



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Held at 12 noon
On 27 June 2011**

Councillors:

Cr K Ward (Mayor)
Cr M Pearce (Deputy Mayor)
Cr K Dusting
Cr M Dusting
Cr R Filmer
Cr S Powley
Cr R Spreadborough
Cr I Strutt
Cr L Wilson

Attendees:

Mr T O'Connor, General Manager
Mr R Bell, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs J Michie, Director of Administrative Services
Mr W Sellings, Manager of Health and Building Services
Ms L Cumming, Manager of Planning
Mr P Steedman, Minute Clerk

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DES	Mr R Bell, Director of Engineering Services
DAS	Ms J Michie, Director of Administrative Services
MHBS	Mr W Sellings, Manager of Health and Building Services
MP	Ms L Cumming, Manager of Planning
EA	Mr P Steedman, Executive Assistant

ATTENDANCE

Present were the Chairperson Cr K Ward (Mayor), Cr M Pearce, (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors K Dusing, M Dusing, R Filmer, S Powley, R Spreadborough, I Strutt, L Wilson, General Manager (Mr T O'Connor), Director of Engineering Services (Mr R Bell), Director of Administrative Services (Ms J Michie), Manager of Planning (Ms L Cumming) from 12:42pm, Minute Clerk (Mr P Steedman).

PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

APOLOGY

The General Manager reported that no Apologies had been received for the meeting and advised that the Manager of Health and Building Services and the Manager of Planning were presently absent from the meeting on other duties.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of 23 May 2011

199/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley/ R Filmer)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 May 2011 (copies have been circulated to Members) be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EA

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Request to Hold Audio Tapes of the Ordinary Meeting of 23 May 2011

The General Manager submitted a request to hold the Audio Tapes of the Meeting of 23 May 2011 until 31 December 2011, in accordance with Clause 35 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

200/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough/ S Powley)

That the Audio Tapes of the Meeting of 23 May 2011 be held until 31 December 2011 in accordance with Clause 35 of the Code of Meeting Practice

EA

Matters Arising from the Ordinary Meeting of 23 May 2011

The Chair made reference to the notation on page 16 of the Minutes advising of the 4:31pm departure from the meeting of Crs K and M Dusing and requested an explanation which was provided by the Councillors.

The Chair offered Crs K and M Dusing the option of leaving the meeting room whilst the matter was discussed by Councillors.

Crs K and M Dusing, having indicated acceptance of the offer from the Chair, left the meeting at this time (12:15pm).

On instruction from the General Manager, the Director of Administrative Services, Director of Engineering Services and Minute Clerk left the meeting at this time (12:15pm).

Matters Arising from the Meeting of 23 May 2011 (continued)

Crs K and M Dusting and Staff were recalled to the meeting at 12:41pm.

Crs K and M Dusting returned to the meeting at this time (12:41pm).

The Director of Administrative Services, and the Minute Clerk returned to the meeting at 12:42pm.

Having been absent at the commencement of the meeting, the Manager of Planning joined the meeting at this time (12:42pm)

Upon invitation from the Chair, Cr K Dusting stood and offered a formal apology to the meeting.

Upon invitation from the Chair, Cr M Dusting stood and offered a formal apology to the meeting.

Upon invitation from the Chair, Councillors confirmed their acceptance of the apologies received from Crs K and M Dusting.

RESCISSION MOTION**201/11 Resolution to Hold Audio Tapes of the Ordinary Meeting of 23 May 2011
MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)**

That Council Rescind Resolution 200/11, namely

“ That the Audio Tapes of the Meeting of 23 May 2011 be held until 31 December 2011 in accordance with Clause 35 of the Code of Meeting Practice. ”

EA**DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

At request of the Chair, the Minute Clerk tabled details of the pecuniary and non-pecuniary Conflict of Interest Declarations received in relation to this meeting.

Submitted By:	Interest Declared:
<i>Cr L Wilson</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary Interest as the acquaintance of a Person named in Item 9 of the Director of Engineering Services' Technical Services Report to Council.</i>

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE

Questions On-Notice Received and From Previous Meetings

The Chair outlined details of responses provided by Staff to the "Questions On-Notice" From the Ordinary meeting of Council held Monday, 23 May 2011:

Cr R Filmer

QUESTION:

Uralla Cemetery Expenditure

Can the Director of Engineering Services provide an outline of recent capital expenditure at the Uralla Cemetery?

DES

RESPONSE:

Toilet construction \$10,000 and Cemetery entrance \$10,000.

Cr S Powley

QUESTION:

Demolition of Decommissioned Bridges and River Crossings

Are decommissioned Bridges and River Crossings required to be demolished following construction of replacements? Are exemptions available for special circumstances or heritage listed structures?

DES

RESPONSE:

As part of the approval for work on designated creeks and rivers the Department of Fisheries will include the removal of existing causeways as a condition of consent to improve fish movement. For bridges this is not the case, however, unless the bridge is of high heritage value I would recommend demolition as the old bridge will still involve maintenance costs and safety issues. The truss bridge that has been left by Tamworth Regional Council at Bendemeer is an excellent example of this.

The Chair outlined details of responses provided by Staff to the "Questions On-Notice" Received prior to closure of the Business Paper to the Meeting of 27 June 2011:

Cr I Strutt

QUESTION:

Design Competition for Uralla Entry Statements

At its meeting in February 2011, Council gave its support (78/11) for the Uralla Arts Council concept to call for expressions of interest in a competition to design entry statements for the remaining entries to Uralla. Has Council received any information from the Arts Council as to progress and/or finalisation of the competition?

GM

RESPONSE:

A letter in relation to this matter, addressed to the Secretary, Uralla Arts Council Inc, Mrs C Rendalls was forwarded on 18 March 2011. At the time of writing this response for the 27 June 2011 Business Paper, a re-reading of the letter sent by Council indicates that the Uralla Arts Council may not be aware that they need to do anything so a follow-up more specific letter will now be sent.

ADJOURNMENT

Luncheon Recess (1:00 - 1:30pm)

202/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Pearce / R Spreadborough)

That Council break for a 30 minute Luncheon Adjournment (1:00pm – 1:30pm)

The Meeting resumed at 1:30pm

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Have Your Say

Speakers in Order of Presentation:

1. Mr Michael Adams

Resident and Ratepayer

Mr Adams had advised that as the matter he wished to discuss was not in the Business Paper he withdrew his application to make a presentation to Council at this time.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cr I Strutt

Item 1

Report on Shires Association Annual Conference held from 30 May 2011 to 1 June 2011

U07/56-03

203/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council:

- note the Report in relation to the 2011 NSW Shires Association Annual Conference.
- thank Cr I Strutt for her detailed and informative Report to Council.

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Governance and Administration

Item 1

Community Strategic Plan - 2011/2021

U09/6573

204/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / I Strutt)

That Council:

- endorse the Community Strategic Plan, as amended, for the Uralla Shire Council 2011 to 2021.
- utilise the Community Strategic Plan 2011 to 2021 as the basis for the preparation of the Uralla Shire Council Delivery Plan 2011 to 2016 and the Operational Plan 2011/2012.

GM

Governance and Administration (continued)

Item 2

Draft Delivery Program - 2011/2016

U09/6573

205/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / S Powley)

That Council adopt the Draft Preliminary Uralla Shire Council Delivery Program, 2011/2012 to 2015/2016, as amended, including the Budget Estimates and Forward Projections, as the basis for the preparation of a Delivery Program 2012/2013 to 2015/2016.

GM

Item 3

Operational Plan for 2011/2012

U09/6573

206/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / M Pearce)

That Council adopt the 2011/2012 Uralla Shire Council Operational Plan (Parts 1 to 5), as amended, including the Budget for 2011/2012 and Forward Estimates 2012/2013 to 2015/2106 as advertised and amended.

GM

Item 4

Uralla Shire Council Administration and Finance Operating Policies

U07/70

207/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council:

- note the revision of the Draft Administration and Finance Operating Policies, as amended, consisting of the Aged Care Facilities – Quarantining of Funds Policy, Aggregation of Parcels of Land for Rating Purposes Policy, Credit Cards and Cash Advance Policy, Community Store Allocation Policy, Community Store – Operating Policy, Debt Recovery Policy, and the Investments Policy.
- note that the Council Assets – Disposal of Policy, Goods and Services Tax (GST) Policy, Pensioner Concession Policy, Smoke Free Environment Policy, Sponsorship Policy and Transfer of Land for Unpaid Rates and Charges Policy, are unchanged.
- adopt, for the purpose of advertising for public submissions, the Draft Administration and Finance Operating Policies, as amended.
- advertise the Draft Administration and Finance Operating Policies, as amended, for public submissions during the period Friday 1 July 2011 to Friday 29 July 2011.

GM

The Director of Engineering Services, having been absent on other duties following his departure from the meeting at 12:15pm, returned to the meeting at this time (1:55pm).

Governance and Administration (continued)

Item 5

Uralla Shire Council Administration and Finance Practice Notes

U07/70

208/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council adopt the Administration and Finance Practice Notes, as amended – June 2011.

GM

Item 6

Organisational Chart and Organisational Resource Chart

U08/6528

209/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / R Filmer)

That Council adopt the updated detailed Organisational Resource Chart for the purposes of; the continual updating of resource strategies within the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, the development of wage and salary calculations for the updating of the ten year financial plan Community Consultation, the background papers for the continuing development of the Community Strategic Plan and the recording of core and non core Council business and staffing.

GM

Item 7

Council Meeting Time

U07/166

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in order to change the ordinary Council Meeting times to commence from 4.00 pm on the Fourth Monday of the Month;

1. amend the Uralla Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice February 2011 Clause 5 by replacing the 12 noon on the third line with 4.00 pm.
2. amend the Uralla Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice February 2011 Clause 8 by re-ordering items 8 to 19 and splitting item 11 into two parts namely "Staff Reports – for notation only" and "Staff Reports – for discussion and determination" and changing the words "lunch at 1.30 pm" in the notation "No matter what the order of business, the following two items are to be scheduled immediately after lunch at 1.30 pm" to "dinner at 6.30 pm."
3. advertise the amended Draft Code of Meeting Practice – June 2011 for the purposes of public comment during the period Friday 1 July 2010 to Monday 1 August 2010.

MOTION

Cr R Filmer recommended that Council conduct a trial of the proposed meeting time arrangements prior to any adoption of a permanent change.

MOVED/ SECONDED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council has a three month trial period from the October 2011 Council meeting to test the changed Council Meeting commencement and concluding times for the review of Community and Councillor acceptance.

Governance and Administration (continued)

FORESHADOWED MOTION

Cr R Spreadborough Foreshadowed a Motion enabling the matter of changed meeting times to be "left on the table" for further consideration by Council.

MOVED/ (Cr R Spreadborough)

That Council, having considered the Community Strategic Plan recommendation, defer any determination regarding changed meeting times for a future date.

210/11 **Following debate the MOTION was PUT and CARRIED**

That Council has a three month trial period from the October 2011 Council meeting to test the changed Council Meeting commencement and concluding times for the review of Community and Councillor acceptance.

GM

Cr K Dusting left the meeting at 2:25pm

Item 8

Promoting Better Practice Program

U09/6560

211/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / S Powley)**

That Council note the advice from the Division of Local Government that the Better Practice Review Team will be coming to Uralla on Monday 22 August 2011 and request staff to provide the documents requested in the List A attached to the Division's letter to the Division of Local Government by Friday 15 July 2011 and recommend that individual Councillors complete the Councillor Survey and have the completed survey back to the Division by Friday 15 July 2011.

GM

Cr K Dusting returned to the meeting at 2:27pm

Item 9

Local Government Elections 2012

U07/209

212/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / R Spreadborough)**

That Council note that the General Manager will be meeting with a representative of the New South Wales Electoral Commission on Friday 8 July 2011 to obtain information to report back to Council.

GM

213/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)**

That Council agree that the Uralla Shire Council should run its own local government elections in September 2012.

GM

Item 10

Regional Development Australia Northern Inland NSW

U07/6415

214/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / S Powley)**

That Council note the report of the meeting of representatives of 13 New England North West local government authorities in Armidale on Wednesday 18 May 2011 from the Chairman of the Regional Development Australia Northern Inland NSW, Mr Mal Peters.

Governance and Administration (continued)

Cr M Dusting left the meeting at 2:35pm

Item 11

Regional Relocation Grant Program

U10/6676, U07/57-01

215/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / M Pearce)

That Council support the State Government initiative of providing eligible individuals and families with a grant of \$7,000 to relocate from the metropolitan area to regional areas and not opt out of the Regional Relocation Grant Program

GM

Item 12

Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

U08/6510

Cr M Dusting returned to the meeting at 2:37pm

216/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / S Powley) UNANIMOUSLY

That Council:

- declares its support for financial recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution so that the Federal Government has the power to fund local government directly and also for inclusion of local government in any new Preamble to the constitution if one is proposed, and calls on all political parties to support a referendum by 2013 to change the Constitution to achieve this recognition.
- write to; the Hon Julia Gillard MP, Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Warren Truss, Leader of the National Party of Australia and Senator the Hon Bob Brown, Leader of the Greens Party; seeking all party support for a referendum for the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

GM

Health and Building

Item 1

Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre Operations

U07/220

217/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / R Filmer)

That Council:

1. open the Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre seven days a week commencing Monday, 4 July, 2011.
2. close the Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre on Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day public holidays.
3. maintain the existing opening hours, i.e. Daylight Savings Monday to Friday 8am until 5pm and Saturday/Sunday 9am until 4pm, and rest of the year Monday to Friday 8am until 4pm and Saturday/Sunday 9am until 4pm.

MHBS

Planning

Item 1

Strategic Regional Land Use

U07/62

218/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / M Pearce)

That Council note the NSW Department of Planning has proposed the preparation of a Strategic Regional Land Use Plan for the New England North West Region.

Item 2 – Division Decision

Use of Council Seal

DA 209/2009

219/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / M Dusting)

That Council endorse the fixing of the Council Seal on the Section 88b Instrument relating to Development Application 209/2009 on land known as 28 Budumba Road, Invergowrie being Lot 8 DP 246614.

MP

A Division was called and the result was as follows:

*FOR: K Dusting, M Dusting, R Filmer, M Pearce, R Spreadborough,
S Powley, I Strutt, K Ward, L Wilson.*

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Nil

Item 3

Tree Planting Policy Procedure

U11/6760

220/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / S Powley)

That Council note the procedure to be put in place for the implementation of the Uralla Shire Tree Planting Program with:

- a) The value of each voucher being \$10.00.
- b) Any expired vouchers will have the voucher value donated to a community planting project of Council choice, and will be expended on an annual basis.

MP

Item 4

New Assessment System for State Significant Projects

U07/02

221/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / M Pearce)

That Council note the proposed repeal Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and its replacement with an alternative system for the assessment of projects of genuine State significance to be known as the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Part 3A Repeal) Bill 2011*.

MP

Planning (continued)

Item 5

Planning Application Approvals and Refusals for the Month of April 2011

U07/168

Item 6

Planning Application Approvals and Refusals for the Month of May 2011

U07/168

222/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / R Filmer)

That Council note the information contained within the Planning Application Approvals and Refusals Reports for the months of April and May 2011.

Item 7

Development Assessment Unit Minutes

U07/171

223/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / I Strutt)

That Council:

- a) Note the minutes for the Development Assessment Unit meeting held Tuesday, 10 May 2011.
- b) Note the minutes for the Development Assessment Unit meeting held Tuesday, 7 June 2011.
- c) Amend Conditions 13 and 15 of Development Application 36/2008, to reflect the reduced percentage for the Developer from 70% to 55%.
- d) In relation to Development Application 1/2010, advise the Developer that Council will not fund the installation of the water/fire service to 178 Bridge Street, Uralla.
- e) Amend Development Application 52/2010 by deleting Condition 19.

MP

The Manager of Planning and the General Manager left the meeting at this time (3:01pm).

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' REPORT

Administration and Finance

Item 1

Cash at Bank and Investments

U10/1

224/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / S Powley)

That Council note the cash position at 31 May 2011 consisting of: cash and overnight funds of \$1,854,633.26 and term deposits of \$4,900,00.00 totalling \$6,754,633.26 of readily convertible funds.

The General Manager returned to the meeting at 3:03pm.

Administration and Finance (continued)

Item 2

Uralla Shire Council Finance Committee

U10/1

225/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Uralla Shire Council Finance Committee held on Monday, 9 May 2011, as presented to the Council meeting of 23 May 2011 be adopted as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.
2. That Council approve the 2010/2011 budget adjustments to Governance of \$30,000 reduction of other expenditure in Elected Members and \$3,500 reduction of General Manager's travel expenditure with an increase of \$24,000 in donations to community projects and \$9,500 to Elected Members allowances for the LGSA conference.
3. That the Financial Statements consisting of Budget Review by Resource Code for the year to 31 May 2011, be noted.
4. That Council approve the 2011/2012 budget adjustments to insurance premiums across Community Service programs and the Rural Fire Service.

DAS

The Manager of Planning returned to the meeting at 3:06pm

Item 3

Rates – Outstanding and Reconciliation

U07/138

226/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / L Wilson)

That the Report on the collection rate of current Rates and the arrears of Rates of 90.8% as at 21 June 2011 be noted.

Item 4

Consultative Committee Meeting

U07/01

227/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / M Pearce)

That Council adopt the draft "Long Service Leave Regulation" Policy, as amended, and recommended by the Consultative Committee for the purpose of advertising for public submissions from Friday, 1 July 2011 to Friday, 29 July 2011.

DAS

Community Services

Item 1

Sealing of Documents

U07/3070

228/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / R Filmer)

That Council endorse the affixing of the Uralla Shire Council seal by the Mayor and General Manager to the following Funding Agreements:

- 1) Department of Health and Ageing for the National Respite for Carers Program managed by Tablelands Community Support Options.
- 2) Department of Health and Ageing for the National Respite for Carers Program managed by Kamilaroi Ageing and Disabled Services.
- 3) NSW Human Services for service improvement/growth funding for Aboriginal Day Centre programs managed by Tablelands Community Support Options and Kamilaroi Ageing and Disabled Services and Bundarra Neighbour Aid Service.
- 4) NSW Human Services for the National Attendant Care program (2011/2012) managed by Tablelands Community Support Options.

DAS

Item 2

Visitor Information Centre Monthly Report

U07/273

229/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / M Pearce)

That Council note the Visitor Information Centre Manager's Report for the month of May 2011.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT

Technical Services

Item 1

Water Loss Management Program

U07/76-02

230/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / M Pearce)

That Council note the Report relating to the completion of the Water Loss Management Program.

Item 2

Uralla Sewage Treatment Plant

U07/191

231/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs L Wilson / S Powley)

That Council note the Report relating to the complaint lodged regarding noise from the Uralla Sewage Treatment Plant.

Technical Services (continued)**Item 3****Licence Agreement for use of Mt Mutton tower with Fire & Rescue NSW**
U09/6605**232/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / I Strutt)**

That Council:

- sign the Licence Agreement for the use of Mt Mutton site and tower by NSW Fire and Rescue.
- sign the Agreement with Land and Property Management.
- authorise the Mayor and General Manager to affix the Council Seal to the above documents.

DES**Item 4****Six Monthly Stock Take**
U07/6359**233/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / M Dusting)**

That the May 2011 Stock Take be noted and Council authorise the write down of \$179.35 to the Uralla and Bundarra Depot Stock Lists.

DES**Item 5****Works Committee Meeting**
U07/172**234/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / S Powley)**

- (i) That Council note the minutes of the Works Committee meeting of 14 June 2011.
- (ii) Plant - that staff provide the additional information requested by the Works Committee for the next meeting.
- (iii) That Council note the 2010/2011 Capital Works not completed to date.

DES**Item 6****Regional Development Australia Fund – Round 2 application**
U09/6588**235/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)**

That Council support the application for funding under Regional Development Australia Fund Round 2 for the upgrading of Thunderbolts Way and provide funding of \$1,773 for completion of the Condition Survey.

DES**Item 7****Works Progress for Period ended 17 June 2011**
U07/3041**Item 8****Works Planning**
U07/3041**236/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Pearce / S Powley)**

That the works progress for the period ended 17 June 2011 and the planned works be noted.

Technical Services (continued)

Cr L Wilson, having previously disclosed a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to Item 9 of the Technical Services Report, left the meeting at this time (3:45pm).

Item 9

Laneway off Bendemeer Street, Bundarra
U08/6443

- 237/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Dusting / R Spreadborough)**
That the Laneway off Bendemeer Street Bundarra be reopened.

DES

The Manager of Planning left the meeting at 3:50pm.

Cr R Filmer left the meeting at 3:51pm and returned at 3:53pm.

Cr L Wilson returned to the meeting at 3:54pm.

Item 10

Truck Parking in Uralla
U07/127

- 238/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)**
That Council advertise via its Council Newsletter and local Print Media:
- to seek input and feedback from the local Trucking Community regarding solutions to the issue of illegal Truck Parking on Public Streets in Uralla, and;
 - to give notice that after three months from 30 June 2011, the Police will be requested to actively enforce compliance to Truck Parking regulations on Public Streets in Uralla.

DES

Item 11

Motorcycle Shelter
U07/33

- 239/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / L Wilson)**
That Council erect one Bike Shelter in Hill Street Uralla as per design by IRA Fabrication for \$6,410, plus GST, plus costs of Foundation Works estimated at \$1,000 and then further consider a second Shelter.

DES

Crs K and M Dusting and R Filmer requested their vote against the Motion be recorded.

Item 12

Elizabeth Lane – unformed section
U08/6443

- 240/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / I Strutt)**
That Council confirms its decision of March 2011 to advise the Land and Property Management Authority of Council's intention to close the section of Elizabeth Lane south of the turning circle south of Salisbury Street to the creek.

DES

MAILOUT TO COUNCILLORS

Mailouts forwarded to Councillors for the Period Friday, 20 May 2011 to Friday, 17 June 2011

U07/23

241/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / L Wilson)

That the Mailouts forwarded to Councillors for the Period Friday, 20 May 2011 to Friday, 17 June 2011 which includes MANEX Meeting Minutes for Monday, 16 May 2011, Monday, 23 May 2011, Monday, 30 May 2011, Monday, 6 June 2011 and Tuesday, 14 June 2011 be noted.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Minutes of Committees of Council

Cr R Filmer made reference to the apparent absence of a Quorum at the 7 June 2011 Meeting of the Environmental Committee and suggested the status of "Minutes" submitted to Council for this Meeting be downgraded to "Notes" only.

242/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / R Filmer)

That Council note:

- The Minutes of the Meeting of the Tablelands Community Transport Advisory Committee, held 19 May 2011.
- The Minutes of the Meeting of the OH&S Committee, held 1 June 2011.
- The Minutes of the Meeting of the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre Advisory Committee, held 2 June 2011.
- The Notes from the meeting of the Environmental Committee, held 7 June 2011.

MOTION

Appointment of Delegates to Committees of Council

243/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / M Dusting)

That Council endorse the following appointments to Committees of Council:

- Mr Glen Bryant as a Member of the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre Advisory Committee.
- Ms K Little and Ms S McCaffrey as Staff Delegates to the Environmental Committee.

EA

The Director of Engineering Services left the meeting at 4:40pm and returned at 4:45pm.

DELEGATE REPORTS

Councillors in turn provided a brief verbal summary of their Council related activities during the reporting period and submitted written Delegate Reports comprising details as follows:-

Councillor	Activity Date:	Activity Detail:
Cr K Dusting	23 May	Council Meeting
	26 May	Community Strategic Plan Meeting, Invergowrie
	29 May to 3 June	Shires Association Conference, Sydney - Observer
	9 June	USDAC
	16 June	Bundarra's Volunteers Meeting, Bundarra
	16 June	Opening Day of Art Exhibition, Bundarra
	19 June	Book Launch, Uralla Library
Cr R Filmer	27 May	Public Meeting, Invergowrie
	30 May	MANEX
	6 June	MANEX
	7 June	DAU
	9 June	Finance
	9 June	USDAC
	14 June	MANEX
	14 June	Works
	20 June	MANEX
	25 June	Markets , Pioneer Park re new bin service
	27 June	MANEX
Cr I Strutt	28 May	Indoor Markets, Uralla Memorial Hall
	30 May	MANEX - Observer
	30 May	President's Welcome to Conference of Shires Association, Sydney
	31 May	Shires Association Conference, Sydney
	1 June	Shires Association Conference, Sydney
	20 June	MANEX - Observer
	22 June	Participant in ABC Wednesday Forum, Uralla
	27 June	MANEX - Observer
Apologies tendered for:		McMaugh Gardens Advisory Committee
		Finance Committee
		Consultative Committee
		USDAC
		Bundarra Hospital Centenary Celebrations

DELEGATE REPORTS (continued)**Councillor**
Activity Date:**Activity Detail:****Cr M Pearce**

26 May *Town Meeting – Fire Shed, Invergowrie*
30 May *Shires Association Annual Conference, Sydney*
31 May *Shires Association Annual Conference*
1 June *Shires Association Annual Conference*
2 June *NSW Local Government Emergency Management Conference,
Sydney*
6 June *MANEX*
8 June *Community Safety Precinct Committee – Police, Armidale*
9 June *Finance Committee*
9 June *USDAC*
9 June *Meeting with Steve Mephram RFS Zone Manager, Uralla*
11 June *Debutante Ball, Uralla*
14 June *MANEX*
14 June *Works Committee*
20 June *MANEX*
27 June *MANEX*
27 June *Council Meeting*

Cr K Ward

24 May *St Joseph's School, Uralla – Youth Survey*
24 May *Regional Development Meeting, Walcha*
24 May *Kentucky School, Kentucky – Youth Survey*
26 May *Invergowrie Community Plan, Invergowrie*
7 June *Environmental Committee*
7 June *DAU*
15 June *CSDC, Armidale*
8 June *Renewable Energy Symposium, Armidale*
9 June *Meeting with RFS, Steve Mephram, Uralla*
9 June *Finance Committee*
9 June *USDAC, Uralla*
10 June *Bundarra Hospital Centenary Celebrations, Bundarra*
11 June *Community Function, Centenary Anniversary, Bundarra*
13 June *Works Committee*

Cr M Dusting

23 May *Council Meeting*
25 May *Bundarra Neighbourhood Aid, Bundarra*
26 May *Community Strategic Plan, Invergowrie*
29 May *Shires Association Conference, Sydney*
9 June *USDAC*
16 June *Volunteers Meeting, Bundarra*
19 June *Book Launch, Uralla Library*
22 June *New England Weed's County Council, Armidale*

Cr L Wilson

27 June *Council Meeting*

DELEGATE REPORTS (continued)

Councillor	<i>Activity Date:</i>	<i>Activity Detail:</i>
Cr S Powley	25 May	Jobs Australia Board Meeting, Armidale
	26 May	U3CF, Uralla
	26 May	Community Strategic Plan, Invergowrie
	7 June	Consultative Committee
	7 June	DAU
	7 June	Environmental Committee
	12 June	Bundarra Hospital Centenary Celebrations, Bundarra
	27 June	Council Meeting

Cr R Spreadborough *Cr R Spreadborough supplied a verbal summary only.*

QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE RAISED**Questions On-Notice for Next Meeting of Council**

Councillors lodged "Questions On-Notice" as detailed below:

Cr R Filmer

QUESTION:**McMaugh Gardens Solar and Gas Systems**

Can a report be prepared for Council regarding the outcome of Solar and Gas Systems recently installed at the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre?

GM**QUESTION:****Interest Earned from Council Investments**

Can a report be prepared for Council outlining details of interest earned from Council Investments?

GM

Cr R Spreadborough

QUESTION:**Construction of Ballala Public Toilet Block**

Can a status update be provided to Council regarding construction works for the new Ballala Public Toilet Block?

GM

Cr M Disting

QUESTION:**Relocation of Bundarra Cricket Nets**

Can an update be provided to Council regarding the status of works for relocation of the Cricket Nets at Bundarra?

GM

MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

MEETING PROCEDURE

244/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / M Pearce)

That Council move into Closed Session.

CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

The General Manager outlined the reason/s for the closure of the meeting to members of the Public and the Press.

245/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / M Pearce)

1.
 - i. That the General Manager has correctly classified those matters which Council wishes to deal with in part of this meeting which is closed to the public.
 - ii. The General Manager's reasons for forming an opinion that the matters should be dealt with in Closed Session are correct in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Act.
 - iii. That as the matters concerned are matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors); Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors); Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; Advice concerning litigation or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege and Information pertaining to the personal hardship of a Ratepayer, Council is satisfied that discussion of these matters in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
2. That as a result of item 1. sub-items (i), (ii) and (iii) above, the public is excluded from this section of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS

246/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Dusting / M Pearce)

That the following Resolutions of Closed Session become Resolutions of Council in Open Session.

APOLOGY (Closed Session)

The General Manager reported that no Apologies had been received for the Closed Session of the meeting.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE (Closed Session)

STAFF REPORTS TO CLOSED SESSION

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT

Technical Services (Closed Session)

Item 1

Public Walkway adjacent to 160 Bridge Street, Uralla.

U07/57-02

247/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / M Dusting)

That Council confirm that it will not be reopening the Public Walkway adjacent to 160 Bridge Street, Uralla.

DES

Item 2

Mid North Weight of Loads

U08/6493

248/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council agree to jointly employ Ordinance Inspectors with other Councils currently participating in the Mid North Weight of Loads Group for a further term of 1 year effective from 1 July 2011.

DES

Item 3

Uralla Infant Pool Resurfacing Project

U07/219

249/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council proceed with the Infant Pool resurfacing Works and agree to fully fund the Project.

DES

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' REPORT

Administration and Finance (Closed Session)

Item 1

Finance Committee Meeting

U10/1

250/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / M Pearce)

That Council advise Mr McLachlan that no external legal action will be commenced by Council for a period of two years in relation to outstanding rates on his Bundarra properties.

GM

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Confidential Minutes of Committees of Council

251/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / S Powley)

That Council note the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Tablelands Community Transport Advisory Committee, held Tuesday, 22 February 2011.

QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE RAISED (Closed Session)

MOVE TO OPEN SESSION

MEETING PROCEDURE

252/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / M Pearce)

That Council move back into Open Session.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Requests for Leave of Absence were tabled by Cr K Dusting and Cr M Dusting for the period 9 September to 25 October 2011.

253/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / M Pearce)

That the requests for Leave of Absence from Crs K and M Dusting be noted and the Leave of Absence from 9 September to 25 October 2011 approved.

WASTE TO ART AWARDS

At invitation from the Chair, Cr S Powley announced details of the winners of the recent Uralla Waste to Art Competition:

Section 2 - Secondary Schools Category:

Art (2D / 3D / Sculpture) : Nathan Milson

Functional Art : Annabel Cullen

Wearable Art : Amber Horlyck

Open Section - All Ages Category:

Art (2D / 3D / Sculpture) 1st : "The Shearing Birds"

2nd : "The Pipes of Pan"

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5:30pm.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 5:30pm.

The Minutes of the Uralla Shire Council at an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 June 2011, consisting of Page 28 and the previous pages, were confirmed by Resolution No. 255/11 on 25 July 2011.

.....Mayor