#### 8.1 2024-25 FINANCIAL YEAR STRATEGIC & FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

#### **RESOLUTION 24/074**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Narelle Payne

#### That Council:

- 1. Adopts the following documents for the purpose of public exhibition seeking community comment for a period of 28 days:
  - a. Proposed 2024-25 Operational Plan as presented
  - b. Proposed 2024-25 Revenue Policy as presented
  - c. Proposed 2024-25 Schedule of Fees and Charges as presented
  - d. Proposed 2024-34 Long Term Financial Plan, inclusive of the Schedule of proposed Capital Works also the commentary on financial performance indicators, as presented.
- 2. At the conclusion of the 28-day public exhibition period further considers these strategic and financial documents at 18 June 2024 meeting, in conjunction with any community submissions received.

**CARRIED** 

### 9 STATUTORY AND COMPULSORY REPORTING - FINANCIAL / AUDIT REPORTS

#### 9.1 LOAN FUNDING BARELLAN SEWER PROJECT

#### **RESOLUTION 24/075**

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

#### That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the loan funding options available to Council along with the associated costs.
- 2. Under Section 621 LG Act 1993, borrows \$1,800,000 for the Barellan Sewer Project to be funded by the NSW Treasury Corporation on a 10-year term at an indicative rate of 5.46% interest per annum with semi-annual repayments of approximately \$117,998.
- 3. Acknowledges that the proposed loans are included in Council's Long-Term Financial Plan with provision to meet repayments.
- 4. Acknowledges that the proposed loans are within the 2023-24 loan borrowing request submitted to the Office of Local Government
- 5. Notifies the Office of Local Government of the borrowings within seven days of Council borrowing money under the loan contract.
- 6. Notes under Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Sec 229 that the repayment of money borrowed by Council, and the payment of any interest on that money, is a charge on the income of Council.
- 7. Acknowledges that the proposed borrowing complies with the Ministerial Borrowing Order issued under Section 624 LG Act 1993.

**CARRIED** 

The Meeting closed at 2.48pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Narrandera Shire Council held on 21 May 2024.

**GENERAL MANAGER** 

**CHAIRPERSON**