



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Held at 12 noon
On 25 July 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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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

Meeting Commenced at 12:05pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present were the Chairperson Cr K Ward (Mayor), Cr M Pearce, (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors K Dusting, M Dusting, R Filmer, S Powley, R Spreadborough, I Strutt, L Wilson (from 12:06pm), General Manager (Mr T O'Connor), Director of Administrative Services (Mrs J Michie), Manager of Health and Building Services (Mr W Sellings), Minute Clerk (Mr P Steedman).

PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

APOLOGY

No Apologies were tabled.

The General Manager advised the absence of the Director of Engineering Services who was away on Annual Leave, and the Manager of Planning who was away on Leave due to a Family Illness.

Cr L Wilson arrived at this time (12:06pm)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of 27 June 2011

Cr R Filmer requested an amendment to the Minutes of the 27 June 2011 Meeting, because the resolution recorded did not allow for Resolution 213/11.

Page 13, Item 9, Resolution 212/11, Wording of the Resolution:

- That the wording of the Resolution be amended to read as follows;

"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".

254/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / S Powley)

That the wording of Council Resolution 212/11 be amended to read as follows;
"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".

EA

Cr R Filmer requested further amendments to the Minutes of the 27 June 2011 Meeting:

Page 14, Minute Notation, Return to the meeting of Cr M Dusting:

- That the reporting of the return to the meeting of Cr M Dusting at 2:37pm be shown just prior to the unanimous adoption of Resolution 216/11.

Page 15, Item 3, Resolution 220/11, Wording of the Resolution:

- That the wording of Item a) of the Resolution be amended to read as follows;

" a) The value of each voucher being \$10.00."

Page 19, Item 6, Resolution 235/11, Wording of the Resolution:

- That the wording of the Resolution be amended to read as follows;

"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."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of 27 June 2011 (continued)

Councillors indicated their agreement to the tabled amendments to the Minutes of the 27 June 2011 Meeting.

255/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / R Filmer)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 June 2011, (copies having previously been circulated to Members), with the aforementioned amendments, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EA

Closed Session of Ordinary Meeting of 27 June 2011

256/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / I Strutt)

That the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 June 2011 (copies having previously been circulated to Members) be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EA

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of 27 June 2011

Nil

Closed Session of Ordinary Meeting of 27 June 2011

Nil

PETITION RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

The Chair read aloud, details in a signed Petition recently received from Residents of the Retreat Road, Balala

257/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / M Dusting)

That Council receive the Petition from the Residents of the Retreat Road, Balala, and forward it for the attention of the Director of Engineering Services.

GM

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>General Manager, Thomas P O'Connor</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary interest as the joint owner of a building and property which may qualify for a local government heritage grant (having qualified in the past).</i>

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE**Questions On-Notice Received and From Previous Meetings**

The Chair outlined details of the responses to "Questions On-Notice" raised at the Ordinary meeting of Council held Monday, 27 June 2011:

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**RESPONSE:**

The solar panels were connected in late February to McMaugh Gardens and Grace Munro and they were officially launched on Wednesday 9 March 2011. A comparison of the costs from March 2011 to June 2011 against March to June 2010 has not yet been compiled. The comparative costs and a report will be provided to the 22 August 2011 Council meeting

QUESTION:**Interest Earned from Council Investments**

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

GM**RESPONSE:**

The interest earned from external sources, before revaluation of \$411,500 for CDOs, in the 2010/2011 financial year was \$337,603.82 compared to \$303,772.62, before the write-off from CDOs of \$327,500, for the financial year 2009/2010.

The revaluation of \$411,500 consists of \$59,000 for the sale of Beryl Finance Global Banknote in early July and \$352,500 valuation of CDOs as determined by the Finance Committee on 9 July 2011.

Cr R Spreadborough

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

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

GM**RESPONSE:**

Balala toilets will be ready for use once the rainwater tank has been topped up. The toilets will then be placed onto the <http://www.toiletmap.gov.au/> website.

Cr M Dusting

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**RESPONSE:**

There will be a meeting to obtain advice from the Bundarra Community and a Plan of Management for the Bundarra Public Reserve which will be held on Saturday 13 August 2011. The Reserve includes the old tennis courts and could be the site for the requested cricket practice nets.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE (continued)

The Chair outlined details of the responses to "Questions On-Notice" Received prior to closure of the Business Paper to the Meeting of 25 July 2011:

Cr K Dusting

QUESTION:

Rescission Motion 196/11

What costs were incurred by Council following its 23 May 2011 rescission of Resolution 167/11?

GM

RESPONSE:

The non-recoverable costs for the change in the number of delegates to the Shires Association Conference were the room reservation at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth: \$900.00 and conference registration \$682.00, a total of \$1,582.00

QUESTION:

School Bus Signs in Kentucky

Have School Bus Signs been erected in Kentucky as requested 18 months ago?

GM

RESPONSE:

The bus stop signs were ordered and purchased. However the positioning of the signs in Burtons Lane, as requested, could not be identified. Subsequently the signs have been used to erect and replace other bus stops. Should the Councillor wish to indicate to the Director Engineering Services where the bus stops are to be sign posted this could be done on next Thursday.

QUESTION:

Sealing of Bergin Road, Wollun

Will works to seal Bergin Road, Wollun, be included in 2011-2012 budget? Community Members are of the belief "...that construction will probably take place this year." "2011" – Quote from Mr James Street in Letter attached to petition presented to Council on 7 May 2011 at meeting held in Kentucky.

GM

RESPONSE:

The budget for road construction and reconstruction on local roads in the 2011/2012 budget is \$1,194,451 (page 4 of the Summary to the Operational Plan 2011/2012). As outline in the response to the question received for the Council meeting of 18 April 2011 (page 6 of the adopted minutes) the budget provides the funding and the Works Committee determines priorities and makes recommendations to Council which determines which roads are constructed or re-constructed.

STAFF REPORTS**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT****Governance and Administration****Item 1****Setting of the 2011/2012 Rates and Annual Charges**

U08/6504

258/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / R Spreadborough)**1. Ordinary Rates 2011/2012**

That, for 2011/2012, Council make a Farmland Rate consisting of \$217.00 base amount plus an ad valorem rate of 0.4051¢ in \$ to be applied to all rateable assessments categorised as Farmland throughout the whole of Uralla Shire. The percentage of the total amount payable by the Farmland Rate that will be produced by levying the base amount is 6.34%

That, for 2011/2012, Council make a Residential Rate consisting of \$217.00 base amount plus and ad valorem rate of 0.4051¢ in \$ to be applied to all rateable assessments categorised as Residential throughout the whole of Uralla Shire. The percentage of the total amount payable by the Residential Rate that will be produced by levying the base amount is 49.97%

That, for 2011/2012, Council make a Rural Residential Rate consisting of \$217.00 base amount plus and ad valorem rate of 0.4051¢ in \$ to be applied to all rateable assessments categorised as Rural Residential throughout the whole of Uralla Shire. The percentage of the total amount payable by the Rural Residential Rate that will be produced by levying the base amount is 29.80%

That, for 2011/2012, Council make a Mining Rate consisting of \$217.00 base amount plus and ad valorem rate of 0.4051¢ in \$ to be applied to all rateable assessments categorised as Mining throughout the whole of Uralla Shire. The percentage of the total amount payable by the Mining Rate that will be produced by levying the base amount is 0%

That, for 2011/2012, Council make a Business Rate consisting of \$217.00 base amount plus and ad valorem rate of 0.4051¢ in \$ to be applied to all rateable assessments categorised as Business throughout the whole of Uralla Shire. The percentage of the total amount payable by the Business Rate that will be produced by levying the base amount is 44.75%

2. Uralla Water Supply Charge 2011/2012

That, for 2011/2012, Council make a Uralla Water Supply Access Charge of \$250.00 under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993 to be applied to all rateable assessments in the Shire that are supplied with water from a pipe of the Uralla Water Supply, or are within 225 metres of a water pipe of the Uralla Water Supply (excluding properties of those ratepayers who do not wish to be connected to the Quartz Gully Road and Rifle Range Road mains extensions). A Water Usage Charge will be \$1.50 per kilolitre for every kilolitre used.

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3. **Non-Rateable Properties Water Supply Charges 2011/2012**
That, for 2011/2012, Council make an annual Non-Rateable Uralla Water Supply Charge under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993 to be applied to all non-rateable properties that are supplied with water from a pipe of the Uralla Water Supply. The amount of the Access Charge is to be \$250.00 and then \$1.50 per kilolitre of water used.
4. **Bundarra Water Supply Charge 2011/2012**
That, for 2011/2012, Council make a Bundarra Water Supply Access Charge of \$250.00 under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993 to be applied to all rateable assessments in the Shire that are supplied with water from a pipe of the Bundarra Water Supply, or are within 225 metres of a water pipe of the Bundarra Water Supply. Then a Water Usage Charge of \$1.50 per kilolitre for every kilolitre used
5. **Non-Rateable Properties Bundarra Water Supply Charges 2011/2012**
That, for 2011/2012 Council make an annual Non-Rateable Bundarra Water Supply Charge under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993 to be applied to all non-rateable properties that are supplied with water from a pipe of the Bundarra Water Supply. The amount of the Access Charge is to be \$250.00 and then \$1.50 per kilolitre of water used.
6. **Uralla Sewerage Charge 2011/2012**
That, for 2011/2012, Council make a Uralla Sewerage Charge of \$462.50 under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993 to be applied to all occupied and vacant rateable residential assessments in the Shire that are connected to a Council Sewer or are within 75 metres of a Council Sewer. Non residential properties to have an access charge of \$323.50 with an annual usage charge of \$1.00 per kilolitre. It also includes a \$68.00 per year trade waste fee and a trade waste usage charge of \$1.20 per kilolitre for dischargers using prescribed pre-treatment. Council will assume that all trade waste dischargers in Uralla comply with the requirements of prescribed pre-treatment facilities. Where this is found not to be the case, additional trade waste charges will apply. These include a \$65.00 re-inspection fee and a trade waste usage charge, where there is no prescribed pre-treatment of \$110.00 per kilolitre.
7. **Non-Rateable Properties Sewerage Charges 2011/2012**
That, for 2011/2012, Council make an annual Non-Rateable Sewerage Access Charge under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993 to be applied to all non-rateable properties that are connected to a Council Sewer. All Non-Rateable assessments are subject to a \$462.50 annual charge.
8. **Uralla Stormwater Catchment Management Levy 2011/2012**
That, for 2011/2012, Council make a Uralla Stormwater Catchment Management Levy under Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993 to be applied to all urban residential, business and industrial lots with impervious surfaces. A levy of \$25.00 per residential property, \$12.50 per strata residential unit and \$25.00 per 350 square metres units of business and industrial property, to a maximum of 4 units, is to be raised. Public land, vacant land, rural lands and land belonging to charities and public benevolent institutions cannot be levied.

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9. **Domestic Waste Management Charges 2011/2012**
That, for 2011/2012, Council make annual Domestic Waste Management Charges under Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993 to be applied to all rateable assessments categorised as Residential within the Domestic Waste Management Service areas of Uralla, Invergowrie, Saumarez, Arding, Saumarez Ponds, Rocklea, Kelly Plains and Bundarra. The waste collection charge for Uralla is \$84.00 for 140 litre bins and the recycling charge is \$66.00. The waste collection charge for Invergowrie, Saumarez, Arding, Saumarez Ponds, Rocklea and Kelly Plains is \$118.00 for all bins and the recycling charge is \$145.00. The waste collection charge for Bundarra is \$121.00 for all bins and the recycling charge is \$66.00. Any additional Services not listed in this table are to be charged in the same manner consisting of one waste charge per bin and one recycling charge (one recycling charge per flat in the case of flats).
10. **Waste Management Charges 2011/2012**
That, for 2011/2012, Council make annual Waste Management Charges under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993 to be applied to all assessments other than domestic premises within the Waste Management Service Area (Uralla, Invergowrie and Bundarra). The waste collection charge for Uralla is \$118.00 for 240 litre bins and \$84.00 for 140 litre bins and for Bundarra is \$121.00 for all bins. Any additional services not listed in this table are to be charged in the same manner consisting of one waste charge per bin, one environmental levy and one recycling charge.
11. **Environmental Levy 2011/2012**
That for, 2011/2012, Council make a \$173.50 Environmental Levy Annual Charge for Waste Management Services and Environmental Projects under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993 to be applied to all rateable assessments in the Shire.
12. **Interest Rate on Overdue Rates and Charges for 2011/2012**
That, for 2011/2012, Council apply interest charges on overdue rates and charges at the rate of 11% per annum (State maximum). GM

Item 2**Management Plan Review**

U08/6484

- 259/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / R Spreadborough)**
That Council adopt the 2010/2011 Management Plan Review with an achievement percentage of 92.3% to which Performance Targets have been achieved for the year ended 30 June 2011. GM

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

- 260/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Pearce / R Spreadborough)**
That Council break for a 30 minute Luncheon Adjournment (1:00pm – 1:30pm)

The Meeting resumed at 1:32pm

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 Patrick Dogan

Community Development Officer, Uralla Shire Council.

Mr Dogan delivered a presentation on the subject of the new Council Website.

The Chair thanked Mr Dogan for his Presentation to Council.

STAFF REPORTS (continued)

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Governance and Administration

The Manager of Health and Building Services left the meeting at this time (1:49pm)

Item 3

Promoting Better Practice Program

U09/6560

261/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / S Powley)

That Council note the information provided to the Division of Local Government in preparation for the Better Practice Review to be carried out from Monday 22 August 2011 for three days by post on Friday 15 July 2011.

GM

Item 4

Uralla Shire Council Operating Policies

U07/70

262/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / S Powley)

That Council:

- adopt the Occupational Health and Safety and Occupational Health and Safety Workplace Inspection Policies.
- adopt, for the purpose of advertising for public submissions, the Draft Return to Work Operating Policy.
- advertise the Draft Return to Work Operating Policy for public submissions during the period Friday 29 July 2011 to Friday 26 August 2011.

GM

Governance and Administration (continued)

Item 5

Uralla Shire Council Corporate Services – Administration and Human Resources Practice Notes

U07/70

263/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs L Wilson / S Powley)

That Council adopt the Uralla Shire Council Occupational Health & Safety Rules and Procedures for the Conduct of Meetings and the Return to Work Program.

GM

The Manager of Health and Building Services returned to the meeting at this time (1:55pm)

Item 6

Donation request towards costs of anchor points on the roof of McCrossins Mill Museum.

U07/124

MOVED/ SECONDED (Crs R Spreadborough / I Strutt)

That Council donate up to \$3,500 on a \$ for \$ basis towards the costs of anchor points for the roofs of McCrossins Mill, Chaff Shed and Kitchen.

GM

FORESHADOWED MOTION

MOVED/ SECONDED (Crs R Spreadborough / R Filmer)

That Council formally decline the request for a donation towards the costs of anchor points for the roofs of McCrossins Mill, Chaff Shed and Kitchen, and provide details of the reasons for this decision.

Following debate the MOTION was PUT and LOST

264/11 The FORESHADOWED MOTION was then PUT and CARRIED

That Council formally decline the request for a donation towards the costs of anchor points for the roofs of McCrossins Mill, Chaff Shed and Kitchen, and provide details of the reasons for this decision.

Item 7

Uralla Events Management Committee / Thunderbolt Festival Event

U07/151

PROCEDURAL MOTION

265/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / L Wilson)

That the matter of the Uralla Events Management Committee / Thunderbolt Festival Event be left on the table, pending further information.

GM

Crs K Ward and K Dusting each requested that their vote against the Motion be noted.

Cr M Dusting left the meeting at 2:19pm and returned at 2.21pm

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (continued)

Health and Building

Item 1

Opening of the Mechanised Recycling Sorting Facility at the Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre – Stage Two.

U07/220

266/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs K Dusing / M Pearce)

That Council:

- note the Report in relation to the opening of the Mechanised Recycling Sorting Facility at the Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre – Stage Two.
- thank all Staff involved, including Manager of Health and Building Services, Mr Warren Sellings, Project Officer, Mrs Kath Little and the Recycling Depot Staff.

MHBS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

267/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / M Pearce)

That Council bring forward for consideration, Item 4 of the Director of Engineering Services' Technical Services Report.

Council Senior Engineer, Mr S Finch and Council Project Officer, Ms S McCaffrey joined the meeting at this time (2:30pm).

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT

Technical Services

Item 4

Draft Code of Practice – Soil and Water Management for Uralla Shire Council Managed Activities

U07/121

268/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs L Wilson / S Powley)

That Council note the Code of Practice Working Document – Soil and Water Management for the purposes of Council and Staff consultation.

DES

Council Project Officer (Ms S McCaffrey) left the meeting at this time (2:41pm).

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (continued)

Health and Building (continued)

Item 2

**Computerbank New England Inc. (CBNE) Operations At Uralla Landfill and
Recycling Centre for Financial Year 2010-2011**
U10/6717

269/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Filmer / M Pearce)

That Council

1. Note the information contained in the attached report,
2. Acknowledge in writing, the exceptional efforts achieved by the Computerbank New England volunteers for their inaugural year of operation at the Uralla Landfill Recycling Centre.

GM

Item 3

Draft On-Site Waste Water Management Strategy

270/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / R Spreadborough)

That:

1. the draft On-Site Waste Water Management Strategy be placed on public exhibition for thirty (30) days and appropriately advertised as a proposed amendment to Uralla Development Control Plan no.2, 2000, in accordance with Chapter 7, pts (5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1993 and related Regulations.
2. if there are no submissions, delegation be given to the General Manager to formally accept the document on behalf of Council.
3. upon finalisation of the on-site waste water management strategy, a regime of inspections will be determined by staff focussing on the identified high risk areas.

GM

Item 4

Complaints Received 2010 – 2011 Financial Year

271/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / M Pearce)

That the Report on Complaints received by Council from 1 July 2010 to 30 June, 2011 be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (continued)**Planning**

The General Manager, having earlier declared a Non-Pecuniary interest as the joint owner of a building and property which may qualify for a local government heritage grant, left the meeting at this time (3:04pm)

Item 1**NSW Heritage Grants Local Government Heritage Management Funding Offer**

U07/6413

Cr L Wilson left the meeting at 3.10pm and returned at 3.11pm.

272/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs I Strutt / R Spreadborough)

That Council:

1. accept the offer from the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage and establish the Uralla Local Heritage Fund.
2. write to all owners of heritage items listed in the Uralla Local Environmental Plan inviting them to participate in the scheme.
3. set the maximum grant offer at \$2,000 per project, and where Council's Heritage Advisor considers the project to have an exceptional feature and should be offered a grant amount exceeding \$2,000, the grant offer amount be put to council for consideration.
4. be presented with an annual report detailing all projects under the Uralla Local Heritage Fund.

MP

The General Manager returned to the meeting at 3:16pm

Item 2**A New Planning System for NSW**

U07/02

273/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / R Spreadborough)

That Council note the proposed review of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Item 3 – Division Decision**Request from Developer Dr N Schutte in regard to the Administration of Annual Inspection for Vegetation Rehabilitation and Management Program DA 36/2008****274/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / R Filmer)**

That Council advise the developer of DA 36/2008 that Uralla Shire Council will accept:

1. The responsibility of the annual inspection for the Vegetation Rehabilitation and Management Program by appointing a suitably qualified person to undertake the inspection.
2. The administration of all necessary invoicing and debt recovery subject to an administration charge being levied against the owners of the 7 lots. The administration charge will be 10% of the cost of the inspection equally split between the owners of the land.
3. The responsibility of being the benefiting authority on the section 88E covenant.

MP

Planning (continued)

Item 3 – Division Decision (continued)

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

Cr K Dusting left the meeting at 3:21pm and returned at 3:23pm.

Item 4

Regulatory Statistics

U07/168

- 275/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Pearce / R Spreadborough)**
Council note the Regulatory Function statistics ending June 2011.

Item 5

Planning Application Approvals and Refusals for the Month of June 2011

U07/168

- 276/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Pearce / S Powley)**
That Council note the information contained within the Planning Application Approvals and Refusals Report for the month of June 2011.

The Manager of Health and Building Services left the meeting at this time (3:24pm)

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' REPORT

Administration and Finance

Item 1

Cash at Bank and Investments

U10/1

- 277/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / M Dusting)**
That Council note the cash position at 30 June 2011 consisting of: cash and overnight funds of \$975,362.14 term deposits of \$4,900,00.00 totalling \$5,875,362.14 of readily convertible funds.

Administration and Finance (continued)

Item 2

Uralla Shire Council Finance Committee

U10/1

278/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / R Filmer)**

That:

1. the minutes of the meeting of the Uralla Shire Council Finance Committee, as amended, held Thursday, 9 June 2011, as presented to the Council meeting of 27 June 2011 be adopted as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.
2. the Financial Statements consisting of Budget Review by Resource Code for the year to 30 June 2011 be noted.
3. Council recognise its investments in CDOs at a value of \$352,500 in the 2010/2011 Annual Financial Statements with an additional \$250,000 as a contingent asset, based on information provided on 9 July 2011.
4. Council note the collection rate of current Rates and arrears of Rates of 92% as at 30 June 2011

DAS

Community Services

Item 1

Visitor Information Centre Monthly Report

U07/273

279/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / I Strutt)**

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

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT

Technical Services

Item 1

Works Progress for Period ended 15th July 2011

U07/3041

Item 2

Works Planning

U07/3041

280/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / M Pearce)**

That the Works Progress for the period ended 15 July 2011 and the Planned Works be noted.

Item 3

Request to close section of Dedicated Public Road South of Sandon Close, Uralla

U07/43

281/11 **MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / R Filmer)**

That Council not proceed to close the section of Dedicated Public Road south of Sandon Close, Uralla

DES

Technical Services (continued)**Item 5****Uralla Local Traffic Committee**
U07/115**282/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / R Filmer)**

(i) That the Minutes of the Uralla Local Traffic Committee be noted.

Speed in Bridge Street, Uralla:

(ii) That Council place a speed classifier in Bridge Street in the central CBD

(iii) That Council note that a fixed speed camera or roundabouts in Bridge Street do not meet current RTA warrants.

Mt Mitchell Road / Pinegrove Road Intersection Bus Stop:

(iv) That Council upgrade the bus stop on the Mt Mutton Road / Pinegrove Road intersection when road construction plant is in the area.

DES

Cr M Pearce left the meeting at 3:50pm and returned at 3:52pm

Item 6**Regional Development Australia Fund – Road 2 Application**
U09/6588**283/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs R Spreadborough / I Strutt)**

That Council fund the Uralla Shire portion of the Economic Analysis Report for Thunderbolts Way from Gloucester to Inverell.

DES

Cr R Filmer requested that his vote against the Motion be noted.

Item 7**Works Committee Meeting**
U07/172**284/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / L Wilson)**

i) That Council note the minutes of the Works Committee meeting held on Thursday, 14 July 2011 in the Mayor's room.

Plant:

(ii) That Council replace the following items in 2011/2012.

- 1 x Grader
- 1 x Backhoe
- 1 x Forklift
- 1 x Single Drive Truck
- 2 x Slashers
- 2 x Utilities
- 4 x Passenger Vehicles

Ramp on Warrembah Road Wollun:

(iii) That the ramp on Warrembah Road be replaced by Council at the owner's full cost.

"Woodburn" to Mirani Road, Walcha:

(iv) That Council not open the Hillview Road to Mirani Road at this time.

Duke Street Kerb & Gutter:

(v) That Council reviews carrying out Kerb & Gutter work in Duke Street, Uralla.

DES

MAILOUT TO COUNCILLORS

Mailouts forwarded to Councillors for the Period Friday, 24 June 2011 to Friday, 15 July 2011

U07/23

285/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs M Pearce / R Spreadborough)

That the Mailouts forwarded to Councillors for the Period Friday, 24 June 2011 to Friday, 15 July 2011 which includes MANEX Meeting Minutes for Monday, 20 June 2011, Monday, 27 June 2011, Monday, 4 July 2011 and Monday, 11 July 2011 be noted.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**286/11 MOVED/ CARRIED (Crs S Powley / I Strutt)**

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

- Australia Day Committee held 18 January 2011
- HiCub High County Urban Biodiversity Steering Committee held 8 May 2011
- Bundarra Community Care Committee held 30 June 2011
- Tablelands Community Transport Advisory Committee held 6 July 2011
- McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre Advisory Committee held 7 July 2011
- Environmental Committee held 12 July 2011.

The Chair made reference to the Minutes of the 7 July 2011 Meeting of the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre Advisory Committee, and raised a concern regarding the recent placement of Palliative Care Patients within the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Facility.

Cr L Wilson suggested this matter be brought to the attention of Local Member, the Hon R Torbay. Councillors confirmed their agreement with this course of action.

The General Manager took the matter on-notice to formally convey details of Council's concerns in this issue to Hon R Torbay MP.

Cr K Dusting raised a matter in relation to the Transport Services provided to assist Residents of the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre in attending out of town medical appointments.

The General Manager provided clarification regarding the scope of Patient Transport Services currently provided to residents of McMaugh Gardens.

Cr K Dusting made reference to the recent departure of the Manager of the Tablelands Community Transport Service and queried ongoing staffing arrangements for that Office.

The General Manager provided clarification regarding both current interim and future planned staffing arrangements for the Tablelands Community Transport Office.

Council Senior Engineer (Mr S Finch) left the meeting at this time (4:20pm).

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 R Spreadborough		<i>Cr Spreadborough provided a verbal activity summary only</i>
Cr S Powley		
	<i>29 June</i>	<i>Waste to Arts Presentation, Bundarra</i>
	<i>30 June</i>	<i>U3CF Meeting</i>
	<i>5 July</i>	<i>Environmental Committee Meeting</i>
	<i>13 July</i>	<i>Waste and Recycling Opening, Landfill Uralla</i>
	<i>25 July</i>	<i>Council Meeting</i>
Cr L Wilson		
	<i>25 July</i>	<i>Council Meeting</i>
Cr M Dusting		
	<i>27 June</i>	<i>Council Meeting</i>
	<i>27 June</i>	<i>Memorial Service, Armidale for B. Colledge</i>
	<i>28 June</i>	<i>Financial Assistance Grants Meeting, Uralla</i>
	<i>30 June</i>	<i>Bundarra Neighbour Aid Volunteers Meeting, Bundarra</i>
	<i>4 July</i>	<i>MANEX</i>
	<i>5 July</i>	<i>Traffic Committee Meeting</i>
	<i>7 July</i>	<i>Finance Committee Meeting</i>
	<i>11 July</i>	<i>Grace Munro Service Providers Committee Meeting, Bundarra</i>
	<i>13 July</i>	<i>Waste and Recycling Opening, Landfill Uralla</i>
	<i>20 July</i>	<i>Bundarra Neighbour Aid Meeting, Bundarra</i>
Cr K Ward		
	<i>28 June</i>	<i>NSW Grants Commission, Uralla</i>
	<i>29 June</i>	<i>Waste to Art, Bundarra School, Bundarra</i>
	<i>5 July</i>	<i>Traffic Committee Meeting</i>
	<i>5 July</i>	<i>Apology for Environmental Committee Meeting</i>
	<i>7 July</i>	<i>McMaugh Gardens</i>
	<i>7 July</i>	<i>Finance Committee Meeting</i>
	<i>13 July</i>	<i>Waste and Recycling Opening, Landfill Uralla</i>
	<i>14 July</i>	<i>Works Committee Meeting</i>
	<i>14 July</i>	<i>Parliamentary Secretary for Roads, Guyra</i>
	<i>16 July</i>	<i>New England Poultry Exhibition Dinner, Uralla</i>

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DELEGATE REPORTS (continued)

Councillor
Activity Date: Activity Detail:

Cr M Pearce

4 July MANEX
5 July Traffic Committee Meeting
7 July Finance Committee Meeting
13 July Waste and Recycling Opening, Landfill Uralla
14 July Works Committee Meeting
14 July Prime TV Interview, Landfill Recycling Centre, Uralla
21 July Lana Station Open Day
25 July MANEX
25 July Council Meeting

Cr I Strutt

28 June Grants Commission, Uralla
4 July MANEX - Observer
6 July Tablelands Community Transport Advisory Committee,
Armidale
7 July Finance Committee Meeting
7 July McMaugh Gardens Advisory Committee Meeting
11 July MANEX - Observer
12 July Environmental Committee Meeting
13 July Economic Development Committee Meeting, Armidale
18 July MANEX - Observer
25 July MANEX -Observer

Cr R Filmer

26 June Memorial Service, Armidale for B. Colledge
28 June Grants Commission, Uralla
4 July MANEX
5 July Finance Committee
13 July Waste and Recycling Opening, Landfill Uralla
18 July MANEX
25 July MANEX

Cr K Dusting

27 June Council Meeting
27 June Memorial Service, Armidale for B. Colledge
28 June Financial Assistance Grants Meeting, Uralla
30 June Bundarra Neighbour Aid Volunteers Meeting, Bundarra
5 July Australia Day Committee Meeting
8 July Red Cross AGM – Council's Representative
13 July Waste and Recycling Opening, Landfill Uralla
20 July Bundarra Neighbour Aid Meeting, Bundarra

QUESTIONS ON-NOTICE RAISED

Questions On-Notice for Next Meeting of Council

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

Cr R Spreadborough

QUESTION:

Electronic Business Paper

Given the launch of Council's new Internet Website and the available option of secure "Intranet" access, are we any closer to implementing an electronic Business Paper?

GM

Cr R Filmer

QUESTION:

Stimulus Package Funding

Can an update be provided to Council regarding the status and costs of the "Bannerama" Street Banner implementation?

GM

QUESTION:

2011 Thunderbolt Festival

Can an update be provided to Council regarding arrangements for the staging of the 2011 Thunderbolt Festival?

GM

Cr K Dusting

QUESTION:

Bundarra MPS

Following comments in his recent Newsletter, can Council request Federal Member, Hon Tony Windsor provide details in relation to the MPS at Bundarra?

GM

QUESTION:

Drop in Hill Street Road Surface

Can Council Engineering Staff investigate and advise on the apparent drop in the level of the road surface outside the Aged Units in Hill Street?

GM

Cr M Dusting

QUESTION:

"First Response" Statistics

Are statistics for the Uralla Fire Brigade "First Response" Service available to Council?

GM

QUESTION:

Ambulance Service for Uralla

What is the potential for Ambulance Services being established in Uralla in the near future?

GM

Cr R Spreadborough

QUESTION:

Outstanding Feedlot Monies

Can an update be provided to Council regarding monies owed by the University feedlot (Tullimba)?

GM

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4:46pm..

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 4:46pm

The Minutes of the Uralla Shire Council at an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 July 2011, consisting of Page 24 and the previous pages, were confirmed by Resolution No. 287/11 on 22 August 2011.


.....Mayor