

---

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE SHIRE OF COBAR HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 5:00PM**

---

**PRESENT (FILE C13-2)**

Councillors Peter Abbott (Deputy Mayor), Janine Lea-Barrett, Jarrod Marsden, Peter Maxwell, Harley Toomey, Julie Payne, Robert Sinclair, Kate Winders and Peter Yench.

**OBSERVERS**

Messrs Peter Vlatko (General Manager), Kym Miller (Director of Finance and Community Services), Garry Ryman (Director of Planning & Environmental Services) and Simon Pradhan (Acting Director of Engineering Services) and Ms Janette Booth (Executive Assistant – General Manager/ Mayor).

---

**In absence of Chair, Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM, Deputy Mayor Peter Abbott took the Chair.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:**

In the spirit of open, accessible and transparent government, Cobar Shire Council Ordinary and Committee Meetings are video recorded and webcast. By speaking at a Council or Committee Meeting, members of the public agree to being recorded and webcast. Cobar Shire Council accepts no liability for any defamatory, discriminatory or offensive remarks or gestures that are made during the course of the Council or Committee Meeting. Opinions expressed or statements made by individuals are the opinions or statements of those individuals and do not imply any form of endorsement by Cobar Shire Council.

---

**APOLOGIES (C13-2)**

**242.11.2019 RESOLVED:**

1. That the apology received from Councillor Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM be accepted.
2. That Councillor Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM be granted a leave of absence for the next three (3) months (November, December 2019 and February 2020).

*Clr Sinclair/ Clr Payne*

**CARRIED**

---

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (FILE C12-3)**

- Nil.

---

**THIS IS PAGE 1 OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF COBAR HELD ON THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019**

.....  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

.....  
**DEPUTY MAYOR**

---

**CONDOLENCES (FILE M2-3)**

- Nil.
- 

**PUBLIC ACCESS SESSION**

- Nil.
- 

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL (FILE C13-11)**

**243.11.2019**    **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 24 October 2019 adjourned to Thursday, 14 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Toomey* **CARRIED**

---

**NOTICE OF MOTION – MANAGING DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDING**

**FILE: D6-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 1.4.1.2**

**AUTHOR: *Councillor, Peter Yench***

**MOTION:** That Council call a public meeting to formulate a plan on the way forward to manage and drought relief funding it receives with a facilitator to conduct a brainstorming workshop to identify possible projects and then prioritise them.

*Clr Yench/ Clr Payne*

**LOST**

***Division:***

***For***

Clr Yench

***Against***

Clr Abbott

Clr Lea-Barrett

Clr Marsden

Clr Maxwell

Clr Payne

Clr Sinclair

Clr Toomey

Clr Winders

---

**CLAUSE 1A – MAYORAL REPORT**

**FILE: C13-1-5**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**AUTHOR: *Mayor, Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM***

**244.11.2019**    **RESOLVED:** That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the month of November 2019.  
*Clr Payne/ Clr Toomey* **CARRIED**

---

THIS IS PAGE 2 OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF COBAR HELD ON THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019

.....  
GENERAL MANAGER

.....  
DEPUTY MAYOR

---

**CLAUSE 2A – GIFTS AND BENEFITS POLICY**

**FILE: P5-106**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5.2**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**245.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That Council adopts the draft Gifts and Benefits Policy.  
*Clr Sinclair/ Clr Payne* **CARRIED**

---

**CLAUSE 3A – STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES - RENEW OUR LIBRARIES CAMPAIGN**

**FILE: L1-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.3**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**246.11.2019 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council resolve to support the Renew our Libraries Campaign Phase Two.
2. That Council make representation to the local State Member(s), Roy Butler, in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services.
3. That Council write to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-2020 to 2022-2023 NSW state funding model.
4. That Council take a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries.
5. That Council endorse the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW Library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council Libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.

*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Maxwell*

**CARRIED**

---

**CLAUSE 4A – REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE NETWORK**

**FILE: W2-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**247.11.2019 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council support, in principle, the development of a Regional Water Supply Pipe Network to enhance the long term security of urban water to all communities currently supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam.

---

THIS IS PAGE 3 OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF COBAR HELD ON THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019

.....  
GENERAL MANAGER

.....  
DEPUTY MAYOR

- 
2. That Council seek funding assistance from the NSW Government, as a matter of urgency, in conjunction with Narromine Shire/ Bogan Shire/ Warren Shire/ Cobar Shire/ Dubbo Regional Councils to:
    1. Undertake a comprehensive business case assessment of the Regional Water Supply Pipe Network project;
    2. Develop a long term financial model for the project which is sustainable for Council;
    3. Develop a governance model for the development and operation of the pipeline project based on regional collaboration amongst associated Councils; and
    4. Progress the technical development of the project to a “shovel ready” stage by April 2020; and
    5. Engage a suitably qualified consultant to act for the group of Councils in developing each stage of the project planning process.
  3. That Council examine options, in collaboration with DPIE Water and Water NSW, to extend critical urban water supplies in the lower Macquarie River catchment and fast-track delivery of the project, including staged construction options, with the aim of ensuring a continued supply of water to all urban centres supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam.

*Clr Sinclair/ Clr Lea-Barrett*

**CARRIED**

---

**CLAUSE 5A – QUARTER 1 (Q1) 2019/2020 BUDGET REVIEW**

**FILE: L5-22**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Finance and Community Services, Kym Miller***

**248.11.2019 RESOLVED:**

1. That no changes be made to the 2019/2020 Operating Budget as per Quarter 1 2019/2020 Budget Review, noting that income streams available are yet to be allocated.
2. That the 2019/2020 Capital Expenditure Budget be adjusted by removing the Industrial Estate and including the Ward Oval Development.

*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Payne*

**CARRIED**

---

**CLAUSE 6A – DROUGHT COMMUNITY PROJECTS ROUND 1 - UPDATE**

**FILE: G4-1 & G4-41**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.4**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**249.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That the information contained within this report be received and noted.

*Clr Payne/ Clr Maxwell*

**CARRIED**

---

**CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 16 OCTOBER  
2019 – 19 NOVEMBER 2019**

**FILE: T5-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1**

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

- 250.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 16 October 2019 – 19 November 2019 be received and noted.  
*Clr Sinclair/ Clr Payne* **CARRIED**
- 

**CLAUSE 2B – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

**FILE: C13-10**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

- 251.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1116 Part 1, 1253, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335 Part 1, 1336 and 1337.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Payne* **CARRIED**
- 

**CLAUSE 3B – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION  
TRIBUNAL ANNUAL DETERMINATION ON FEES PAID TO  
MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FOR 2020**

**FILE: C12-2 & L5-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

- 252.11.2019 RESOLVED:**
1. That Council receive and note the information contained within this report.
  2. That Council do not provide a submission to the Tribunal.
- Clr Payne/ Clr Maxwell* **CARRIED**
- 

**CLAUSE 4B – FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE  
ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019/2020**

**FILE: L5-22**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

- 253.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That Council receives and notes the first quarterly review of the 2019/2020 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period July to September 2019.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Sinclair* **CARRIED**
-

---

**CLAUSE 5B – MEETING MINUTES**

**FILE: T4-3**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**AUTHOR: *Executive Assistant General Manager/ Mayor, Janette Booth***

- 254.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee be received and noted.  
*Clr Payne/ Clr Toomey* **CARRIED**
- 

**CLAUSE 6B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2019**

**FILE: B2-7**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7**

**AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey***

- 255.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 31 October 2019.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Payne* **CARRIED**
- 

**CLAUSE 7B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2019**

**FILE: B2-7**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5**

**AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey***

- 256.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 31 October 2019.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Sinclair* **CARRIED**
- 

**CLAUSE 8B – ANALYSIS OF DRY AND WET PLANT AND EQUIPMENT CONTRACT**

**FILE: T3-15-6**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4**

**AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey***

- 257.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the information contained within this report.  
*Clr Maxwell/ Clr Lea-Barrett* **CARRIED**
- 

**CLAUSE 9B – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT**

**FILE: C6-20-2**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2**

**AUTHOR: *Acting Director of Engineering Services, Simon Pradhan***

- 258.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the Engineering Works Report detailing maintenance on Shire and Regional Roads, State Highways and Water Sewer Mains, Resources for Regions Projects and other Major Grant Works be received and noted.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Maxwell* **CARRIED**
-

---

**CLAUSE 10B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES**

**FILE: G4-29**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 & 4.4.4.2**

**AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Manager, Eric Poga***

- 259.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the updated financial information for the three Restart NSW Resources for Regions infrastructure projects.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Payne* **CARRIED**
- 

**CLAUSE 11B – MAINTENANCE GRADING AND CAPITAL WORKS REPORT 2019/2020**

**FILE: R5-15 & R5-16**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.1**

**AUTHOR: *Acting Director of Engineering Services, Simon Pradhan***

- 260.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That Council receives and notes the information contained within this report.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Maxwell* **CARRIED**
- 

**CLAUSE 12B – GRANT FUNDING**

**FILE: G4-17**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.4**

**AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Brytt Moore***

- 261.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the grant funding report detailing grants applied for, grants announced and grants available be received and noted.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Sinclair* **CARRIED**
- 

**CLAUSE 13B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2019**

**FILE: R2-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6**

**AUTHOR: *Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown***

- 262.11.2019 RESOLVED:** That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 October 2019 be received and noted.  
*Clr Sinclair/ Clr Payne* **CARRIED**
- 

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:14PM**

**CONFIRMED.....**

**MINUTE NO.....**

**DEPUTY MAYOR.....**