

WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wattle Range Council held in the Millicent Council Chamber, George Street, Millicent on 14 November 2023 at 5.00 pm.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING / CIVIC PRAYER / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY / RECORDING OF MEETINGS

2. PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor D Noll

Cr D Agnew

Cr C Brodie

Cr R Cassidy

Cr E Castine

Cr S Cox

Cr J Drew

Cr P Dunnicliff

Cr D Muhovics

Cr M Neagle

Cr D Price

Cr D Walshaw

Mr BJ Gower (Chief Executive Officer)

Mr PA Duka (Director Corporate Services)

Mr PA Halton (Director Engineering Services)

Ms EF Clay (Director Development Services)

Ms CP Allen (Executive Assistant)

Mayor Noll presented Cr John Drew with a Certificate of Service from the Local Government Association of South Australia for 10 years' service as an Elected Member.

3. APOLOGIES

NIL

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

NIL

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 10 October 2023 (Folio 10912 - Folio 10922)

Cr Dunnicliff moved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting dated 10 October 2023 be taken as presented and confirmed.

Cr Muhovics seconded

CARRIED

5.2 Confidential Meeting of Council – 10 October 2023 (CM 1062 – CM 1066) – Fully Released

Cr Brodie moved that the Minutes of the Confidential Meeting dated 10 October 2023 be taken as presented and confirmed.

Cr Cassidy seconded

CARRIED

5.3 Audit & Risk Committee Meeting – 10 October 2023 (Folio 10906 – Folio 10911)

Cr Walshaw moved that the Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting dated 10 October 2023 be taken as presented and confirmed.

Cr Castine seconded

CARRIED

The Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 14 November 2023 were tabled for Elected Members information only and were not endorsed at this meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

7. ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

8. MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Mayoral Communications

Cr Cassidy moved that Mayoral Communications be received and noted.

Cr Price seconded

CARRIED

9. DEPUTATIONS

[Deon Kriek & Janeth Mackenzie commenced their deputation at 5.15 pm]

9.1 Deputation by Deon Kriek & Janeth Mackenzie - OneFortyOne

Deon Kriek and Janeth Mackenzie made a presentation to Council regarding OneFortyOne activities and native vegetation.

[Cr Walshaw left the meeting at 5.32 pm]

[Cr Walshaw resumed the meeting at 5.33 pm]

[Deon Kriek & Janeth Mackenzie ended their deputation at 5.41 pm]

[Scott Altschwager commenced his deputation at 5.42 pm]

9.2 Deputation by Scott Altschwager – Transfer Yards at Saleyards

Scott Altschwager made a presentation to Council regarding his perceptions around the Transfer Yards at Millicent Saleyards, providing increased understanding of how livestock movements can be facilitated whilst meeting regulatory requirements.

[Scott Altschwager ended his deputation at 6.11 pm]

[Tamara Cockrum & Chad Cockrum commenced their deputation at 6.11 pm]

9.3 Deputation by Tamara Cockrum & Chad Cockrum - Millicent Swimming Lake

Tamara Cockrum and Chad Cockrum made a presentation to Council in regard to the Millicent Swimming Lake.

[Cr Walshaw left the meeting at 6.12 pm]

[Cr Walshaw resumed the meeting at 6.13 pm]

[Tamara Cockrum & Chad Cockrum ended their deputation at 6.28 pm]

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Cr Dunnicliff moved that the meeting be adjourned for dinner until 7.05 pm.

Cr Price seconded

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6.29 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7.05 pm.

10. PETITIONS

NIL

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cr Cox advised that she, Cr Cassidy and Peter Halton met with the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Susan Close, Nick McBride MP, Member for MacKillop and the Lake George Management Committee on 26 October 2023 to discuss the Coastal Lakes Review.

Cr Dunnicliff advised that he accompanied the Mayor, Ben Gower and Paul Duka at the Local Government Association of SA Conference and Annual General Meeting held on 26 October 2023 and also attended the Country Cabinet held at Bordertown on 27 October 2023.

Cr Muhovics advised that he attended with Cr Neagle and Mayor Noll the Opening of the Geltwood Festival, and he also spent time at the Millicent Show's Information Booth with Emma Clay regarding the Millicent Swimming Lake.

Cr Drew advised that he attended the Social Issues Committee Meeting with Cr Neagle where the Minister for Human Services, Nat Cook attended as she was in the area for Country Cabinet. They discussed homelessness and transport issues.

Cr Cassidy advised that he, Cr Cox and Peter Halton on 26 October 2023 – met with the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Susan Close, Nick McBride MP, Member for MacKillop and Federal Member for Barker, Tony Pasin at the Southend Caravan Park in regard to coastal erosion.

[Cr Cox left the meeting at 7.11 pm]

[Cr Cox resumed the meeting at 7.11 pm]

Cr Neagle advised that she attended the recent HAC Millicent Hospital meeting held on 9 November 2023.

Mayor Noll advised that he attended the recent HAC Millicent Hospital meeting held on 9 November 2023.

Cr Brodie on behalf of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) graduation at Penola.

Cr Brodie advised that Cr Castine is now President of the Riddoch Business and Community Association. He also advised that during Seniors Week a bus load of Senior Citizens visited

Greenrise Lake.

Cr Brodie advised that on Saturday 11 November 2023 he attended the Coonawarra Running Festival for Mental Health.

12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

NIL

13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Various questions were asked but there was no resolution that entry be made into the Minutes.

14. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

14.1 Greenrise Lake Advisory Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on 3 and 23 October 2023

Cr Brodie moved that the Minutes of the Greenrise Lake Advisory Committee Meeting dated 3 and 23 October 2023 be received and noted.

Cr Cassidy seconded

CARRIED

14.2 Lake McIntyre Management Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on 11 October 2023

Cr Agnew moved that the Minutes of the Lake McIntyre Management Committee Meeting dated 11 October 2023 be received and noted.

Cr Price seconded

CARRIED

15. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICERS

15.1 Chief Executive Officer

15.1.1 Monthly Project Status Report

Cr Agnew moved that Council receive and note the report.

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

15.1.2 Electric Vehicle

Cr Drew moved that Council receive and note the report.

Cr Muhovics seconded

CARRIED

Cr Price moved that Council dispose of the CEO's car and buys a more practical model.

Cr Agnew seconded

LOST

Cr Dunnicliff moved that the CEO investigate the viability and financial cost of disposal of his current Electric Vehicle for a more suitable Hybrid Vehicle and report back to Council with those figures.

Cr Muhovics seconded

CARRIED

15.1.3 Member Behavioural Management Policy - Review

Cr Brodie moved that Council:

1. Receive and note the report.

Cr Cassidy seconded

CARRIED

Cr Walshaw moved that Council:

2. Endorse the operation of the Behavioural Management Policy as presented.

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

15.1.4 Elected Member Leadership Mandatory Training - Update

Cr Drew moved that Council:

1. Receive and note the report.

Cr Castine seconded

CARRIED

Cr Dunnicliff moved that Council:

2. Acknowledges and subscribes to the Council Member commitments made in the Council Leadership Training workshop.

Cr Castine seconded

CARRIED

15.2 Director Corporate Services

15.2.1 Monthly Financial Performance Report

Cr Brodie moved that Council receive and note the 2023/24 October Financial Performance Report.

Cr Price seconded

CARRIED

15.2.2 Annual Financial Statements 2022/23

Cr Walshaw moved that Council:

1. Receive and note the Interim Management Report 2022/23 Financial Year external audit prepared by Dean Newbery & Associates.
2. Receive and note the Audit Completion Report for the year ended 30 June 2023.
3. Adopt the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 as presented.

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

15.2.3 Budget Review 1 – 2023/24

Cr Brodie moved that Council:

1. Receive and note the 2023/24 First Quarter Budget Review Report dated 30 September 2023.
2. Adopt the First Quarter Budget Review 2023/24 as presented.

Cr Castine seconded

CARRIED

15.2.4 Community Land Management Plans for Penola Common

Cr Brodie moved that Council:

1. Receive and note the report.

Cr Agnew seconded

CARRIED

Cr Drew moved that Council:

2. Pursuant to section 196 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, approve the:

- Draft Community Land Management Plan – Council Owned Land – Penola Common
- Draft Community Land Management Plans – Crown Land - Penola Common

for release for public consultation for a period of 21 days.

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

15.2.5 Wattle Range Youth Development Foundation

Cr Castine moved that Council provide financial assistance of \$200 to:

1. Sophie Pearce to assist with costs to attend the 2023 School Sports Australia track and field Championships in Launceston, Tasmania from 23 – 27 November 2023.

Cr Cassidy seconded

CARRIED

15.3 Director Development Services

15.3.1 Australia Day Awards Selection Committee

Cr Castine moved that Council:

1. Receive and note the report.

Cr Muhovics seconded

CARRIED

Cr Cassidy moved that Council:

2. Council endorse the following Elected Members for the 2024 Australia Day Selection Panel:

Riddoch Ward: Cr Castine
Corcoran Ward: Cr Muhovics
Kintore Ward: Cr Cassidy
Sorby Adams Ward: Cr Agnew

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

15.3.2 Lions Park Upgrade Concept Design - Consultation Feedback

Cr Dunnicliff moved that Council:

1. Receive and note the report.

[Cr Walshaw left the meeting at 8.34 pm]

[Cr Walshaw resumed the meeting at 8.35 pm]

Cr Agnew seconded

CARRIED

Cr Dunnicliff moved that Council:

2. Endorse the revised Lions Park Upgrade Concept Design.

Cr Cassidy seconded

CARRIED

15.4 Director Engineering Services

15.4.1 Plant and Equipment Asset Management Plan

Cr Castine moved that Council:

1. Receive and note the report; and
2. Adopt the Plant and Equipment Asset Management Plan.

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

15.4.2 Millicent Swimming Lake

Cr Castine moved that Council:

1. Receive and note the report.

Cr Cox seconded

CARRIED

Cr Dunnicliff moved that Council:

2. Support the inclusion in the detailed design for the various options as detailed in the report to improve the Millicent Swimming Lake with the costs being brought back to a future meeting once costs are determined.

3. Direct the CEO to open the Millicent Swimming Lake to the public between the 16 December 2023 and 29 January 2024.

Cr Cox seconded

CARRIED

16. CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 Four Reasons Why

Cr Cassidy moved that the correspondence from Trudi Shelton dated 13 October 2023 regarding Supporting and providing relief to local families doing it tough at Christmas (which includes up to 50 Millicent families) be received and noted.

Cr Castine seconded

CARRIED

16.2 Release of a wide-ranging discussion paper as part of the Participation and Elections Review & draft State/Local Government Accord

Cr Cassidy moved that the correspondence from Hon Geoff Brock MP dated 26 October 2023 regarding the release of a wide-ranging discussion paper as part of the Participation and Elections Review and the preparation of the draft State / Local Government Accord be received and noted.

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

16.3 Kalangadoo Police Station and House

Cr Muhovics moved that the correspondence from Hon Joe Szakacs MP dated 30 October 2023 regarding the Kalangadoo Police Station and house be received and noted.

Cr Price seconded

CARRIED

16.4 Rural Living Code Amendments

Cr Castine moved that the correspondence from Stephanie Johnston dated 16 October 2023 regarding principles to assist in understanding and determining where future rural living areas may be appropriate be received and noted.

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

16.5 State Funding of Public Libraries

Cr Drew moved that the correspondence from Hon Andrea Michaels MP dated 30 September 2023 regarding a strategic reform program be received and noted.

Cr Castine seconded

CARRIED

16.6 LCLGA GM Meeting Summary and Minutes - 13 October 2023

Cr Agnew moved that the Minutes of the LCLGA General Meeting and Summary dated 13 October 2023 be received and noted.

Cr Castine seconded

CARRIED

16.7 Limestone Coast Local Government Association – Charter

Cr Castine moved that the correspondence from Colin Byles dated 6 November 2023 regarding the updated Charter that addresses the concerns of Cr John Drew from the 10 October 2023 Council Meeting be received and noted.

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

16.8 Millicent Business Community Association

Cr Castine moved that the correspondence from the Millicent Business Community Association dated 6 November 2023 regarding collaborating with Council in pursuit of sustainable growth of business and strengthening of our community in the Millicent District be received and noted.

Cr Cox seconded

CARRIED

17. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

17.1 Motion on Notice - Cr Dale Price - Yearly Function for Elected Members & Staff

Cr Price moved Council instigate a yearly barbecue function (cooked by Elected Members and the Executive Leadership Team) for Staff and Elected Members which includes a moderate budget for food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Cr Drew seconded

CARRIED

17.2 Motion on Notice - Cr Sharon Cox - Millicent Saleyards - Truck Wash Fees

Cr Cox moved Council change the truck wash fees to \$1.00 per minute to be more competitive with neighbouring Councils.

Cr Walshaw seconded

CARRIED

18. URGENT MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

NIL

19. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONFIDENCE

19.1 Confidential - Review of Eligible Section 184 - Sale of Properties for Unpaid Rates

Cr Castine moved that:

1. Pursuant to Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that the public be excluded from attendance at that part of this meeting relating to Item 19.1 excepting the following persons:

- Mr BJ Gower – Chief Executive Officer
- Mr PA Duka – Director Corporate Services
- Mr PA Halton – Director Engineering Services
- Ms EF Clay – Director Development Services
- Ms CP Allen – Executive Assistant / Minute Taker

to enable the Council to consider Item 19.1 Review of Eligible Section 184 Sale of Properties for Unpaid Rates in confidence on the basis the Council considers

it necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public (excepting those persons listed above) in order to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the following information or matter relating to Item 19.1:

Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

Specifically, the present matter relates to information pertaining to unpaid rates.

The disclosure of this information would be unreasonable because the information is sensitive / confidential and is not a matter of public knowledge.

2. Accordingly, on the basis, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or matter confidential.

[Cr Cassidy left the meeting at 9.31 pm]

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

Cr Castine moved that Council:

1. Approves the progression of the following properties to the Section 184 sale of properties for unpaid rates:
 - Rate Assessment # A3108 – 8 Corcoran Terrace, Millicent
 - Rate Assessment # 8116 – 46 Thomas Drive, Mount Burr
 - Rate Assessment # 8118 – 48 Thomas Drive, Mount Burr
 - Rate Assessment # 9270 – 13 Railway Terrace, Kalangadoo
 - Rate Assessment # 9765 – 13 McIntosh Street, Nangwarry
 - Rate Assessment # 9712 – 13 Ritchie Street, Nangwarry
 - Rate Assessment # 9764 – 11 McIntosh Street, Nangwarry
 - Rate Assessment # 190 – 286 St Clair Road, Millicent
 - Rate Assessment # 1637 – 7 Peters Street, Tantanoola
 - Rate Assessment # 3437 – 5 Stanway Street, Millicent
 - Rate Assessment # 9698 – 2 Ritchie Street, Nangwarry
 - Rate Assessment # 23 – 2 Main Street, Hatherleigh
 - Rate Assessment # 24 – 4 Main Street, Hatherleigh
 - Rate Assessment # 27 – 6 Main Street, Hatherleigh
2. Provides in principle support for the progression of the following properties to Section 184 sale of properties for unpaid rates:
 - Rate Assessment # 244 – 28 Saleyards Road, Millicent
 - Rate Assessment # 12314 – 4 Matheson Road, Millicent
 - Rate Assessment # 9509 – 37 McArthur Street, Penola
 - Rate Assessment # 10564 – 42 Arthur Street, Penola
 - Rate Assessment # 9777 – 25 McIntosh Street, Nangwarry

[Cr Cassidy resumed the meeting at 9.32 pm]

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

Cr Dunnicliff moved that having considered Item 19.1 in confidence under section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act orders that the **Minutes and Report** related to this item **be released to the public**.

Cr Brodie seconded

CARRIED

Meeting closed at 9.33 pm.

Taken as presented and confirmed.

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