
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
SHIRE OF COBAR HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY
14 DECEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 5:00PM**

PRESENT (FILE C13-2)

Jarrold Marsden (Mayor), Michael Prince (Deputy Mayor) Robert Sinclair, Lillian Simpson, Harley Toomey, Julie Payne, Janine Lea-Barrett, and Kate Winders.

OBSERVERS

Mr. Peter Vlatko (General Manager), Mr. Heinz Kausche (Director of Engineering), Mr. Garry Ryman (Director Planning and Environmental Services), Ms. Kylie Smith (Director of Corporate and Community Services) and Miss Kelly Fairbank (Executive Assistant - General Manager/ Mayor).

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

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APOLOGIES (FILE C13-2)

220.12.2023 RESOLVED: 1. That the apologies received from Councillor Tony Chaplain be accepted.

2. That Councillor Tony Chaplain be granted a leave of absence.

Clr Lea-Barrett / Clr Simpson

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (FILE C12-3)

- Nil.
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CONDOLENCES (FILE M2-3)

- Shirley Patricia Rice
- Richard Stephen Roberts

PUBLIC ACCESS SESSION

- Nil.
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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL (FILE C13-11)

221.12.2023 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 23 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Clr Prince / Clr Winders

CARRIED

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**CLAUSE 1 – SUBMISSIONS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

FILE: C12-1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

222.12.2023 RESOLVED: That Council receives and notes this report and does not submit a submission the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.
Clr Payne / Clr Sinclair **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 2 – LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

**FILE: C6-14 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES
(PAGE 46-49)**

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

223.12.2023 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee be received and noted.

2. That Council consider the following recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee:

- Council to explore funding options to complete a study and analysis on truck parking within Cobar town streets.

Clr Payne / Clr Lea-Barrett

CARRIED

**CLAUSE 3- ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS –
FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

**FILE:3011 & S7-10-1 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT:
YES (PAGE 50-71)**

AUTHOR: *Heinz Kausche – Director Engineering*

224.12.2023 RESOLVED: That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Electric Vehicle Charging Feasibility Assessment Report for Cobar.
- b) Resolve to negotiate with providers for the installation and operation of additional fast chargers in the Bloomfield Carpark.
- c) Resolve to encourage and support local accommodation providers and businesses to apply for grant funding to install charging solutions for electric vehicle drivers visiting Cobar.
- d) Endorse not progressing with the installation of destination charges at Drummond Park and Cobar Museum and Visitor Information Centre at this time.

Clr Payne / Clr Toomey

CARRIED

**CLAUSE 4 –STATISTICS ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT
COMPLAINTS ABOUT COUNCILLORS AND THE GENERAL
MANAGER**

FILE: C12-1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

225.12.2023 RESOLVED: That Council receive and note the report on Statistics on the Code of Conduct Complaints about Councillors and the General Manager.

Clr Lea-Barrett / Clr Sinclair

CARRIED

CLAUSE 5 – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

FILE: C13-10

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

226.12.2023 RESOLVED: That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1472.

Clr Lea- Barrett / Clr Payne

CARRIED

CLAUSE 6 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF 27 NOVEMBER 2023

FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

227.12.2023 RESOLVED: That Council receive and note the Investment Report as of 27 November 2023.

Clr Lea-Barrett / Clr Toomey

CARRIED

CLAUSE 7 - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 2023

FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

228.12.2023 RESOLVED: That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as of 30 November 2023.

Clr Payne / Clr Lea-Barrett

CARRIED

CLAUSE 8 – PURCHASING ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTORS

FILE: T3-15-6 AOP REFERENCE:3.3.4 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

229.12.2023 RESOLVED: That Council receive and note the information contained in this report.

Clr Sinclair / Clr Payne

CARRIED

CLAUSE 9 – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 NOVEMBER 2023

FILE: R2-1 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Customer Service Manager, Jo-Louise Brown*

230.12.2023 RESOLVED: That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 30 November 2023 be received and noted.

Clr Sinclair / Clr Payne

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CLAUSE 10 – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Bethany Smith*

231.12.2023 RESOLVED: That the information contained in the grant funding report detailing grants applied for, grants announced and grants available be received and noted.

Clr Lea- Barrett / Clr Payne

CARRIED

CLAUSE 11- TOURISM & EVENTS UPDATE REPORT

FILE: M5-1 & T4-1 AOP REFERENCE: 2.2.1.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 72-83)

AUTHOR: *Tourism Manager, Demi Smith*

232.12.2023 RESOLVED: That Council receives and notes the information contained within this report.

Clr Payne / Clr Lea-Barrett

CARRIED

CLAUSE 12– EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31AOP REFERENCE:4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 84-91)

AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Heinz Kausche*

233.123.2023 RESOLVED: That the information detailing the Expenditure for Council’s Roads Network be received and noted.

Clr Lea-Barrett / Clr Payne

CARRIED

CLAUSE 13 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director Engineering Services, Heinz Kausche*

234.12.2023 RESOLVED: That the information contained in the Engineering Works Report detailing construction and maintenance activities on Shire and Regional Roads, State Highways, Water and Sewer Mains, Parks and Gardens, and other Council assets be received and noted.

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**CLAUSE 14 – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 14 NOVEMBER 2023
– 5 DECEMBER 2023**

FILE: T5-1 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman*

235.12.2023 RESOLVED: That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 14 November 2023 – 5 December 2023 be received and noted.

Clr Sinclair / Clr Winders

CARRIED

CLAUSE 15- OUTSTANDING CONTRACT PAYMENT

**FILE:2842,B2-14&I2-17AOP REFERENCE:2.1.3.2ATTACHMENT:
NO**

AUTHOR: *Kylie Smith, Director Corporate and Community Services*

236.12.2023 RESOLVED: That a further report regarding the Outstanding Contract Payment be considered in the Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2)(a)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed in open Council, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Clr Payne / Clr Sinclair

CARRIED

**CLAUSE 16- LIGHTING UPGRADE – OVAL ONE, TWO &
NETBALL COURTS AT WARD OVAL, COBAR**

FILE: T3-23-6 AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

237.12.2023 RESOLVED: That a further report regarding the Ward Oval Lighting Upgrade (T3-23-6) be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed in open Council, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it the Confidential report will be tabled.

Clr Payne/ Clr Sinclair

CARRIED

238.12.2023 RESOLVED: That Council move into the Closed Council with the press and public excluded at 5.24pm in accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as the matter and information relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (not Councillors).
Clr Lea-Barrett / Clr Payne **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 1C- OUTSTANDING CONTRACT PAYMENT

FILE: 2842, B2-17 & I2-17AOPREFERENCE: 2.1.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Kylie Smith, Director Corporate and Community Services*

239.12.2023 RESOLVED: 1. That Council provide delegated authority to the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate a final resolution to the matter once the insurance coverage is known.

2. That the information contained within this report remains confidential within the Closed Council.

Clr Lea-Barrett / Clr Payne **CARRIED**

CLAUSE 2C LIGHTING UPGRADE – OVAL ONE, TWO & NETBALL COURTS AT WARD OVAL, COBAR

FILE: T3-23-6 AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.1 ATTACHMENT: YES

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

240.12.2023 RESOLVED: 1. That the preferred tender Rees Electrical Pty Ltd, for the tender amount of \$1,000,000.00 excluding GST, which includes the optional additional work items of \$110,000.00, and the price adjustment to withdraw qualifications and departures of \$35,000.00 be awarded and the General Manager be authorised to sign the contract.

2. That the information contained within this report remains confidential within the Closed Council.

Clr Payne / Clr Toomey **CARRIED**

241.12.2023 RESOLVED: That the meeting resumed in open council at 5.29pm.
Clr Payne / Clr Lea-Barrett **CARRIED**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.30 PM

CONFIRMED.....

MINUTE NO.....

MAYOR.....

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