

Armidale

Regional Council

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 1 March 2017
9am

at

Armidale Council Chambers

PRESENT: Administrator, Dr Ian Tiley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Peter Dennis (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Lindsay Woodland (Group Leader Organisation Services), Mr Mark Piorkowski (Group Leader Service Delivery), Mr Keith Lockyer (Chief Financial and Information Officer), Mr Ralf Stoeckeler (Director of Engineering) – left at 9.30am, Ms Nathalie Heaton (IPR and Legal Officer), Mr Paul Woods (Manager, Merger Implementation).

MINUTES

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8
FEBRUARY 2017**

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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.

The Administrator brought Item 6.1 forward.

6. ADMINISTRATOR MINUTES

6.1 Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for Consideration

Ref: AINT/2017/02527 (ARC16/1265)

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council enter into Memorandums of Understanding with the following organisation in accordance with the terms detailed within the report:

- **BackTrack Youth Works**
- **New England Conservatorium of Music**
- **Southern New England Landcare Ltd**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

The Administrator and Mr Shakeshaft (BackTrack) signed the Memorandum of Understanding in the Chambers.

4. HAVE YOUR SAY ON AN AGENDA ITEM

Mr Arthur Bain (Save the Macleay River Group) spoke against Item 7.1.1 DA-174-2015 Establishment of an Underground Mine at 140 Stockton Road, Hillgrove.

Mr Chris Nadolny (New England Greens Armidale/Tamworth) spoke against Item 7.1.1 DA-174-2015 Establishment of an Underground Mine at 140 Stockton Road, Hillgrove.

Mr Scott Jones spoke for Item 7.1.1 DA-174-2015 Establishment of an Underground Mine at 140 Stockton Road, Hillgrove.

Mr Ralf Stoeckeler (Director of Engineering) – left the meeting at 9.30am due to a prior commitment.

Mrs Maria Hitchcock spoke against item 8.3 Community Safety Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2017.

5. DEPUTATIONS BY GROUPS/COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATOR MINUTES

6.2 The Old Teachers' College (CB Newling Centre) - Reserve Trust Manager

Ref: AINT/2017/03237 (ARC16/0344)

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RECOMMENDATION:

That a feasibility study and a business plan be undertaken to ascertain whether the Old Teachers' College (CB Newling Centre) could be operated viably and in trust for the Council and community.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7.1 OUR ENVIRONMENT

7.1.1 DA-174-2015 Establishment of an Underground Mine at 140 Stockton Road,
Hillgrove

Ref: AINT/2017/01953 (DA-174-2015)

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That having regard to the assessment of the Application, DA-174-2015 be granted a conditional deferred commencement consent in the terms set out in Appendix 1 to this report:**
- (b) That those persons that made submissions in relation to the Application be notified of the determination in writing.**
- (c) That the integrated agencies that provided their response and general terms of approval to Council be notified of the determination in writing.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.1.2 Draft New England North West Regional Plan *Ref: AINT/2017/02126 (ARC16/0148)*

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the report on the proposed Draft New England North West Regional Plan 2036, which is open for public comment until 20 March 2017, be noted.
- (b) That Council make a submission on the Draft New England North West Regional Plan 2036 as proposed in Attachment 1 together with feedback provided by the Local Representation Advisory Committee.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2 OUR GOVERNANCE

7.2.1 Cash & Investments Report January 2017 *Ref: AINT/2017/01621 (ARC16/0291)*

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Cash & Investments report for Armidale Regional Council as at 31 January 2017 be received and noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.2 Second Quarter Review - Integrated Planning and Reporting

Ref: AINT/2017/02613 (ARC16/0006)

58/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report based on the goals from the Delivery Program and Operational Plan be noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.3 Purchase of Lot 17 in DP 856074 and Lot 36 in DP884232, Rockvale Gardens, Armidale

Ref: AINT/2017/02645 (ARC16/0606)

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the offer to purchase Lot 17 in DP856074 and Lot 36 DP884232, Rockvale Gardens, Armidale for the cost of \$1 each be accepted.
- (b) That the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and seal any relevant documents in relation to the purchase and transfer of the abovementioned land.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.3 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

7.3.1 Guyra SES HQ

Ref: AINT/2017/01110 (G07/6980)

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council note the report and that it supports in principle the construction of a new SES Headquarters at the junction of Ollera and Malpas Streets, Guyra.
- (b) That Council proceed to lodge a Development Application to enable detailed design and costings being prepared and funding sourced before proceeding with the construction phase.
- (c) That Council approach the Member for Northern Tablelands seeking support for additional funding to enable this project to proceed.
- (d) Should external funding not be forthcoming, Council include a further \$150,000 in the draft 2017/2018 Operational Budget for consideration during budget deliberations.
- (e) That the suggestion by the Local Representation Advisory Committee, that the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Services collocate be investigated.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.4 OUR PEOPLE

7.4.1 Armidale City Gymnastics Club - Request for Support

Ref: AINT/2017/03116 (ARC16/0083)

61/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council extend a letter of support to the Armidale City Gymnastics Club for its application to the Building Better Regions Fund for the Project - Expansion of the Movements Centre.
- (b) That Council agree to be Guarantor for a \$150,000 loan if successful with their Building Better Regions Fund application with the terms to be ratified by the CEO and the Club.
- (c) That Council make a donation to the Armidale City Gymnastics Club equivalent to the fees paid to and retained by Council associated with the Development Application, Construction Certificate (if Council is appointed the PCA) and Section 68 applications estimated at around \$7,000.
- (d) That Council assist with cut and fill works up to a maximum of \$10,000 in value.
- (e) That Council's Tourism and Events staff assist by way of guidance and promotion of events in line with its level of assistance for other similar community events and activities within the Armidale Regional Council area.
- (f) That Council give 28 days public notice of the proposal to provide financial assistance of \$167,000 to the Armidale City Gymnastics Club, being the Loan Guarantor (\$150,000), waiver of Council fees (\$7,000) and earthmoving works (\$10,000) for the purpose of expanding the Movements Centre at Kentucky Street, Armidale
- (g) That the provision of financial assistance will be subject to the Club being successful

with its grant application under the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)

- (h) A further report be presented back to Council following the conclusion of the public notice period to address any matters raised during the exhibition period.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.4.2 The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program *Ref: AINT/2017/03261 (ARC16/0605)*

62/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council makes an application for funding through the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program to access funds to assist Council develop an Aboriginal School Based Traineeship Program.
- (b) That Council undertakes the development of an Aboriginal Employment Strategy which will include an Aboriginal School Based Traineeship Program.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.4.3 2017 National Indigenous Youth Parliament *Ref: AINT/2017/03267 (ARC16/0605)*

63/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council sponsors two representatives from our local Aboriginal youth population to attend the National Indigenous Youth Parliament.
- (b) That Council provides a letter of support and a sponsorship fee of \$200 for each applicant.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Gayinyaga - Minutes of the meeting held 7 February 2017

Ref: AINT/2017/02208 (ARC16/0605)

64/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Gayinyaga Committee meeting held on 7 February 2017 be noted and the following recommendations endorsed:

- (a) That the Traffic Committee consider a local area traffic management plan on Cookes Road to reduce speeding traffic.**
- (b) That Gayinyaga provide \$100 toward the Christian Outreach Church Rally to be held near Narwan Village.**
- (c) That Gayinyaga support the proposed design and budget presented at the meeting held on 7 February 2017 for the Aboriginal Cemetery Memorial.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

8.2 Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2017

Ref: AINT/2017/02209 (ARC16/0217)

65/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 March 2017 be noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

8.3 Community Safety Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2017

Ref: AINT/2017/02616 (ARC16/0560)

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 March 2017 be noted.**
- (b) That recommendations from the Committee concerning the application by ALDI Foods PTY for the grant of a new packaged liquor licence and the application by the Armidale Markets in the Mall to suspend the operation of the Alcohol Free Zone on nominated dates not be adopted and that reports on each matter be provided to the next Council meeting for consideration.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

9. PUBLIC FORUM
Nil.

There being no further business the Administrator declared the meeting closed at 9.59am.