

# *Shire of Narrogin*

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 43 FEDERAL STREET, NARROGIN, ON THURSDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012; COMMENCING AT 9.34 A.M.**

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The President, Richard Chadwick, welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

**2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

Councillors Cr R.E. Chadwick (President)  
Cr J.M. Sieber  
Cr T.R. Wiese  
Cr G.D. Ballard  
Cr B.G. Hardie  
Cr D.L. Wiese  
Cr A.G. Borthwick

Chief Executive Officer Mr G.R. McKeown

Visitors Mr G. Rasmussen – Works Manager (from 10.33am)

Apologies Nil.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**5. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The unconfirmed minutes of the Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 required an alteration to reflect the correct wording of the resolution passed by Council in relation to the item on Weather Monitoring Equipment at the Narrogin Airport.

*Resolution on 9.A.220 amended to read;*

The Shire of Narrogin supports the proposed location of new weather monitoring equipment at the Narrogin Airport.

**Moved Cr Sieber** **Seconded Cr Hardie**  
**The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012,  
be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS**

Councillors advised of their attendance at the following meetings and functions:

1. Cr Sieber attended the Ockley Bush Fire Brigade Annual Barbeque.
2. Cr Sieber also attended the Nomans Lake Hall Centenary Committee Meeting and the Community Meeting at Highbury to consider the Amalgamated State Document.
3. Cr Borthwick attended the Community Meeting at Highbury to consider the Amalgamated State Document.
4. Cr D. Wiese attended the Narrogin Cottage Homes Committee Meeting and the Highbury District Community Council Meeting.
5. Cr T. Wiese attended the Community Meeting at Highbury to consider the Amalgamated State Document.
6. Cr Ballard also attended the Community Meeting and Highbury to consider the Amalgamated State Document.

The President reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

1. Attended the Community Meeting at Highbury to consider the Amalgamated State Document.
2. Attended the WALGA Central Country Zone meeting in Beverley.

GARY RASMUSSEN ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 10:00AM.

**8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Gary Rasmussen presented a report on the activities of the Narrogin Works Unit.

There was also general discussion on the issue of maintaining employee skills into the future with the likely loss of experienced staff in the next few years. Gary Rasmussen highlighted that this is an industry wide issue with local government pay rates falling well behind those in the private sector and specifically in the mining industry. He advocated that this problem needs to be addressed as it will impact on the ability of local government to perform at the level needed to meet the demands of the community and it will limit its ability to carry out contract works.

GARY RASMUSSEN LEFT THE MEETING AT 11.21PM.

Information Report

The Chief Executive Officer presented his Information Report.

**MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE DECISIONS**

**9.F FINANCE**

**9.F.197 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Moved Cr Hardie  
That Council,**

**Seconded Cr Borthwick**

- 1. Endorse cheques numbered 820, 19030 to 19035, and 19037 to 19042 (inclusive) as paid under delegated authority, totalling \$44,281.65;**
- 2. Approve cheques numbered 19043 to 19088 (inclusive) as creditors to be paid, totalling \$83,709.90;**
- 3. Endorse electronic transaction payments for other expenses totalling \$3,150.50;**
- 4. Endorse electronic transaction payments for salaries and wages expenses totalling \$94,140.50; and**
- 5. Adopt the Financial Statement to the 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 as presented.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**9.A ADMINISTRATION**

**9.A.222 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN**

**Moved Cr Hardie**

**Seconded Cr Ballard**

**The Compliance Audit Return for the Shire of Narrogin for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, as considered by the Audit Committee, be noted and the detail forwarded to the Department of Local Government.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

The motion differed from the recommendation as it reflects that the Audit Committee had met to consider the Compliance Audit Return prior to the Meeting.

**9.A.223 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME INITIATIVES**

**Moved Cr Sieber**

**Seconded Cr T Wiese**

**The Shire of Narrogin supports the allocation of funds remaining in the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy to support the “RU2 CLOSE” project being promoted by the Narrogin Police, subject to approval being granted by the Office of Crime Prevention.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**9.A.224 REGIONAL BUSINESS PLAN**

**Moved Cr Borthwick**

**Seconded Cr Sieber**

**The Regional Business Plan developed by the Cuballing Narrogin Wickepin Regional Transition Group containing the Current State, Amalgamated State and Transitional Considerations Documents, be endorsed.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**9.B&TP BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING**

Cr Sieber declared a Proximity Interest in the following item as she is the owner of land that is adjacent to property which is the subject of the planning application.

CR SIEBER LEFT THE MEETING AT 12.30PM.

**9.B&TP.150 TEMPORARY OCCUPATION – LOC 7921 YILLIMINNING ROAD**

**Moved Cr Borthwick**

**Seconded Cr D Wiese**

**Mr & Mrs Bill and Toni van Rijn are granted approval for the temporary occupation of a shed on Location 7921 Yilliminning Road, Narrogin subject to the following conditions:**

- 1. Temporary occupancy is approved for a period of up to twelve months from the commencement of occupancy of the shed on the property.**
- 2. Applicant is to meet all Health and Building requirements to the satisfaction of Council.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

CR SIEBER ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 12.33PM.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE PRESIDENT THANKED COUNCILLORS FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AND CLOSED THE MEETING AT 12.35PM.