



MINUTES

Budget Review & Finance Committee

Meeting 12 November 2019, 12:30pm, Council Chambers

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**Minutes of the Budget Review & Finance Committee Meeting
held at 12 November 2019, 12:30pm, Council Chambers**

ATTENDANCE

Present were the Chairperson Cr M Pearce (Mayor), Cr R Crouch (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors, R Bell, M Dusting, N Ledger, T O'Connor, L Sampson, I Strutt, and T Toomey, Acting General Manager (Mr D Aber), Director Infrastructure and Development (Mr T Seymour), Executive Manager Corporate Services (Ms S Glasson) and Minute Clerk.

1. OPENING & WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting opened at 12:39pm.

2. PRAYER

The Chair recited the Uralla Shire Council prayer.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Uralla Shire Council recognises the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting is being held and acknowledge Aboriginal Elders past and present and we pay respect to them and their heritage.

4. APOLOGIES, REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Chair advised receipt of an apology from Mr S Paul (Chief Financial Officer)

MOTION (Crs M Dusting / I Strutt)

That the Committee accept the apology from Mr S Paul (Chief Financial Officer)

BRFC24/19 CARRIED

The Chair advised there were no requests for Leave of Absence.

5. DISCLOSURES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures or declarations made.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes to be confirmed at the 12 November 2019 Meeting:

- Minutes of the Budget Review and Finance Committee Meeting held 10 September 2019.

The Chair referred Councillors to the minutes and called for any amendments.

Cr Bell made reference to the minutes and requested the following amendments:

- *Previous minutes need to be amended to include the closed session reasoning. The reason for going into closed session was that the statements were unaudited.*

MOTION (Crs R Bell / B Crouch)

That the Committee confirm the minutes, together with amendments as noted, as a true and accurate record of the Budget Review and Finance Committee meeting held 10 September 2019.

BRFC25/19 CARRIED

7. URGENT, SUPPLEMENTARY & LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Chair advised there were no urgent, supplementary or late items of business.

8. REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Department: General Manager's Office
Submitted by: Chief Financial Officer
Reference/Subject: Report 1 – Horizontal Service Review – Feedback on action items

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee:

1. Note the report;
2. Provide decisions on items marked D; and
3. Provides any feedback or alternative actions to those noted for the remaining items.

PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs T O'Connor / I Strutt)

To move to Committee of the Whole

BRFC26/19 CARRIED

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

Cr Toomey left the meeting at 12:46pm

Cr Toomey returned to the meeting 12:51pm

Cr Sampson left the meeting at 12:54pm

Cr Sampson returned to the meeting at 12:54pm

PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs T O'Connor / I Strutt)

To resume Standing Orders

BRFC27/19 CARRIED

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION (Crs T O'Connor / I Strutt)

That the Committee;

Accept the following;

Item 1. *Review and increase pricing of stock at the VIC*

Item 3. *Energy initiatives (e.g. solar and LED for street lighting)*

Item 10. *Upgrade Bundarra maintenance water truck*

Endorse the following;

Item 16. *The issue of fines for infringements being uniformly and equitably applied.*

Reject the following;

Item 2. *Implement full cost recovery for non-statutory fees and charges*

Item 5. *Reduce the number of councillors*

Item 6. *Close the Bundarra Library*

Item 9. *Reduce service levels for nature strip mowing at Bundarra*

Item 11. *Reduce number of newsletters (staff cost)/review print and delivery*

Item 12. *Implement business paper efficiencies (purchase software)*

Item 13. *Reduce printing, including issuing only digital business papers*

BRFC28/19 CARRIED

Cr Toomey requested that her vote against the motion be recorded.

9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no 'Notices of Motion' addressed to the 12 November Meeting.

10. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

There were no Confidential Business items.

11. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 1:55pm