



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 27 June 2018

1pm

at

Guyra Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Councillor Simon Murray (Mayor), Councillor Dorothy Robinson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Peter Bailey, Councillor Diane Gray, Councillor Jon Galletly, Councillor Libby Martin, Councillor Andrew Murat, Councillor Debra O'Brien, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Ian Tiley and Councillor Bradley Widders.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Lindsay Woodland (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Ms Kim Bryan (Acting Group Leader Organisation Services), Mr Keith Lockyer (Service Leader Finance and Information Technology), Ms Nathalie Heaton (Acting Service Leader People Safety and Communications), Mr Rob Shaw (Service Leader Roads and Parks), Mr Ambrose Hallman (Service Leader Sustainability and Development), Ms Krista Schmidt (Service Leader Community and Customer Services), Ms Leah Cook (Service Leader Asset Planning and Design), and Mr Peter Wilson (Acting Service Leader Governance Risk and Corporate Planning).

MINUTES

1. CIVIC PRAYER AND RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS
2. STATEMENT IN RELATION TO LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETING
3. APOLOGIES

NIL

4. DISCLOSURE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Name	Item	Nature of Interest	Reason/Intended Action
Clr Gray	8.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary <input type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Significant Conflict <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Non Significant Conflict	Reason: Spouse is employed by NSW Police  Intended action: Leave the Chamber
Clr Gray	9.4	<input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary <input type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Significant Conflict <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Non Significant Conflict	Reason: Spouse is employed by NSW Police  Intended action: Leave the Chamber

5. HAVE YOUR SAY

Mr Chris Jordan spoke on Item 8.1 Representation to State Government Calling For End To Prisoner Transfer Escorts.

Dr Herman Beyersdorf spoke on Item 12.1 Public Display of Former Mayoral Portraits.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2018 AND THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2018**

114/18

**Moved Cr Gray**

**Seconded Cr Murat**

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

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

NIL

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

Cr Gray left the meeting at 1:15 pm.

**8.1 FOR DECISION: Representation to State Government Calling For End To  
Prisoner Transfer Escorts**

*Ref: AINT/2018/11386 (ARC16/0025)*

115/18

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr Murat

- a) That Council note with concern reports that police within the Armidale Regional Council area are routinely being tasked to perform lengthy and time consuming prisoner escorts, which are taking police away from their primary duty of providing a policing service within the region; and
- b) That Council calls on the NSW Government to properly fund and resource the NSW Department of Justice so that these prisoner escorts are conducted by Corrective Services staff and not our region's police.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

Cr Gray returned to the meeting at 1:20 pm.

9. REPORTS FOR DECISION - LEADERSHIP FOR THE REGION

**9.1 FOR DECISION: Adoption of Three Year Delivery Program, Operational Plan  
2018-2019, Revenue Policy 2018-2019 and Resourcing Strategy**

*Ref: AINT/2018/09433 (ARC17/1962)*

116/18

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr Widders

- (a) That the community submissions be acknowledged and Council responses to the submissions be noted;
- (b) That the Three Year Delivery Program 2018-2021 be adopted;
- (c) That the Operational Plan 2018-2019 be adopted;
- (d) That the Revenue Policy (Part A) – Fees and Charges be adopted, subject to the amendments as outlined in the report relating to Guyra HACC Program and Kolora Aged Care Facility, and that the fees and charges for the Airport Landing Fees be deferred until the July Ordinary Council meeting, with the current 2017-2018 landing fees remaining in place pending the review;
- (e) That the Revenue Policy (Part B) – Ordinary Rates and Annual Charges be adopted; and
- (f) That the Resourcing Strategy, incorporating the Long Term Financial Plan and Operational Budget 2018-2019 be adopted.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

Councillor O'Connor requested her dissenting vote be recorded.

**9.2 FOR DECISION: Making of Rates and Charges 2018-2019**

*Ref: AINT/2018/11276 (ARC17/1962)*

117/18

**Moved Cr Tiley**

**Seconded Cr Gray**

- (a) That in relation to Ordinary Rates, Council apply the 2.3% rate increase as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal;
- (b) That pursuant to Section 494 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following Ordinary Rates for the year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019:

Category & Sub-Category	Base Amount \$	Base Amount %	Ad-Valorem Rate in the \$
Residential – Armidale (Non Urban)	485.00	44.25	0.002368
Residential – Armidale	467.60	43.40	0.004596
Residential - Wollomombi	200.00	36.61	0.015672
Residential – Ebor	200.00	37.93	0.009093
Residential - Hillgrove	200.00	34.31	0.015194
Residential – Guyra (Non Urban)	258.80	49.76	0.002273
Residential - Guyra	238.00	47.16	0.004426
Residential - Tingha	242.50	46.68	0.067018
Residential – Village	170.00	49.60	0.004412
Business – Armidale (Non Urban)	737.30	43.79	0.003563
Industrial – Armidale	882.20	19.15	0.012040
Business – Armidale	791.00	18.89	0.012040
Business – Guyra	409.80	46.47	0.008229
Business – Tingha	258.60	43.69	0.082971
Business – Guyra (Village)	106.70	42.32	0.003396
Farmland - Armidale	1,321.60	39.58	0.002278
Farmland – Guyra	468.00	19.18	0.002137
Farmland – Guyra Intensive	1,146.90	19.23	0.009327
Mining – Armidale	995.30	17.72	0.035268
Mining – Guyra	252.30	47.30	0.009058

- (c) That in relation to water supply charges and pursuant to Sections 501 and 502 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following charges for water supply services for the year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019:

<b>Water Service Access Charges</b>	<b>Standing Charge</b>
Water Service Access - Armidale	\$220.00
Water Service Access – Guyra	\$220.00
Water Service Access – Tingha	\$220.00

<b>Water Consumption Charges</b>	<b>Stepped Tariff Unit Charge</b> \$ per Kilolitre
Armidale Residential	0 – 100kl \$2.50 101 - 250kl \$3.35 251 & Higher \$3.80
Armidale Commercial	0 – 100kl \$2.50 101 - 250kl \$3.35 251 & Higher \$3.80
Armidale Non-Rateable	Flat rate \$3.50
Armidale Non-Profit Sporting	Flat Rate \$2.60
Armidale Untreated Water	0 – 100kl \$1.22 101 - 250kl \$2.18 251 & Higher \$2.68
Armidale Dialysis Users	0-25kl \$0.00 26-100kl \$2.33 101-250kl \$3.13 251 & Higher \$3.80
Guyra Residential & Commercial	0-100kl \$2.05 101-250kl \$2.40 250kl & Higher \$2.60
Guyra Intensive Horticulture Water Tariff (in accordance with heads of agreement)	Flat Rate \$2.13
Guyra Dialysis User	0-25kl \$0.00 26-100kl \$2.05 101-250kl \$2.40 250kl & Higher \$2.60
Tingha Residential & Commercial	0-100kl \$2.05 101-250kl \$2.40 250kl & Higher \$2.60
Tingha Dialysis User	0-25kl \$0.00 26-100kl \$2.05 101-250kl \$2.40 250kl & Higher \$2.60

- (d) That in relation to sewerage service charges pursuant to Sections 501, 502 and 551 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following rates and charges for sewerage services for the year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019:

<b>Sewerage Service Access Charge</b>	<b>Standing Charge</b>
Armidale – Residential Occupied	\$410.00
Armidale – Unconnected Sewer	\$205.00
Armidale – Commercial (Minimum)	\$410.00
Armidale – Commercial (Ad-Valorem) Commercial properties are charged either the Ad-Valorem rate or the Minimum if the calculated Ad-valorem rate does not reach the minimum charge.	\$0.0047
Guyra – Residential Occupied	\$627.00
Guyra – Unconnected	\$408.00
Guyra – Commercial	\$627.00
Tingha – Residential Occupied	\$450.00
Tingha - Unconnected	\$140.00
Tingha – Commercial	\$450.00

<b>Multiple Sewerage Charges</b>	<b>Unit Charge</b>
Armidale Flats/Units	\$360.00
Armidale WC's – Hotels & Motels	\$135.00
Armidale WC's – Colleges, etc	\$135.00
Armidale WC's – Hospitals	\$65.00
Armidale WC's – Schools & Churches	\$65.00
Armidale WC's – Non-rateable	\$120.00
Armidale – Urinals Rateable	\$60.00
Armidale – Urinals Non-rateable	\$60.00
Guyra – Flats & Units	\$627.00
Guyra – 1 <sup>st</sup> WC/Urinal	Included in Service Access Charge
Guyra – 2-6 Urinals	\$264.00
Guyra – Each Additional WC/Urinal	\$138.00
Guyra – WC's Non-rateable	\$138.00
Tingha – Duplex	\$900.00

- (e) That in relation to waste management charges pursuant to Sections 496, 501 and 502 of the NSW local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following annual charges for waste management services for the year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019:

Waste Charge Description	Standing Charge	Unit Charge
<b>Waste Services Provided in Armidale</b>		
Domestic Waste Management 140lt		\$355.00
Additional 140lt Domestic Service		\$130.00
Additional Domestic 240lt Organic Service		\$135.00
Commercial Waste Service 240lt		\$370.00
Commercial Organics 240lt Fortnightly		\$135.00
Commercial Organics 240lt Weekly		\$200.00
Commercial Organics 240lt 2 x Weekly		\$320.00
Commercial Organics 240lt 3 x Weekly		\$440.00
Additional Commercial Organics 240lt		\$135.00
Commercial Recycling Service		\$140.00
Vacant Domestic Waste Management	\$125.00	
Rural Waste Management	\$125.00	
New Landfill Charge	\$175.00	
<b>Waste Services Provided in Guyra &amp; Tingha</b>		
Domestic Waste Management 240lt		\$470.00
Domestic Waste Management 140lt		\$280.00
Commercial Waste Management 240lt		\$370.00
Rural Waste Management	\$25.00	
Vacant Domestic Waste Management	\$84.00	

- (f) That in relation to stormwater management services (drainage charges) pursuant to Section 496A of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following annual charge for stormwater management services for the year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019:

Charge Description	Standing Charge \$
Armidale Drainage Charge	\$50.00
Guyra Stormwater Management Charge	\$25.00

- (g) That the interest rate on overdue rates and charges, pursuant to Section 566(3) of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, be the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the 2018-2019 rating year of 7.5%, as determined by the Office of Local Government;

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

**9.3 FOR DECISION: Acquisition of Drainage Reserves - 191A Rusden Street,  
Armidale and 127A Donnelly Street, Armidale** *Ref: AINT/2018/11072 (ARC18/2711)*

118/18

Moved Cr Murat                      Seconded Cr Gray

- (a) That Council approve the transfer of the 'Drainage Reserves' described as:
- (i) Lot C DP 389160, from Eva Mary Elizabeth Morley to Armidale Regional Council
  - (ii) Lot C DP 398704, from John Kerr to Armidale Regional Council;
- (b) That a notice be published in the Government Gazette notifying that Lot C DP 389160 and Lot C DP 398704 are to be vested in Council as Drainage Reserves;
- (c) That the Council seal be affixed to the documents associated with the transfer of these parcels; and
- (d) That Lot C DP 389160 and Lot C DP 398704 be classified as Operational Land on acquisition.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

Cr Gray left the meeting at 1:40 pm.

**9.4 FOR DECISION: Fee Waiver - Armidale Town Hall - New England Police District  
Awards** *Ref: AINT/2018/11934 (ARC16/1431)*

119/18

Moved Cr Murat                      Seconded Cr Martin

That Council waive the fee of \$417 for the hire of the Armidale Town Hall for the 2018 New England Police District Awards ceremony on 2 August 2018.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

Cr Gray returned to the meeting at 1:41 pm.

10. REPORTS FOR DECISION - GROWTH, PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

11. REPORTS FOR DECISION - ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**11.1 FOR DECISION: Public Exhibition of Local Approvals Policy - Solid Fuel Heating  
Appliances** *Ref: AINT/2018/11079 (ARC16/1082)*

120/18

MOTION

Moved Cr Robinson                      Seconded Cr O'Brien

- (a) That the Draft Local Approvals Policy – Local Approvals Policy for Solid Fuel Heating Appliances be endorsed for public exhibition.
- (b) That the Draft Local Approvals Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and be open for submissions for a period of no less than 42 days, in accordance with the legislation;



- (c) That additional public notice be given in accordance with Regulation 77 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005; and
- (d) That the Draft Local Approvals Policy – Local Approvals Policy for Solid Fuel Heating Appliances be submitted to the Departmental Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government for approval, prior to the Policy being adopted by Council, as the Policy contains exemptions for approval under Section 68 Local Government Act 1993.

AMENDMENT

**Moved Cr Galletly                      Seconded Cr Bailey**

- (a) That the Draft Local Approvals Policy – Local Approvals Policy for Solid Fuel Heating Appliances be endorsed for public exhibition, subject to the change to the Draft Policy to have an appliance particulate emission factor of not greater 1.5g/kg, in accordance with Standard 4013;**
- (b) That the Draft Local Approvals Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and be open for submissions for a period of no less than 42 days, in accordance with the legislation;**
- (c) That additional public notice be given in accordance with Regulation 77 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005; and**
- (d) That the Draft Local Approvals Policy – Local Approvals Policy for Solid Fuel Heating Appliances be submitted to the Departmental Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government for approval, prior to the Policy being adopted by Council, as the Policy contains exemptions for approval under Section 68 Local Government Act 1993.**

**The Amendment on being put to the vote was CARRIED and became the substantive Motion.**

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

Cr Robinson requested her dissenting vote be recorded.

**11.2 FOR DECISION: Endorsement of Draft Cattle Grids Policy for Public Exhibition**

*Ref: AINT/2018/09546 (ARC16/0652)*

121/18

**Moved Cr Tiley                      Seconded Cr O'Connor**

**That the report be deferred to the next Ordinary Council Meeting.**

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

**11.3 FOR DECISION: Guyra Main Street Upgrade** *Ref: AINT/2018/11458 (ARC17/1518)*

122/18

**Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Robinson**

- (a) That the scope of work on the Guyra Main Street Upgrade project be reduced to match the funds available, as per Option 1 in the report; and
- (b) That an update report be submitted to Council at the 50% completion stage.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

**11.4 FOR DECISION: Air Quality Monitoring `Smart City Grant' funding opportunity**

*Ref: AINT/2018/11775 (ARC16/0864)*

123/18

**Moved Cr O'Connor** **Seconded Cr Gray**

That Council approve the submission of an application to the second round of Smart City funding grants and commit to its matching contribution as indicated in this report under financial implications.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

12. REPORTS FOR DECISION - OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

**12.1 FOR DECISION: Public Display of Former Mayoral Portraits**

*Ref: AINT/2018/11306 (ARC16/0025)*

124/18

**Moved Cr Tiley** **Seconded Cr O'Brien**

- (a) That the Mayoral Portraits of the former Dumaresq Shire and Armidale City Councils be preserved and managed by the Armidale Folk Museum; and
- (b) That the Mayoral portraits from the commencement of the Armidale Dumaresq Council and onwards be placed in the alcove in the Council Chambers, Armidale.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

**13.1 FOR INFORMATION: Status Report on New Council Implementation Fund (NCIF)**

*Ref: AINT/2018/11166 (ARC16/0113-3)*

125/18

**Moved Cr O'Connor** **Seconded Cr Martin**

That the matter be deferred to the July Ordinary Council Meeting for consideration.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

**13.2 FOR INFORMATION: Procurement - Acceptance of Tenders Under CEO**

**Delegated Authority**

*Ref: AINT/2018/09457 (ARC17/2016)*

126/18

**MOTION**

**Moved Cr Galletly**

**Seconded Cr Gray**

**That the report on the acceptance of tenders, under the CEO delegated authority to accept tenders with a contract value of up to \$500,000, up to 31 March 2018, be received and noted.**

**AMENDMENT**

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr O'Connor

- (a) That the report on the acceptance of tenders, under the CEO delegated authority to accept tenders with a contract value of up to \$500,000, up to 31 March 2018, be received and noted; and
- (b) That the CEO delegation authority be reviewed in six months time.

The Amendment on being put to the vote was LOST.

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

**13.3 FOR INFORMATION: Cash & Investments Report for May 2018**

*Ref: AINT/2018/10600 (ARC17/2209)*

127/18

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Widders**

**That Council note the Cash & Investments Report, as at 31 May 2018, reporting Investments held of \$59,326,235.06 and a consolidated Bank Account balance of \$6,866,544.51, excluding the Trust Fund.**

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

14. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

15. AUTHORITY TO AFFIX COUNCIL SEAL

NIL

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**16.1 FOR INFORMATION: Minutes - Audit and Risk Committee - 22 May 2018**

*Ref: AINT/2018/09936 (ARC16/0522)*

128/18 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Murat**

**That Council note the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 22 May 2018, as there were no committee recommendations that require a council decision.**

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

Cr Tiley left the meeting at 2:41 pm.

**16.2 FOR INFORMATION: Minutes - Arts, Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee  
- 24 May 2018**

*Ref: AINT/2018/10960 (ARC16/0217)*

129/18 **Moved Cr O'Connor** **Seconded Cr Murat**

**That Council note the Minutes of the Arts, Cultural & Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 May 2018, as there were no committee recommendations that require a council decision.**

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

Cr Tiley returned to the meeting at 2:43 pm.

**16.3 FOR DECISION: Minutes - Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting - 5 June 2018**

*Ref: AINT/2018/10954 (ARC16/0168)*

130/18 **Moved Cr Martin** **Seconded Cr Murat**

**That the following recommendations from the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 June 2018 be adopted:**

- (a) That approval be provided for the road closures of Taylor Street, from Dumaresq Street to Donnelly Street and Kirkwood Street, between Taylor Street and Douglas Street, from 7.30am until 6.00pm on Sunday 12 August, for the 2018 Armidale and District Football Carnival;**
- (b) That the temporary road closure of Ruby Street, between Amethyst and Opal Street Tingha, for the NAIDOC Week march and celebrations, to be held on Monday 9 July 2018 from 10.45am and reopening at 11.45am be endorsed;**
- (c) That the requested temporary road closure of Bradley Street, Guyra from 6.30am until 3.00pm on 29 September 2018 be approved, in conjunction with the activities of the Guyra Spring TroutFest scheduled to be held from 28 September to 1 October 2018;**
- (d) That the request for a Loading Zone to be installed in Donnelly Street, in front of the O'Connor Catholic College Benilde building be denied, and that the School should consider the timing for unloading goods and not do this during School Zone activation times;**

- (e) That the four 1 hour parking spaces in Rusden Street, in front of St Marys School be changed to "No Parking" between 8.00 - 9:30am and 2:30 - 4.00pm;
- (f) That the request to install a Pedestrian Crossing or Pedestrian Refuge in Moore Street, in front of the Armidale Court House, be denied on the grounds that it doesn't meet the warrant and would remove 4 to 6 parking spaces;
- (g) That the current ½ hour parking restrictions in front of 82 Rusden Street, be replaced with a 2 hour parking limit in keeping with the current parking restrictions for Rusden Street between Taylor and Marsh Streets;
- (h) That the BS S1 line marking be replaced by BB lines for 70 metres in length on Long Swamp Road, so as to extend across the Mays Road intersection;
- (i) That the BS S1 line marking be replaced by BB lines for 300 metres in length on Long Swamp Road, so as to extend across Lucas Lane intersection; and
- (j) That the RMS be provided with the correspondence raising speeding concerns in Ebor for their consideration and to investigate and respond to Mr Williams.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

17. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

NIL

18. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

NIL

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

131/18 Moved Cr Gray                      Seconded Cr Martin

That the meeting be adjourned for 20 minutes at 2:45pm.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

132/18 Moved Cr Martin                      Seconded Cr Gray

That the meeting be resumed at 3:00pm.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

133/18

**Moved Cr Robinson**

**Seconded Cr O'Connor**

**(a) That Council move into Closed Session to receive and consider the following items:**

- 19.1 FOR DECISION: Application For Writing Off Of Outstanding Rates Under Hardship Provisions. (AINT/2018/11446) - *As this report deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer (Section 10A(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes the meeting, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*
- 19.2 FOR DECISION: Tenders for Design & Construct contract for a water supply pipeline from Malpas Dam to Guyra Water Treatment Plant. (AINT/2018/10993) - *As this report deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council (Section 10A (2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes this meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*
- 19.3 FOR DECISION: Application For Writing Off Of Outstanding Rates Under Hardship Provisions. (AINT/2018/11446) - *As this report deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer (Section 10A(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes the meeting, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*
- 19.4 FOR DECISION: Armidale Regional Council potential to participate in the TfNSW Autonomous Vehicle Trial . (AINT/2018/11641) - *As this report deals with commercial information of a confidential nature which, if disclosed, confers a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes the meeting, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*

**(b) That Council exclude the press and public from the proceedings of the Council in Confidential Session pursuant to Section 10A, subsections 2 & 3 and section 10B of the Local Government Act 1993, on the basis that the items to be considered are of a confidential nature; and**

**(c) That Council make the resolutions made in Confidential Session public as soon as practicable.**

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

Council entered Closed Session at 3:00pm

Council returned to Open Session at 3:17pm

**OPEN SESSION**

134/18 **Moved Cr Murat                      Seconded Cr Robinson**

**That the following recommendations be adopted.**

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

19. **CLOSED SESSION**

**19.1 FOR INFORMATION: Debt Recovery for Unpaid Rates**

*Ref: AINT/2018/10719 (ARC17/1727)*

135/18 **That Council note the proposed debt recovery action for unpaid rates and water, as listed in the report.**

**19.2 FOR DECISION: Tenders for Design & Construct contract for a water supply pipeline from Malpas Dam to Guyra Water Treatment Plant**

*Ref: AINT/2018/10993 (ARC17/2454)*

136/18 **That the report be withdrawn due to the announcement of successful funding for the project in the State Budget and a separate report, to consider tenders, will be submitted to the July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting.**

**19.3 FOR DECISION: Application for Writing Off of Outstanding Rates Under Hardship Provisions**

*Ref: AINT/2018/11446 (ARC16/0822)*

137/18

- (a) **That the outstanding interest of \$7,851.98 on Assessment 13424-7 be written off, on the understanding that this amount will be brought back to account, should any arrangement made to pay the balance lapses; and**
- (b) **That the property be removed from the sale of land for unpaid rates.**

**19.4 FOR DECISION: Armidale Regional Council potential to participate in the TfNSW Autonomous Vehicle Trial**

*Ref: AINT/2018/11641 (ARC18/2692)*

138/18 **That Council approve Armidale Regional Council's proposal to enter into a contract with Transport for NSW to participate in the Regional Automated Vehicle Trial initiative.**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.15pm.