

Armidale Regional Council

MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Tuesday, 20 December 2016
9am

at

Armidale Council Chambers

PRESENT: Administrator, Dr Ian Tiley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Greg Meyers (Interim General Manager), Mr Keith Lockyer (Chief Financial and Information Officer), Mr Andre Kompler (Director Regional Services), Mr Rob Shaw (Director Regional Infrastructure), Mrs Jessica Bower (Executive Officer), Mr Don Tydd (Executive Officer), Mr Peter Wilson (Senior Governance Officer), Mr Tim Weeks (Airport Manager).

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Nil.

3. HAVE YOUR SAY ON AN AGENDA ITEM
Nil.

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

4.1 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

4.1.1 Airport Master Plan

Ref: AINT/2016/09386

249/16 RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the Airport Master Plan having been placed on Public Exhibition for 42 days from 22 June 2016 be adopted by Council for implementation with the inclusion of the following:
 - Under the 'Opportunity' Section of the Master Plan, "the nationally and internationally significant and historic Saumarez Homestead and property is in close proximity to the Airport and road access is presently through the airport precinct. The Master Plan envisages improved road access from the proposed New England Highway roundabout with strategic screening by avenue plantings along the access road"; and
 - Reference to Corporate Air be updated to reflect the services currently being offered.
- b) The Airport Master Plan annexure noting project timing and budgets be updated when more accurate detail becomes available.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

The Member for Northern Tablelands Mr Adam Marshall MP addressed Council and expressed his support for item 4.1.2 Armidale Regional Airport Terminal Tender and Airport Projects.

4.1.2 Armidale Regional Airport Terminal Tender and Airport Projects *Ref: AINT/2016/10190*

250/16 RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

- a) Accept from AW Edwards Pty Ltd a tender in the sum of \$8,982,684 (excluding GST) for the extension and upgrade of the Armidale Regional Airport terminal.
- b) Note the total estimated cost of the terminal upgrade is \$10.5 million (ex GST) inclusive of design, construction and project delivery management, with the same to be funded from State Government Regional Tourism Infrastructure funding of \$6.55 million, \$1.119 Commonwealth Development funding and the balance of \$2.831 million funded by Council through a combination of current 2016/2017 General Fund revenue provision (\$2.5 million) and balance from savings identified subsequent to the Armidale Regional

Council merger.

- c) Note the occurrence of a meeting with the Hon Barnaby Joyce on 12th December 2016 where the Administrator sought additional Commonwealth funding towards the terminal upgrade and on 14th December a submission thereon was provided to the Deputy Prime Minister.
- d) Endorse the immediate commencement of design work for the airport apron upgrade and extension and for the calling of tenders as soon as possible for this project whose estimated total cost is approximately \$3.1 million (ex GST).
- e) Note the NSW State Government has committed \$1.5 Million of State Regional Tourism Infrastructure funding for the apron upgrade, and that the balance of the apron project funding is currently being sought from the Commonwealth.
- f) Note recent representation to the Commonwealth has included a meeting with the Hon Barnaby Joyce on 12th December 2016 (where the Administrator sought Commonwealth funding towards the apron project) and a follow up submission to the Deputy Prime Minister dated 14th December.
- g) Be provided in the first quarter of 2017 a report on airport paid overnight car parking options, with a recommended preferred option for introducing airport car parking fees to help build sustainable airport reserves and fund future capital expenditure.
- h) Note that in the event of the Commonwealth not providing grant support, Council fund its share of the airport apron project through an interest only loan, with interest offset by the introduction of airport parking fees.
- i) Fund its share of the \$3.1 million ex GST Highway Roundabout total project cost through an interest only loan, with interest offset by parking fees recognising the balance of the Highway Roundabout to be funded from: promised State Government \$1million contribution, required contribution from the developer on eastern side of the New England Highway, and the probability of \$1 million of Commonwealth matching contribution given the recent Federal election campaign promise of the Hon Barnaby Joyce.
- j) Implement in respect to any borrowing required for any of these three airport projects a sinking fund from 2017-2018 budget onwards to repay principal in full at the end of the loan term.
- k) Note all projects should be complete in 2018 subject to the provision of promised State and Federal funding.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

There being no further business the Administrator declared the meeting closed at 9:17am.