



**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**Held at 1:00pm  
On 26 October 2015**

**ROLL CALL**

**Councillors:**

Cr M Pearce (Mayor)  
Cr B Crouch (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr L Cooper  
Cr K Disting  
Cr M Disting  
Cr D Field  
Cr F Geldof  
Cr I Strutt  
Cr K Ward

**Staff:**

Mr D Connor, General Manager  
Mr R Bell, Director-Infrastructure & Regulation  
Mrs O Wood, Executive Manager-Community & Culture  
Mr Simon Paul, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms C McBride, Minute Clerk

**MINUTES**

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The Meeting Commenced at 1:05pm.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Present were the Chairperson Cr M Pearce (Mayor), Cr B Crouch (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors D Field, F Geldof, I Strutt, K Ward, General Manager (Mr D Connor), Director-Infrastructure & Regulation (Mr R Bell), Chief Financial Officer (Mr S Paul), Executive Manager-Community & Culture (Mrs O Wood), and Minute Clerk (Ms C McBride).

### **1. OPENING & WELCOME**

### **2. PRAYER**

### **3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY**

### **4. APOLOGIES/REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Apologies were tabled for Crs K Dusting, M Dusting, and L Cooper (Leave of Absence)

#### **LATE ARRIVALS**

There were no Late Arrivals.

#### **REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Requests for Leave of Absence were submitted by Cr K Ward and Cr Geldof.

#### **MOTION**

##### **1.10/15 MOVED (Crs Ward / Crouch )**

That the apologies for Cr L Cooper, Cr M Dusting and Cr K Dusting be accepted.

#### **CARRIED**

##### **2.10/15 MOVED ( Crs Strutt / Field)**

That the requests for Leave of Absence from Cr Ward and Cr Geldof be approved.

#### **CARRIED**

## **5. DISCLOSURES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **Ordinary and Extraordinary Meetings of 28 September 2015**

#### **3.10/15 MOVED (Crs Strutt / Crouch)**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Meetings held on 28 September 2015 (copies have been circulated to Members) be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.10/15 MOVED (Crs Strutt / Ward)**

That the following minutes be received and noted:

1. Australia Day Committee Meeting, held 9 September.

**CARRIED**

There were no Matters arising.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil

## **8. TABLING OF REPORTS & PETITIONS**

Draft Financial Statements

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

Have Your Say

### **Speakers in Order of Presentation:**

The Chair introduced the Speakers in order of Presentation as follows:-

**Name: Mr Kent Mayo**

**Subject: "U-Watch" Proposal**

The Chair and Cr Strutt thanked Mr Mayo for his Presentation to Council.

## **10. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

## **11. URGENT SUPPLEMENTARY & LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Nil

## 12. COUNCILLOR REPORTS & WRITTEN REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

### Cr Leanne Cooper

Leave of Absence – No report

### Cr Bob Crouch

6 October 2015	Stakeholder meeting re VIC movement to Library, Uralla
6 October 2015	ZNET Blueprint launch, Uralla
12 to 13 October 2015	Local Government, New South Wales Conference, Sydney
14 October 2015	Bundarra progress association meeting re RTC, Bundarra
19 October 2015	Councillor Briefing, USC Chambers Corporate & Community Committee, USC Chambers Environment, Development & Infrastructure Committee, USC Chambers

### Cr Karen Dusting

Leave of Absence – No report

### Cr Mark Dusting

Leave of Absence – No report

### Cr Daphne Field

28 September 2015	Ordinary Council Meeting
6 October 2015	ZNET Blueprint launch, McCrossins Mill, Uralla
7 October 2015	Disability and Access Committee, Community Centre, Uralla
8 October 2015	Councillors' Chat, USC Chambers
12 October 2015	Friends of McMaugh's AGM. McMaugh Gardens
19 October 2015	Councillor Briefing, USC Chambers Corporate & Community Committee
21 October 2015	FFF update and ideas, USC Chambers

### Cr Fred Geldof

28 September 2015	Ordinary Council Meeting
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### Cr Kevin Ward

6 October 2015	ZNET Blueprint launch, Uralla
8 October 2015	Councillors' Chat, Uralla
19 October 2015	Standing Committee Meetings, Uralla
24 October 2015	Garage Sale Trail Stall, Uralla
26 October 2015	Councillor Briefing, Uralla

### Cr Isabel Strutt

29 September 2015	National Police Remembrance, Day, St Peters Church, Armidale
1 October 2015	Environmental Consultative Panel, Uralla
6 October 2015	ZNET Blueprint launch and following workshop, Uralla
8 October 2015	Councillors' Chat, Uralla
19 October 2015	Councillor Briefing, USC Chambers Corporate & Community Committee, USC Chambers Environment, Development & Infrastructure Committee, USC Chambers

21 October 2015	Councillor Briefing, USC Chambers
23 October 2015	Uralla CWA Annual General Meeting, Uralla
24 October 2015	Thunderbolt Festival Activities
26 October 2015	Councillor Workshop

### Cr Michael Pearce

29 September 2015	National Police Remembrance, Day, St Peters Church, Armidale
30 September 2015	2AD Radio interview, Uralla
30 September 2015	Mayor's office - Admin/Correspondence, Uralla
1 October 2015	NAMOI Councils meeting, Moree
6 October 2015	Mayor's office - Admin/Correspondence, Uralla ZNET Blueprint launch, Uralla
7 October 2015	Mayor's office - Admin/Correspondence, Uralla Emu Crossing Bridge visit, Bundarra
8 October 2015	RFS Local Government Forum, Tamworth
11 to 13 October 2015	Local Government, New South Wales Conference, Sydney
15 October 2015	Mayor's office - Admin/Correspondence, Uralla
16 October 2015	New England Group of Councils Meeting, Glen Innes
18 October 2015	Represent Council at Book launch, Burnett's Book café, Uralla
19 October 2015	Mayor's office - Admin/Correspondence, Uralla Councillor Briefing, USC Chambers Corporate & Community Committee, USC Chambers Environment, Development & Infrastructure Committee, USC Chambers
20 October 2015	Mayor's office - Admin/Correspondence, Uralla
21 October 2015	Mayor's office - Admin/Correspondence, Uralla
22 October 2015	Mayor's office - Admin/Correspondence, Uralla
23 October 2015	UNE Graduation Ceremony
24 October 2015	Thunderbolt Festival Activities Garage Sale Trail, McMaugh's.
26 October 2015	Mayor's office - Admin/Correspondence, Uralla Councillor Workshop

### 13. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

## 14. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

<b>Department:</b>	Infrastructure and Regulation
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Director of Infrastructure and Regulation
<b>Reference:</b>	2.19.10.08
<b>Subject:</b>	Land Compensation for L & H Parry

This report is presented to the CLOSED section of the October 2015 meeting under section 10A (2 (a) of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993.

A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:

- (a) the discussion of any of the matters listed in subclause (2), or
- (b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.

(2) The matters and information are the following:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

5.10/15 **MOVED (Field /Crouch)**

That the abovementioned report be considered at Item 20 in Closed Council.

**CARRIED**

## 15. REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

## 16. REPORTS FROM THE CORPORATE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

**Department:** Finance  
**Submitted by:** Chief Financial Officer  
**Reference:** 1.19.10.01  
**Subject:** Draft 2014-15 Financial Statements

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

6.10/15 **Move to the Committee of the Whole  
MOVED (Crs Strutt / Ward)**

That Council moves into the committee of the whole to consider this item

### CARRIED

Councillors held a discussion on the abovementioned report.

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

7.10/15 **Resumption of Standing Orders  
(Crs Field/Geldof)**

That Council move out of committee and resume standing orders.

### CARRIED

8.10/15 **MOVED (Crs Strutt / Field )**

That:

1. Council's Draft Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with:
  - the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the regulations made there under,
  - the Australian Accounting Standards, and
  - the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting;
2. The report presents fairly the Councils operating result and financial position for the year;
3. The report accords with Council's accounting and other records;
4. Council is not aware of any matter that would render this report false or misleading in any way;
5. Council's Draft Financial Statements be referred to audit for finalisation;
6. Council delegate authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the 'Statement by Council and Management' for inclusion with the statements;
7. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the date at which the auditors report and financial statements are to be presented to the public; and,
8. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to set the authorised for issue date upon receipt of the auditors report.

### CARRIED



**Department:** Community and Culture  
**Submitted by:** Executive Manager – Community & Culture  
**Reference:** 1.19.10.02  
**Subject:** National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Update

**9.10/15** **MOVED (Crs Field / Crouch )**

That the report on the National Disability Insurance Scheme roll-out in the Hunter New England area be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**Department:** Finance  
**Submitted by:** Chief Financial Officer  
**Reference:** 1.19.10.03  
**Subject:** Cash at Bank and Investments

**10.10/15** **MOVED (Crs Strutt / Geldof )**

That Council notes the cash position as at 30 September 2015 consisting of cash and overnight funds of \$1,158,424.64, and term deposits of \$9,700,000, totalling \$10,858,424.64 of readily convertible funds.

**CARRIED**

**Department:** Community & Culture  
**Submitted by:** Executive Manager – Community & Culture  
**Reference:** 1.19.10.04  
**Subject:** New England High Country Marketing Campaign

**11.10/15** **MOVED (Crs Ward / Geldof )**

That the report on the New England High Country Marketing Campaign be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**Department:** General Manager's Office  
**Submitted by:** General Manager  
**Reference:** 1.19.10.05  
**Subject:** Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy

**12.10/15** **MOVED (Crs Geldof / Strutt )**

That Council adopt the attached Councillors – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy without alteration from the previous year.

**CARRIED**

## **17. REPORTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

**Department:** Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Submitted by:** Director of Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Reference:** 2.19.10.01  
**Subject:** Development Approvals and Refusals for August 2015

**13.10/15 MOVED (Crs Ward / Crouch )**

That Council receives and notes the development approvals and refusals for August 2015.

**CARRIED**

**Department:** Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Submitted by:** Director of Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Reference:** 2.19.10.02  
**Subject:** Development Approvals and Refusals for September 2015

**14.10/15 MOVED (Crs Geldof / Field )**

That Council receive and note the development approvals and refusals for September 2015.

**CARRIED**

**Department:** Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Submitted by:** Director Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Reference:** 2.19.10.03  
**Subject:** Works Progress Report to 30 September 2015

**15.10/15 MOVED (Crs Crouch / Field )**

That the report be received and noted for the works completed or progressed during September 2015.

**CARRIED**

**Department:** Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Submitted by:** Director Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Reference:** 1.19.10.04  
**Subject:** Works Planning Report October 2015

**16.10/15 MOVED (Crs Geldof / Crouch )**

That the report be received and noted for the works planned during October 2015.

**CARRIED**

**Department:** Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Submitted by:** Director of Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Reference:** 2.19.10.05  
**Subject:** Uralla Development Control Plan 2011 Amendment No 3

**17.10/15 MOVED (Crs Strutt / Ward )**

That Council:

1. Endorses amendments (Amendment No 3) to the Uralla Development Control Plan 2011;
2. Publicly exhibits the amended DCP for a period of 28 days; and
3. Gives the General Manager delegated authority to adopt the Uralla Development Control Plan 2011 as amended, if no submissions are received.

**CARRIED**

**18.10/15 Adjournment  
MOVED (Crs Geldof / Ward)**

That Council adjourn for a short break.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 2.15pm, with the meeting resuming at 2.25 pm.

**Department:** Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Submitted by:** Director – Infrastructure & Regulation  
**Reference:** 2.19.10.06  
**Subject:** Development Application 50/2015 – 48 East Street, Uralla – Stages Development - Multi dwelling housing, 2 Lot Torrens Title Subdivision and 2 Lot Strata Title Subdivision – Division Decision

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**19.10/15** Move to the Committee of the Whole  
**MOVED (Crs Ward / Crouch )**

That Council moves into the Committee of the whole to discuss this item.

**CARRIED**

Councillors held a discussion on the abovementioned report and recommendation..

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**20.10/15** Resumption of Standing Orders  
**MOVED (Crs Crouch / Cr Geldof )**

That Council moves out of the Committee of the whole and resumes Standing Orders.

**CARRIED**

**21.10/15** **MOVED ( Crs Ward / Crouch)**

That Development Application 50/2015 being for a staged development consisting of:

- a) Stage One - Multi dwelling housing,
- b) Stage Two - 2 Lot Torrens Title Subdivision, and
- c) Stage Three - 2 Lot Strata Title Subdivision

Located on Lot 2 DP 502101 known as 48 East Street, Uralla be approved subject to the conditions listed in the report to Council.

**For:** Crs Pearce, Crouch, Field, Geldof, Strutt and Ward

**Against:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Cooper, K Dusting and M Dusting

**Department:** Infrastructure and Regulation

**Submitted by:** Director Infrastructure & Regulation

**Reference:** 2.19.10.07

**Subject:** Uralla and Bundarra Secure Yield Assessment

**22.10/15** **MOVED (Crs Field / Geldof )**

That the report be received and noted and placed on exhibition for public comment for a period of 28 days.

**CARRIED**

**18. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

## **19. SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS**

As at 19/10/2015

## **20. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

### **MEETING PROCEDURE**

**Move to Closed Session of Council**

- 23.10/15** **MOVED (Crs Geldof / Cr Field )**  
That Council move into Closed Session.  
**CARRIED**

### **MEETING PROCEDURE**

**Move to Ordinary Session**

- 25.10/15** **MOVED/ (Crs Geldof / Field )**  
That Council moves back into Open Session.

**CARRIED**

## **21. AUTHORITY TO AFFIX THE COMMON SEAL**

Nil

## **22. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at: 2.47pm.