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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coorong District Council held at the Coorong Civic Centre, Tailem Bend (and by electronic means via Zoom) on Tuesday 19 May 2020 commencing at 2:15pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Cr. PE Simmons (physical attendance), Deputy Mayor Cr. JJ Arthur (by an audio-visual link), Councillors SU Bland (by an audio-visual link), TF Hill (by an audio-visual link), NR Jaensch (by an audio-visual link), VA Leng (by an audio-visual link), BD Qualmann (by an audio-visual link) & GA Taylor (by an audio-visual link).

IN ATTENDANCE: B Mather (Chief Executive Officer, physical attendance), D Mosel (Director Infrastructure & Assets, by an audio-visual link), D Brokenshire (Director Community & Corporate, physical attendance), B Jarvis (Organisational Development Coordinator, physical attendance), S Brennan (Information Technology Officer, physical attendance), P Bond (Drought Support Coordinator, by an audio-visual link), R Mooney (finance consultant, by an audio-visual link), G Wiebrecht (Executive Assistant to Director Community & Corporate, physical attendance), and A Crossman (minute taker, physical attendance).

APOLOGIES: Nil

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

095/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD ON 21 APRIL 2020
Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that the minutes (including the confidential minutes) of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coorong District Council held on 21 April 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNED BUSINESS
NIL

BUSINESS ARISING / ACTION LIST
Cr. Qualmann requested an update for minute 004/19 (Motion without notice). Director Community & Corporate advised that the Land Titles Office has been contacted to provide a report listing; now awaiting their response.

Cr. Arthur requested an update for minute 140/19 (Coorong District Local Action Plan Committee – nomination process for Committee Members). Chief Executive Officer advised that officers will first review the Committee’s Terms of Reference and then renew Committee membership with the intent to have the new Committee in place by the new financial year.
Cr. Arthur requested an update for minute 045/20 (Motor Vehicle Policy). Chief Executive Officer advised that the policy would be put to Council at the June 2020 ordinary meeting.

Cr. Arthur referred to minute 419/19 (Cr. JJ Arthur – major plant), and queried Council’s ability to present a draft 2020-21 budget without full plant hire rates information available. Director Infrastructure & Assets advised that Council is currently reviewing plant hire rates with Assetic (to be completed by the end of May 2020). Chief Executive Officer advised that any change would come back to Council in the quarterly budget review.

**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

NIL

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Cr. Qualmann commented that some time ago Council had a ‘maintenance gang’ and requested that the function of this team be further explained. Director Infrastructure & Assets provided a response.

Cr. Rowntree queried the procedure for recording of responses to questions without notice in the minutes. Director Community & Corporate provided a response.

Cr. Arthur asked whether there are any plans to include community consultation on mobile black spots with the planned draft Annual Business Plan & Budget community consultation. Chief Executive Officer provided a response.

Cr. Hill commented that some residents have requested access to the Meningie Council office during its closure to pay Council rates and asked whether the office could be opened sooner than the planned 1 June 2020 date. Chief Executive Officer provided a response.

**PETITIONS**

NIL

**DEPUTATIONS**

NIL

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

NIL

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

The Mayor’s report was tabled with no further comment.
COUNCIL MEMBERS’ REPORTS
Cr. Arthur commented on his attendance to the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government (MRLGA) meeting held on 8 May 2020, noting that the sand drift issue as raised by Council through MRLGA is being further actioned by the group.

Councillor Bland and Hill’s reports were tabled with no further comment.

NOTICES OF MOTION

096/20 CR. JJ ARTHUR – TIMBER COLLECTION FROM ROADSIDE POLICY
Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that a new Policy be prepared and presented to Council for the collection of timber from Council roadsides.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE
NIL

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

097/20 2019-20 THIRD BUDGET REVIEW
Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council endorses the changes as presented in the 3rd Budget Review for the 2019-20 financial year, including withdrawal of the ‘Projects Upgrade of iPad/tablets for Elected Members’ ($16.5k) from 2019-20 Capital Expenditure.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

098/20 CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS AND PRACTICES
Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Arthur that Council receive the report advising of the change to office hours (as follows) and internal practices:
- Coorong Civic Centre, 95- 101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend, open 9:00am – 4:30pm; and
- Meningie Information Hub, 49 Princes Highway, Meningie, open 9:00am – 4:30pm.

AMENDMENT
Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council receive the report advising of the change to office hours (as follows) and internal practices:
- Coorong Civic Centre, 95- 101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend, open 9:00am – 4:30pm;
- Meningie Information Hub, 49 Princes Highway, Meningie, open 9:00am – 4:30pm; and
- Council office phones will remain in operation from 8:30am – 5:00pm.

Voting for the amendment were Councillors Arthur, Leng, Qualmann, Rowntree, Simmons and Taylor
Voting against the amendment were Councillors Bland, Hill and Jaensch
The Mayor declared the amendment CARRIED
The amendment became the motion and was PUT
Voting for the motion were Councillors Arthur, Jaensch, Leng, Qualmann, Rowntree, Simmons and Taylor
Voting against the motion were Councillors Bland and Hill
The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED
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COUNCIL POLICIES

099/20 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POLICY
Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council:
1. Revoke the Council Participation in Emergency Response Operations Policy;
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

100/20 CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY REVIEW
Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Hill that Council adopt the Corporate Credit Card Policy as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES AND SECTION 43 SUBSIDIARIES

101/20 COORONG FINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16 APRIL 2020
Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Taylor that Council receive the minutes of the Coorong Finance Committee meeting held on 16 April 2020.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

102/20 COORONG INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 28 APRIL 2020
Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council receive the minutes of the Coorong Infrastructure & Assets Committee meeting held on 28 April 2020.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY & CORPORATE REPORT

103/20 COORONG FINANCE COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW
Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council ratify:
1. A Section 41 Committee be formally re-established and known as the Coorong Finance Committee;
2. Membership of the Committee will consist of all members of Council;
3. Council resolves to appoint the Mayor as the Presiding Member;
4. Council resolves to appoint the Deputy Mayor as the Deputy Presiding Member;
5. Council resolves the Committee meetings will be held quarterly on the third Tuesday of that month;
6. Meetings are to be held at the Councils Principal Office, Coorong Civic Centre Chambers, 95 – 101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend;
7. The Chief Executive Officer will inform the Council at the next ordinary meeting of the matters considered by the Committee through the provision of a written report for business arising (e.g. recommendations, or the provision of minutes of the Committee);
8. The Coorong Finance Committee abide by the Terms of Reference as adopted; and
9. The Coorong Finance Committee has no direct decision-making power and will provide recommendations to the Council on matters for consideration.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
104/20 2020-21 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET – DRAFT
Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Hill that:
1. Council endorses the draft 2020-21 Annual Business Plan and Budget for the purpose of community consultation in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement Policy between 22 May 2020 and 12 June 2020; and
2. The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to make minor editorial amendments to the 2020-21 draft Annual Business Plan.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS REPORT

105/20 ROAD CLOSURE – REVIEW OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that in accordance with Motion 164/16 Council confirm their authorisation of the Road Closure Process for unmade public roads that pass through Q90, Q92 & Q93 DP D93487; CT6139/942; A 11 D15841; CT 5523/639; A10 D15841 CT 5523/661 and Lot 8 D12062 CT 5470/1.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS FROM THE INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Cr. Qualmann commented that the reference to Pontt Street being revisited for construction (page 35 - key issues) should be changed to Wattle Street.

Cr. Rowntree queried the comments made in relation to community toilets (page 9), particularly the encouragement of the public to ‘maintain good hygiene practices’. Chief Executive Officer advised that Council will continue to conduct regular cleaning and simply encourages members of the public to also practice good hygiene at all times.

Cr. Rowntree requested the final cost of the camel ring project. Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice. Cr. Rowntree also asked whether tree growth will eventually obscure the rings and if plans will be put in place to stop that happening. Chief Executive Officer advised that it is envisioned to let nature take its course, however the rings could be reviewed in the future.

Cr. Rowntree asked whether repairs had been made to the mobile skate ramp. Director Infrastructure & Assets took the question on notice.

Cr. Rowntree asked whether the monthly organisational statistics could be presented so as to provide more meaning. Chief Executive Officer advised that the presentation of statistics would be reviewed.

Cr. Rowntree noted that monthly credit card report link contained within the report does not work, and complimented the report as it now appears on the website.

The Mayor invited the Drought Support Coordinator to provide an update on Drought Communities Programme projects. Drought Support Coordinator provided a brief overview of current project delivery. Cr. Bland passed on compliments from Meningie Area School regarding construction of the new Bonney Street footpath.
Cr. Taylor left the meeting at 4:17pm.

Cr. Hill commented on the Lower Lakes Independent Science Review, noting that the final report was very comprehensive and it should satisfy some of the lobbying by other groups regarding management of the Lower Lakes, and suggested that Council should now consider the effects of sea level rise and climate change as forthcoming challenges.

Cr. Arthur raised the patrol grading statistics and asked whether the full patrol grader complement had been filled. Director Infrastructure & Assets confirmed that the vacant position has been filled, however the position will commence in June in order to meet other resourcing priorities.

Cr. Taylor returned to the meeting at 4:20pm.

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**106/20 INTO CONFIDENCE – DISCRETIONARY RATE REBATE REQUEST – THE BEND MOTORSPORT PARK – 4:21PM**

Moved Cr. Leng, Sec. Cr. Hill that in accordance with section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that the public and staff (excepting the the Chief Executive Officer, Director Infrastructure & Assets, Director Community & Corporate and Executive Assistant) be excluded from attendance at the meeting to the extent that Council considers it necessary to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the item – Discretionary rate rebate request – The Bend Motorsport Park.

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

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which:

(i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and

(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public left the meeting at 4:21pm, and the audio-visual recording (via Zoom) and livestreaming (via YouTube) was stopped.

**107/20 DISCRETIONARY RATE REBATE REQUEST – THE BEND MOTORSPORT PARK**

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

1. Council respond to Peregrine Corporation’s request and note that while Council sympathises with The Bend Motorsport Park’s position, it’s a position shared by many businesses in the region; and

2. Council declines Peregrine Corporation’s request for a continuance of its 100% discretionary rate rebate and advise that rates will commence in the 2020-21 financial year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
108/20 OUT OF CONFIDENCE – DISCRETIONARY RATE REBATE REQUEST – THE BEND MOTORSPORT PARK

Moved Cr. Jaensch, Sec. Cr. Arthur that under section 90(2) and 3(d) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council pursuant to section 91(7)(b) of the Act order that:

- The resolution be held in confidence until Peregrine Corporation have been advised of Council’s decision.
- The discussion and report are to remain in confidence until further order and will be reviewed at least annually in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public returned to the meeting at 5:40pm, and the audio-visual recording (via Zoom) was resumed.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:41pm.

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

CONFIRMED  /  / 2020............................................  MAYOR