Minutes of the meeting of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie held on Friday 13 December 2019 in the Council Chamber, Strangman Road, Waikerie commencing at 9.02 am

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Attendance

   Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Crs Sonya Altschwager, Jody Flavel, Jordann Kleemann, Clive Matthews, Trevor Norton, Deb Thiele, Michael Vowles, Peter Walker, Kym Webber and Terry Wheeldon

   Mr David Beaton (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Greg Perry (Director Infrastructure Services), Mrs Terri Hentschke (Acting Executive Assistant).

2.1 Apologies

2.2 On leave

3. Member’s Declaration of Interest

   Cr Walker advised council that he has a perceived conflict of interest in item 16.1.2 titled ‘Waikerie Bowling Club Building Better Regions Application’ as he is a social member of the club and will remain in meeting when this item is discussed.

   Cr Walker advised council that he has a material conflict of interest in item 17.1.5 titled ‘Lease – Waikerie Children’s Centre – agreement for sign and seal’ and will leave the chamber when this item is discussed.

   Cr Altschwager advised council that she has a material conflict of interest in item 17.1.2 titled ‘Options for the use of the former Loxton Visitor Information Centre building’ as she works for the Loxton Chamber of Commerce who have expressed interest in using the building and will leave the chamber when this item is discussed.

4. Community question time

   Mr Robin Menzel
   Asked questions in relation to the Houseboat Management Plan and how it links in with the Waikerie Riverfront Masterplan and will consultation be undertaken with houseboat owners.

   The Chief Executive Officer responded advising that the Houseboat Management Plan is currently being done and consultation will be undertaken with houseboat owners once the plan has been prepared. Houseboats will not be removed until a suitable location has been found including required infrastructure.
5. Confirmation of minutes of the council meeting held on 15 November 2019

Cr Altschwager moved Cr Norton seconded
That the minutes of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie meeting held on 15 November 2019 be taken as read and confirmed with amendment made in item 2 ‘Attendance’ that Cr Flavel was present at the meeting.

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6. Business Arising

7. Matters laying on the table

8. Deputations & Presentations

8.1 Waikerie Bowling Club – Roger Davies

The Mayor welcomed Mr Roger Davies the President of the Waikerie Bowling Club to the meeting at 9.15am.

Mr Davies presented on the Waikerie Bowling Club Building Better Regions Funding Application.

Discussion and questions followed.

The Mayor thanked Mr Davies for his attendance and he left the meeting at 9.43am.

9. Petitions

10. Mayor’s Report

10.1 Mayor’s Report
The following report was presented by the Mayor:

- Australian Local Government Association Roads Congress, Hahndorf 18-20/11/19
- Riverland Police & Community Forum, Waikerie 20/11/19
- Kingston on Murray School Presentations 25/11/19
- Strategic Direction of MRLGA Meeting, Loxton 26/11/19
- Loxton High School Presentations 26/11/19
- Australia Day Awards meeting, Loxton 28/11/19
- Council End of Year Function, Moorook 28/11/19
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- Riverland Special School Presentation Night, Berri 28/11/19
- Waikerie Lions Christmas Pageant 29/11/19
- Opening of Waikerie Christmas Tree Trail 29/11/19
- Loxton Lights Up 30/11/19
- Riverland Local Government Forum, Berri 4/12/19
- Waikerie Carols 8/12/19
- Waikerie High School Presentations 9/12/19
- Moorook Primary School Presentation 11/12/19
- Waikerie Primary School 12/12/19
- Loxton Lutheran School Presentations
- Loxton Mayoral Reception 12/12/19
- Waikerie Mayoral Reception 13/12/19

Cr Norton moved Cr Wheeldon seconded
That the Mayor’s Report be received.

11. Elected Members Reports

The following reports were presented by elected members:

11.1 Cr Norton
- November council meeting, Loxton 15/11/19
- Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel meeting, Loxton 21/11/19
- Loxton Retirement Village meeting 28/11/19
- Council End of Year Function, Moorook 28/11/19
- Riverland Local Government Forum, Berri 4/12/19
- Regional Development Australia Board meeting, Monarto Zoo 5/12/19
- Waikerie Lutheran Primary School presentation night 11/12/19
- Mayoral Reception Loxton 12/12/19

11.2 Cr Wheeldon
- Snake Island opening with Tony Pasin, Loxton 11/11/19
- Council meeting, Loxton 15/11/19
- Combined Riverland Council’s Tree Day, Berri 20/11/19
- Australia Day Awards meeting, Loxton 28/11/19
- Council End of Year Function, Moorook 28/11/19
- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee meeting 3/12/19
- Meeting to decide location for planter boxes, Loxton 3/12/19
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- Street tree watering, Loxton 5/12/19
- Represent Mayor at Loxton North Primary School Presentation Night 11/12/19
- Mayoral Reception, Loxton 12/12/19
- Council meeting, Waikerie 13/12/19
- Mayoral Reception, Waikerie 13/12/19
- Loxton Pre-school presentation 12/12/19
- Loxton Primary School end of year concert 12/12/19

11.3 Cr Webber
- Council meeting, Loxton 15/11/19
- Riverland West Chamber of Commerce budget meeting, Waikerie 20/11/19
- Riverland Police & Community Forum, Waikerie 20/11/19
- Meeting with CEO, Waikerie 26/11/19
- Riverland West Chamber of Commerce AGM, Waikerie 26/11/19
- Santa’s Cave preview, Waikerie 27/11/19
- Council End of Year Function, Moorook 28/11/19
- Christmas Pageant, Waikerie 29/11/19
- Loxton Lights Up 30/11/19
- Lunch with Premier Marshall, Senator Ruston & Minister Whetstone, Renmark 1/12/19
- Waikerie Carols
- High School Presentation Night, Waikerie 9/12/19
- Riverland West Chamber of Commerce meeting, Waikerie 10/12/19

11.4 Cr Walker
- Council meeting, Loxton 15/11/19
- Regional Development Australia (Murraylands-Riverland) 21/11/19
- Riverland West Chamber of Commerce AGM, Waikerie 26/11/19
- Rotary meeting, Waikerie 27/11/19
- Australia Day Awards meeting, Loxton 28/11/19
- Council End of Year Function, Moorook 28/11/19
- Christmas Pageant, Waikerie 29/11/1
- Waikerie Christmas Tree Trail Opening 29/11/19
- Waikerie Ramco Recreation Grounds Committee meeting 3/12/19
- Waikerie Bowling Club meeting with the Chief Executive Officer, Waikerie 3/12/19
- Rotary meeting, Waikerie 4/12/19
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- Regional Development Australia (Murraylands-Riverland), Monarto 5/12/19
- Santa’s Cave storage options meeting with the Community Development Officer, Waikerie 10/12/19

11.5 Cr Thiele
- Loxton HAC AGM 18/11/19
- East Terrace lights testing, Loxton 19/11/19
- Loxton Christmas Lights community group meeting 21/11/19
- Follow up to get lights on the old VIC building
- Destination Riverland Tourism Strategic Planning consultation meeting 27/11/19
- Australia Day Awards meeting, Loxton 28/11/19
- Council End of Year Function, Moorook 28/11/19
- Pines Management meeting and Pines Volunteer Christmas drinks, The Pines 9/12/19
- Loxton Chamber of Commerce meeting and Christmas drinks, Salena Estate 9/12/12
- Independent Learning Centre presentation day 11/12/19
- Loxton Mayoral reception 12/12/19

11.6 Cr Vowles
- Photo opportunity with Tony Pasin, Snake Island Upgrade 11/11/19
- Future drought funding public consultation, federal government initiative 14/11/19
- Council meeting, Loxton 15/11/19
- Council End of Year Function, Moorook Club 28/11/19
- Loxton Lights Up 30/11/19
- University student report presentation to Loxton business representations, future growth and opportunities for our town 6/12/19
- Riverland tourism industry launch of the “20-20 Riverland Visitor Guide” and Christmas drinks 11/12/19
- Mayoral Reception, Loxton Club 12/12/19
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11.7 Cr Matthews
- Council meeting, Loxton 15/11/19
- Christmas Tree trail working bee, Federation Park 16/11/19
- Riverland Police & Community Forum, Waikerie 20/11/19
- Waikerie Christmas Lights committee meeting 23/11/19
- Waikerie Christmas decorations committee installation of red bows 23/11/19
- Waikerie Christmas Tree trail meeting & working bee 23/11/19
- Waikerie Christmas Tree trail meeting & working bee 24/11/19
- Suicide prevention meeting 25/11/19
- Installation of Christmas Tree trail 25/11/19
- Riverland West Chamber of Commerce AGM, Waikerie 26/11/19
- Australia Day Awards meeting, Loxton 28/11/19
- Council End of Year Function, Moorook 28/11/19
- Christmas Pageant, Waikerie 29/11/19
- Waikerie Christmas Tree trail opening 29/11/19
- Waikerie Ramco Recreation Grounds Committee meeting 3/12/19
- Waikerie Ageing Strategy presentation 10/12/19
- Waikerie Mayoral reception 13/12/19

11.8 Cr Altschwager
- Council meeting, Loxton 15/11/19
- Loxton Community Centre meeting 19/11/19
- Music Alive Christmas recital, Loxton 11/12/19
- Council End of Year Function, Moorook 28/11/19
- Loxton Lights Up day 30/11/19
- Destination Riverland Christmas drinks, Berri 11/12/19
- Loxton Lutheran School presentation night 12/12/19
- Loxton Mayoral reception 12/12/19
- Waikerie Mayoral reception 13/12/19

11.9 Cr Kleemann
- Australia Day Committee meeting, Waikerie

11.10 Cr Flavel
- Loxton Lights Up 30/11/19
- Loxton Catholic School presentation 10/12/19
- Loxton Mayoral reception 12/12/19
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Cr Flavel moved Cr Norton seconded
That council support the Browns Well Working Groups proposal seeking funding and support for a monument/plaque for the marking of the well at Browns Well being a historical site.  

CARRIED

Cr Thiele moved Cr Walker seconded
That the elected member reports be received.

CARRIED

12. Questions Without Notice

Cr Webber sought the leave of the meeting to have the question and answer recorded in the minutes as follows:

Cr Webber moved Cr Walker seconded
That the question without notice and response be recorded.

CARRIED

Cr Webber:
What is the current status of the Waikerie Sporting Precinct Masterplan?

The Chief Executive Officer responded that One Eighty Sport and Leisure Solutions had sought guidance on options around the swimming pool and are to meet with stakeholders at the end of January 2020.

13. Questions On Notice

14. Notice of Motion

15. Motion Without Notice

Cr Matthews declared that he has an actual conflict of interest because his wife owns a business on Peake Terrace and left the chamber at 10.12am.

Cr Webber moved Cr Thiele seconded
That the council suspend upgrades to Peake Terrace with the use of black hot-mix on the footpaths.

CARRIED

Cr Matthews entered the chamber at 10.22am.
16. Strategy & Governance Reports

16.1 Reports for decision

Cr Norton moved Cr Kleemann seconded
That the meeting procedures be varied to discuss item 16.1.2 at this stage of the meeting.

CARRIED

Cr Vowles moved Cr Webber seconded
That the amended report be received

CARRIED

Cr Norton moved Cr Flavel seconded
That the Mayor suspend Part 2 of the Meeting Regulations.

CARRIED

The Mayor with approval of two-thirds of the members present suspended the meeting procedures pursuant to Regulation 20 (1) of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 at 10.24am to allow the Chief Executive Officer to address council and answer questions regarding the Waikerie Bowling Club Building Better Regions Application.

Cr Matthews moved Cr Norton seconded
That Part 2 of the Meeting Regulations be resumed

CARRIED

16.1.2 Amended Waikerie Bowling Club Building Better Regions Application
Cr Walker declared a perceived conflict of interest and remained in the chamber.

Cr Matthews moved Cr Walker seconded
Waikerie Bowling Club Preference Option 1.
That council supports the Waikerie Bowling Club through its application to the Building Better Regions Fund by agreeing the following:
- Providing a Loan through the Local Government Finance Authority of $250,000 and a grant of $250,000 to match the required funding if they are successful in obtaining the grant.

CARRIED
Cr Walker voted in favour

Cr Kleemann moved Cr Walker seconded
That the meeting be adjourned for morning tea.

The meeting adjourned at 11.05am
The meeting resumed at 11.26am

A moment silence was observed as a gesture of respect for those who have recently passed from our communities with sympathy and condolences extended to their family members.

15. Motion Without Notice
Continued

Cr Webber moved Cr Kleemann seconded
That council staff meet with minister Whetstone and DPTI staff prior to the completion of the Top Holder Road/Sturt Highway intersection to discuss residents concerns.

CARRIED

16. Strategy & Governance Reports

16.1 Reports for decision

16.1.1 Drought Communities Program

Cr Webber moved Cr Matthews seconded
That council:
1. apply to use the Drought Communities Programme funding on two major projects and provide matching funding from Council reserves to allocate a total of $2m to help support the non-farming community during the drought.
2. apply to have $500,000 allocated to the Waikerie Riverfront redevelopment based on the Waikerie Riverfront Masterplan, with matching Council funds. Apply to have $500,000 allocated to fit out the mezzanine floor of the Loxton Recreation Complex (LRC), with matching council funds and excess available funds from the unspent budget allocation for the LRC.

CARRIED
16.1.2 **Amended Waikerie Bowling Club Building Better Regions Application**

*Discussed earlier in the meeting.*

16.1.3 **Building Better Regions Fund – Loxton RV Community Centre**

Cr Altschwager declared a conflict of interest due to her parents living in the Retirement Village and remained in the chamber.

Cr Thiele moved Cr Norton seconded

That council:
1. Make application to the Building Better Regions Fund to build a Community Centre on the site previously used as the Loxton Girl Guides Hall
2. Apply funds from the Loxton Retirement Village Capital Account to provide the matching funds if the grant application is successful.
3. Approves the concept design as the basis for the grant application and cost estimate.

**CARRIED**

Cr Altschwager abstained from voting

16.1.4 **Lion’s Den Waikerie**

Cr Webber moved Cr Matthews seconded

That council engage a structural engineer to undertake an assessment of the Old Bond Store (Lion’s Den) in Waikerie including:
- The current structural integrity of the building
- An estimate of rehabilitation works to ensure long term longevity and use of the building.

**CARRIED**

16.1.5 **Grants Received and Applying**

Cr Walker moved Cr Wheeldon seconded

That council acknowledge the report detailing grants approved and grants being applied for, yet to be approved.

**CARRIED**
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Cr Norton moved Cr Matthews seconded
That the meeting procedures be varied to discuss item 17.1.1 at this stage of the meeting.

CARRIED

17.1.1 Moorook Ecotourism Trail

Cr Norton moved Cr Walker seconded
That council, subject to the results of community engagement carried out by the Moorook Kingston on Murray Community Association and reviewed by Council, provides in principle support for an application to DEW Crown Lands for the necessary Licence/s to Occupy land associated with the proposed Moorook and Kingston on Murray Ecotourism Trail.

CARRIED

16.1.6 Change of January 2020 Council Meeting Date

Cr Thiele moved Cr Webber seconded
That the report be noted.

CARRIED

Cr Vowles moved Cr Thiele seconded
1. That the Council meetings scheduled for Loxton in 2020 continue to held at the Loxton Research Centre.

CARRIED

16.1.7 Investment/Loans Position November 2019

Cr Vowles moved Cr Matthews seconded

CARRIED

16.1.8 Public Memorial – Arvo Anson Crash

Cr Thiele moved Cr Vowles seconded
That council supports the erection of Avro Anson Plane Replica at Mill Corner and that Council provides $3,000 in cash and $1700 in kind support subject to the group receiving local support to fund the total budget.

CARRIED
16.1.9 Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Grants

Cr Webber moved Cr Walker seconded
That council authorise the CEO to apply for funding to the MDB Economic Development Grants for the:
  • Waikerie Riverfront $450,000
  • Waikerie CBD $450,000
  • Paisley Riverfront $250,000

CARRIED

16.2 Strategy & Governance Reports for information

16.2.1 Strategy & Governance Project Update

16.2.2 Exception Report

16.2.3 Minutes & Circulars of Organisations

Cr Thiele moved Cr Webber seconded
That the Strategy & Governance Reports for information be received

CARRIED

17. Corporate & Community Services Reports

17.1 Corporate & Community Services Reports for Decision

17.1.1 Moorook Ecotourism Trail

Discuss ed earlier in the meeting.

17.1.2 Options for the use of the former Loxton Visitor Information Centre building

Cr Altschwager declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 12.41pm

Cr Thiele moved Cr Norton seconded
That council advertises for Expressions of Interest for the former Loxton Visitor Information building, including a request for a business case to support the Expression of Interest, to assist Council in determining the outcome.

CARRIED
Cr Norton moved Cr Webber seconded
That council commence the process to revoke the community land status pursuant to section 194 of the Local Government Act of the former Loxton Visitor Information Centre, volume 5189 folio 99.

CARRIED

Cr Altschwager entered the meeting at 12.52pm

17.1.3 Loxton Historical Village – request to erect a new shed

Cr Flavel moved Cr Wheeldon seconded
That Council:
1. Consents to the erection of an 18 metre x 9 metre x 3 metre shed at the Loxton Historical Village
2. Waives fees in the amount of $718.20 for the associated Development Application.

CARRIED

Cr Flavel moved Cr Matthews seconded
That the meeting be adjourned for lunch.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch and inspection of the Waikerie Institute at 12.54pm

The meeting resumed at 2.32pm

17.1.4 Waikerie Community Sports Centre gymnasium equipment

Cr Norton moved Cr Walker seconded
That Council
1. Provide funding for up to $15,000 for the replacement and servicing of equipment at the Waikerie Community Sports Centre, to be funded from the Waikerie Community Sports Centre changeroom project and the Aerial Photography project.
2. consider an on-going budget allocation of at least $10,000 to ensure that the gym equipment is safe and maintained or replaced as required.

Motion lost

Cr Thiele moved Cr Norton seconded
That council consider a revised agreement and budget allocation in 2020/21 to the Waikerie Community Sports Centre including the replacement and servicing of equipment.

CARRIED

Cr Flavel moved Cr Webber seconded
That an itemised quote be obtained for the exact cost to replace the damaged equipment.

CARRIED

17.1.5 Lease – Waikerie Children’s Centre – agreement for sign and seal
Cr Walker declared a material conflict of interested and left the meeting at 2.53pm.

Cr Theile moved Cr Altschwager seconded
That Council authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal documentation for the Waikerie Children’s Centre Lease Agreement.

CARRIED

Cr Walker entered the meeting at 2.54pm

17.1.6 Moorook Bowling Club

Cr Norton moved Cr Thiele seconded
That council
1. asks council staff to investigate further quotes on items 1-4 and provide a full report to a future Council meeting.
2. notes the proposal from the Moorook Bowling Club for the repair and upgrade their greens
3. encourages the club to apply for an Active Club program grant through the Office of Recreation and Sport
4. ask the Club what contribution cash or in-kind they will make to the repairs  

CARRIED

17.2 Corporate & Community Services Reports for information

17.2.1 Riverland Starclub Officer Update

17.2.2 Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park – positive feedback and results

17.2.3 SA Planning and Design Code – response to consultation

17.2.4 Chipblitz update

17.2.5 Corporate and Community Services project update

17.2.6 Corella control activity update

Cr Thiele moved Cr Walker seconded
That the Corporate and Community Services information reports be received.

CARRIED

18. Infrastructure Services Reports

18.1 Infrastructure Service Reports for decision

18.1.1 Loxton Riverfront Advisory Group Membership

Cr Vowles moved Cr Altschwager seconded
That council
1. Accepts the resignation of Sharon Casey from the Loxton Riverfront Advisory Group.
2. Accepts the nomination from Cr Wheeldon and David Kimber to become a member of the Loxton Riverfront Advisory Group.

CARRIED

18.2 Infrastructure Services reports for information
Nil
19. Committee Minutes & Recommendations

Cr Flavel moved Cr Norton seconded
That the minutes of the following committees be received:

Minutes - Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee - Meeting 2.12.2019
Minutes - Waikerie Ramco Recreation Grounds Committee Meeting 3.12.2019
Minutes - Loxton Retirement Village Committee Meeting 28.11.2019

CARRIED

19.2.1 Inspection of Pine Trees – Bookpurnong Terrace (Opposite Bowls Club)

Cr Vowles moved Cr Wheeldon seconded
That council endorse the recommendation from the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee meeting held on 01/12/2019 being:

That the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee recommend to council that the pine trees highlighted for removal along Bookpurnong Terrace, opposite the Bowls Club in item 9.3 be removed due to poor health and to continue the walking path.

CARRIED

19.2.2 Election of Chairperson

Cr Webber moved Cr Norton seconded
That council endorse the recommendation from the Waikerie Ramco Recreation Grounds Committee meeting held on 03/12/2019 being:

The Chief Executive Officer advises council that it is the recommendation of the committee to appoint Frances Simes as the Chairperson of the Waikerie Ramco Recreation Grounds Committee.

CARRIED
20. Confidential reports

20.1 Strategy & Governance confidential report
Nil

20.2 Corporate & Community Services confidential report

20.2.1 Masonic Hall, 13 Rudolph Street, Loxton

Cr Thiele moved Cr Matthews seconded
The Chief Executive Officer recommends that this matter be considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90 (3) (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which; could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Community Services, Director Infrastructure Services and the Executive Assistant.

Adrian entered meeting at 3.19pm

Cr Norton moved Cr Vowles seconded
That Council
- reach agreement with the One Voice Christian Church to gift the land and buildings at 13 Rudolph Street Loxton, subject to Development Plan Consent and Development Approval being gained by the Church for the proposed use.
- waive the fees in association with the Development Application for a change of land use.
- Subject to community feedback and consultation
- Should the One Voice Christian Church wish to dispose of the property that they reimburse the land value to the council

CARRIED

20.3 Infrastructure confidential report
Nil

21. Closure
The meeting closed at 3.35pm