



**NORTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL**

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2019



NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9 DECEMBER 2019

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13 SMITH STREET, LONGFORD AT 5.00PM ON MONDAY,
9 DECEMBER 2019

392/19 ATTENDANCE

1 PRESENT

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Deputy Mayor Richard Goss, Cr Dick Adams OAM, Cr Matthew Brooks, Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Ian Goninon, Cr Janet Lambert

In Attendance:

Mr Des Jennings – General Manager, Miss Maree Bricknell – Corporate Services Manager, Mr Leigh McCullagh – Works Manager, Mrs Amanda Bond – Community & Development Manager, Mr Paul Godier – Senior Planner, Mrs Gail Eacher – Executive Officer

2 APOLOGIES

Cr Jan Davis, Cr Michael Polley AM

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394/19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge Elders – past, present and emerging.

395/19 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mayor Knowles welcomed all present and provided the following opening address:



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During this period, Council undertook two of our biggest projects to date, the Longford Recreation Ground and Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Precinct redevelopment projects. Both of these projects presented their own challenges but, with the tenacity of the workforce and management, and the support of Councillors we worked as a team to achieve outstanding results.

The Longford Recreation Ground Redevelopment was a particularly exciting project, as it is the first major project that our Works Department team has undertaken as sole project managers and workers. Sub-contractors were engaged when required and, where possible, we tried to use Northern Midlands based businesses and sub-contractors exclusively. The redeveloped facility has been actively used since its completion in June 2019 and has received high praise from user groups and community members.

The Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Precinct Redevelopment project included the construction of a new multi-purpose facility, providing connectivity with the swimming pool and newly constructed multi-purpose courts, upgrades to the cenotaph and surrounds, as well as the demolition of the grandstand.

The upgraded facilities at Campbell Town and Longford now feature inclusive changerooms with updated, upgraded amenities together with meeting rooms and function facilities which are available to hire.

It has been an absolute pleasure to support the amazing variety of community events and festivals throughout the past year, and I acknowledge all the local volunteers who give their time to enable these to happen. These events keep our unique towns vibrant and places people want to visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank my fellow Councillors, Management and Staff for their commitment and ongoing support throughout the past year to enable and allow the Northern Midlands to further grow and develop.

Council has a number of projects planned and is excited to see the commencement of those that are already funded, whilst continuing to actively lobby for and seek funding for those long-term projects which are not yet funded. I look forward to the realisation of these projects as Council works towards improving its assets to the benefit of our strong, vibrant Northern Midlands community.

Financial Performance highlights for 2018/2019:

- This year Council replaced/constructed/purchased \$14.2 million of fixed assets for the municipal area, representing 54% of the total annual cashflow during the year.*
- Council now has recorded non-current infrastructure assets at a written down value of \$263 million (Gross Value of \$392 million).*

Major construction works included during 2018/19:

- the replacement of the Campbell Town Recreation Ground Complex \$3.3 million with works still in progress,*
- upgrade of the Longford Recreation Ground Clubrooms/Amenities \$2.9 million,*
- Timber Bridge replacements \$3.7 million (including the Woolmers Bridge which was opened in September),*
- Road works \$1.9 million,*
- Recreation Ground oval lighting \$1.38 million,*
- Stormwater infrastructure \$0.78 million (including the diversion of stormwater from the Paton Street flood detention basin), and*
- Plant and Fleet items of \$0.66 million.*

Operating Revenue amounted to \$19 million up 6.8% this year, plus Capital income of \$2.9 million

- Included in Operating Revenue was Rate revenue totalling \$10.9 million, fees & charges \$1.9 million, Commonwealth Assistance Grants \$3.48 million plus grants to fund projects of \$3.1 million.*

Operating Expenditure was \$18m up 1.7%

- Included in Operating Expenditure was Employee costs amounting to \$4.7 million, materials and services \$4.5 million, and depreciation \$5.7 million.*

Resulting in an Operating Surplus of \$3.9 million for 2018/19

Council's underlying Operating Surplus was \$896,000 - a very pleasing overall result.



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396/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Goss

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Northern Midlands Council held at the Council Chambers, Longford on Monday, 10 December 2018 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

397/19 PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS: ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

The Annual Report for the 2018/2019 financial year was circulated by the General Manager.

The notice of the Annual General Meeting together with the Annual Report was advertised in the Examiner Newspaper on Saturday, 23 November 2019 and Wednesday, 27 November 2019. The community were invited to submit comments on the Annual Report for discussion at the Annual General Meeting.

398/19 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Mayor Knowles noted that no questions on notice had been received.

399/19 QUESTIONS NOT ON NOTICE

Questions not on notice welcomed by Mayor Knowles, to be conducted in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A person seeking to ask a question must firstly identify himself or herself by stating their name and the town they reside in.
- If more than one person wishes to ask a question, the Mayor is to determine the order in which those questions are asked
- Questions must be directed to the Mayor (Chair) who shall answer or direct the question to the appropriate Councillor or Council Officer. A question will be answered if the information is known otherwise taken on notice and responded to in writing as soon as possible.
- A person is entitled to ask no more than 2 questions on any specific subject. If a person has up to two questions on several subjects, the Mayor may defer those questions until other questions have been asked and refer back to that person only if time permits.
- Each speaker is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

No questions not on notice were forthcoming from the gallery.

400/19 CLOSURE

Mayor Knowles closed the meeting at 5.07pm.

MAYOR _____

DATE _____