

Armidale

Regional Council

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 15 June 2016
9am

at

Armidale Council Chambers

PRESENT: Administrator, Dr Ian Tiley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Glenn Wilcox (Interim General Manager), Mr Greg Meyers (Director Planning and Environment; and Community Development), Mr Keith Lockyer (Chief Financial and Information Officer), Mr Rob Shaw (Director Regional Infrastructure), Ms Jessica Jones (Executive Officer).

MINUTES

1. CIVIC PRAYER AND RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS
ADVICE REGARDING TAPING OF MEETINGS

The Administrator addressed the meeting and gallery on the achievements of the first month of Armidale Regional Council.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23
MAY 2016**

28/16

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Nil.

4. HAVE YOUR SAY ON AN AGENDA ITEM

Mrs Maria Hitchcock spoke on item 7.3.2 Public Exhibition of Master Plans.

Ms Tracy Pendergast spoke on item 7.3.2 Public Exhibition of Master Plans.

5. DEPUTATIONS BY GROUPS/COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATOR MINUTES
Nil.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7.1 OUR ENVIRONMENT

7.1.1 Draft Armidale Regional LEP 2017

Ref: INT/2016/06352

29/16

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council prepare a Planning Proposal for Draft Armidale Regional Local Environmental Plan 2017, which will harmonise, consolidate and replace Armidale Dumaresq Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Guyra Local Environmental Plan 2012 as outlined in this report.
- (b) That Council seek endorsement from the Minister for Planning for Council to prepare the Planning Proposal for Draft Armidale Regional Local Environmental Plan 2017.
- (c) That Council seek quotations from suitably qualified consultants in accordance with its procurement procedures and the procurement requirements of the Act and provided for through the merger process.
- (d) That the Administrator and General Manager be authorised to accept the most advantageous quotation for Council after considering the quoted price, the estimated completion period, prior experience and demonstrated ability to deliver.
- (e) That Council establish an Independent Hearing and Advisory Panel (IHAP) from the membership of the Local Representative Committee to assist in the review of the proposed ARLEP 2017 and advise the Administrator on local issues and concerns.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2 OUR GOVERNANCE

7.2.1 Review of Code of Meeting Practice Public Participation and Order of Business *Ref: INT/20*

30/16

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the Code of Meeting Practice – Public Participation be amended to include broader community engagement at Council Meetings.
- b) That the Code of Meeting Practice - General Order of Business for Council Meetings be amended to reflect the new Administrator role and the public participation changes.
- c) That the amended Code of Meeting Practice be adopted, without public exhibition, as the changes to the Code are considered to be not substantive.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.2 Review of Council's Committee Structure

Ref: INT/2016/06464

31/16

RECOMMENDATION:

a) That Council resolves the following:

- 1. That the former Armidale Dumaresq Council Finance and Library Whole of Council Committees be dissolved.**
- 2. That the former Armidale Dumaresq Council's Audit and Risk Advisory Committee, Community Relations Committee and New Waste Management Facility Steering Committee be dissolved.**
- 3. That the former Armidale Dumaresq Council Access Advisory Committee, Audit and Risk Committee, Civic Precinct Committee (now named Civic Advisory Committee), Economic Development & Tourism Committee (now named Regional Marketing and Growth Advisory Committee), Environmental Sustainability Committee (now named Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee), Gayinyaga Aboriginal Consultative Committee, Public Art Advisory Panel (now named Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee), Traffic Management Committee (now named Traffic Advisory Committee) and Community Safety Committee (now named Community Safety Advisory Committee) be retained as Advisory Committees and restructured as outlined in the report.**
- 4. That Council relinquish its representation on the Australian Transport Museum board (2 board members) and the former Armidale Dumaresq Council's Autumn Festival Committee as they are considered to be community based committees.**
- 5. That the former Armidale Dumaresq Council Australia Day Committee (S355 LGA) and Sports Council Committee (S355 LGA) be retained as S355 Committees and restructured as outlined in the report.**
- 6. That the former Armidale Dumaresq Council Local Area Committees (LACs) – Dangarsleigh, East Armidale, Herbert Park Road, Lyndhurst, and Puddledock, be dissolved as they have been inactive for a period of time.**
- 7. That the former Armidale Dumaresq Council's Local Area Committees (LACs) – Boorolong, Dumaresq Progress Association Inc, Ebor Progress Association, Hillgrove Progress Association and Wollomombi be retained.**
- 8. That the former Guyra Shire Council Infrastructure Planning Committee be dissolved.**
- 9. That the former Guyra Shire Council Australia Day Committee (s355 LGA), Guyra Local Traffic Committee, Guyra Sports Council (S355 LGA) and Tourism Committee (S355 LGA) be incorporated into the former Armidale Dumaresq Council committee structure, as detailed in the report.**
- 10. That the former Guyra Shire Council Guyra CBD Planning Committee (now Guyra**

CBD Advisory Committee) be retained.

- 11. That the former Guyra Shire Council Kolora Homes Advisory Committee, Aged Care Committee and Guyra Residential Aged Care Facility Project Control Group be combined to form the Guyra Aged Care Advisory Committee.**
 - 12. That the former Guyra Shire Council Guyra Showground Advisory Committee (S355 LGA) be retained but as an Advisory Committee.**
 - 13. That the former Guyra Shire Council Local Area Committees (LACs) – Ben Lomond, Black Mountain, Guyra and Tingha be retained.**
 - 14. That the former Guyra Shire Council Local Area Committee (LACs) – Ebor be dissolved.**
 - 15. That an Independent Hearing Advisory Panel be established to review development and planning matters.**
 - 16. That the ongoing role of former councillors on external committees, groups and organisations be on the basis as community representatives.**
- b) Where Committees, other than the Regional Marketing and Growth Advisory Committee, are being retained, existing committee members be invited to continue their membership.**
- c) Thereafter any vacancies advertised.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.3 Armidale Regional Council seal

Ref: INT/2016/06388

32/16

RECOMMENDATION:

That the new seal be adopted and that the Administrator and Interim General Manager be the authorised persons to attached and verify the seal on all legal or other authorised documentation.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.4 Review of Street Trading Policy

Ref: INT/2016/06199

33/16

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That Council further extend the trial suspension as resolved by the former Armidale Dumaresq Council at its 26 April 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting for the need to gain approval for new street trading activities as permitted under the former Armidale Dumaresq Council Policy 180 – Regulatory – Street Trading Activities Local Approvals Policy to enable the review to be completed in accordance with this report.
- b) That Council note the information in this report and proposed review process outlined for the review of the former Armidale Dumaresq Council POL180 – Regulatory – Street Trading Activities Local Approvals Policy.
- c) That following the consultation process a draft revised Local Approvals Policy be prepared for broader community consultation with a further report being prepared and presented to Council.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.5 Assessment Procedure Aboriginal Community Development Fund *Ref: INT/2016/06397*

34/16

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the revised Assessment Procedures for financial requests greater than \$100 under the Aboriginal Community Development Fund be referred to the Gayinyaga Committee for considerations and endorsement.
- b) That Council approve \$1000 from the Aboriginal Community Development Fund for Miss Madison Moran to participate in the North West Regional Soccer Squad, attend the State carnival in Albury from 5-7 June 2016, participate in the Indigenous Budgies Netball Team and attend the National Carnival on the Gold Coast from 11-19 July 2016.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.6 Proposed Purchase of Lot 1 DP 164017, 149 Rusden Street

Ref: INT/2016/06468

35/16

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council exercise its option to purchase Lot 1 DP 164017 at the agreed price.
- (b) That the Administrator and Interim General Manager be authorised to sign and seal any necessary documentation to effect the purchase of the land.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.7 Council Nominated Representatives on the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel

Ref: INT/2016/06469

36/16

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That Administrator, Dr Ian Tiley be endorsed as the Council representative with the Interim General Manager Glenn Wilcox the alternate representative for the Armidale Regional Council on the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel for all matters within the Armidale Regional Council Local Government Area.
- b) That the Secretariat for the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel be advised of these endorsements.
- c) That the six former representatives - Peter O'Donohue, Paul McFarland and John Wolfenden of the former Armidale Dumaresq Council and Hans Hietbrink, Simon Murray and Lee Martin of the former Guyra Shire Council, be thanked for their time and representation on behalf of the two former Council's on the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.8 Establishment of the Armidale Regional Council Local Representation Advisory Committee

37/16

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the Armidale Regional Council (ARC) Local Representation Advisory Committee (LRAC) be established.
- b) That the Terms of Reference for the Armidale Regional Council (ARC) Local Representation Advisory Committee (LRAC) be adopted.
- c) That members of the committee be required to sign the member's agreement form.
- d) That the 2016/17 annual fee payable to committee members be fixed at \$8,540, in accordance with the minimum councillor fee for a Regional Rural Council, as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.3 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

7.3.1 Armidale Youth Services Review

Ref: INT/2016/06193

38/16

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That Council endorse the report "Armidale Youth Services Review" completed by Mr Adam Blakester, February 2016.
- b) That any recommendations resulting from the re-purposing of and revised Terms of Reference for the Armidale Youth Interagency which may effect Council, be considered at a further meeting as necessary.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.3.2 Public Exhibition of Master Plans

Ref: INT/2016/06412

39/16

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Master Plans completed for the Armidale Regional Airport upgrade, Dumaresq Dam Park upgrade and the Armidale Mall Vibrancy Plan be adopted for Public Exhibition for a period of 6 weeks and during this period Council conduct a public meeting for each plan to explain content and seek input.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.3.3 Timber Bridges Programme

Ref: INT/2016/06414

40/16

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the Administrator make representations to the NSW State government for special consideration for bridge replacement funding to enable Council to upgrade its twelve (12) bridges in poor condition over the next five (5) years at an estimated cost of \$5.26 million.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.3.4 Status of Road Funding

Ref: INT/2016/06417

41/16

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Administrator make representations to the NSW state government for special consideration for additional road funding of \$1.7 million per year over the next five (5) years to allow Council to bring its road network up to a satisfactory level.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.4 OUR PEOPLE

7.4.1 Guyra Home Support Service Briefing

Ref: INT/2016/06399

42/16

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) **That the brief information report on the Guyra Home Support Service be noted.**
- b) **That the issues, opportunities and identified possible solutions be pursued and also considered in conjunction with the allocation of the Stronger Community Fund for the new Armidale Regional Council.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.4.2 Attendance at CeBIT 2016

Ref: INT/2016/06197

43/16

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report on 'Attendance at CeBIT 2016' be noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil reports.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Maria Hitchcock spoke on the Armidale Civic Precinct Project.

Mrs Dot Vickery spoke on item 7.4.1 Guyra Home Support Service Briefing.

Mr Herman Beyersdorf spoke on item 7.2.8 Establishment of the Armidale Regional Council Local Representation Advisory Committee.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Nil items.

There being no further business the Administrator declared the meeting closed at 9:45am.