MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD AT THE QUORN COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2013 COMMENCING AT 6.32 PM

1. PRESENT
   Mayor PJ Slattery (in Chair)
   Councillors: KP Anderson, JR Cannard, RK Daniel, BA Filsell,
   GS Lucas, JL Shute, GC Thompson and KM Walsh (from 6.36 pm)

   Chief Executive Officer          CJ Davies
   Minute Secretary                 JK Campbell
   Construction Team Leader         JK Deer

2. APOLOGIES
   RM O’Connor (Works Manager)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
   Moved Councillor Cannard, Seconded Councillor Lucas
   That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2013, as circulated,
   be confirmed as a true and correct record of that Meeting.
   CARRIED (/2013)

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST
   Councillor Daniel declared a conflict of interest in Agenda Item 7.1.2.3
   Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict of interest in Agenda Item 9.4.

5. BUSINESS ARISING
   5.1 Street Lighting on Arterial Roads
       Location Map of Additional Street Lights
       For Information
       Works Manager to verify lights exist
       Councillor Daniel advised that lights near the hospital, main road and Oxted Enterprises
       at Hawker were currently on twenty – four hours per day.

6. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS
   6.1 Petitions                      Nil
   6.2 Deputations
     6.2.1 Regional Development Australia Far North

     The Mayor welcomed Ms Jenny Cleary (Chair) and Ms Claire Wiseman (Chief
     Executive Officer), Regional Development Australia Far North (RDAFN), to the
     Meeting and invited Ms Cleary to address Council.
Ms Cleary provided an overview of the –

- staff and their roles
- composition of the Board and the process of appointment
- funding partners
- role of RDAFN
- and Board of Regional Development Australia Far North (RDAFN), the role of RDAFN within the region, funding partners, and the appointment process for appointment to the Board
- responsibility of local government representatives to represent five local government bodies within the RDAFN’s region.

Ms Wiseman referred to the distributed RDAFN folder and its contents, and provided an overview of the –

- funding for RDAFN
- current funding for staff
- expiration of current funding agreement
- withdrawal of State Government core funding from 1 July 2013
- proposed new funding agreement from 1 July 2013 until 30 June 2016 and proposed stakeholders
- planning scenario of RDAFN from 1 July 2013
- ability to include key performance indicators for local government stakeholders
- proposed one contract instead of five individual contracts with local government entities
- support in principle by local government Chief Executive Officers for new funding partnership
- recent $200k funding for employment of officer focussed on mining and an officer focussed on ‘vibrant region’ and $100k for business advisory service.

Ms Wiseman referred to The Flinders Ranges Council’s Strategic Management Plan 2012 – 2022 and provided detail of how RDAFN could assist Council to meet some of the goals of the Plan should Council commit as a funding partner for the next three year period.

*Ms Cleary and Ms Wiseman left the Meeting at 7.12 pm*

7. REPORTS

Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Lucas

That the reports including addendums for Works, Finance, Members, Chief Executive Officer, Environmental Health Compliance Officer, Development Officer, Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Coordinator and Visitor Information Centre Manager, be received.

CARRIED (2013)

7.1 Works

The Mayor advised Elected Members that John Deer, Working Supervisor Construction, was present in the Gallery and was available to answer any queries.

7.1.1 Business Arising

Nil
7.1.2 Works Manager’s Report

**Playgrounds / Reserves**

Councillor Daniel queried location for installation of new playground equipment at Hawker and lack of shade and Councillor Walsh referred to a similar situation at Quorn.

Elected Members to be advised of additional shade to be installed above new playground equipment.

**Patrol Grading / Storm Damage**

Cr Shute referred to previous and very recent discussion about opportunistic patrol grading following rain events – this still didn’t happen after the recent Hawker rains. Cr Shute was also concerned that the grader had only fixed one small gutter, but there were worse washouts further along including a stretch of road in dire need of grading. It was queried why this was all that was done.

**Skid Steer Replacement**

Moved Councillor Walsh, Seconded Councillor Cannard

That Council approve the –

(i) purchase of a new Caterpillar Skid Steer Loader for a cost of sixty-five thousand dollars ($65,000) from Cavpower utilising the 2012 - 2013 Annual Business Plan Plant replacement allocation for Mitsubishi Tandem Tipper (P153);

(ii) annulling the requirement under Council’s Procurement Policy to undertake a selective tender process (minimum 3) due to the requirement to use the existing attachments which are all Caterpillar and there being only one supplier in South Australia for Caterpillar;

(iii) sale by tender of the current Skid Steer Loader (P111) with a reserve of $17,000 being the trade-in value offered by Cavpower.


CARRIED (2013)

Councillor Shute suggested that the Caterpillar Skid Steer Loader be retained for Hawker given the low trade-in value offered. Chief Executive Officer to discuss whether the old Skid Steer was still suitable for lower demand usage with the Works Manager.

**Niche Wall**

Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Shute

That Council approve an amendment to the 2012 – 2013 Annual Business Plan and 2012 – 2032 Long Term Financial Plan removing the budget line for the niche wall and transferring that allocation to a new budget line for the memorial plinths at Hawker and Quorn.

CARRIED (2013)

**Future Works**

Councillor Anderson was opposed to the proposal to seek quotations for an upgrade community recreation facilities at the Quorn Town Oval, which would include a disabled toilet, and suggested that Council should commit to a staged development based on the Quorn Oval Master Plan adopted by Council in February 2011.
Councillor Shute also objected to community recreation facilities being funded by Council in Quorn, stating that sporting organisations should fund their own community recreation facilities by fundraising and loan facilities as they do in Hawker.

Councillor Walsh referred to the decision not to underpin the wall at the Quorn Swimming Pool and was advised that some of this budget allocation had been utilised on other repairs at the facility and the surplus would need to be taken into consideration for the proposed future upgrade and any allocation in the 2013 – 2014 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

A grant application had been submitted to the Regional Development Australia Fund – Round 3 for upgrade of the Quorn Swimming Pool.

7.1.3 Cradock Road Kerbing

Councillor Daniel referred to the Local Government Act 1999, Section 50 – Public consultation policies, and Council's Policy G1.9 Public Consultation, and advised that the proposed period of consultation was not sufficient.

Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Anderson

That Council undertake Public Consultation on the proposed Cradock Road kerbing project and that this be undertaken by mailing a personal copy to all residents of Hawker of the Cradock Road Kerbing Project Information Sheet, subject to extension of date to provide a twenty – one (21) day public consultation period.

CARRIED (2013)

Councillor Daniel did not participate in voting

7.1.4 General Inspector’s Report

Additional Dog

Moved Councillor Filsell, Seconded Councillor Thompson

That Council allow Mr and Mrs Ross Vonow of 37 Park Terrace, Quorn to keep an additional dog under The Flinders Ranges Council By-law Number 3 – Dogs.

CARRIED (2013)

Dog Registration Fees

Moved Councillor Filsell, Seconded Councillor Thompson

That Council increase the rate of a standard dog registration to fifty dollars ($50.00) to offset the increase of expenses involved with dog and cat management.

CARRIED (2013)

7.1.3 Correspondence Nil

7.1.4 Other Nil
7.2 Members

7.2.1 Mayor

Attendance at meetings / functions since the last Council Meeting –

- 09.01.2013 Little Corella Control Reference Committee
- 15.01.2013 Senior Leadership Team Meeting
- 21.01.2013 Flinders Ranges Community Bank
- 23.01.2013 Little Corella Control Public Meeting
- 26.01.2013 Hawker Australia Day Celebrations
- 04.02.2013 Flinders Ranges Community Bank
- 05.02.2013 Senior Leadership Team Meeting
- 05.02.2013 Little Corella Control Reference Committee
- 07.02.2013 Chief Executive Officer Annual Review
- 08.02.2013 Central Local Government Region of SA Meeting
- 09.02.2013 Hawker visit, and Hawker School Community Library Board Meeting.

7.2.2 Members

7.2.2.1 Councillor Anderson
Nil

7.2.2.2 Councillor Cannard

Councillor Cannard advised that she had attended the following meetings / functions –

- 21.01.2013 Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre Management Committee.

7.2.2.3 Councillor Daniel

Councillor Daniel advised that he had attended the following meetings / functions –

- 05.02.2013 Natural Resource Management
- 11.02.2013 Willochra Catchment
- 11.02.2013 Hawker Area School Annual General Meeting.

7.2.2.4 Councillor Filsell

Councillor Filsell advised that she had attended the following meetings / functions –

- 31.01.2013 Quorn Agricultural Show Society
- 26.01.2013 Quorn Australia Day Celebrations.

7.2.2.5 Councillor Lucas

Councillor Lucas advised that he had attended the following meetings / functions –

- 09.01.2013 Little Corella Control Reference Committee
- 21.01.2013 Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre Management Committee
- 23.01.2013 Little Corella Control Public Meeting
- 26.01.2013 Quorn Australia Day Celebrations
- 05.02.2013 Little Corella Control Reference Committee.
7.2.2.6 Councillor Shute

Councillor Shute advised that he had attended the following meetings / functions –

31.01.2013  Hawker Community Sports Centre
07.02.2013  Chief Executive Officer Annual Review.

7.2.2.7 Councillor Thompson

Councillor Thompson advised that he had attended the following meetings / functions –

23.01.2013  Little Corella Control Public Meeting
26.01.2013  Quorn Australia Day Celebrations
05.02.2013  Little Corella Control Reference Committee
07.02.2013  Chief Executive Officer Annual Review.

7.2.2.8 Councillor Walsh

Councillor Walsh advised that she had attended the following meetings / functions –

26.01.2013  Quorn Australia Day Celebrations.

7.3 Chief Executive Officer

7.3.1 Representation Review Report

Chief Executive Officer advised that the Representation Review Report is a draft with a final decision being made following the next consultation process, prior to submission to the South Australian Electoral Commission. The outcome of the process would only be applied at the 2014 Local Government Elections.

Councillor Anderson stated that he had an issue with the paper reflecting a reduction in the number of councillors which provides a perception for residents that this proposal is supported by Council. The Mayor reiterated the email response from the Chief Executive Officer to this statement previously circulated, that the report would indeed reflect the proposal that Council supported, which was why the report was circulated earlier. The published report will be changed if Council so resolves, but this report is the professional opinion of the Chief Executive Officer having regard to Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Councillor Lucas supported a reduction in the number of councillors as previous elections have seen elected members elected unopposed which removes the voting process for residents and the right of residents to choose who represents them.

Councillor Shute advised of his preference for eight elected members so that Hawker continues to have 2 representatives.

Councillor Thompson stated that a reduction in the number of elected members could increase workloads for some elected members given there are only two current elected members who are retired from the workforce.

Councillor Daniel questioned the figures provided in the Representation Review Report stating that The Flinders Ranges Council is average with respect to voters per councillor and the fact that The Flinders Ranges Council has more councillors than the other councils of a similar size is irrelevant.
The Chief Executive Officer reminded the Councillors that they are required to consider the intent of the requirements of the section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999, especially Section 26(1)(c)(xi) which would suggest a reduction given all other Councils rated RAS have less Councillors.

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Daniels

That Council pursuant to Section 12 (8a)(9) and (10) of the Local Government Act 1999 approve The Flinders Ranges Council Representation Review Report – February 2013 subject to the Report being amended so that The Flinders Ranges Council representation remains unchanged with the retention of eight (8) councillors and an elected Mayor, and the amended Representation Review Report be placed out for public consultation in the manner described under section 8 of the Representation Review Report.

CARRIED (/2013)

7.3.2 Signage Reference Committee
Terms of Reference

Councillors Anderson, Cannard and Lucas volunteered as representatives to the Signage Reference Committee.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that meetings would be scheduled for day time and possibly on a Wednesday to fit in with Development Officer.

Moved Councillor Cannard, Seconded Councillor Filsell

That Council –

a. appoint Mayor Peter Slattery, Chief Executive Officer Colin Davies, Development Officer Ron Ashenden and Councillors Anderson and Lucas to the Signage Reference Committee; and
b. that the draft Terms of Reference for the Signage Reference Committee, as presented, be adopted, subject to the addition of one more councillor.

CARRIED (/2013)

7.3.3 Heritage Development Plan Amendment
Local Heritage

Moved Councillor Daniel, Seconded Councillor Lucas

That Council advise the Minister of Planning that –

(a) the proposed Local Heritage Listings of the :-

(i) CWA Hall, Lot 100 Railway Terrace, Quorn
(ii) Saltia Pass Railway Bridge, Pichi Richi Pass, Saltia
(iii) S Bend Bridge, Quorn-Port Augusta Road, 2.5 kilometres north of Woolshed Flat via Quorn
(iv) Lattice Bridge, 0.9 kilometres south of Woolshed Flat
(v) Reservoir, Arden Vale Road, Quorn
(vi) Former Woolshed Flat Railway Siding Precinct,

as detailed in Attachment 1 in correspondence received from the Minister for Planning dated 27 January 2013, all be retained.

CARRIED (/2013)
7.3.4 Mount Brown
Possible State Heritage Listing

Councillor Anderson stated that Elected Members needed to have an understanding of the requirements of State, National and World Heritage listings.

Councillor Daniel was advised that the Fire and Emergency Services legislation would override any heritage listing in respect of maintenance of fire tracks.

Councillor Lucas surmised that State Heritage Listing was more achievable than National Park status for the Mount Brown Conservation Park.

Moved Councillor Lucas, Seconded Councillor Filsell

That Council support the proposal of a State Heritage Listing for Mount Brown subject to an appropriate public consultation process.

CARRIED (/2013)

7.3.5 Council Facility Hire

Councillor Walsh strongly objected to the prolonged process and the unnecessary and unproductive use/waste of Council time and resources.

Staff to check power connection at Thompson Memorial Playground for residual current device protection.

Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Anderson

That all hirers of Council facilities –

(a) if no RCD protection is available at a Council owned facility, all electrical equipment brought onto the site is the responsibility of the hirer and should be tested and tagged according to AS 3760; and
(b) are required to secure and cover all external extension leads to suit weather conditions and not to cause a trip or other hazard.

CARRIED (/2013)

7.3.6 Australian Local Government Association
2013 National General Assembly of Local Government – Call for Motions

For Information

Councillor Thompson suggested a notice of motion in relation to the dead trees along the Pinkerton Creek, Quorn.

Mayor advised that this is not a national issue and does not align with the National General Assembly’s 2013 theme ‘Foundations for the Future – Twenty 13’. Council has been previously involved with a Notice of Motion associated with the damage caused by Little Corellas which was not taken seriously at the National General Assembly.

Councillor Daniel suggested that the matter of dead trees be addressed through Natural Resource Management Board and that Council be represented at a meeting when Native Vegetation Council staff are present.
7.3.7 Local Government Association of South Australia
2013 General Meeting – Call for Motions

The Mayor advised that a stand to highlight the state of trees due to damage by abundant species would be part of the 2013 Local Government Showcase component of the General Meeting.

A proposed motion to LGA on the damage to trees, property and environmental balance caused by abundant species was discussed.

Moved Councillor Lucas, Seconded Councillor Thompson

That Council authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to circulate a draft Notice of Motion for submission to the Local Government Association of South Australia seeking support from the State Government for strategies to control the damage caused to trees, property and environmental balance by abundant species.

CARRIED (2013)

Suggested that support for the Notice of Motion be sought from Councils experiencing a similar problem.

7.3.8 Australian Local Government Association
Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

Mayor referred to the work undertaken by the Australian Local Government Association for constitutional recognition of local government and the possibility of a referendum being included in the 2013 September Federal Government Elections. This is extremely important for local government and will allow the Federal Government to fund local government directly without having to go through the State Government (who subsequently charge a substantial “fee” for handling the funding). He requested that Elected Members unite and provide support within the community for this enormous change for local government.

7.3.9 Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
Proposed Changes to Development Assessment Processes in South Australia
For Information

7.3.10 SA Water
For Information

7.3.11 Chief Executive Officer’s Diary
For Information

Councillor Cannard left the meeting at 8.51 pm

7.3.12 Council Correspondence
For Information

Councillor Cannard returned to the Meeting at 8.54 pm

7.3.13 Staff

Moved Councillor Lucas, Seconded Councillor Filsell

That Council appoint Mrs Julie Kaye Campbell to the position of Acting Chief Executive Officer during the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Colin Davies, from 12 March 2013 until 19 March 2013 inclusive.

CARRIED (2013)
Councillor Cannard left the meeting at 8.55 pm

7.3.14 Council Seal Nil

7.4 Finance

7.4.1 Finance Reports

Moved Councillor Shute, Seconded Councillor Filsell

That Council:

a. note the contents of the Bank Reconciliation for the month ending 31st January 2013;
b. endorse the transfers to and from Reserves as per the Investment and Reserve Reconciliation for the month ending 31st January 2013;
c. note the contents of the Debenture Loan Reconciliation for the period ending 31st January 2013;
d. pursuant to Section 123(13) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Section 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 note the contents of the Budget Review for the period ending 31st January 2013 and endorse the changes noted therein; and

e. note the contents of the Statutory Finance Reports for the period ending 31st January 2013.

CARRIED (/2013)

7.4.2 Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans

Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Anderson


CARRIED (/2013)

7.5 Grants

7.5.1 Grants Report

For Information

7.6 Environmental Health Officer

7.6.1 Inspection of Premises and Report

For Information

7.7 Development

7.6.1 Development Approvals

For Information

7.8 Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Coordinator

7.8.1 Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare

For Information

7.9 Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre Manager

7.9.1 Statistical Information

For Information
8. **COMMITTEES**

8.1 Council Section 41 Committees

8.1.1 Hawker Swimming Pool Management Committee

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Thompson

That the proceedings of Quorn and District War Memorial Swimming Pool Management Committee Meeting held on Monday 7th January 2013, be taken as a report of that body and the recommendations made therein be adopted by Council.

CARRIED (/2013)

8.2 Section 43 Committees Nil

8.3 Council Reference Committees

8.3.1 Little Corella Control Reference Committee

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Filsell

That the proceedings of Little Corella Control Reference Committee Meetings held on Friday 7th December 2013 and Tuesday 5th February 2013, be taken as a report of that body and the recommendations made therein be adopted by Council.

CARRIED (/2013)

Councillor Lucas referred to the success of volunteers in moving Little Corellas along the Pinkerton Creek within Quorn and advised that more volunteers are required.

He highlighted the problem at the Oval Road ford where the Little Corellas are roosting during the day mainly due to the provision of water in the stockyard troughs.

Chief Executive Officer to explore options for removal of water available to the birds.

The Mayor suggested that lobbying of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resource Management Board continue and the Central Local Government Region of South Australia would be utilised to advocate on behalf of Councils affected with abundant birds.

8.4 Council Delegate Meetings Nil

8.5 Flinders Regional Development Assessment Panel Nil

8.6 Regional Committees Nil

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Filsell

That the Correspondence for Discussion / Decision, including Late Correspondence, be received and taken as read.

CARRIED (/2013)
9.1 Rotary Club of Unley
Police Officer of the Year Award
For Information

9.2 Wood Collection Signage
Grant Funding

Councillor Daniel suggested use of cameras for surveillance of areas such as Warren Gorge.

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Lucas

That Council agree in principle to the formulation of a grant application for submission to the Northern and Yorke Community Grants 2013 program for signage in relation to the harvesting of fire wood.

CARRIED (/2013)

9.3 Stockyard Arena Association
Sponsorship

Agreed that the Stockyard Arena Association be advised that Council requires a copy of their previous financial year, financial statement, to allow consideration of the request for sponsorship for 2013.

9.4 Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society Incorporated

Agreed that the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society Incorporated be advised that Council requires a copy of their previous financial year, financial statement, to allow consideration of the request for sponsorship for 2013.

Information regarding the requirement for financial statements to accompany any request to Council for a donation or sponsorship, to be provided in the Council newsletter and on Council’s website.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Ticklebelly Hill

Councillor Daniel referred to lock on access road to the property and requested that the lock should be removed.

10.2 Warren Gorge Management Committee

In response to a query by Councillor Anderson, it was agreed that a meeting of the Warren Gorge Management Committee be held on Monday 18 February 2013 commencing at 9.00 am.

Draft Management Plan to be circulated to members prior to Meeting.

10.3 Community Buses

In response to a query by Councillor Shute, the Chief Executive Officer advised that a reduced hire rate is available for use of Council’s community buses by community groups, but the groups are required to make a request in writing to Council. There is also a requirement for the bus to be returned full of fuel and in a clean state inside and out.

10.4 Memorial

Councillor Walsh referred to the minute in the 2012 December Ordinary Council Meeting concerning a memorial for the late Jessie Fullerton, and suggested that consultation be
undertaken as to how the community feels about a memorial, and not focus on the naming of the skate park in her honour.

Elected Members discussed possible consultation processes including newsletter and Facebook.

Elected Members noted that legal process is not over yet and perhaps the idea of a memorial should be addressed in the future, to include Jeff Fulwood and the Fullerton family and be community driven and supported by Council.

Councillor Walsh advised that there had been a comment that the youth of Quorn felt they had not been supported by Council.

Councillor Thompson suggested that this was not the case as a community memorial service had been arranged, followed by a family memorial service and finally the funeral. The community memorial service had provided detail on services available to assist individuals through the grieving process.

The Mayor advised that he would discuss this matter with Mr Jeff Fulwood and the Fullerton family.

10.5 Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre

Councillor Lucas referred to the meeting of the Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre Management Committee held on 21 January 2013 and the recommendation that the Committee call applications for the part time position of Manager of the facility. Council has an amount of $50k in the 2012 – 2013 Annual Business Plan. The position is required to provide strategic direction for the future of the Centre and it was anticipated that it would have been filled during 2012.

The position could now only be offered on a part time basis as the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society’s Executive had decided not to provide financial support for this position.

_Councillor Walsh left the Meeting at 9.57 pm_

The minutes are not yet available for endorsement by Council.

Councillor Anderson suggested that the role could form part of a job share position within Council.

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Lucas

That Council employ a part time manager at the Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre on a one (1) year contract, as reflected in the minutes of the Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre Management Committee Meeting held on 21 January 2013.

LOST

10.6 Council Chamber

Councillor Filsell requested consideration of installation of a microphone system in the Council Chamber due to the noise from the air conditioner and the computer server located at the rear of the Chamber.

11. CONFIDENTIAL ISSUE

Nil
12. **NEXT MEETING**

   Tuesday, 12th March 2013 at 6.30 pm at Hawker Memorial Hospital Community Room

   Please note a full day "Road Trip" will be held on Tuesday, 12th March 2013 commencing at 9:00am from Quorn Council Chamber, finishing in Hawker at 6:30pm in time for the Ordinary Meeting.

13. **MEETING CLOSED AT 10.10 PM**

   Confirmed at the Meeting held on 12th March 2013

   ……………………………… MAYOR

   Certified to be a true and accurate record of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2013

   ……………………………… CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER