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**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 5:00PM**

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**PRESENT (C6-15-5)**

Councillors Lilliane Brady OAM (Mayor), Tracey Kings (Deputy Mayor), Peter Abbott, John Harrison (arrived at 5:14pm), Jarrod Marsden, Peter Maxwell, Harley Toomey, Ray Wilson and Peter Yench. Messrs Gary Woodman (General Manager), Kym Miller (Director of Corporate and Community Services), Errol George (Director of Engineering Services) and Stephen Poulter (Acting Director of Planning and Environmental Services) and Mmes Angela Shepherd (Special Projects Officer) and Janette Booth (Executive Assistant to the General Manager).

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**APOLOGIES (C16-15-6)**

- 1FP.01.2015 RECOMMENDATION:** That the apologies received from Councillors Marsha Isbester and Bob Sinclair be accepted and a leave of absence granted.  
*Clr Marsden/ Clr Maxwell* **CARRIED**
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (FILE C6-15-7)**

Nil.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

**FILE: C13-7, D2-17, P5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 2.1.1.1, 2.1.5**  
**AUTHOR: Councillor, Peter Yench**

- 2FP.01.2015 RECOMMENDATION:** That the Notice of Motion on the Economic Development Matters be discussed.  
*Clr Yench/ Clr Kings* **CARRIED**

**MOTION:**

1. That Council support the Cobar Shire Economic Taskforce in the investigation of any possible opportunities for development of any new viable industries in Cobar Shire that can help alleviate the downturn of the mining industry and where possible strengthen the economy of Cobar Shire.
2. That appropriate funding as recommended by the Cobar Economic Taskforce be considered for inclusion in the

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2015/2016 Budget to help bring to fruition any attraction of alternative industries to Cobar Shire.

3. That Cobar Shire Council confirm its support for the Carbon Farming Initiative.
4. That Cobar Shire Council manages its position on Carbon Farming through the Cobar Shire Economic Taskforce.
5. That the Cobar Shire Economic Taskforce be requested to investigate the possibility and practicality of developing independent living aged accommodation in Cobar.
6. That Councillors provide advice on any other ideas to improve the economy of Cobar Shire and the diversification of its industries.

*Clr Yench/ Clr Marsden*

**LOST**

**AMENDMENT:**

1. That Council support the Cobar Shire Economic Taskforce in the investigation of any possible opportunities for development of any new viable industries in Cobar Shire that can help alleviate the downturn of the mining industry and where possible strengthen the economy of Cobar Shire.
2. That appropriate funding as recommended by the Cobar Economic Taskforce be considered for inclusion in the 2015/2016 Budget to help bring to fruition any attraction of alternative industries to Cobar Shire.
3. That the Cobar Shire Economic Taskforce investigate the possibility and practicality of developing independent living aged accommodation in Cobar.
4. That Councillors provide advice on any other ideas to improve the economy of Cobar Shire and the diversification of its industries through the Economic Taskforce.

*Clr Kings/ Clr Maxwell*

The amendment was put and became the motion and was carried.

**3FP.01.2015 RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council support the Cobar Shire Economic Taskforce in the investigation of any possible opportunities for development of any new viable industries in Cobar Shire that can help alleviate the downturn of the mining industry and where possible strengthen the economy of Cobar Shire.
2. That appropriate funding as recommended by the Cobar Economic Taskforce be considered for inclusion in the 2015/2016 Budget to help bring to fruition any attraction of alternative industries to Cobar Shire.
3. That the Cobar Shire Economic Taskforce investigate the possibility and practicality of developing independent living aged accommodation in Cobar.

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4. That Councillors provide advice on any other ideas to improve the economy of Cobar Shire and the diversification of its industries through the Economic Taskforce.

*Clr Kings/ Clr Maxwell*

**CARRIED**

**A Division was called:**

**For:**

Clr Lilliane Brady OAM (Mayor)  
Clr Peter Abbott  
Clr Tracey Kings  
Clr Peter Maxwell  
Clr Ray Wilson  
Clr John Harrison

**Against:**

Clr Peter Yench  
Clr Harley Toomey  
Clr Jarrod Marsden

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**NOTICE OF MOTION – MERGING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND COBAR MEMORIAL POOL**

**FILE: C13-7, S9-2, C8-6-3 AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2, 1.2.2.1, 1.5.3**

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

**5FP.01.2015 RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That a “Think Tank” meeting be held by Council on the merging of the Community Centre (Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre) and the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool.
2. That Council Officers prepare a high level feasibility statement on the possibility of relocating the Youth Centre to the Swimming Pool so as to create a single entity.

*Clr Yench/ Clr Marsden*

**CARRIED**

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**REPORT 1B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2015**

**FILE: B2-7**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7**

**AUTHOR: *Manager Finance & Administration, Neil Mitchell***

**6FP.01.2015 RECOMMENDATION:** That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 31 January 2015.

*Clr Toomey/ Clr Abbott*

**CARRIED**

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**REPORT 2B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2014**

**FILE: R2-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6**

**AUTHOR: *Rates Officer, Jo-Louise Brown***

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**7FP.01.2015 RECOMMENDATION:** That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 January 2015 be received and noted.  
*Clr Abbott/ Clr Toomey* **CARRIED**

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**REPORT 3B – GRANT FUNDING**

**FILE: G4-17** **AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.4**  
**AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd***

**8FP.01.2015 RECOMMENDATION:** That the information contained in the grant funding report detailing grants applied for, grants announced and grants available, as well as the updates on Council’s grant capital projects, be received and noted.  
*Clr Marsden/ Clr Abbott* **CARRIED**

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**MATTERS OF URGENCY**

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

**9FP.01.2015 RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council hold a Public Meeting, on Wednesday 4 March 2015 on the unacceptable Health Services and Condition of the Dubbo Base Hospital.
2. That Council allocate in the Draft 2015/2016 Budget that Council put an appropriate amount for Video Conference Equipment.

*Clr Brady OAM/ Clr Yench* **CARRIED**

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:44PM**

**CONFIRMED .....**  
**MINUTE NO .....**  
**MAYOR .....**