



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 24 February 2021
4pm

at

Armidale Council Chamber

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Tiley (Mayor), Councillor Debra O'Brien (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Peter Bailey, Councillor Jon Galletly, Councillor Andrew Murat, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Dorothy Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr James Roncon (General Manager), Mr John Rayner (Financial Controller/Temporary Advisor), Mr Scot MacDonald (Director Businesses & Services), Ms Marissa Racemelara (Acting Director Organisational & Corporate Services), Mr Ambrose Hallman (Manager Development and Regulatory Services), Ms Stacey Drew (Executive Policy Advisor) and Ms Hayley Ward (Executive Officer).

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- 20.2 Armidale Regional Airport tender for Airside Works Stage 0126
As this report deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes part of 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.

1. CIVIC AFFIRMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Bailey/Cr O'Brien

2. STATEMENT IN RELATION TO LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Name	Item	Nature of Interest	Reason/Intended Action
Cr Murat	10.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary <input type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Significant Conflict <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Non Significant Conflict	Reason: Involved in the design of the museum building. Intended action: Remain in the Chamber
Cr Robinson	12.7	<input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Significant Conflict <input type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Non Significant Conflict	Reason: Using the proposed rail trail will generate significant health and safety benefits for me. Intended action: Leave Chamber

5. PUBLIC FORUM (COMMUNITY GROUP PRESENTATION)

5.1 Mr Jim Scott President, Visions for Armidale Creeklands Inc.

5.2 Ms Jessika Schmidt New England Settlement Co-ordinator, Northern Settlement Services

6. PUBLIC FORUM (Have Your Say)

6.1 Mr Jim Belshaw Speaking For Item 8.4 Future of UNE Heritage Centre and Regional Archives

6.2 Ms Maria Hitchcock Speaking For Item 8.1 Sustainable Saumarez Homestead Tourism Project

6.3 Mr Rob Richardson Speaking against Item 12.7 New England Rail Trail funding application from Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)

6.4 Mr Rob Richardson Speaking against Item 13.8 ARC Drought Management Plan 2020

6.5 Mr Rob Lenehan Speaking against Item 12.7 New England Rail Trail funding application from Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2021

54/21

Resolved:

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

Moved Cr Robinson Seconded Cr Murat

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2021

55/21

Resolved:

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

Moved Cr Murat Seconded Cr Galletly

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Resolved:

That items 8.1, 8.4, 12.7 and 13.8 be considered first.

Moved Cr Robinson Seconded Cr O'Brien

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE

8.1 Mayoral Minute: Sustainable Saumarez Homestead Tourism Project

Ref: AINT/2021/03480 (ARC16/0025)

56/21

Resolved:

- a. Notes that Council's commitment to a road access funding co-contribution for the SSHTP remains in place and will be subject to consideration in the 2021-22 draft budget.
- b. Notes the recent history of the project.
- c. Make representations to the NTA (NSW) and its State and Federal Parliamentary Representatives AND Infrastructure NSW for the Project to be expedited without further delay for the mutual benefit of the Armidale region and the NTA.

Moved Cr Tiley

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

8.4 Mayoral Minute: The Future of UNE Heritage Centre and Regional Archives

Ref: AINT/2021/05097 (ARC16/0025)

57/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Seek the support of all Councils serviced by the UNE Heritage Centre and Regional Archives to its long-term retention.
- b. Acquaint the member Councils of the New England Joint Organisation with the particulars of this matter and seek JO support to retention of the Centre.
- c. Signify its support in recognising the importance of the Centre to Northern NSW.
- d. Support broader community and user consultation about the Centre's role and examine ways of maximizing benefits offered by the Centre.

Moved Cr Tiley

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

Cr Robinson declared a non pecuniary/significant conflict in Item 12.7 New England Rail Trail funding application from Building Better Regions Fund.

Reason: Using the proposed rail trail will generate significant health and safety benefits for me.

Intended action: Leave Chamber

Cr Dorothy Robinson left the meeting, the time being 05:12 PM

12.7 New England Rail Trail funding application from Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)

Ref: AINT/2021/04448 (ARC16/0085)

58/21

Moved Cr Bailey Seconded Cr Galletly

That Council note the submission of a funding application for the federal government's Building Better Region Fund - Round 5.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr O'Connor Seconded Cr O'Brien

That Council note the intention to submit a funding application for the federal government's Building Better Region Fund - Round 5 but notes that the formal criteria for that application cannot be met and requests the GM to pursue a funding application for a study to develop a multi use rail corridor activation project for the main north line or that part within the LGA.

The Amendment on being put to the vote was LOST.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

Cr O'Connor and O'Brien requested their vote against the motion be recorded.

Cr O'Connor tabled a report from Byron Bay on multi rail activation use study.

Cr Dorothy Robinson returned to the meeting, the time being 05:33 PM

13.8 ARC Drought Management Plan 2020

Ref: AINT/2021/03314 (ARC20/4403)

59/21

Moved Cr Galletly Seconded Cr Murat

That Council adopt the attached ARC Drought Management Plan 2020 and acknowledge the input of the community into the development of this important Plan.

FORESHADOWED MOTION:

Cr Robinson

That the adoption of the plan is deferred to allow time for clarification and consideration.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

Crs O'Connor, Robinson and O'Brien requested their vote against the motion be recorded.

8.2 Mayoral Minute: Freedom of the City of Armidale - Development of a Council Policy

Ref: AINT/2021/03675 (ARC16/0025)

60/21

Resolved:

That Council request the General Manager to prepare a draft 'Freedom of the City/Town' policy for consideration.

Moved Cr Tiley

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

8.3 Mayoral Minute: New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) - Preparation of a Council Policy

Ref: AINT/2021/03678 (ARC16/0025)

61/21

Resolved:

That Council request the General Manager to develop a Renewable Energy Zone policy for Council's consideration and endorsement and in readiness for the implementation of the New England REZ.

Moved Cr Tiley

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

9. RESCISSION MOTIONS

9.1 Legal Services Panel - Tender Evaluation

Ref: AINT/2021/04516 (ARC16/0025)

62/21

Resolved:

That Council rescind minute number 53/21 from the Council Meeting held 27 January 2021 and adopt the following motion:

- a. Appoint the tenderers listed under each Category to the Legal Services panel contract for the 3 year period 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2024.
- b. Allow provision for an option to extend the contract for a further two years subject to satisfactory performance.
- c. That the General Manager be delegated authority to sign appropriate enabling documentation on Council's behalf.

Moved Cr Tiley

Seconded Cr Bailey

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Armidale Airside Business Park

Ref: AINT/2021/04646 (ARC16/0025)

63/21

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr Galletly

That Council:

- a. That funds from the sale of the Service Centre lot be used to complete the road from the roundabout to the terminal and develop at least one cul-de-sac of the airside part of the development.
- b. That matching funding be sought for this work.
- c. That all necessary steps be taken to place the proposed motel site on the market. Because of interest in the property, it be sold by an EIO, Tender process or Public Auction as determined by the marketing agent and the General manager to achieve the best market value.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr O'Connor Seconded Cr O'Brien

That this matter be referred to the draft budget deliberations for the 2021/22 financial year.

The Amendment on being put to the vote was LOST.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

Cr Murat declared a non pecuniary/non significant conflict in item 10.2 Australian Transport Museum. Reason: Involved in design of museum building. Intended Action: Remain in the meeting.

10.2 Australian Transport Museum

Ref: AINT/2021/04649 (ARC16/0025)

64/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Will propose two Directors for the vacant Board positions on Australian Transport Museum. In advance, Council will seek advice that probity, conflicts of interest and regulatory responsibilities can be appropriately managed. Council will also confirm there will be no financial risk to ARC if it assumes these roles.
- b. Subject to the advice as described in 1, Council will call for nominations from Councillors and staff to be appointed to the Board of The Australian Transport Museum.
- c. Agrees there is value to Council in having a tourist information presence at the proposed Transport Museum. A suitable MoU will be prepared when the Museum is operational.
- d. Subject to the financial feasibility and mutually agreed cost-sharing arrangements, Council seeks to establish a MoU with the Board of The Australian Transport Museum for the purpose of providing a tourism information outlet.

Moved Cr Tiley

Seconded Cr Galletly

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

10.3 Reinstating Water Savings Rebates

Ref: AINT/2021/04732 (ARC16/0025)

65/21

Resolved:

That Council seeks external funding to reinstate the water savings rebate.

Moved Cr Robinson Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

10.4 Regional Marketing Fund

Ref: AINT/2021/04712 (ARC16/0025)

Moved Cr Bailey

Seconded Cr Murat

- a. That Armidale Regional Council move to create a Regional Marketing Fund in partnership with the business and government sectors with a Council budget contribution of \$100,000 to be matched dollar for dollar by those sectors.
- b. That funds can only be expended when matching dollars are contributed by Business and Government sectors.
- c. That the fund be managed by the Regional Growth Committee of ARC.

The Motion on being put to the vote was LOST.

66/21

Resolved:

That this matter be referred to the draft budget deliberations for the 2021/22 financial year.

Moved Cr O'Connor Seconded Cr Robinson

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

10.5 Water Rates

Ref: AINT/2021/04713 (ARC16/0025)

Moved Cr Bailey

Seconded Cr Tiley

That Council leaves the water rate connection fee as it is and reduces the water usage rate by 20% from the 1st July 2021.

The Motion on being put to the vote was LOST.

10.6 Improved Communication - Simple low or zero cost measures to improve transparency, access to Information and therefore accountability*Ref: AINT/2021/04735 (A*

67/21

Resolved:

- a. That, on its website, Council provides a page (e.g. via a link from its publications page: <https://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/council/newsroom/council-publications>) with links to the information in the fortnightly e-news.
- b. Council continues to help visitors to the ARC 'Yoursay' web page, with its improvements e.g. providing informative names and closing dates (already implemented – thanks). In addition, (as promised) when submitters want their submissions to be made public, links are also to copies of these submissions from the 'Yoursay' web page as soon as practicable after they are received.
- c. For consistency, and to prevent submissions e.g. at 7 pm on the closing date declared 'late', the last full day of consultation shown as the final consultation day in the right hand box of the 'Yoursay' page, but the formal closing time (shown at the bottom of the page) is 8:30 am the following day.
- d. Consider the 'Report-it' web page is enhanced when a budget is available: [Report it - Armidale Regional Council](#) so that:
 - i) comments and requests for maintenance or other issues are visible to the public, if the submitter so requests (although the submitters name and address would normally be kept private)
 - ii) a 'me-too' button allows other residents to express support for the request
 - iii) there is an indication of what action was taken and when
 - iv) a search facility is available (if there is a low-cost option to do this).

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Brien

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

10.7 Revised Water Notice of Motion from OCM 27 January 2021 - Cr Robinson*Ref: AINT/2021/*

68/21

Resolved:

That this matter be referred to the draft budget deliberations for the 2021/22 financial year.

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr Bailey

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

11. LEADERSHIP FOR THE REGION

11.1 Finance - Significant Accounting Policies (POL026) for Rescission *Ref: AINT/2021/03454 (AR*

69/21

Resolved:

That Council rescind Policy "POL026 – Finance - Significant Accounting Policies" as this policy is no longer required as a Council Policy.

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr Galletly

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

12. GROWTH, PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12.1 Investment Policy - Draft for Public Exhibition *Ref: AINT/2021/03371 (ARC16/0001-6)*

70/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Endorse the updated Investment Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- b. Receive a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period.
- c. Table the report at the next meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for information.

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

FOR INFORMATION: 12.2 Cash and Investment Report 31 January 2021

Ref: AINT/2021/03474 (ARC16/0001-6)

71/21

Resolved:

That Council note the Cash and Investment Report for January 2021.

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

12.3 2020/21 Second Quarter Budget Review

Ref: AINT/2021/03590 (ARC21/4490)

72/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Note the 2020/21 Second Quarter Budget Review.
- b. Resolve to amend the 2020/21 budget in accordance with the Quarterly Budget review Statement for the period 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2020 tabled at the attachment.

Moved Cr Murat Seconded Cr Bailey

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING

73/21

Resolved:

That Council congratulate the General Manager and staff on their outstanding work in reviewing the budget.

Moved Cr Bailey Seconded Cr O'Brien

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

**FOR INFORMATION: 12.4 Stronger Communities Fund and New Council
Implementation Fund - Status Update 31 January 2020**

Ref: AINT/2021/03613 (ARC16/0488-3)

74/21

Resolved:

That Council note the current status of projects funded by the Stronger Communities Fund and New Council Implementation Fund.

Moved Cr Murat Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

12.5 Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) Implementation - Merge Current

Local Environmental Plans - Update

Ref: AINT/2021/04399 (ARC19/3364)

75/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Receive and note the report in relation to “Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) Implementation – Merge Current Local Environmental Plans – Update”.
- b. Liaise with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in relation to finalisation of the Project to prepare a merged LEP for the Armidale Regional Council local government area.
- c. Investigate the potential to implement a rolling review and update of the merged LEP content linked to LSPS action implementation, instead of undertaking a comprehensive LEP review and update on a five yearly basis.

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr O’Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

**12.6 ARMIDALE PLAN 2040 Project Finalisation - Community Strategic Plan (CSP)
implications post public-exhibition**

Ref: AINT/2021/04450 (ARC19/3217)

76/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Receive and note the report in relation to “ARMIDALE PLAN 2040 Project Finalisation – Community Strategic Plan (CSP) implications post public-exhibition”.
- b. Note that the ARMIDALE PLAN 2040 Final Report (dated June 2020) is to be utilised as a reference document to inform: i) preparation of Council’s next Community Strategic Plan following the 2021 local government election; and ii) relevant Local Strategic Planning Statement action implementation.

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr O’Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13. ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

13.1 Installation of Markham Street Mid-block Pedestrian Crossing with funding by TfNSW

Ref: AINT/2021/03967 (ARC16/0168-6)

77/21

Resolved:

That Council approve the upgrade of the Markham Street mid-block pedestrian crossing with 100% funding from Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

Moved Cr Robinson Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.2 Local Approval Policy - Liquid Trade Waste Policy - Draft for Public Exhibition

Ref: AINT/2021/02129 (ARC17/1862)

78/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Endorse the Draft Local Approvals Policy – Liquid Trade Waste Policy for public exhibition until Monday 12 April 2021;
- b. Place the Draft Local Approvals Policy 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. Give additional public notice in accordance with Regulation 77 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005; and
- d. The Draft Local Approvals Policy - Liquid Trade Waste Policy 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.
- e. Receive a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

Moved Cr Robinson Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.3 Domestic Rainwater Tanks Policy - Draft for Public Exhibition

Ref: AINT/2021/02139 (ARC16/0392)

79/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Endorse the draft Domestic Rainwater Tanks Policy (POL151) for public exhibition until Monday 5 April 2021.
- b. Receive a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.4 Relocation of Buildings Policy - Draft for Public Exhibition

Ref: AINT/2021/02152 (ARC17/1787)

80/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Endorse the draft Relocation of Buildings Policy (POL070) for public exhibition until Monday 5 April 2021.
- b. Receive a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

The meeting was suspended at 6.50pm for a short break.
The meeting was resumed at 7.04pm

13.5 Donation to Council of 1A The Boulevard

Ref: AINT/2021/02678 (ARC16/1224)

81/21

Resolved:

That Council thank the property owner for their generous offer of donating Lot 105 DP 12666 (known as 1A The Boulevard) and advise them that Council accept the donation.

Moved Cr Galletly Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.6 Grant Application EPA - Assess remaining Bushfire Waste

Ref: AINT/2021/02843 (ARC21/4493)

82/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Note the lodgement of the grant application.
- b. Delegates the General Manager with the authority to complete the Deed of Funding and cause the work to be undertaken should the application be successful.

Moved Cr Robinson Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.7 Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care: Response to Dept of Education Non Compliance Notification

Ref: AINT/2021/02847 (ARC20/4291)

83/21

Resolved:

That Council note the breach notices from the NSW Department of Education regarding the Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care have been responded to satisfactorily and the financial impact is within the Facilities budget.

Moved Cr O'Connor Seconded Cr Galletly

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.9 Project Zero 30 Update

Ref: AINT/2021/03368 (ARC19/3503)

84/21

Resolved:

That Council note the action update for Project Zero30.

Moved Cr Robinson Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.10 Street tree removal 60 MacDonald Drive

Ref: AINT/2021/03465 (ARC16/0157-2)

85/21

Resolved:

That Council endorse the tree assessment report and its recommendation to retain the street tree at 60 MacDonald Drive, Armidale.

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.11 Unauthorised urban street plantings

Ref: AINT/2021/03581 (ARC17/1844)

86/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Endorse the attached procedural application form and agreement documentation that permits specified landscaping in some areas subject to a Council assessment and approval.
- b. Note a number of residents will be sent written requests asking that they remove vegetation on road reserves (footpaths and verges) that have been assessed as posing a risk to pedestrians, motorists or public infrastructure in accordance with the provisions of Council's Urban Streetscape Policy (POL120).

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

**13.12 Removal of Grant Application - NSW Environment and Protection Authority:
Circulate Program**

Ref: AINT/2021/03652 (ARC16/0125-2)

87/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Endorse not proceeding with the funding application to the Environment Protection Authority: Circulate Grants program to initiate a project for the retrieval of Commercial/Industry food waste for inclusion in the current City to Soil program.
- b. Recognise that the work already performed in the preparation of this funding application be retained and applied to a more suitable grant stream in the future within available Council resources.

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.13 Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care: Update on Project and progress of Local Roads Community Infrastructure Phase 1 project *Ref: AINT/2021/03656 (ARC20/4291)*

88/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Rescind 313/20 part b)(ECM 3/11/20) "Endorse the engagement of CKDS Architects as the Principal Design Consultant for the Guyra Early Childhood Learning Centre project, subject to the Acting General Manger being delegated authority to finalise the scope of designs and professional costings".
- b. Note Council is submitting a Capital Expenditure Review of the ECLC project to the NSW Office of Local Government.
- c. Note Council is seeking clarification from the Federal Government it can proceed with the LRCI project to construct a new car park and associated works at 158 Bradley Street, Guyra prior to finalisation of internal and external approvals for the proposed Early Childhood Learning Centre.
- d. Council has advised the funding body it is seeking approval from the NSW Office of Local Government of the Capital Expenditure Review to be submitted in February.
- e. That the project be paused until it is scoped in more detail.

Moved Cr Bailey

Seconded Cr O'Brien

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.14 Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre CCCF funding applications.

Ref: AINT/2021/03682 (ARC20/4291)

89/21

Resolved:

That Council endorse the lodgement of two Federal Community Childcare Fund Applications:

1. Capital application for \$300,000.
2. Sustainability application for \$300,000.

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.15 Green Waste Services and Fees - Free Monthly Green Waste Drop-Off Days

Cost to Council

Ref: AINT/2021/04013 (ARC16/0904)

90/21

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr O'Connor

That Council note the cost to Council of \$14,525.00 for providing six free green waste disposal days being every third Sunday from July 2020 to December 2020.

AMENDMENT:

Cr Robinson

In view of the fact that the only loss to Council appears to be the \$12 gate fee per user or \$900 per session that we continue the sessions for March, April, May and June this year.

Amendment lapsed for want of a Seconder.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

14. OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

14.1 EOI Acquisition and Removal of Former School Building 158 Bradley Street

Guyra

Ref: AINT/2020/40406 (ARC20/4290)

91/21

Resolved:

That Council enter into a contract with Mr and Mrs Cawley for the acquisition and relocation of the larger of the two former school buildings at the rear of the Council office in Guyra subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. Monetary consideration as outlined in the submission from Mr and Mrs Cawley with 50% being paid within 14 days of signing contract, 35% being paid within 14 days of taking control of the site and 15% within 14 days of building relocation.
- b. Mr & Mrs Cawley to secure satisfactory Development Consent for the initial "relocation and storage" prior to the relocation of the building and its future conversion of the building to a residence;
- c. Mr & Mrs Cawley to cover all costs associated with the disconnection of all services (power, water, sewer, telecommunications) from the larger building as described in the EOI documentation;
- d. Mr & Mrs Cawley to cover all costs associated with the preparation and lodgement of a Development Application for the relocation and storage of the building;
- e. Mr & Mrs Cawley to cover all costs associated with the other required permits, approvals (such as road permits, Asbestos disposal) and independent legal advice;
- f. Mr & Mrs Cawley to cover all costs for the removal of "Friable" asbestos containing material prior to the relocation of the building;
- g. Mr & Mrs Cawley to cover all costs for the removal of all "Bonded" asbestos containing material (IF REQUIRED BY EPA/SAFE WORK NSW LEGISLATION) prior to the relocation of

the building;

- h. Mr & Mrs Cawley to remove the building from the site by 31 March 2021.
- i. Armidale Regional Council to cover the cost of preparing the Contract Agreement;
- j. Armidale Regional Council to cover all costs to undertake final site clean-up, arrange for and secure contamination certification following clean up.
- k. The funds for these required works to come from the budget allocation for the new Guyra Early Childhood Learning Centre
- l. Council to either deconstruct or demolish the smaller building once quotes are secured which provides the greatest financial benefit to Council.
- m. That the General Manager be authorised to sign and finalise all associated contracts for the acquisition, relocation, demolition and associated site clean up for the two former school buildings at the rear of the Council office in Guyra.

Moved Cr O'Connor Seconded Cr Murat

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

14.2 Adoption of Library Strategic Plan 2020-2027

Ref: AINT/2021/02842 (ARC21/4501)

92/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Note that there were no submissions received in relation to the Draft Library Strategic Plan 2020-2027 while it was on public exhibition.
- b. Adopt the Library Strategic Plan 2020-2027.
- c. That nothing in the Library Strategic Plan be interpreted as dispensing with the requirement of Council to employ qualified librarian staff.

Moved Cr O'Connor Seconded Cr O'Brien

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

14.3 Makerspace at the Armidale War Memorial Library *Ref: AINT/2021/02862 (ARC20/4249)*

93/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Endorse the plans for the Makerspace within the Armidale War Memorial Library.
- b. Support Council officers continuing efforts to secure adequate grant funding for the fit out of this space.

Moved Cr Bailey

Seconded Cr Murat

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

14.4 Sister Cities and Overseas Friendship Policy for Recession

Ref: AINT/2021/03345 (ARC17/1789)

94/21

Resolved:

That Council rescind the Sister Cities and Overseas Friendship Policy (POL011) as this policy is no longer required as a Council Policy.

Moved Cr Bailey

Seconded Cr Murat

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

14.5 Guyra Main Street Public Art Project: results of mural poll

Ref: AINT/2021/00462 (ARC17/1518)

95/21

Resolved:

That Council does not adopt either option 1 or 2 and refer the project back to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee to reassess.

Moved Cr Galletly

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

15. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

16. AUTHORITY TO AFFIX COUNCIL SEAL

Nil.

17. COMMITTEE REPORTS

17.1 Minutes - Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held 2nd February 2021

Ref: AINT/2021/03482 (ARC16/0168-6)

96/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. That the Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2021 be endorsed.
- b. Note that the General Manager has the delegation to authorise the easing of the restrictions on the Kempsey Road under the Roads Act 1993 Sections 115 and 122, and will act on the advice of the Geotechnical report and its endorsement by the Traffic Advisory Committee.
- c. Endorse extending the No Stopping zone on both the north and south corners of Mossman Street at the intersection with Butler Street to a length of 40m, once consultation with the resident has taken place and given there are no objections.
- d. Install "No right turn" sign into Mossman Street from Butler Street to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety around the Armidale Secondary College precinct.
- e. Install a drop off zone on the eastern side of Butler Street between Lamb Avenue and Mossman Street to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety at the Armidale Secondary College precinct.
- f. That BB lines (Double Barrier) be installed in Butler Street, between Kentucky Street and Lambs Avenue to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety around the Armidale Secondary College precinct. *BB lines are marked to prohibit vehicles from crossing the centre line i.e.: overtaking, making U-turns.*
- g. Install 'Do not queue across intersection' signs, for Butler Street and Lambs Avenue & Butler and Mossman Street to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety around the Armidale Secondary College precinct.
- h. Endorse the Special Event Transport Management Plan for the Armidale Cycling Club's 2020 Weekly Race, subject to police endorsement and requirements be adhered to.
- i. That Armidale Cycling Club's notify residents along the proposed event routes, advising of the upcoming activities and the dates cyclists are expected to be on route.
- j. That Council endorse the rolling road closures requested for the annual Anzac Day March to be held on 25 April 2021 commencing at 10.30am for Ollera and Bradley Streets, Guyra continuing to the war memorial for, in accordance with the provided traffic control plan and any Covid 19 health restrictions current at the time.
- k. That Council endorse the requested road closures for the New England Sporting Car Club (NESCC) Mets Gorge Rallysprint for 2021, in accordance with the provided traffic control plan, subject to police endorsement and requirements be adhered to and any Covid 19 health restrictions current at the time.
- l. Upgrade the Elm Ave cycleway existing entry points including handrails to meet current standard.

- m. Request UNE look at trimming the trees on Elm Ave for better visibility.
- n. Request that UNE do an internal bicycle safety awareness campaign highlighting the crossing on Elm Ave.
- o. Endorse the Upgrade of the Markham St mid-block pedestrian crossing, between Rusden Street and Beardy Street to a Wombat Crossing with Pedestrian Detectors when full funding by TfNSW is confirmed. If the TfNSW grant is not received this project is to be placed on a future forward works program.
- p. Install “No Stopping” signs, on the northern side of West Avenue east of the preschool to prevent damage to Council infrastructure.
- q. Install bollards east of the median island on the southern side of West Avenue to stop parking on the footpath & mark parking edge to prevent damage to Council infrastructure.
- r. Remove the median island on the northern side of West Avenue to provide better turning access for residential properties.

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr Bailey

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

18. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil

19. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Cr Bailey: Does Council have a higher than usual green space to manage?

Cr Bailey: How many qualified staff would a library in a region this size be expected to have?

20. CLOSED SESSION

Council remained in open session.

20.1 Land Portfolio Divestment Strategy

Ref: AINT/2021/04070 (ARC16/1224)

97/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Delegate authority to the General Manager to dispose the following properties based on the reserve prices detailed in the report:
 - i. Lot 18 DP 1166745 (12 Claret Ash Drive, Guyra)
 - ii. Lot 24 DP 1166745 (24 Claret Ash Drive, Guyra)
 - iii. Lot 41 DP 1166745 (36 Claret Ash Drive, Guyra)
- b. Affix Council seal to any documents associated with Contracts of Sale for the properties detailed in the report; and
- c. Deposit the net proceeds of the property sales into the Property Land Sale Proceeds internal reserve.

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr Galletly

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

20.2 Armidale Regional Airport tender for Airside Works Stage 01

Ref: AINT/2021/04527 (ARC20/4313)

98/21

Resolved:

That Council:

- a. Accept the tender submitted by Burnett Civil Pty Ltd of \$1,893,037.48 (GST inclusive) for the construction and completion of Armidale Regional Airport Airside Works Stage 01.
- b. Authorise the General Manager to execute all documents in relation to the contract.

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr Galletly

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.51pm.