Coorong District Council  
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 August 2015

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coorong District Council held at the Tintinara Council Chambers, Tintinara on Tuesday 18 August 2015 commencing at 2:01pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Cr. NR Jaensch, Deputy Mayor Cr. SU Bland, Councillors JJ Arthur, J Barrie, VA Leng, DM Middleton, MS O’Hara and RW Simcock.

IN ATTENDANCE: V Cammell (Chief Executive Officer), N Traeger (Director Community & Corporate), D Mosel (Director Infrastructure & Assets) and B Jarvis (Executive Officer).

APOLOGIES: Cr. PE Wright.

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

186/15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD ON 21 JULY 2015 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 28 JULY 2015
Moved Cr. Simcock, Sec. Cr. Barrie that the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as a true and correct record:

- Ordinary meeting held on 21 July 2015
- Confidential meeting held on 21 July 2015
- Special meeting held on 28 July 2015
- Confidential Special meeting held on 28 July 2015

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING / ACTION LIST
Cr. Arthur queried progress of the Tintinara speed limit review as contained in minute 160/15 (Tintinara Development Group – minutes of meeting held 6 July 2015). Director Infrastructure & Assets provided a response.

Cr. Bland requested an update on minute 150/15 (Motion without notice – Pink Lake). Director Infrastructure & Assets provided a response.

Cr. Arthur queried when minute 055/15 (Lake Albert Caravan Park – intention to lease portion of section 379 Hundred of Bonney for low-cost RV parking) will be readdressed. Chief Executive Officer provided a response.

Cr. Arthur questioned if minute 217/14 (Motion without notice – Coonalpyn water scheme) should be removed from the minute action list. Chief Executive Officer clarified the matter.

Cr. Arthur stated that some landowners may be opposed to the free camping area as proposed in point 2 of minute 104/14 (Disposal of land and buildings – Tintinara, Coonalpyn and Coomandook areas). Director Infrastructure & Assets to take question on notice.
Cr. Bland requested an update on minute 142/15 (Meningie office – shared use and upgrade proposal). Chief Executive Officer provided a response.

Cr. Leng requested an update on minute 086/11 (Boat ramps and jetties – condition assessment). Chief Executive Officer provided a response.

Cr. Leng requested an update on minute 022/10 (Native Vegetation). Director Infrastructure & Assets provided a response.

Cr. O’Hara advised he inspected the works associated with minute 107/15 (Naming of reserve adjacent to West Terrace, Meningie) and he was pleased with the outcome.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
NIL

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE
Cr. Arthur sought clarification on Council’s expenditure and protocol for control of roadside weeds. Director Infrastructure & Assets advised the question will be taken on notice as there is a distinct difference between management of weeds associated with Council’s resheeting/sealing program and general weed management.

Cr. Arthur asked the Chief Executive Officer to provide a job and person specification for the proposed Arts & Cultural Grants Officer as listed in Council’s 2015/16 Annual Business Plan and Budget. Chief Executive Officer advised the document has not been developed yet as the position is still being negotiated with the co-contributing external funding body.

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). 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.

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

Council was in receipt of one (1) deputation request for it’s meeting on 18 August 2015:

- Mr Arnold Millett (Meningie) addressed Council in regards to his submission on Council’s intention to grant a ground lease over a portion of the Meningie aerodrome for the purpose of a hangar.

MAYOR’S REPORT
The Mayor elaborated on his written report.

ELECTED MEMBERS’ REPORTS
Deputy Mayor Cr. Bland and Councillors Barrie, Leng and Middleton elaborated on their written reports.
NOTICES OF MOTION
NIL

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

187/15 Moved Cr. Simcock, Sec. Cr. Middleton that Council approve the additional attendance of Cr. Wright at the 2015 National Local Roads and Transport Congress on 17 – 19 November 2015 and cover all associated costs.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Bland, Jaensch, Middleton, O’Hara and Simcock
Voting against the motion were Councillors Arthur, Barrie and Leng
The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

188/15 Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Leng that a letter be written to Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) requesting a counsellor (mental health and wellbeing/economic stability) be made available to the fishing industry, in particular the Lower Lakes and Coorong.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE REPORT

189/15 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Simcock that Council:
 1. Note the appointment of Natalie Traeger, Director Community & Corporate as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 28 September – 4 October 2015 inclusive;
 2. Note the appointment of David Mosel, Director Infrastructure & Assets as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 5 October – 11 October 2015 inclusive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS JOY BALUCH AM MEMORIAL STATUE
Motion lapsed due to want of a mover and seconder.

190/15 REINSTATEMENT OF SPEED LIMIT – PRINCES HIGHWAY (UPPER SOUTH EAST)
 Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council write to the South East Local Government Association outlining:
  * It’s support for the retention of 110km/hr speed limits on arterial regional roads and for appropriate funding for the upkeep of regional roads to a fit for purpose standard;
  * The reinstatement of the 110km/hr speed limit on the Princes Highway between Meningie and Salt Creek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
191/15 **2015 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Moved Cr. O’Hara, Sec. Cr. Barrie that Council:
1. Endorse the attendance of Mayor Cr. Neville Jaensch, Deputy Mayor Cr. Bland and the Chief Executive Officer at the 2015 Local Government Association Conference and Annual General Meeting on 29 – 30 October 2015;
2. Agree to fund all costs associated with attendance at the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

192/15 **COUNCIL STATEMENT ON LONG NOSED FUR SEAL POPULATION**
Moved Cr. Simcock, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council endorse the following position statement in relation to the Long nosed fur seal population:

“In the interest of residents, commercial fishermen and in an effort to maintain Ramsar sites of significant importance, Council supports the removal of the Long nosed fur seal population from the Coorong, Murray River & Mouth and Lakes Albert & Alexandrina.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

193/15 **REVIEW OF 2012 – 2016 STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**
Moved Cr. Simcock, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council:
1. Adopt the Review Paper of the Coorong District Council Strategic Management Plan 2012 – 2016 as part of the comprehensive review of the current strategic management plan as required by Council after the November 2014 local government periodic election;
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor amendments (plus those captured at the briefing session on 18 August 2015) to the Review Paper of the Coorong District Council Strategic Management Plan 2012 – 2016 prior to community engagement to improve grammar, punctuation and formatting, correct any incorrect document references and hyperlink to further documents that may provide useful background information for the community;
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to integrate feedback from Elected Members received under separate cover and any other ideas as raised;
4. Undertake a period of community engagement on the Review Paper of the Coorong District Council Strategic Management Plan 2012 – 2016 by summarising the content and referring to the review paper in a community issues brochure and using the key influencers as a trigger for community survey work and future community workshops.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
SECTION 41 COMMITTEES AND SECTION 43 SUBSIDIARIES

194/15 STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16 JULY 2015
Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Barrie that Council receive the minutes of the Strategic Planning & Policy Development Committee meeting held on 16 July 2015.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

195/15 MURRAY & MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 5 AUGUST 2015
Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Leng that Council receive the minutes of the Murray & Mallee Local Government Association annual general meeting held on 5 August 2015.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY & CORPORATE REPORT

196/15 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW
Moved Cr. Leng, Sec. Cr. Barrie that Council:
1. Note the performance of the Coorong District Council Development Assessment Panel since its last review in December 2014; and
2. Resolve to reappoint Jeff Klitscher as the Independent Presiding Member of the Coorong District Council Development Assessment Panel for a further twelve (12) months, to be reviewed in August 2016; and
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

197/15 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW
Moved Cr. Barrie, Sec. Cr. Simcock that Council adopt the reviewed Development Assessment Panel Terms of Reference as tabled.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

198/15 COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNT – CHANGE IN SIGNATORIES
Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Barrie:
1. That the signatories of the Coorong District Council bank accounts be Vincent Cammell (Chief Executive Officer), Nat Traeger (Director Community & Corporate), Ben Rasigatale (Manager Corporate Services), Jim Quinn (Manager Development & Environmental Services), Katrina Fromm (Senior Finance Officer), Sacha Holme (Finance Officer), Kimberley Jacobs (Finance Officer) and Richard Boscence (Information Services Coordinator);
2. That Council notes the above signatories and the payment authorisation processes are in accordance with Council’s defined internal controls and accounting standards.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
199/15 STRATEGIC LIBRARIES PLANNING PROJECT – GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Mayor suspended standing orders at 3:04pm.
The Mayor resumed meeting procedures at 3:10pm.

Moved Cr. Middleton, Sec. Cr. Barrie:
1. That Council accepts the one for one $7,800 grant from Public Library Services for the implementation of initiatives contained in the Libraries Forward Plan;
2. That Council increases its operational budget for libraries from $63,514 to $71,314.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Barrie, Bland, Jaensch, Leng, Middleton and Simcock
Voting against the motion were Councillors Arthur and O’Hara
The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS REPORT

200/15 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – COOMANDOOK AREA SCHOOL FUN RUN

Moved Cr. Barrie, Sec. Cr. Leng:
1. That Council approve the temporary closure of Parkin Hall Road, Coomandook for the Coomandook Area School Fun Run 2015 as an event under section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 on Monday 7 September 2015;
2. Council consent to the Commissioner of Police issuing a Road Closure Order pursuant to section 33 of the Road Traffic Act for the temporary closure of Parkin Hall Road, Coomandook from 11:30am - 1:30pm;
3. In accordance with section 33(3) of the Road Traffic Act, at least two clear days prior to the event, Council advertise a copy of this order in the local newspapers;
4. Install and remove appropriate traffic control devices by suitably qualified Council employees to give effect to the closure;
5. That Council advise the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

201/15 INTENTION TO GRANT A GROUND LEASE FOR HANGAR - MENINGIE AERODROME

Cr. Bland declared a perceived conflict of interest in the agenda item and left the chamber at 3:12pm.

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Simcock that the item lay on the table until the next Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Bland entered the chamber at 3:19pm
202/15 PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE – PORTION OF PUBLIC ROAD IN SA MOTORSPORT PARK SITE
Moved Cr. Simcock, Sec. Cr. Leng:
1. That Council authorises the commencement of the process to close a portion of the unmade public road that runs between the Dukes Highway and Callitris Road adjoining Lot 20 Hundred of Seymour in accordance with the Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991 including:
   - Preparation of preliminary plans
   - Preparation of a statement of affected parties; and
   - Undertaking community engagement
2. That Council authorise the preparation and implementation of an agreement with Peregrine Corporation, committing them to purchase the land at an agreed price based on a pro-rata rate to the purchase price for the rest of the site and to cover all of Council’s costs for the process and the transfer of the land subject to:
   - The outcome and Council direction as a result of community engagement; and
   - Successful completion of the Road Process Order
3. That Council, pursuant to section 37(b) of the Local Government Act 1999, authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to enter into and execute all documentation necessary to complete the road closure process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS FROM THE INFORMATION DOCUMENT
Cr. Bland queried the increase in debt recovery files sent to Council’s debt collectors. Director Community & Corporate advised this was due to the extraction of a new batch of outstanding debtors.

Cr. Arthur commented on the state government’s Cost of Living Concession and potential spike in outstanding rates due to payment being made direct to beneficiary, rather than subsidised through Council rates. Director Community & Corporate advised Council is aware of the issue and will assess once payments are made by the state government.

Cr. Bland commented on the corella relocation program, in particular to be mindful of Council’s General Inspector and his stretched resource capacity across the district.

Cr. Barrie commented on the “park of the month” which is in Coonalpyn.

Cr. Arthur requested that Elected Members be notified of larger scale developments in addition to the category 2 and 3 building notifications that are currently issued.
CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS
NIL

CLOSURE
There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3:34pm.

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

CONFIRMED  /  /15 ................................................. MAYOR