



BERRIGAN SHIRE

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EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 4 October, 2023

at 9:15am

Council Chambers, 56 Chanter Street, Berrigan



Minutes



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The Extraordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Berrigan held in the Council Chambers, 56 Chanter Street, Berrigan, on Wednesday 4 October, 2023 when the following business was considered:-

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Present:

Councillors:

Julia Cornwell McKean (Mayor), Carly Marriott (Deputy Mayor), Edward (Ted) Hatty, Matthew Hannan, Sarah McNaught, Renee Paine, Roger Reynoldson and John Taylor

The following staff were also in attendance:

Karina Ewer (Chief Executive Officer), Matthew Hansen (Deputy CEO), Rohit Srivastava (Director Infrastructure), Andrew Fletcher (Director Strategic Planning & Development), Keelan McDonald (Executive Assistant) and Tahlia Fry (Director Corporate Services)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Council opened its meeting at 12:02pm.

Mayor Cornwell McKean read the following statement:

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2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Cornwell McKean made an Acknowledgement of Country with the following statement:



“We acknowledge the original inhabitants whose country we are gathered on, and we pay respect to the elders, past, present, and future and extend respect to all first nations people.”

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

In accordance with section 233A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Mayor and Councillors are bound by Oath or Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term, to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the Berrigan Shire Council. They must faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act, to the best of their ability and judgement.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Berrigan Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice and the Berrigan Shire Council Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to disclose and manage both pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting.

In both cases, the nature of the interest must be disclosed.

This includes receipt of reportable political donations over the previous four years.

3 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

3.1 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Mayor Cornwell McKean – Leave of Absence: October Ordinary Council Meeting.

3.2 Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

5 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

5.1 Cultural Review and Compliance Audit

Resolved ECM-263/23

Moved: Cr Renee Paine



Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

That Council:

1. refer the management of the agreed strategy to address the recommendations of the Cultural Audit to staff, with reports to be provided monthly to Council Ordinary meetings to ensure timely finalisation of all matters.
2. Mayor Cornwell McKean and the CEO prepare a brief for Morrison Low, requesting an 'op-in' phone interview for both staff and Councillors.

CARRIED

5.2 Review of customer payment options

Moved: Cr Matthew Hannan

Seconded: Cr John Taylor

That the Council note this report on customer payment options, including the removal of the BPay service.

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5.2 Review of customer payment options

Resolved ECM-264/23

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

Seconded: Cr Renee Paine

That the Council:

1. direct the Chief Executive Officer to restore the BPay service for payment of Council rates, charges and fees at the earliest opportunity and report back to Council once the service has been restored.
2. That a communications campaign be undertaken to promote Payble.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:51pm for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:05pm.



5.3 2023 Financial Year Results Report

Resolved ECM-265/23

Moved: Cr John Taylor

Seconded: Cr Roger Reynoldson

That Council:

1. Note the 2022/2023 Financial Year Operational and Capital Cash Budget results attached as Appendix 1
2. Note the carried forward balance for the 2023/2024 Financial Year
3. Vote for the revotes below to be re-allocated a budget in the 2023/2024 Financial Year, with the exception of works on Lawson Drive Barooga, valued at \$40,000.

CARRIED

5.4 Lease - Finley Saleyards

Resolved ECM-266/23

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carly Marriott

Seconded: Cr Sarah McNaught

That Council, in the matter of the lease of the whole of the land comprised in Folio Identifiers 1/402452, 159/1087013, 160/752299 and 161/752299, known as the Finley Saleyard, delegate the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Finalise negotiations with Finley Livestock Exchange Pty Ltd on the terms of the lease based on the draft version attached to this report, and
2. Execute and sign under seal the agreed lease.

CARRIED

6 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The next Extraordinary Council Meeting will be held on 18 October 2023 from 9:15am in the Council Chambers, 56 Chanter Street, Berrigan.

There being no further business the President, closed the meeting at 1:29pm.