



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Held at 12 noon
On 28 March 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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Assignment of Action Items

GLOSSARY OF ACTION OWNERS	
GM	Mr T O'Connor, General Manager
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

The Meeting commenced at 12:14pm

ATTENDANCE

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRAYER

APOLOGY

An apology was tabled for Cr M Dusting, who was away on Leave of Absence.

A late apology was received for Cr L Wilson.

The Director of Administrative Services, who was absent at the commencement of the meeting, was advised as attending for the presentation of her reports due to work commitments.

The Manager of Health and Building Services (Mr W Sellings) was absent at the commencement of the meeting.

94/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / M Pearce)

That the apology for Cr M Dusting and the late apology for Cr L Wilson be accepted and the limited attendance of the Director of Administrative Services noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of 28 February 2011

The General Manager tabled details of required amendments to the Minutes of the 28 February 2011 Meeting:

Page 10, Item 4, Resolution 46/11, Fourth Dot Point:

- Replacement of the word "Governance" with the word "Planning".

Page 10, Item 5, Resolution 47/11, Fourth Dot Point:

- Replacement of the word "Governance" with the words "Health and Building".

Page 11, Item 7, Recommendation:

- Deletion of incorrectly applied Resolution number 49/11.

Councillors confirmed their agreement to the amendments and the removal of Resolution number 49/11 without further adjustment to the remaining numbering sequence.

95/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / S Powley)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 February 2011 (copies have been circulated to Members) be adopted, as a true and correct record of proceedings, subject to the following amendments:

1. Page 10, Item 4, Resolution 46/11, Fourth Dot Point - Replacement of the word "Governance" with the word "Planning".
2. Page 10, Item 5, Resolution 47/11, Fourth Dot Point - Replacement of the word "Governance" with the words "Health and Building".
3. Page 11, Item 7, Recommendation - Deletion of incorrectly applied resolution number 49/11 without further adjustment to the remaining numbering sequence.

EA

96/11 Closed Session of Ordinary Meeting of 28 February 2011
MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / R Filmer)

That the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 February 2011 (copies have been circulated to Members) be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EA

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**Ordinary Meeting of 28 February 2011**

Cr R Filmer made reference to Resolution Number 78/11 on page 22 of the Minutes and requested an update in the matter of "Entry Statements to Uralla".

The General Manager advised that no further advice had been received from the Uralla Arts Council in response to Council's letter regarding this matter.

Cr Filmer queried the status of works in construction of the Northern entry Statement.

The Director of Engineering Services advised details of the current anticipated schedule of works.

Cr Filmer asked if a sample of the granite facing material was available for inspection?

The Director of Engineering Services undertook to obtain a sample of the requested material for Councillor inspection.

Cr R Filmer made reference to Resolution Number 73/11 on page 20 of the Minutes and requested an update in the matter of the write-off of obsolete stock.

The Director of Engineering Services advised that the sorting of stock had been completed but recent staff shortages due to illness had resulted in no further progress to date.

Cr Filmer requested the Director of Engineering Services accept a "Question On-Notice to provide an update to Council regarding further progress in this matter.

The Director of Engineering Services undertook to provide the requested update to Council.

Cr R Filmer made reference to Resolution Number 71/11 on page 19 of the Minutes and requested an update regarding the letter from Council to Local Member the Hon Richard Torbay MP in the matter of the NSW Livestock Productivity Package.

The Director of Engineering Services confirmed that a letter from Council had been forwarded to Richard Torbay in this matter.

Cr R Filmer made reference to Resolution Number 52/11 on page 12 of the Minutes and requested details in the matter of Council strategies for the possible future introduction of a kerbside waste collection services in the Kentucky area and Kerbside recycling collection services in the Bundarra township.

The General Manager advised that further Community consultation will be undertaken by Council to determine appropriate strategies in this matter.

Closed Session of Ordinary Meeting of 28 February 2011

Nil matters raised.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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:
n/a	nil

QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE

Questions On-Notice Received and From Previous Meetings

The General Manager provided the following responses to "Questions On-Notice" From the Ordinary meeting of Council held Monday, 24 January 2011:

Cr I Strutt

QUESTION:

Questions to National General Assembly

Is Uralla Shire Council putting up Motions to the National General Assembly in June 2011?

RESPONSE:

A suggested issue to develop a motion for the National General Assembly of Local Government in June 2011 would be a response to the Infrastructure Australia "Regional Towns Water Quality and Security Review" (Councillors Mailout of Friday 4 February 2011) and the NSW Office of Water "Achieving Full Cost Recovery for Urban Water Supplies" (Councillor Mailout of Friday 25 March 2011).

The General Manager invited Councillors to submit further suggestions for Motions to the National General Assembly of Local Government.

Cr R Filmer

QUESTION:

Country Council Meetings – Welcome/Acknowledgement

Is the Welcome/Acknowledgement to Country at Council Meetings happening?

RESPONSE:

The first Acknowledgement to Country will be at this meeting. The new Code of Meeting Practice which introduced an Acknowledgement of Country was adopted at the Council meeting of 28 February 2011 (Resolution 44/11).

The General Manager provided the following responses to "Questions On-Notice" From the Ordinary meeting of Council held Monday, 28 February 2011:

Cr R Spreadborough

QUESTION:

Apple Ipad and Intranet Usage

Further to a previous Question On-Notice and in consideration of the reduction of preventing paper wastage could Council investigate the use of individual Apple i-pods and an Intranet Program for use by Councillors in receiving and viewing their Business Paper?

RESPONSE:

The expenditure on computers and an intranet program and hardware for the use of Councillors to receive and view Business Papers is being obtained and will be part of the 2011/2012 budget estimate deliberations. There is not a sufficient allocation or re-allocation available for the current financial year.

Questions On-Notice (continued)

Cr R Spreadborough indicated the actual intent of his question was to seek an exploration of the feasibility, or otherwise, of moving to an Electronic Business Paper, and on this basis, further investigation would be required.

The General Manager confirmed that research would be conducted into the use of Electronic Business Papers by other Councils.

Cr R Filmer

QUESTION:

Inland Marketing Group

Cr Filmer referred to a Newspaper article of 10 years previous and asked what the current situation was concerning the Inland Marketing Group to which \$50,000 went from Uralla Shire Council?

RESPONSE:

The Inland Marketing Corporation Limited (IMC) was approved as an investment in the Investment Order signed by the then Minister for Local Government, Hon Harry Woods, on 16 January 2000. The IMC was placed in receivership with negative net worth in January 2004. The Uralla Shire Council invested \$50,000 in IMC and this was written down to \$Nil value for 30 June 2004. Council has not received, nor is there expectation of receiving, any distribution of funds.

Cr R Filmer made reference to a further action to ascertain the official finalisation of the liquidation of the Company as discussed at that morning's MANEX meeting.

The General Manager advised that no "Questions On-Notice" were Received for inclusion to the Business Paper for the 28 March 2011 Meeting of Council:

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Governance and Administration

Item 1

Management Plan Review

U08/6484

97/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / R Spreadborough)

That Council adopt the 2010/2011 Management Plan Review of the extent (96.8%) to which Performance Targets have been achieved or are being achieved for the six months to 31 December 2010.

GM

Having been absent at the commencement of the meeting, the Director of Administrative Services joined the meeting at this time (12:35pm).

Item 2

Revenue Policy 2011/2012

U07/4209 and U09/6573

98/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council agree to utilise the suggested rates (Ad valorem 0.4055 and base \$216.75), and suggested annual charges of Water Access \$250.00, Sewer Access \$462.50, stormwater Levy of \$25, Domestic Waste charges to raise \$311,373 and Other Waste Management Charges (including the Environmental Levy of \$173.50) to raise \$514,740 as set out in the accompanying forecast work-paper to prepare the Revenue Policy for Volume 2 of the 2011/2012 Draft Management Plan and the Draft Budget Estimates for 2011/2012.

GM

At suggestion of the General Manager, Councillors agreed to the deferral of Item 3 of the General Manager's Governance and Administration Report, to immediately follow the scheduled "Have You're Say" Presentation to Council by Mr Adam Blakester.

Planning

Item 1

Local Environmental Plan Acceleration Fund

U07/176

99/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council note the offer of \$210,000 from the NSW Department of Planning under the Local Environmental Plan Acceleration Fund and make every effort to finalise by 30 September 2011.

MP

Item 2

Tree Policy

U07/168

100/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / M Pearce)

That Council's new Tree policy be implemented from the retrospective date of 1 July 2010.

MP

Item 3

Planning Application Approvals and Refusals for the Month of February 2011

U07/168

101/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / M Pearce)

That Council note the information contained within the Planning Application Approvals and Refusals Report for the month of February 2011.

Item 4

Regulatory Statistics

U07/168

102/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council note the Regulatory Function statistics for February 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

LUNCHEON RECESS (1:00 - 1:30pm)

103/11 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:

The Chair introduced the Speaker in delivery of a Presentation as follows:-

1. Mr Adam Blakester

Convenor, New England Sustainability Strategy

Mr Blakester delivered a presentation to Council on the subject of "Supporting Sustainability in the New England"

The Chair thanked Mr Blakester for his Presentation to Council.

The Director of Administrative Services, having been absent at the 1:30pm resumption of the meeting, returned to the meeting at 1:50pm.

STAFF REPORTS (continued)

The Chair referred Councillors to the previously deferred Item 3 of the General Manager's Governance and Administration Report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Governance and Administration

Item 3

New England Sustainability Strategy

U07/104

104/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / S Powley)

That Council:

- note the Report on the New England Sustainability Strategy.
- provide in principle endorsement of the New England Sustainability Strategy
- provide a letter of support for the New England Sustainability Strategy indicating Council's future involvement in and contribution towards improved sustainability in the New England Region along with Armidale Dumaresq, Guyra and Walcha Councils.
- thank Mr Adam Blakester for his commitment on sustainability issues in the Region including the development of the New England Sustainability Strategy.

GM

The Manager of Planning left the meeting at 2:00pm.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' REPORT

Administration and Finance

Item 1

Cash at Bank and Investments

U07/01

105/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / R Spreadborough)

That Council note the cash position at 28 February 2011 consisting of: cash and overnight funds of \$1,387,790.16 term deposits of \$5,200,00.00 totalling \$6,587,790.16 of readily convertible funds.

Item 2

Uralla Shire Council Finance Committee

U10/1

106/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / S Powley)

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Uralla Shire Council Finance Committee held on Thursday, 3 February 2011, as presented to the Council meeting of 28 February 2011 be ADOPTED as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.
2. That the Financial Statements in the new reporting formats of Budget Review by Resource Code and Budget Review by Function for the year to 28 February 2011, be noted.
3. That Council approve the variation to the Uralla Shire Council Budget for the second quarter of the financial year ended 30 June 2011 as follows: McMaugh Gardens – unfavourable - \$73,640.
4. That Council apply a cost based management charge to the National Attendant Care program in place of a percentage based administration fee. **DAS**

For the benefit of those Councillor's not present at that morning's MANEX meeting, the General Manager provided an update in regard to the ongoing matter of Council's CDO Investments subsequent to information provided in Item 8.1 of the Finance Committee minutes.

Item 3

Rates – Outstanding and Reconciliation

U07/138

107/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / R Filmer)

That the Report on the collection rate of current Rates and arrears of Rates of 63.41% as at 28 February 2011 be noted.

Community Services

Item 1

Visitor Information Centre Monthly Report

U07/273

108/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Pearce / R Spreadborough)

That the Visitor Information Centre Manager's report for February 2011 be noted.

The General Manager left the meeting at this time (2:20pm).

Community Services (continued)

Item 2

Sealing of Documents

U07/3070

109/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / R Filmer)

That Council endorse the affixing of the Uralla Shire Council Seal by the Mayor and General Manager to the "Acceptance of Funding Variation" with ADHC in relation to the KADS Goods and Equipment program and the Narrabri Elders Program.

DAS

The Director of Administrative Services left the meeting at this time (2:21pm).

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT

Technical Services

Item 1

Works Progress for Period ended 18 March 2011

U07/3041

Item 2

Works Planning

U07/3041

110/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / K Dusting)

That the Works Progress for the period ended 18 March 2011 and the Planned Works be noted.

The General Manager returned to the meeting at 2:23pm

Item 3

Truck Parking in Uralla

U07/127

Cr R Filmer suggested that the Recommendation be split into two separate Resolutions for Council's consideration.

MOTION

111/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council:

- (i) accept the leasing of the Goods Yard owned by ARTC as a possible option for truck parking in Uralla.

DES

MOTION

112/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That Council:

- (i) contact the residents adjacent to the Goods Yard.
- (ii) consider making application for a lease once the above consultation has been completed.

DES

Technical Services (continued)

Item 4

Works Committee Meeting

U07/172

113/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / R Filmer)

(i) That Council note the minutes from the Works Committee Meeting held Thursday, 17 March 2011.

(ii) Plant:

- That Council Staff arrange trial of specialist bitumen repair trucks, and
- That Council's Plant Superintendant discuss with the Environmental Committee the preferred operational timetable for the two compactor units to allow maximum possible plant maintenance opportunity, and
- That Council's Plant Superintendant report to Works Committee on priority list for Plant replacement in 2011 / 2012.

(iii) Elizabeth Lane - unformed section:

- That Council advise the Land and Property Management Authority that they wish 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, 25 February 2011 to Friday, 18 March 2011

U07/23

114/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / M Pearce)

That the Mailouts forwarded to Councillors for the Period Friday, 25 February 2011 to Friday, 18 March 2011 which includes MANEX Meeting Minutes for Monday, 21 February 2011, Monday, 28 February 2011, Monday, 7 March 2011 and Monday, 14 March 2011 be noted.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

115/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / R Spreadborough)

That the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees be noted:

- Bundarra Neighbour Aid Service – 9 February 2011
- Centenary Committee – 2 March 2011
- McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre Advisory Committee – 3 March 2011
- Uralla Shire Council Environmental Committee – 15 March 2011

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	3 March 2011	Business Breakfast, Top Pub, Uralla	
	5 March 2011	LEP Workshop (No one turned up)	
	9 March 2011	Solar Openings at Grace Munro, Bundarra; McMaughs and Community Centre, Uralla	
	10 March 2011	LEP Planning, White Rose	
	16 March 2011	DLG Road Map 9-11am, Uralla	
		DLG Road Map 1-3pm, Armidale	
	17 March 2011	Bundarra Volunteers Meeting, Bundarra	
	18 March 2011	International Women's Day Luncheon, Memorial Hall	
	23 March 2011	Sovereign Gold Information Night "Why Worry"	
	28 March 2011	Waste Information 11.30am	
	28 March 2011	Council Meeting	
	Cr R Filmer	3 March 2011	Community Mutual Business Breakfast, Top Pub, Uralla
		7 March 2011	MANEX
9 March 2011		Solar Openings at Grace Munro, Bundarra; McMaughs and Community Centre, Uralla	
9 March 2011		Windfarm Forum, Community Centre, Uralla	
14 March 2011		MANEX	
15 March 2011		Finance Committee	
16 March 2011		D.L.G. Meeting – Steve Orr, Uralla and Armidale	
17 March 2011		Works Committee	
21 March 2011		MANEX	
22 March 2011		Seniors' Lunch, Uralla	
23 March 2011		Sovereign Gold Meeting, Why Worry	
28 March 2011		MANEX	
Cr I Strutt		3 March 2011	Community Mutual Business Breakfast, Uralla
	3 March 2011	McMaugh Gardens Advisory Committee, Uralla	
	7 March 2011	MANEX - Observer	
	9 March 2011	Solar Openings at Grace Munro, Bundarra; McMaughs and Community Centre, Uralla	
	10 March 2011	Councillors' LEP Workshop	
	15 March 2011	Finance Committee - Apology	
	15 March 2011	Environmental Committee - Apology	
	16 March 2011	Meeting with Representatives from DLG re "Roadmap", Uralla	
	16 March 2011	Meeting with Representatives from DLG re "Roadmap" for New England, Armidale	
	18 March 2011	Organising Sub-Committee for International Women's Day Luncheon, Uralla	
	18 March 2011	International Women's Day Luncheon, Uralla	
	21 March 2011	MANEX - Observer	
	23 March 2011	Seniors' Lunch, Uralla	
	23 March 2011	Sovereign Gold Information Get-Together at "Why Worry Wines" - Apology	
	28 March 2011	MANEX - Observer	

DELEGATE REPORTS (continued)

Councillor	Activity Date:	Activity Detail:
Cr M Pearce		
	5 March 2011	LEP Workshop (Cancelled)
	7 March 2011	MANEX
	9 March 2011	Community Safety Precinct Committee (Police), Armidale
	9 March 2011	Solar Openings at Grace Munro, Bundarr; McMaugh's and Community Centre, Uralla
	10 March 2011	LEP Workshop, Uralla
	14 March 2011	MANEX
	15 March 2011	Finance Meeting
	16 March 2011	D.L.G Meeting – Uralla and Armidale
	17 March 2011	Works Meeting
	21 March 2011	MANEX
	28 March 2011	MANEX
	28 March 2011	Council Meeting
Cr K Ward		
	2 March 2011	Bundarra Hospital Centenary Celebrations, Bundarra
	3 March 2011	NECU Community Breakfast, Top Pub, Uralla
	3 March 2011	Tour of Chinese Goldfields, Mt Mutton
	7 March 2011	Digital Elder Project Launch, Tamworth
	9 March 2011	Solar Openings at Grace Munro, Bundarra; McMaugh's and Community Centre, Uralla
	15 March 2011	Finance Committee
	15 March 2011	Environmental Committee
	16 March 2011	D.L.G. Meetings – Uralla and Armidale
	17 March 2011	Works Committee
	22 March 2011	Alma Park – School Tree Planting, Uralla
	22 March 2011	Meeting – Lisa Anderson, CAMRA, Uralla
	23 March 2011	Sovereign Gold Meeting, Why Worry
<p>The Chair sought opinion from Councillors in regard to the proposal to issue an invitation to address Council to the Crime Prevention Officer at the New England Local Area Command Crime Management Unit, Senior Constable Mandy Vaughan.</p> <p>Councillors indicated their unanimous agreement to this proposal.</p>		
Cr L Wilson		Cr L Wilson was a late apology to the meeting.
Cr S Powley		
	3 March 2011	NECU Community Breakfast, Top Pub, Uralla
	7 March 2011	Weight of Loads Group, Walcha
	9 March 2011	Solar Openings at Grace Munro, Bundarra; McMaugh's and Community Centre, Uralla
	10 March 2011	Planning LEP
	15 March 2011	Environmental Committee
	16 March 2011	D.L.G. Meetings – Uralla and Armidale
	23 March 2011	Sovereign Gold Meeting, Why Worry
	28 March 2011	Council Meeting
Cr R Spreadborough		Cr R Spreadborough supplied only a verbal activity summary.

DELEGATE REPORTS (continued)

Councillor	Activity Date:	Activity Detail:
Cr M Dusting		<i>Cr M Dusting was on Leave of Absence and submitted a written report comprising details as follows:</i>
	28 February 2011	<i>Council Meeting</i>
	3 March 2011	<i>Business Breakfast, Uralla</i>
	5 March 2011	<i>Planning 8-11am (No one turned up)</i>
	5 March 2011	<i>Christian Democrats, 12noon, Armidale</i>
	7 March 2011	<i>Richard Torbay, 5-7pm, Armidale</i>
	9 March 2011	<i>Tony Windsor Opening, Bundarra and Uralla</i>
	10 March 2011	<i>LEP Planning</i>
	15 March 2011	<i>Finance Committee Meeting</i>
	16 March 2011	<i>DLG, Uralla and Armidale</i>
	21 March 2011	<i>MANEX</i>
	23 March 2011	<i>Sovereign gold Information Night, Uralla</i>

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

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

Cr K Dusting

QUESTION:**Removal of Garbage Bins at the Old Cemetery**

Is there a reason why Garbage Bins at the Old Cemetery have been removed? **GM**

QUESTION:**Bergen Road**

When will this be put into Budget for completion? A number of properties rely on this section of road to get heavy equipment and vehicles to carry out their businesses. In wet weather, some have been unable to access their properties due to road conditions and flooding of causeways. **GM**

Cr S Powley

QUESTION:**Decals for Council Motor Vehicles**

Can an update be provided regarding investigations into the placing of Decals on Council Motor Vehicles? **GM**

QUESTION:**Motor Cycle Centre Parking**

Can an update be provided in relation to progress in the Motor Cycle Centre Parking project? **GM**

Cr R Filmer

QUESTION:**Write-Off of Obsolete Stock**

Can the Director of Engineering Services provide an update to Council in the matter of the write-off of obsolete stock? **DES**

QUESTION:**Policies**

Can an update be provided to Council regarding the status of Council Policies for Asset Management, Investment and Kerb and Guttering? **GM**

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A request for Leave of Absence was tabled by the General Manager on behalf of Cr L Wilson for the period 28 March 2011 to 5 May 2011.

116/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)

That the request for Leave of Absence from Cr L Wilson be noted and the Leave of Absence from 28 March to 5 May 2011, approved.

A request for Leave of Absence was submitted by Cr M Pearce for the next ordinary meeting of Council on Monday, 18 April 2011.

117/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / R Filmer)

That the request for Leave of Absence from Cr M Pearce be noted and the Leave of Absence for the Monday, 28 April 2011 meeting of Council, approved.

MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

MEETING PROCEDURE

118/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / R Spreadborough)

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.

119/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / R Spreadborough)

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 matter concerned is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed; prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or reveal a trade secret; Council is satisfied that discussion of the matter 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

120/11 MOVED/ CARRIED

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

APOLOGY (Closed Session)

121/11 MOVED/ CARRIED

That the apologies for Cr M Dusting and Cr L Wilson be accepted.

STAFF REPORTS TO CLOSED SESSION

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Governance and Administration

Item 1

Industrial Land Budget Allocation

U07/57-02

122/11 MOVED/ CARRIED

That Council advise the owners of Lot 385 DP 755846, 385 Thunderbolts Way (known as the "Old Pole Plant") that the exclusive offer of funding for the provision of the water and sewer services to the boundaries of the site will expire on 30 June 2011.

GM

QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE

Questions On-Notice to Closed Session for Next Meeting of Council

Councillors lodged "Questions On-Notice" to Closed Session for response at the next meeting of Council:

MOVE TO OPEN SESSION

MEETING PROCEDURE

123/11 MOVED/ CARRIED

That Council move back into Open Session

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 3:50pm.

The Minutes of the Uralla Shire Council at an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 March 2011, consisting of Page 18 and the previous pages, were confirmed by Resolution No. [nnn/yy] on [insert date].

.....Mayor