

Coorong District Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 February 2019



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coorong District Council held at the Coorong Civic Centre Chambers, Tailem Bend on Tuesday 19 February 2019 commencing at 6:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Cr. PE Simmons, Deputy Mayor Cr. JJ Arthur, Councillors SU Bland, TF Hill, NR Jaensch, VA Leng, BD Qualmann, LF Rowntree, & GA Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: V Cammell (Chief Executive Officer), N Traeger (Director Community & Corporate), D Mosel (Director Infrastructure & Assets), J Thompson (Finance Manager) and A Crossman (minute taker).

APOLOGIES: Nil

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present, read the civic prayer and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which we meet.

029/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2019

Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Bland that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coorong District Council held on 22 January 2019 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Bland, Hill,
Jaensch, Leng, Qualmann, Rowntree and Simmons

Voting against the motion were Councillors Arthur and Taylor
The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING / ACTION LIST

Cr. Leng referred to minute 240/18 (Transfer of Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme vehicles to Tailem Bend Community Centre) and minute 149/18 (Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS) – wind up of section 43 regional subsidiary) and asked whether dispersal of vehicles and wind-up of the MMCTS had been finalised. Chief Executive Officer stated that vehicles were dispersed at the end of December 2018, and a meeting is booked to finalise all further financial matters.

Cr. Leng asked when the community engagement period would commence for minute 123/18 (Deed of assignment & intention to lease – ‘Old bus depot’ 26 Albert Road, Meningie), regarding intention to lease the parcel. Director Infrastructure & Assets took the question on notice.

Cr. Leng requested status of the survey of Dukes Highway as required by minute 241/17 (Road closure – unmade portion of Dukes Highway adjacent to The Bend Motorsport Park). Director Infrastructure & Assets provided a response, noting that some works are still required to finalise the road closure process.

Cr. Leng raised minute 166/16 (Intention to grant a lease to Axicom Assets Pty Ltd) and queried the status of the documentation yet to be finalised. Chief Executive Officer noted that it is believed the documentation has been completed, but will follow up the matter.

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Cr. Leng raised minute 086/11 (Boat ramps and jetties – condition assessment) and requested an update on Assetic’s assessment of infrastructure. Director Infrastructure & Assets responded that the assessment report had been provided to Council, and the information provided will be used to inform Council’s asset management. Cr. Bland asked if inspection assessments found a need to block access to any assets for safety reasons. Director Infrastructure & Assets responded that the Narrung Jetty will undergo a further in-house safety audit before determining access to the structure.

Cr. Arthur noted that the actions associated with minute 003/17 (Tourism & economic development plan/prospectus – communication plan) should be marked as complete. Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the minute would be updated.

Cr. Arthur raised minute 288/18 (Motion without notice) and asked whether Peregrine Corporation could provide any further information on their proposed project. Chief Executive Officer noted that Peregrine Corporation are still working through the project before presenting to Council.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Cr. ARTHUR ASKS

Would the Director of Infrastructure and Assets please provide the total expenditure for the supply and installation of the toilet facilities at Pangarinda Botanic Garden.

RESPONSE FROM DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

The supply and installation of the Pangarinda Botanic Garden toilet facilities during 2016/17 amounted to \$52,207.

Cr. LENG ASKS

In light of recent media attention drawing public awareness to the newly installed picnic table and shelter facilities on the Council reserve at the northern end of Woolshed Road, Meningie as part of the infrastructure for the Murray Coorong Trail initiative, can the Senior Executive please advise:

1. Is there any further infrastructure such as a rubbish bin; possibly toilet and signs yet to be installed?
2. With consideration that toilets are not provided on other and more prominent State walking trails such as the Heysen and Mawson Trails and the proximity of this reserve to Lake Albert, adjoining the 1956 Flood Zone. If a toilet was to be provided at this reserve, what EPA considerations may be imposed and what might be the expected cost of such infrastructure that would not be covered by the present government Murray Coorong Trail funding?
3. Concerns for Weed Hygiene along the Murray Coorong Trail have been previously raised by other constituents and myself. In light of a known infestation of Caltrop and Three-Corner-Jacks across the road entering the Woolshed Road reserve, has a weed control program been considered to reduce the spread of these weeds?
4. Previously, Woolshed Road only serviced one resident and as such, in accordance with councils RAMP policy, only received infrequent road maintenance.

In light of a considered increase of vehicular traffic to this newly created reserve adjacent to the lake, can Council be advised of what increase in road maintenance has been considered, including the replacement of a street “finger” sign at the Narrung Road junction?

RESPONSE FROM DIRECTOR COMMUNITY & CORPORATE AND DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

Responses to each of Cr. Leng’s questions above are set out below:

1. Additional infrastructure will be installed at Woolshed Reserve which includes interpretive signage and a rainwater tank. At this stage no bins will be installed and signage will be posted asking visitors to take their rubbish with them. Littering of the area will be monitored and addressed accordingly.

It is noted that trail users have been profiled as nature lovers and have a heightened sense of appreciation for the environment. Users will be educated through various mediums (interpretive signs, maps, Avenza maps) on the facilities available and accessible on the trail.

2. As no toilet facilities are planned for this location, no additional considerations will be required unless Council agrees to fund the installation of toilets at this site. As outlined above, trail users will be educated through various mediums on the facilities available and accessible on the trail.

3. Woolshed Road area has been identified as an area that has caltrop, three corner jacks and innocent weed on our road reserves and possibly adjacent properties. This area is now being monitored by Council’s General Inspector as well as other sites along Narrung Road to control these declared plants from spreading further around the district. This site has been hand-picked twice in recent times with significant infestations removed.

This weeding will be followed up by further spraying/picking when required. Annual funding has been allocated to the ongoing maintenance of the trail and this includes a weed removal and control program.

4. It is advised that a Street Name sign has been purchased and will be installed in due course. In consideration to the road surface condition, an inspection has been undertaken with required maintenance works being programmed accordingly.

Cr. LENG ASKS

With media speculation occurring since 2017, generally raised by the proprietor of the Salt Creek Roadhouse regarding Council’s perceived responsibilities of being required to provide services for the travelling public through the Coorong National Park and in particular, since the closure of the Roadhouse on 1 July 2018 precluding access to their toilets, fuel, meals and other services including the mail, can the Chief Executive Officer and Director Assets & Infrastructure please advise for the benefit of all Council Members and those present in the gallery:

1. What discussions have been held or that Council is aware of, with the roadhouse proprietor, Mr A Stewart since 2014 and actions that have been taken such as the provision of extra “public” rubbish bins that year by Council; the removal of double line marking by DPTI on the Highway that prevented access to the northern driveway of the roadhouse in July 2017; replacement of the picnic table/seats adjacent to the roadhouse etc.?

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2. What discussions have been held with any other service providing businesses such as the reopened Policeman's Point Hotel that are now being utilised for their toilets and rubbish disposal and what actions have been taken?
3. What discussions have been held with the Department for Environment & Water (DEW)?
4. What discussions have been held with the Department of Planning Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI) including provision of rubbish bins; road signage including tourism; line markings?
5. What actions have been implemented by Council regarding the provision / servicing of rubbish bins through the Coorong including the extra bins provided for public use (not patrons) at the Salt Creek Roadhouse in 2014, which I understand moved to Policeman's Point Hotel with the continued closure of the Salt Creek roadhouse?
6. Can the CEO please detail what Council reserves and/or lands that would be available to Council for their use through the Coorong, particularly adjacent to, or in close proximity to the Princes Hwy in the Salt Creek - Policeman's Point area (considered to be the half-way point between Kingston SE and Meningie), that might be utilised for the supply of toilets, rest stops and rubbish disposal points separate to those rest stops / viewing areas provided by DEW and DPTI in the Coorong National Park, e.g. Jacks Point and other parking bays / viewing areas along the highway?
7. Would / should the Council consider constructing public toilets and rest facilities on privately owned land, particularly of a commercial property where it would be seen to favour a particular business over others in the vicinity?
8. The only access to the Coorong Beach in the Council district is at Tea Tree Crossing, south of, and closest to Salt Creek. Does Council have any responsibilities within the Coorong National Park, its beach front or connecting roadways?
9. With SES, CFS and SA Ambulance Service located at Salt Creek, do you know who is responsible for providing emergency rescue and recovery of persons and vehicles from the Coorong beach and the National Park / Conservation Parks?

RESPONSE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Responses to Cr. Leng's questions above are set out below:

1. Various discussions have occurred with the owner of the Salt Creek Roadhouse since 2014.

These discussions have been numerous and included direct contact from the Lakes Ward Councillors to offer support and ascertain what issues were occurring in the area. Early on this led to the provision of four additional Council bins to the business to deal with the volume of rubbish generated by travellers.

Discussions with DPTI have occurred via direct site meetings with various levels of staff as well as direct engagement through to the responsible Minister. Engagement commenced due to concern in relation to bins being removed from known Princes Highway pull-off areas, and has escalated to a higher level of concern in relation to general maintenance of these areas, the furniture located within them and general vegetation clearance along the highway.

The only success Council has had so far with DPTI has been in relation to changes to line-marking which has made it legal to turn into the roadhouse from its northern driveway. Council continues to challenge DPTI on the condition of the highway corridor and in particular, sight distances and vehicle movements in the Salt Creek area.

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2. Council has now been approached by the operators of the Policeman's Point Hotel in relation to impact on their toilets and rubbish collection through increased visitation. Additional bins are being relocated to this location to assist with increased rubbish generation.
3. Discussions have been ongoing with the Department for Environment & Water (DEW) on the condition of the Coorong National Park, generally including the removal of bins and other facilities. We have also raised concerns in relation to maintenance activity on the remaining assets that includes toilet facilities in some instances.

The most recent engagement with DEW was held on 23 January 2019 at the location of the closed roadhouse with Minister Speirs, the local State Member for MacKillop, Mr Nick McBride, the Chief Executive Officer of the Department for Environment & Water, a senior advisor to the Minister and the owner of the roadhouse. This discussion dealt with the broader National Park issues including the removal of beach camping areas, reduction in other camping areas, the downgrading or removal of support facilities and the general condition and care of National Park land located directly around the closed roadhouse.

The discussion also crossed over into DPTI matters which Minister Speirs committed to follow up on. The Chief Executive Officer of DEW committed to follow up on all matters personally. We are awaiting further advice in relation to outcomes.

It is noted that we have also had groups that we deal with engage directly with the Minister for Environment & Water as well as the Department for Trade, Tourism & Investment and its relevant Minister. Council has also been vocal at group events where the relevant Ministers or senior staff have been present to ensure that the message gets through.

4. Please refer to my comments outlined in answer to Question 1.
5. Please refer to my comments outlined above.
6. This request would need to be taken on notice at this point, with detail to be provided separately when collated.
7. This is a decision that Council would need to consider. In arriving at a decision though, Council should consider the following:
 - a. Impact of supporting toilets at one business over another;
 - b. Providing facilities that may duplicate what should be provided by another level of government;
 - c. The economic impact and potential of location – could this be a centrepiece of a joint development with National Parks SA;
 - d. The cost of putting in place and maintaining a new asset;
 - e. The ability to link any investment into other projects already underway – is there a future link to the Murray Coorong Trail or the State Government's trail initiative along the greater Coorong;
 - f. The impact on businesses that use toilet facilities to attract trade – could this have a negative impact on other existing businesses.

8. The Council has no responsibility for the provision or maintenance of assets or infrastructure on land within the Coorong National Park.
9. If there is a need for emergency rescue of persons then the SES would be the lead agency for assistance. If a vehicle has become bogged or otherwise stranded, this is the responsibility of the vehicle owner who should make their own arrangements for recovery.

Cr. ROWNTREE ASKS

Does Council know what the expected life span is of the artwork on the Coonalpyn Silos, and is there a contingency for fading or refreshing this artwork if required?

RESPONSE FROM DIRECTOR COMMUNITY & CORPORATE

The Coonalpyn Silo mural project and artist were specifically chosen for their monochromatic qualities which will see the mural eventually fade like an old photograph. Whilst modern day paint is of high quality and designed to withstand the elements for a long period of time, no mural is permanent unless done in mosaics.

It is anticipated that the Coonalpyn Silo mural will begin to fade within a 15 year period. No refreshing of the artwork is planned in the foreseeable future.

Cr. ROWNTREE ASKS

As part of an emailed response to Council Members, the Chief Executive Officer stated that the Peregrine (Motorsport Park) site would have several hundred rateable tenancies. Can you (a) advise on how much income the Council expects to receive from these rateable tenancies, and (b) advise which year they are shown in the Long Term Financial Plan?

RESPONSE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Currently within the Long Term Financial Plan the following has been included as part of growth figures:

20/21 – 1%
21/22 – 2%
22/23 – 1%
23/24 – 1%

The percentages show an expected approximate figure of \$350,000 in future rate income from the site per year when fully developed. Further clarification and review of these figures will occur each year as Council gains further clarity of the overall development, and when various aspects of the development will come online.

Cr. TAYLOR ASKS

I would like to know what the Council policy is for the collection of stray cats, reuniting them with their owners if they have one, and the disposal of cats without a microchip or where the owner cannot be identified.

Background

A member of the public has contacted me to ask about the Council's policy on roaming cats. The person had telephoned Council to ask about cats which turn up on her property. The person reports that she was told that a free trap is available for collection but that it is then her responsibility to deal with any cat that is then trapped.

With new laws that came in on 1 July 2018 for both dogs and cats requiring mandatory microchipping, desexing of both dogs and cats born after 1st July 2018, and the introduction of a statewide database - Dogs and Cats Online, and with a high emphasis last year on dog microchipping around the district, the position of Council in relation to the new laws and the control of stray and roaming cats needs to be clarified.

RESPONSE FROM DIRECTOR COMMUNITY & CORPORATE

Council recently adopted its 2018-2023 Animal Management Plan which guides and directs Council in regard to animal management. Council also has powers under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 and the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016 to deal with nuisance animals.

Council does hire out cages free of charge to residents who experience problems with cats (owned or feral); it is then the responsibility of the hirer to either release an identified cat or dispose of a feral cat in a humane manner (Council recommends the use of a qualified veterinarian for this option). This is one strategy to reduce feral cat numbers in the area. As part of his animal management role Council's General Inspector provides advice, assistance and guidance in all situations to achieve the best outcomes for the community.

Cr. TAYLOR ASKS

The photo displayed below is of Fiebig Road in Meningie. A ratepayer has alleged that after initial works some 12 months ago, nothing further has been done to this road. Can information be provided on when the road will complete it's resurfacing?



RESPONSE FROM DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

Works are being done in consultation with the Meningie Cheese Factory and are expected to be completed later this financial year when Council's sealing contractor returns to complete further sealing works.

Cr. TAYLOR ASKS

Given there are numerous concerns in the community about Salt Creek, its roadhouse, and the absence of public toilet facilities, please advise what help Coorong District Council is offering / providing by way of support, discussions at higher levels, advice or proposals to the residents of Salt Creek.

RESPONSE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Council has actively engaged with the proprietor of the Salt Creek Roadhouse on numerous occasions. This has included:

1. Assistance with engaging with the Department for Environment & Water in relation to concerns and issues within the Coorong National Park;
2. Discussions on property boundaries and details in relation to who owns and controls what land in the area;
3. Assistance with the replacement of a picnic table and chair set;
4. Engagement with the Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI) on issues relating to vehicles turning off the highway in to the business with changes required to double white lines;
5. Further engagement with DPTI on numerous occasions in relation to concerns raised from the business in relation to sight lines on the highway, vegetation control and provision and maintenance of pull off / rest areas for trucks and travellers;
6. Direct engagement with Minister Stephan Knoll on local highway issues affecting the business and the town generally;
7. Discussion prior to closing on the provision of toilets by the business to the public.

More broadly Council has actively engaged with DPTI and the Department for Environment & Water on facilities such as toilets and bins within the Coorong National Park and the highway precinct. These discussions have occurred over the past few years, as bins in particular were removed from known pull-off areas. Council has pushed for a formal constructed truck pull-off area with bins and toilets as found elsewhere along State highways.

The issue of public toilet facilities is complex in this area with another business providing public facilities on the highway that is not as well known. DPTI have now removed all signage advising motorists of fuel and services being available in Salt Creek.

Longer term it is considered likely that the State Government will ensure appropriate facilities in support of the highway and Coorong National Park. Council will continue to engage and facilitate discussion between all relevant parties.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr. Rowntree queried when the letter of intent with SA Water for the Taillem Bend Water Tower art project was signed. Director Community & Corporate provided a response.

Cr. Leng commented on damage caused by heavy vehicles accessing Narrung Road, Meningie, and asked whether any action had been taken to address the issue. Director Infrastructure & Assets took the question on notice.

Cr. Taylor requested the commencement dates for the works for Coonalpyn public toilets septic upgrade, the Taillem Bend public toilets redevelopment and Peake Water Tower upgrade. Director Infrastructure & Assets provided a response.

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Cr. Taylor requested information regarding any Development Plan Amendment work undertaken by Council for the Tailem Bend to Wellington East growth corridor or Tailem Bend North areas. Chief Executive Officer provided a response.

030/19 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Moved Cr. Taylor, Sec. Cr. Rowntree, that guidance be given under the Local Government Act 1999, when it is appropriate for Council Members to approach members of the public to advocate for activities, plans and projects which have not yet been put before Council for consideration, especially where it could be considered that a Councillor could be trying to influence or promote a personal agenda item, or steer in the direction of a personal agenda item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Rowntree referred to a recent site visit by Council to the Caltex service station, Tailem Bend, and asked whether any progression had been made regarding options for works required as part of a development application. Director Infrastructure & Assets provided a response.

PETITIONS

NIL

DEPUTATIONS

Council's [Code of Practice – Proceedings of Council and Committee Meetings](#), underpinned by the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 provides that:

A Deputation may be made by a person or group who wish to appear personally before a Council or Council Committee meeting in order to speak on a particular matter.

A person wishing to appear as a Deputation must deliver a written request to the Principal Office of the Council.

The request is forwarded to the Mayor who will decide if the request is granted or refused. If it is refused the Mayor must report the decision to the next meeting of the Council or Council Committee. The Council may resolve to allow a Deputation to appear despite a contrary ruling by the Mayor.

Deputations are limited to a maximum of three (3) per Council meeting.

A request for a Deputation must be received at the Principal Office of the Council by mid-day on the day of the meeting at which the Deputation wishes to appear. Any request for a Deputation received after this time will be treated as a request to appear at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

The hearing of a Deputation may be referred to the relevant Council Committee unless the person/s seeking the deputation request to be heard at a Council meeting.

Attendance or non- attendance must be notified in writing with details of the date and time of the meeting as well as the length of time to speak (if approved).

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Persons are allocated a 10 minute time limit in which to address the meeting excluding questions. This time can be extended by a resolution of the Council or Committee.

Council Members will be invited to ask questions after the Deputation.

Council was in receipt of one deputation for the 19 February 2019 Council meeting:

- Mr G Biddle and Mrs J Hardy on behalf of Lake Albert Golf Club, regarding their Community Group Loan

The Mayor requested and was granted leave of the meeting to bring forward Community & Corporate agenda item 11 listed for consideration.

031/19 LAKE ALBERT GOLF CLUB, REQUEST FOR NEW LOW INTEREST LOAN

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council:

1. Give delegated authority to the Director Community & Corporate to negotiate a cash advance debenture loan facility with Lake Albert Golf Club for a term of ten (10) years, not exceeding \$35,000;
2. Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to affix the Council seal and execute all associated documentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Name: Stephen Paech

Stephen Paech asked whether the manner in which Council minutes are recorded is legal, noting that not all questions asked during a meeting have the full response included in the minutes.

Chief Executive Officer responded that the minutes are recorded in line with statutory requirements (Local Government Act 1999), and that the Council could consider facilities for recording meetings in full for access by members of the public.

Cr. Bland added that this question had been raised before and commented on the difficulties in recording questions in full.

Director Community & Corporate provided further information on requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, citing that responses from questions without notice are not recorded unless resolved by Council.

Cr. Rowntree requested clarification for which parts of the minutes Mr Paech was referring to. Mr Paech responded that he was referring to the entire body of the minutes.

Director Community & Corporate noted that if Council would like to fully record responses to all questions, Council would need to review its Code of Practice – Proceedings of Council and Committee Meetings.

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Name: Stephen Paech

Mr Paech referred to requests for information the new Council have sought in regards to particular issues (e.g. finance) and asked whether the Council should employ an external service to generate information and responses.

Chief Executive Officer responded that Council employs the Chief Executive Officer, and staff and consultants to provide resources for generating information and reports for Council's review and consideration.

The Mayor added that with five new Council Members elected to Council, much information is being sought through various means, with further training to be provided to give Council Members guidance.

Cr. Qualmann commented that some decisions had been made in this regard, such as commencement of the Coorong Finance Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Cr. Leng requested further information regarding the Mayor's meeting with Mr J Blandford (SAPOL). The Mayor responded that discussion included the Coonalpyn police station, and general issues, e.g. traffic controls.

Cr. Bland asked the Mayor elaborate on his meeting with Ms A Crisp regarding the SA Coastal Councils Alliance. The Mayor gave an outline of the meeting, including key issues that will be addressed by the new Alliance.

Cr. Rowntree requested an update on the outcome of the Murray Darling Association Region 6 annual general meeting. The Mayor responded that Cr. Melissa Rebbeck from Alexandrina Council was successful in gaining position of Chair. Cr. Leng provided further outline of the meeting. Cr. Arthur noted that emphasis was put on delivering the Murray-Darling Basin Plan in full.

The Mayor commented on his attendance at the Murray Mallee Drought Community Action Group meeting, noting difficulties in providing access to resources for those experiencing the effects of the drought. Chief Executive Officer noted that some information is available through Coorong Tatiara LAP, and those details can be found at www.coorong.sa.gov.au/dryconditions. Cr. Bland commented that individuals can be reluctant to request assistance and that this was addressed during the Millenium Drought by providing one-on-one meetings and support.

The Mayor referred to his attendance at the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association Regional Transport & Asset (MRLGA RTA) Committee meeting, noting outcomes of the meeting included reassessment of the regional road hierarchy, and that there is a need for Council to review its own road hierarchy. Director Infrastructure & Assets noted that the review could be undertaken in conjunction with the MRLGA RTA Committee's review.

032/19 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council hold a workshop on the direction and priorities for the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association Regional Transport & Assets Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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033/19 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council create a working party to review Council's road hierarchy, with up to five Council Members to be appointed to the working party, those being:

- Cr. Rowntree, Cr. Arthur, Cr. Leng, Cr. Taylor, Cr. Bland and the Mayor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cr. Leng asked Cr. Arthur to elaborate on his meeting at the Coonalpyn Silo Café, and his site visit with Department for Environment & Water (DEW) representatives. Cr. Arthur responded that the Silo Café with Mr Dewhurst meeting was regarding rubbish management, and the meeting with DEW representatives was regarding Native Vegetation clearance on roadsides.

Cr. Rowntree left the meeting at 7:23pm.

Cr. Leng made reference to his written report regarding the Murray Darling Association's strategic planning workshop in Echuca.

Cr. Rowntree returned to the meeting at 7:25pm.

Cr. Qualmann referred to his attendance at the Taillem Bend Community Centre's board of management meeting and their provision of the Community Passenger Network service, noting a substantial increase in use of the service.

NOTICES OF MOTION

034/19 CR. JJ ARTHUR – DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION POLICY

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to investigate and develop a Council Members and Staff Travel and Accommodation Policy;
2. Require the policy to be presented to the Coorong Finance Committee for review and consideration;
3. Require the policy be put to Council for consideration and adoption following review from the Coorong Finance Committee.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Arthur, Hill, Jaensch,
Leng, Qualmann, Rowntree, Simmons and Taylor

Voting against the motion was Councillor Bland

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

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035/19 CR. JJ ARTHUR – DEVELOPMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, PLANT AND MACHINERY POLICY

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to investigate and develop a Motor Vehicles, Plant and Machinery Policy;
2. Require the policy to be presented to the Coorong Finance Committee for review and consideration;
3. Require the policy be put to Council for consideration and adoption following review from the Coorong Finance Committee.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Arthur, Bland, Hill,
Jaensch, Qualmann, Rowntree, Simmons and Taylor

Voting against the motion was Councillor Leng

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

036/19 CR. NR JAENSCH – INVITATION TO FISHING INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council invite members of the Coorong community's fishing industry to inform Council on how it can assist them with their dealings with State Government and various relevant departments regarding removal of Long Nosed Fur Seals from the Coorong.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

037/19 CR. NR JAENSCH – INVITATION TO COORONG WATER SECURITY ADVISORY GROUP

Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council invite Mr H Angas with various members of the Coorong Water Security Advisory Group to present to Council on their progress thus far in regards to the various water pricing issues impacting upon the district's primary producers, and how Council can support these efforts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

038/19 CR. NR JAENSCH – ADVOCACY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council request a meeting with Mr Nick McBride, State Member for MacKillop, and the Hon. David Speirs, Minister for Environment and Water and Mr Adrian Pederick, State Member for Hammond (either separately or together), so that Council can place before them the current environmental and water management concerns of our communities, including:

- water cost options
- Long Nosed Fur Seal incursion
- health of the Coorong waterway and ecosystem
- development of a connector from Lake Albert to the Coorong (feasibility options)
- health of Lower Lakes & Coorong barrages - longevity and public access
- climate change, i.e. sea level rise and it's myriad of potential effects upon the district
- Carp Herpes Virus
- Murray-Darling Basin Plan

Voting for the motion were Councillors Arthur,
Bland, Hill, Jaensch, Leng, Qualmann, and Simmons

Voting against the motion were Councillors Rowntree and Taylor

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

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039/19 CR. GA TAYLOR – RUSSELL STREET, TALEM BEND

Moved Cr. Taylor, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council investigate the possibility of making Russell Street, Tailem Bend one-way, with designated car parking spaces, for use during school pick-up and drop off times, or at defined periods during the day, to facilitate a safer environment for children arriving at or leaving the school.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr. Leng, Sec. Cr. Jaensch that Council formally initiate discussions with the Principal and Governing Council of Tailem Bend Primary School regarding the provision of designated school pick-up and drop-off areas to resolve any issues around Russell Street, Tailem Bend.

Voting for the amendment were Councillors
Bland, Hill, Jaensch, Leng and Qualmann

Voting against the amendment were Councillors
Arthur, Rowntree, Simmons and Taylor

The amendment was CARRIED

The amendment became the motion and was PUT

Voting for the motion were Councillors Bland, Hill, Leng,
Jaensch, Qualmann, Rowntree, Simmons and Taylor

Voting against the motion was Councillor Arthur

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

040/19 CR. GA TAYLOR – CONNECTION OF POTABLE WATER TO WELLINGTON EAST

Moved Cr. Taylor, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council investigate and report on the viability of a direct connection in to the main water line (SA Water - potable supply) running between Tailem Bend and Wellington East, cutting in at the intersection of the B45 (Ferry Road) and B1 (Meningie road), including consideration of:

- Using or keeping the system as it is but replacing the river water inlets with fresh water inlets;
- Adding the potable water supply via a connection into the supply pipe for the township, but decommissioning holding tanks and pump station in favour of SA Water providing it's own solution;
- Handing the entire system over to SA Water and allowing them to create their own fee structure around the existing infrastructure and/or replacement infrastructure.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Arthur,
Hill, Qualmann, Rowntree, Simmons and Taylor

Voting against the motion were Councillors Bland, Jaensch and Leng

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

The Mayor suspended standing orders at 7:55pm.

The Mayor resumed meeting procedures at 8:07pm.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

041/19 Moved Cr. Taylor, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council explore the possibility and costings of online live streaming of ordinary Council meetings, with the ability to provide future playback.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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042/19 Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Jaensch that Council review the Code of Practice – Proceedings of Council and Committee Meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

043/19 Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Hill that Council:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to investigate and develop a Technical Services Committee as a section 41 committee under the Local Government Act 1999;
2. That the draft Terms of Reference be brought back to Council for consideration and adoption.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Arthur, Bland,
Hill, Leng, Qualmann, Rowntree, Simmons and Taylor

Voting against the motion was Councillor Jaensch

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

044/19 Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council be provided with a breakdown of the following renewal budgets for the 2019/20 financial year:

- Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS)
- Buildings
- Light fleet
- Information Technology

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

045/19 Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Jaensch that Council write to Murray Mallee Aged Care Group thanking them for ongoing support to Council and communities, and invite them to present their business plan to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

046/19 **INFORMAL GATHERINGS POLICY - REVIEW**

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council adopts the Informal Gatherings Policy as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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047/19 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Mayor suspended standing orders at 8:21pm.

The Mayor resumed meeting procedures at 8:31pm.

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council:

1. Support the lodgement of grant applications through the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program for the following projects:
 - a. The construction of offshore moorings associated with the Meningie North Jetty in line with the plans included in Appendix 3 of the associated report (to the approximate value of \$500,000).
 - b. The continuation of development of the Murray Coorong Trail in the vicinity of Raukkan (to the approximate value of \$500,000).
2. Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute and affix the Council seal to all documents necessary to support the acceptance of the grant and undertaking of works, if the grant application is successful.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Bland, Hill, Jaensch,
Leng, Qualmann, Rowntree, Simmons and Taylor

Voting against the motion was Councillor Arthur

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES AND SECTION 43 SUBSIDIARIES

048/19 COORONG FINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5 FEBRUARY 2019

Moved Cr. Leng, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council:

1. Receive the minutes of the Coorong Finance Committee meeting held on 5 February 2019;
2. Notes that the Coorong Finance Committee:
 - a) will assume and operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference;
 - b) receives and notes the Operating Expenditure & Income Report as at 30 January 2019;
 - c) receives and notes the Treasury Management Report as at 30 January 2019;
 - d) has requested a written report in relation to the details for Community Wastewater Management Scheme cash flows for past five years, (including any re-valuations done during the period), and that details of all Council property units connected to CWMS.
3. Receives and notes the Internal Control Update report from UHY Haines Norton for 2018/19 First Quarter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

049/19 TINTINARA WAR MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 FEBRUARY 2019

Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Arthur that Council receive the minutes of the Tintinara War Memorial Hall Committee meeting held on 12 February 2019 and that the recommendations be forwarded to the relevant department for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

050/19 MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 30 JANUARY 2019

Moved Cr. Leng, Sec. Cr. Arthur that Council receive the minutes of the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association meeting held on 30 January 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY & CORPORATE REPORT

051/19 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – 31 JANUARY 2019

Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Hill that Council adopts the monthly finance report as at 31 January 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

052/19 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – LEGAL MATTERS EXPENDITURE, 2016 TO DATE

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Jaensch that Council receives and notes the report in relation to the cost of Council legal matters from 2016/17 to 2018/19 year to date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

053/19 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – SA COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS, GALA DINNER EXPENSES

Moved Cr. Leng, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council receives and notes the report in relation to the cost of Council representation at the SA Community Achievement Awards Gala Dinner in November 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

054/19 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – PROPOSED COMBINED SPORTS FACILITY, TAILEM BEND

Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council:

1. Receives and notes the report in relation to the proposed Combined Sports Facility in Tailem Bend.
2. Endorses the appointment of Cr. Glynis Taylor and Cr. Neville Jaensch as Council representatives to the Tailem Bend Combined Sporting Hub Committee.
3. Request that the Mayor be included in meeting deliberations as an observer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

055/19 TAILEM BEND RAILWAY STATION – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO OCCUPY ROOMS

Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Jaensch that Council:

1. Make available the vacant rooms located in the Tailem Bend Railway Station for community or not for profit organisations;
2. In accordance with its Community Engagement Policy, undertake an expression of interest campaign from community and not for profit organisations wishing to occupy the available space;
3. Require a report at the close of the community engagement period, detailing submissions received for Council's further consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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056/19 CULBURRA COMMUNITY COMPLEX – REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Taylor that the review of financial assistance to Culburra Community Complex be referred to the Coorong Finance Committee as part of Council budget deliberations.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Arthur, Simmons and Taylor

Voting against the motion were Councillors

Bland, Hill, Jaensch, Leng, Qualmann and Rowntree

The Mayor declared the motion LOST

057/19 Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Rowntree:

1. That Council supports the Culburra Community Complex with a financial contribution of \$1,400 for 2019/20 financial year to assist them with payment of operational overheads (water, power and insurance);
2. That funding for 2020/21 will be considered upon a further review of the developments at the precinct.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Bland,

Hill, Jaensch, Leng, Qualmann, Rowntree and Simmons

Voting against the motion were Councillors Arthur and Taylor

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

058/19 NARRUNG RESERVE & COONAPLYN CARAVAN PARK PAYMENT & BOOKING SYSTEM

Cr. Rowntree left the meeting at 9:03pm.

Cr. Rowntree returned to the meeting at 9:04pm.

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Taylor that following a period of community consultation on service level change (in line with its Community Engagement Policy), Council:

1. Develop an online booking system linked to Council's website to integrate online payments for the Coonalpyn Caravan Park and Narrung Campground Reserve;
2. Develop signage at both sites to inform patrons of the charges applicable and encourage rubbish removal at sites;
3. Investigate the removal of the cabin located at the Coonalpyn Caravan Park, with a report provided to Council;
4. Review the online booking system after twelve (12) months to evaluate its effectiveness;
5. Investigate costings for 'pay per use' showers at the Coonalpyn Caravan Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

059/19 2019/20 DOG REGISTRATION FEES

Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Hill that Council adopts the Dog Registration Fees for the 2019/20 financial year and submits them to the Dog and Cat Management Board for endorsement by the Minister.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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060/19 DISCRETIONARY RATE REBATE REVIEW (ONGOING)

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that:

1. Council provide a discretionary rate rebate, excluding all service charges to the Borderdowns Football Club, Asst 8124 (100% rebate);
2. The rate rebate applies from the period 1 July 2018;
3. Council's Rate Rebate Policy is updated accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

061/19 MENINGIE AREA SCHOOL REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LIBRARY FUNDING

The Mayor suspended standing orders at 9:11pm.

The mayor resumed meeting procedures at 9:12pm.

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Leng that the item 'Meningie Area School request for additional library funding' lay on the table pending completion of a library services review by the Meningie Area School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS REPORT

NIL

QUESTIONS FROM THE INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The Mayor noted that Mr B Pennington's written response to the Chief Executive Officer's recent correspondence would be included within the next ordinary meeting's Information Document.

Cr. Leng requested clarification on the 'Retaining Shacks Policy'. Chief Executive Officer clarified that as a result of their election promise, the State Government is developing a policy to retain shacks currently under crown lease. Council has had ongoing discussion with State Government representatives regarding policy development and the impost upon Council to undertake significant compliance work under the current proposal.

Cr. Bland referred to the Festival and Events Grant issued to Careship Coorong for the upcoming 'Escargot Festival' at Coonalpyn, and asked whether the festival is the first of its kind. Director Community & Corporate confirmed that this is the case.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

NIL

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:22pm.

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