

**Coorong District Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 June 2019**



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coorong District Council held at the Coorong Civic Centre Chambers, Tailem Bend on Tuesday 25 June 2019 commencing at 6:00pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cr. PE Simmons, Deputy Mayor Cr. JJ Arthur, Councillors SU Bland, TF Hill, NR Jaensch, VA Leng (arrived at 7:00pm), BD Qualmann, LF Rowntree & GA Taylor.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** D Mosel (Acting Chief Executive Officer), N Traeger (Director Community & Corporate), J O'Brien (Property Officer), K Jaensch (Senior Community & Tourism Officer), B Jarvis (Organisational Development Coordinator) 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.*

**163/19 LATE ITEMS**

Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council accept the late items as tabled:

- Appointment of proxy representative to Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association annual general meeting
- Confidential item – Retrospective review of 2017/18 budget

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**164/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD ON 21 MAY 2019**

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coorong District Council held on 21 May 2019 be adopted as a true and correct record, with the following amendment to minute 134/19:

- Remove “undertake a review of its community and administrative services” and replace with “undertake a service and administration review”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**165/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD ON 4 JUNE 2019**

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Coorong District Council held on 4 June 2019 be adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**166/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD ON 11 JUNE 2019**

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Jaensch that the minutes (including the confidential minutes) of the Special Meeting of the Coorong District Council held on 11 June 2019 be adopted as a true and correct record.

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**BUSINESS ARISING / ACTION LIST**

*Cr. Rowntree requested an update for minute 135/19 (Cr. GA Taylor – Development at The Bend Motorsport Park). Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that an invitation had been sent to Peregrine Corporation to provide Council with an update on the development. Council is now awaiting confirmation of dates.*

*Cr. Qualmann asked whether letters of recognition to previous Councillors had been sent (minute 263/18 – motion without notice). Acting Chief Executive Officer advised the letters have not yet been sent, and would be actioned accordingly.*

*Cr. Rowntree referred to the proposed service review (minute 134/19 – motion without notice) and asked what the expected cost would be to carry out the review. Director Community & Corporate responded that a quote had previously been sought amounting to approximately \$36,000, however this figure could increase depending on the scope of the review.*

*Cr. Jaensch referred to minute 090/19 (Cr. NR Jaensch – Support of farming communities) and asked whether a letter had been sent to State government regarding animal rights activist concerns. The Mayor noted that the item had not yet been actioned, and would be in due course.*

*Cr Rowntree asked when Council credit card statements would be uploaded to the website (minute 077/19 Coorong Finance Committee – minutes of meeting held 5 March 2019). Director Community & Corporate advised that almost all documentation is ready to be loaded onto the website, which will occur after receipt of final statements.*

*Cr. Rowntree raised minute 103/19 (Motion without notice) and requested an update regarding investigations for grants through the Local Government Research & Development Scheme to enable live streaming. Director Community & Corporate advised that it is not a feasible option under the criteria of the grants.*

**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**Cr. QUALMANN ASKS**

In regards to Tailem Bend's sub-surface irrigation for its reserves:

1. Can the total cost of the system be provided, including extra costs incurred for maintaining the system and modifications made to the system?
2. Can information and costings be provided for an alternative watering system?

**RESPONSE FROM ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Please find below a table identifying the Capital expenditure (installation cost) and major maintenance costs thereafter (since 2010/11). Non capital routine daily maintenance items are not identified separately within the Parks and Gardens general ledger and therefore cannot be accounted for.

**IRRIGATION TAILEM BEND**

Sum of Value	
	Total
Maintenance	-\$ 27,851.65
Dog Park irrigation	-\$ 18,546.00
Rotunda irrigation	-\$ 28,110.50
Initial project (township irrigation 2010/11)	-\$506,567.92
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-\$581,076.07</b>

The existing irrigation (both sub surface and above ground) installed and implemented in accordance with SA Health requirements, and Tailem Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant and Recycled Water Use, approved 15 March 2010.

The installation of an alternative system would require a specialised design and significant Capital expenditure.

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

*Cr. Rowntree asked whether it could be possible to set up a working group for the upgrade of the Coonalpyn public toilet facilities. Acting Chief Executive Officer provided a response.*

*Cr. Hill enquired about reimbursement for travel expenses incurred when attending a National Carp Control Plan workshop in Canberra on 20-21 June 2019. The Mayor provided a response.*

**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE**

**167/19** Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council reimburse Cr. Hill for the cost of her flights to attend the National Carp Control Plan workshop held in Canberra on 20-21 June 2019, being \$501.57.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Cr. Jaensch asked the Mayor whether he has met with the Tailem Bend Rowing Club. The Mayor provided a response.*

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**PETITIONS**

*NIL*

**DEPUTATIONS**

*NIL*

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Name: Stephen Paech

Stephen referred to minute 213/18 (funding for Kulde Road), and asked how much Council had borrowed to carry out the project, and also where the works would be carried out.

Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that works are taking place at the Station Drive intersection in Tailem Bend, and shoulder widening from the 80km sign (Kulde Road, Tailem Bend) to the Council border. Acting Chief Executive Officer added that the works would be carried out by blending existing material with new material to form the sealed shoulders.

Director Community & Corporate advised that Council has not yet borrowed the funds for the project, however a cash advance debenture (\$532,000) has been taken out which will be drawn down as the project rolls out.

Cr. Rowntree requested and received confirmation that Council would need to draw down on that figure.

Name: Sandra Douglas

Sandra requested an update of the Tailem Bend public toilets upgrade.

Acting Chief Executive Officer responded, noting that Council has received advice and will be requesting that current project contract be terminated with the contractor.

Acting Chief Executive Officer added that the project would need to go back to Council for further consideration before proceeding with the upgrade.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

*Cr. Jaensch requested an update of a meeting the Mayor attended with Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI) on 30 May 2019 (signage discussion). The Mayor noted that he considered the meeting went well. Acting Chief Executive Officer elaborated on The Bend Motorsport Park signage, noting that DPTI are almost ready to assess/approve signage on Dukes Highway. Senior Community & Tourism Officer advised that DPTI have forwarded through preliminary plans for tourism signage to be installed in Tailem Bend.*

*The Mayor elaborated on further meetings he attended, including the Colour Up Karoonda festival, and a Chinese business delegation dinner (hosted by the RDA Murraylands & Riverland) in Mannum.*

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*The Mayor also commented on the Vena Energy solar farm project launch at Tailem Bend, adding that Vena Energy executives had been complimentary of Council, highlighting the warm welcome they have received.*

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS**

*Council Members' reports were tabled with no further comment.*

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

*NIL*

**MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

*NIL*

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**168/19 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND INC. – EXTENSION OF FUNDING AGREEMENT**

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

1. Endorse the 12-month extension of the funding agreement with Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland Inc. at a cost of \$25,155 (exclusive of GST);
2. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute and affix the Council seal to the extended funding agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**169/19 MURRAY RIVER, LAKES & COORONG TOURISM ALLIANCE – FUNDING AGREEMENT 2019-2022**

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

1. Commit to renewing the Murray River, Lakes & Coorong Tourism Alliance three-year funding agreement from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2022;
2. Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and execute the funding agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**170/19 APPOINTMENT OF PROXY REPRESENTATIVE TO MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Moved Cr. Taylor, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council appoints Cr. Taylor as proxy representative to attend the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association's annual general meeting as Council's voting delegate on 10 July 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**SECTION 41 COMMITTEES AND SECTION 43 SUBSIDIARIES**

**171/19 AUDIT COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 JUNE 2019**

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

1. Receive the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 11 June 2019;
2. Notes that the Audit Committee:
  - a) receives and notes the minutes from the previous meeting held 7 May 2019;
  - b) receives and notes the work program as at 31 May 2019;
  - c) noted the Treasury Management Report as at 31 May 2019;
  - d) noted the 2018-19 Annual Financial Statements project plan – preparation & audit report;
  - e) receives and notes the review of the Rating Policy 2019-20 and the Rate Rebate Policy;
3. Notes the Audit Committee's advice:
  - 1) That, as a priority, a comprehensive Long Term Financial Plan be developed that includes a strategy which satisfies the recommendations from Item 3 of the 16 May 2018 Audit Committee meeting (refer extract below).
  - 2) That should the draft Annual Business Plan & Budget 2019-20 as reported in Item 7 of the Audit Committee Agenda be adopted in its current format, Council will be adopting an unsustainable Annual Business Plan and Budget.
  - 3) That by adopting the draft Annual Business Plan & Budget 2019-20 as included in Item 7 of the Audit Committee Agenda, this will lead to an increase in debt of \$1.437m with no revenue streams identified in the plan to repay this increase in debt.
  - 4) That management is advised to report back to the Audit Committee with a maximum two page summary of the service review process to be followed.
  - 5) That the summary referred to in point 4 above contain a series of milestones with due dates and clearly defined roles for both management and elected members in relation to each milestone.
  - 6) That management is advised to report back to the Audit Committee with an additional two page project plan that outlines the process to be followed in order to undertake a comprehensive overview of both the Asset Management Plan and the Long Term Financial Plan 2020-2029;
  - 7) That the Long Term Financial Plan referred to in Item 6 above identify a detailed financial strategy that will return Council to a sustainable position as soon as possible or at least within four years.
  - 8) That the service reviews, draft Long Term Financial Plan and financial strategy be available to the February 2020 meeting of the Audit Committee to review and comment.

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

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

**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE**

- 172/19** Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Taylor that management provide to the Finance Committee a two page summary of the service review process to be followed.

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

Voting against the motion were Councillors Bland and Jaensch  
The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

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**173/19 COORONG FINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4 JUNE 2019**

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

1. Receive the minutes of the Coorong Finance Committee meeting held on 4 June 2019;
2. Notes that the Coorong Finance Committee:
  - a) receives and notes the minutes from the previous meeting held 7 May 2019;
  - b) receives and notes the Operating Expenditure & Income Report as at 29 May 2019;
  - c) receives and notes the updated Capital Works program as at 29 May 2019;
  - d) receives and notes the Debt Recovery Management Report as at 29 May 2019;
3. Receives and notes the Service Review Outline as provided under separate cover and presented during the committee meeting;
4. Notes the continuous Improvement – Service and Administration Review steps be considered by the committee and may form the starting point for the review.
5. Receives and notes the 2019-20 Rate Modelling as provided under separate cover and presented at the committee meeting.
6. Receives and notes the Community Wastewater Management Scheme Report as provided under separate cover and presented at the committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**174/19 COORONG INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4 JUNE 2019**

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council receive the minutes of the Coorong Infrastructure & Assets Committee meeting held on 4 June 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**17519 COORONG INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18 JUNE 2019**

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

1. Receive the minutes of the Coorong Infrastructure & Assets Committee meeting held on 18 June 2019;
2. Request that the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA) lobby the issue of sand drift on Council roads at a State level; and
  - a. Communicate SA councils' lack of ability to require remediation works along fence lines in correspondence to the MRLGA;
3. Notes that a report will be provided to the full Council regarding Council light vehicle fleet (per minute 6.2 of the 4 June 2019 committee meeting);
4. Notes that a workshop facilitated by Assetic will be conducted with the full Council regarding Council's Asset Management Plans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**176/19 MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD 24 MAY 2019**

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

1. Receive the minutes of the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association Special meeting held on 24 May 2019;
2. Endorse the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association's draft 2019-20 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

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**177/19 MENINGIE CEMETERY COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3 JUNE 2019**

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council receive the minutes of the Meningie Cemetery Committee meeting held on 3 June 2019 and forward the committee's recommendations to the relevant department for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY & CORPORATE REPORT**

**178/19 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL IDENTITY TICKET**

Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council support and participate in the Regional Identity Ticket program, and send a letter of support for the program to assist in securing State and Federal funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS REPORT**

**179/19 APPLICATION TO AMEND A DEDICATION OF CROWN LAND – SECTION 336 HUNDRED OF BONNEY**

*Cr. Leng entered the meeting at 7:00pm.*

*Cr. Leng declared a perceived conflict of interest owing to his membership on the Council Assessment Panel (which will likely assess a related development application) and chose to participate in the discussion and vote on the motion.*

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

1. Release the Draft Management Plan for Community Land described as Section 336 Hundred Bonney being Certificate of Title 5754/485, for community engagement in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy;
2. Approve the request to make an application to amend the dedication over Section 336, Hundred of Bonney, contained in Crown Record Volume CT 5754/485 (being Crown Land currently dedicated to the Coorong District Council for Showground and Sports purposes) to Community Recreation Purposes;
3. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to affix the Council seal and execute all associated documentation required to give effect to the rededication.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTIONS FROM THE INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

*Cr. Rowntree referred to Council's success in receiving a Healthy Towns Grant, and asked what plans are in place for when the project comes to an end. Director Community & Corporate advised that Council is looking to target grassroots community champions to continue the project into the long-term. Cr. Arthur asked who the local suppliers would be. Director Community & Corporate advised the Meningie butcher and Market Fresh (Murray Bridge) had been approached. Cr. Arthur asked why supermarkets within the district weren't considered. Director Community & Corporate noted limitations with that approach. Cr. Qualmann commented that the project is a great achievement for the district and town of Coonalpyn.*

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*Cr. Rowntree referred to Community & Corporate general departmental feedback regarding suggestions for artwork in Tailem Bend, and asked how general suggestions from the community are actioned. Director Community & Corporate advised the suggestions are recorded as a customer service request which provides several options to manage the request.*

*Cr. Qualmann referred to feedback received regarding the Tailem Bend Dog Park and its lack of advertising. Senior Community & Tourism Officer noted plans and ideas to improve signage for Council's community facilities.*

*Cr. Arthur referred to the patrol grading report, and noted reduced staffing of graders. Cr. Arthur asked what plans are in place to commit to three full time double-shifted patrol graders. Acting Chief Executive Officer responded that an officer had been appointed to backfill temporarily for one position and that there is a resource in place to utilise for backfill.*

*The Mayor announced that the Director Community & Corporate has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Kingston District Council and sincerely thanked Nat Traeger for her 32 years of service to Council, highlighting her wealth of knowledge and experience, and significant contribution to Council over that time.*

*Director Community & Corporate thanked the Mayor and elaborated on her new opportunity.*

*Councillors added their own thanks and well wishes to the Director Community & Corporate, highlighting her strengths and achievements, especially in community art, the Suicide Prevention Network, and mental health and wellbeing. The Councillors commented that the Director would be sorely missed.*

*Cr. Hill left the meeting at 7:26pm.*

*Cr. Hill returned to the meeting at 7:29pm.*

*The Mayor suspended standing orders at 7:29pm.*

*The Mayor resumed meeting procedures at 7:40pm.*

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**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**180/19 INTO CONFIDENCE – RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF 2017/18 BUDGET – 7:41PM**

Moved Cr. Hill, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that in accordance with section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that the public and staff (excluding Acting Chief Executive Officer and Organisational Development Coordinator) be excluded from attendance at the meeting to the extent that the Council considers it necessary to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the item – Retrospective review of 2017/18 budget.

That the Council is satisfied that pursuant to section 90(3)(e) and (h) of the Local Government Act 1999 the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this item are:

- (e) matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property, or the safety of any person; and
- (h) legal advice.

That under section 90(2) 3(e) and (h) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council pursuant to section 91(7)(b) of that Act order that the discussion, report and minute be held in confidence and reviewed at least annually until further order.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*The public left the meeting at 7:41pm.*

*The public returned to the meeting at 8:23pm.*

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:23pm.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT..... CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**CONFIRMED / /2019..... MAYOR**