

**MINUTES OF NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 46-48 MAITLAND STREET, NARRABRI  
ON MONDAY, 24 MAY 2021 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ron Campbell (Mayor), Cr Cameron Staines (Deputy Mayor), Cr Maxine Booby, Cr Ron Campey, Cr Lloyd Finlay, Cr Robert Kneale, Cr Annie McMahon.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Stewart Todd (General Manager), Lindsay Mason (Director Corporate and Community Services), Eloise Chaplain (Acting Director Infrastructure Delivery), Andrew Brown (Acting Director Planning, Strategy & People), Delece Hartnett (Minute Clerk).

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 1.00pm.

**1 OPENING PRAYER BY A MEMBER OF THE NARRABRI MINISTER'S FRATERNAL**

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Members and officers were upstanding for the opening prayer by Majors Kelvin & Brenda Stace of Narrabri Salvation Army Rural Chaplains, in association with the Narrabri Ministers Fraternal.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Council met, the Kamilaroi people, and the Council paid its respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

**3 RECOGNITION OF SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

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Council acknowledges the sacrifice made by Australian service men and women, in particular those who gave their lives in defence of the freedom we enjoy today.

**4 APOLOGIES/GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

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**MINUTE 076/2021**

Moved: Cr Robert Kneale                      Seconded: Cr Ron Campey

**That the apology received from Cr Redding be accepted.**

In Favour: Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**5 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON- PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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Councillors were reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matters listed before them.

COUNCILLOR	ITEM NUMBER	PECUNIARY/ NON-PECUNIARY	REASON
Cr Campbell	13.5 – Narrabri Gas Project – Voluntary Planning Agreement	Pecuniary Interest	Busines Owner/Contactor to Santos

## 6 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL (PUBLIC EXCLUDED) MEETING

### MINUTE 077/2021

Moved: Mayor Ron Campbell    Seconded: Cr Robert Kneale

**1. That the following matters will be considered in the Closed (Public Excluded) Meeting:**

- a. **14.1 - Transfer of National Australia bank building 75 Rose St Wee Waa to Council Ownership.**

In Favour: Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

## 7 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

## 8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### MINUTE 078/2021

Moved: Cr Maxine Booby    Seconded: Cr Ron Campey

- 1. That the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Narrabri Shire Council held on 27 April 2021 comprising Minute Nos 051/2021 to 071/2021 as circularised be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Mayor.**

In Favour: Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

### MINUTE 079/2021

Moved: Cr Maxine Booby    Seconded: Cr Ron Campey

- 1. That the minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting of the Narrabri Shire Council held on 18 May 2021 comprising Minute Nos 072/2021 to 075/2021 as circularised be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Mayor.**

In Favour: Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

## 9 MAYORAL MINUTE

### 9.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR APRIL/MAY 2021

#### MINUTE 080/2021

Moved: Mayor Ron Campbell

- 1. That Council note the Mayoral Appointments for the period April/May 2021.**

In Favour: Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

## 10 OUR SOCIETY

### 10.1 CENTRAL NORTHERN REGIONAL LIBRARY 5 YEAR AGREEMENT

#### MINUTE 081/2021

Moved: Cr Maxine Booby      Seconded: Cr Lloyd Finlay

- 1. That Council note the minutes from the CNRL Ordinary Meeting held 21 April 2021.**
- 2. That Council approve the extension of the current CNRL Library Agreement for a further five-year period.**
- 3. That Council affix the Seal of Council to the Central Northern Regional Library Agreement 2021.**

In Favour: Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**10.2 NARRABRI SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL****MINUTE 082/2021**

Moved: Cr Cameron Staines      Seconded: Cr Lloyd Finlay

- 1. That Council establish the Narrabri Shire Youth Council.**
- 2. That Council adopt the Narrabri Shire Youth Council Terms of Reference, as attached to this report.**

In Favour:      Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against:      Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**11 OUR ENVIRONMENT**

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Nil reports.

**12 OUR ECONOMY**

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Nil reports.

**13 OUR CIVIC LEADERSHIP**

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**13.1 DELEGATES REPORT - NEW ENGLAND JOINT ORGANISATION MEETING - MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2021****MINUTE 083/2021**

Moved: Cr Maxine Booby      Seconded: Cr Robert Kneale

- 1. That Council note Mayor Campbell's Delegates Report on the New England Joint Organisation (NEJO) Meeting held on Monday 22 February 2021.**

In Favour:      Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against:      Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**13.2 FOREIGN ARRANGEMENTS SCHEME****MINUTE 084/2021**

Moved: Cr Ron Campey                      Seconded: Cr Robert Kneale

- 1. That Council note the report in relation to the Foreign Arrangements Scheme.**
- 2. That Council note that it has no arrangements as per the Foreign Arrangements Scheme.**

In Favour:      Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against:        Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**13.3 INVESTMENT REPORT - APRIL 2021****MINUTE 085/2021**

Moved: Cr Robert Kneale                      Seconded: Cr Maxine Booby

- 1. That Council note the Investment Report for April 2021.**

In Favour:      Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against:        Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**13.4 SETTING OF COUNCILLOR FEES 2021/2022****MINUTE 086/2021**

Moved: Cr Robert Kneale                      Seconded: Cr Maxine Booby

- 1. That Council adopt the maximum fee payable under the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determination, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.**

In Favour:      Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay and Robert Kneale

Against:        Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

Cr McMahon arrived at the meeting at 1.31pm. Cr McMahon had previously advised she would be arriving late for the meeting.

**MINUTE 087/2021**

Moved: Cr Ron Campey                      Seconded: Cr Maxine Booby

- 1. That Council determine to consider the following Supplementary Report tabled by the General Manager at this Council Meeting:**

- a. Item 13.5 – Narrabri Gas Project – Voluntary Planning Agreement.**

In Favour:      Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay, Robert Kneale and Annie McMahon

Against:        Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**

Mayor Campbell declared a pecuniary interest in relation to item 13.5, due to his company Namoi Wastecorp holding contracts with Santos, and was not present at or in sight of the meeting during the consideration of the item.

The Mayor vacated the Chair.

Cr Staines assumed chairpersonship of the Meeting.

At 1.32pm, Mayor Ron Campbell left the meeting.

Cr Staines, as Chairperson ruled that Item 13.5 – Narrabri Gas Project – Voluntary Planning Agreement, as the business to be of great urgency on the grounds that the business requires a decision by Council before the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

**13.5 NARRABRI GAS PROJECT - VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT****MINUTE 088/2021**

Moved: Cr Lloyd Finlay                      Seconded: Cr Robert Kneale

- 1. That Council endorse the draft Narrabri Gas Project Voluntary Planning Agreement for the purposes of public exhibition.**
- 2. That Council place on public exhibition the draft Narrabri Gas Project Voluntary Planning Agreement for a period of at least 28 days, during the exhibition period call for and accept submissions from the public on the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement.**

In Favour:      Crs Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay, Robert Kneale and Annie McMahon

Against:        Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

At 1.37pm, Mayor Ron Campbell returned to the meeting.

Cr Staines vacated the Chair.

The Mayor assumed chairpersonship of the Meeting.

#### 14 CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED COUNCIL) MEETING

##### MINUTE 089/2021

Moved: Cr Cameron Staines      Seconded: Cr Maxine Booby

**That at 1.38pm Council move into Closed (Public Excluded) Meeting of Council and that the press and members of the public be asked to leave the room whilst Council considers the following items:**

##### **14.1 Transfer of National Australia bank building 75 Rose St Wee Waa to Council Ownership**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

In Favour: Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay, Robert Kneale and Annie McMahon

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**

##### MINUTE 090/2021

Moved: Cr Annie McMahon      Seconded: Cr Cameron Staines

**That at 1.47pm Council move out of Closed (Public Excluded) Meeting and that the resolutions from the Closed (Public Excluded) Meeting be read out to those present by the Chair of the Meeting or their nominee.**

In Favour: Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay, Robert Kneale and Annie McMahon

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**

**14.1 TRANSFER OF NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK BUILDING 75 ROSE ST WEE WAA, TO COUNCIL OWNERSHIP**

**MINUTE 091/2021**

Moved: Cr Ron Campey                      Seconded: Cr Annie McMahon

- 1. That Council accept the offer of the building located at 75 Rose St, Wee Waa, by the National Bank of Australia (NAB), as a gift to Council, subject to a satisfactory building inspection by a qualified building inspector.**
- 2. That a contract for transfer of the building be prepared for execution by both parties.**
- 3. That the General Manager be authorised to execute all documentation of behalf of Council.**
- 4. That the Council Seal be applied to the contract, if required.**

In Favour:      Crs Ron Campbell, Cameron Staines, Maxine Booby, Ron Campey, Lloyd Finlay, Robert Kneale and Annie McMahon

Against:        Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The Meeting closed at 1.48pm.

The minutes of this meeting are scheduled to be confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 22 June 2021.

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**CHAIRPERSON**