Minutes of the meeting of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie held on Friday 18 October 2019 in the Council Chamber, Strangman Road, Waikerie commencing at 9.02 am

1. Present

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

Mr David Beaton (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Greg Perry (Director Infrastructure Services), Mr Gordon Thomson (Director Corporate & Community Services) and Mrs Tanya Cregan (Executive Assistant).

2. Apologies

Cr Trevor Norton (due to attendance at Norman Waterhouse 2019 Planning, Development & Environment Master Class, Adelaide)

3. On leave

4. Community Question Time

Nil

5. Member’s Declaration of Interest

Nil

6. Confirmation of minutes of the council meeting held on 20 September 2019

Cr Webber moved Cr Vowles seconded
That the minutes of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie meeting held on 20 September 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising

7.1 Waikerie Soldiers Memorial Hall Centenary

Cr Webber advised that the centenary of the Waikerie Soldiers Memorial Hall will be celebrated in July 2021, not March 2020 as he noted at item 10.1 of the September council meeting.

8. Mayor’s Report

The following report was presented by the Mayor:

- Opening of the Riverland Lawn Bowls Season, Loxton RSL 22/9/19
- National Police Remembrance Day Service, Banrock Station 27/9/19
- Conducted Australian Citizenship Ceremony for 2 people, Loxton 27/9/19
- Qatar Export Information Session, Berri 1/10/19
- Riverland Local Government Forum, Renmark 2/10/19
- Waikerie Street Festival 5/10/19
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- Loxton Show 100 years dinner 6/10/19
- Loxton Show 7/10/19
- Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland Graduation Ceremony – Jobs4Riverland 9/10/19
- Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association meeting, Karoonda 10/10/19
- State Planning Reforms information session, Berri 14/10/19
- Met with Ben Fee, new RDA CEO, Loxton 17/10/19
- Australian Citizenship Ceremony for 6 people, Waikerie 18/10/19

Cr Thiele moved Cr Altschwager seconded
That the Mayor's Report be received.
CARRIED

9. Elected Members Reports

The following reports were presented by elected members:

Cr Thiele
- Riverland Tourism Strategic Plan meeting 23/9/19
- Meeting with Mark McCaffey to discuss Waikerie Recreation Centre management, maintenance and use of space 23/9/19
- Development of designs of the Public Toilets at Loxton and Waikerie Working Group meeting 1/10/19
- Working lunch at the Loxton Hospital as council representative on the Health Advisory Committee to demonstrate community engagement and involvement to two 'surveyors' who are part of the Regional Accreditation of National Standards for Aged Care 1/10/19
- Loxton Show 7/10/19
- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee Bookpurnong footpath walk (briefly) 9/10/19
- Pines Management Committee meeting 14/10/19
- Loxton Christmas Lights Community Group meeting 17/10/19

Cr Altschwager
- Council meeting, Waikerie 20/9/19
- Country Arts SA Grants Assessment Panel, Adelaide 26 & 27/9/19
- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee meeting 1/10/19
- Development of designs of the Public Toilets at Loxton and Waikerie Working Group meeting 1/10/19
- Loxton Show 7/10/19
- Distributed University of Adelaide Loxton survey postcards, 8/10/19
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- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee site inspection, Bookpurnong Terrace 9/10/19
- State Planning Reforms information session, Berri Barmera Council 14/10/19
- Loxton Christmas Lights Committee meeting 17/10/19

Cr Matthews
- Council meeting, Waikerie 20/9/19
- Waikerie District Residents and Ratepayers meeting 20/9/19
- Waikerie Ageing Strategy 23/9/19
- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee meeting 1/10/19
- Development of designs of the Public Toilets at Loxton and Waikerie Working Group meeting 1/10/19
- Waikerie Christmas Committee meeting 2/10/19
- Waikerie Christmas Lights Committee meeting 8/10/19
- Waikerie Rotary Club Christmas Tree delivery 14/10/19
- Waikerie Christmas Tree Committee meeting 14/10/19
- Waikerie Health Advisory Committee meeting 15/10/19

Cr Wheeldon
- Council meeting, Waikerie 20/9/19
- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee meeting 1/10/19
- Watering street trees, Loxton 2/10/19
- Loxton Recreation Complex meeting with Project Manager, D Brown 2/10/19
- Review of Bookpurnong Terrace footpaths, Loxton 9/10/19
- State Planning Reforms information session, Berri 14/10/19

Cr Webber
- Council meeting, Waikerie 20/9/19
- Riverland West Landcare meeting, Waikerie 23/9/19
- Waikerie Street Festival 5/10/19
- Riverland West Chamber of Commerce meeting 15/10/19
- Waikerie Delivers Committee meeting 16/10/19

Cr Walker
- Rotary meeting, Waikerie 26/9/19
- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee meeting, Loxton (observer) 1/10/19
- Development of designs of the Public Toilets at Loxton and Waikerie Working Group meeting 1/10/19
- Rotary Club Waikerie, painting Christmas trees project 2/10/19
- Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland Board meeting, Murray Bridge 3/10/19
- Rotary Op Shop, Waikerie 5/10/19
- Waikerie Street Fair 5/10/19
- Riverland West Chamber of Commerce film night, Waikerie 5/10/19
- Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland Experts in Residence dinner, Loxton 8/10/19
- Rural Financial Counselling Services AGM, Adelaide 11/10/19

Cr Kleemann
- Meeting with Waikerie Fauna Park Committee 20/9/19
- Waikerie Australia Day Committee meeting 23/9/19
- Waikerie Delivers Committee meeting 16/10/19

Cr Vowles
- Development of designs of the Public Toilets at Loxton and Waikerie Working Group meeting 1/10/19
- Loxton Show 6 & 7/10 2019

Cr Norton
- Council meeting, Waikerie 20/9/19
- Qatar Export information session, Berri 1/10/19
- Riverland Local Government Forum, Renmark 2/10/19
- Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland Board meeting, Murray Bridge 3/10/19
- Loxton Retirement Village Committee meeting, Loxton 10/10/19
- State Planning Reform information session, Berri 14/10/19

Cr Flavel
- Loxton Show 6/10/19
- Chaired Loxton Retirement Village Committee meeting 10/10/19
- Brown’s Well Crop tour

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

10. Questions without Notice

10.1  Midge Control Program

Cr Wheeldon moved Cr Vowles seconded
That the question without notice and response be recorded in the minutes.  
CARRIED
Cr Wheeldon:

What is the progress of the Midge Control program at Loxton?

The Director Corporate & Community Services responded that there is a significant difference between the numbers of midge at the northern and southern ends of Wheatley Road. Council have set up a trap on private property on Wheatley Road to monitor numbers of midge on an on-going basis. The first readings were taken in September, and observations will continue over the spring and summer period. Midges are being treated with larvacide sand – there was some observed difference in numbers before and after the treatment, but it was difficult to ascertain whether this was due to the sand or not. This treatment will continue over next few months.

A draft Thiele’s Flat Management Plan has been developed by council and Loxton Landcare but this does not specifically address midge – rather it is a holistic plan, looking at the health of the whole wetland. The main contributor to the wet area at Thiele’s Flat is ground water leakage from the cliffs. It is a damp, salt marsh environment and it is unlikely that stormwater would be contributing to the issue. SA Health does not consider midge a public health issue, as midge are not a vector for human disease. Rather, midge are considered a nuisance, and therefore it is difficult to get funding for any control measures.

A fact sheet has been produced by our Environmental Health Officer and is available on council’s website. It provides tips to assist residents with strategies to limit the midge problem around their households.

11. Questions on Notice

11.1 Managing the new Loxton Recreation Complex rainfall run off

Cr Thiele:

1. Where does the new complex’s rainfall run off to? Is it the drainage ditch along the internal fence?

2. Will we be storing and reusing the rainfall run off from the complex? How would this work?

3. Will the drainage ditch running along the internal fence line be converted into a pipeline?
4. If an open drain is to handle run off, how will it be managed for cleanliness and appearance?

5. How is the new Recreation Centre storm water runoff managed, particularly for some of the huge thunderstorm rainfall events we have here occasionally?

6. What will the future landscaping be like for the current grandstand road entrance area once the Recreation Centre is completed?

Response as provided by the Project Manager

1. The Loxton Recreation Complex stormwater management system has been designed by TMK engineers to meet the requirements the National Construction Code and relevant Australian Standards. The design directs all stormwater from the site via a stormwater pipe network to a swale along the internal fence line. The swale directs water into the existing swale constructed by Council at Mill Corner before entering the Mill Corner Dam.

2. Yes. All stormwater is directed to the Mill Corner Dam. Mill Corner Dam is connected to Councils stormwater reuse system. The stormwater is pumped from the dam and used for irrigation of Council recreation grounds, parks and gardens.

3. No.

4. The swale will be grassed, mowed and maintained by Council. This is the same as the existing swale that it connects into at Mill Corner.

5. Please see attached TMK stormwater calculations and design summery detailing stormwater management for the site. In the event of a major storm or a system blockage, emergency upwell and overflow points have been incorporated into the system that allow for overground flow away from the building to the north. The overflow paths discharge in the same location as the previous site design.

6. The lawn within the construction site to the north of the building is to be reinstated and maintained. New block paving will be laid around the building and will marry into the existing bitumen road adjacent the existing grandstand.
11.2 **Progress of Peake Terrace, Waikerie upgrade**

*Cr Webber:*

_Could I please have an update on the current progress and expected delivery timeframe of the Peake Terrace upgrade?_

**Response as provided by the Project Manager**

The undergrounding of powerlines along Peake Terrace is currently underway with civil contractors trenching to install pits and cable conduits. Electricians have also commenced works to start AS 3000 electrical connection to each premise.

Once all conduits and pits are installed SA Power Networks will install new cables. The cables are planned to be livened up in late November. Final premise connection will then take place from November – December.

SAPN expect to remove existing poles and install new streetlights starting December and finishing in February 2020.

Following the completion of PLEC streetscape works can commence. It is expected that streetscape works will take approximately 6 months to complete following commencement.

11.3 **Status of works at the Waikerie Riverfront**

*Cr Walker:*

_Could a report on the status of the new pump at the Waikerie Riverfront please be provided? Also the bare patches in the Riverfront lawn at Waikerie; what are the envisaged works to regrass those areas once the pump is working?_

**Response as provided by the Director Infrastructure Services**

1. Council have been assured by the contractor that work installing the new Waikerie Riverfront Pump will have been started before the October Council Meeting.
   The installation of the pump will be completed and operational towards the end of the month and operated for a 2-3 week period before the removal of the existing pump and structure to ensure there are no irrigation issues.
Given the delay of this project it has now pushed the timing of construction into summer irrigation demand, so once Council is satisfied in the performance of the new pump it will begin the demolition and removal of the existing infrastructure and river bank remediation.

2. The existing bare patches on the Waikerie Riverfront lawn areas are predominantly caused due to the changes in sprinklers to prevent them spraying the BBQ’s and shelters. The reduction in the sprinkler coverage has reduced adequate watering capability and resulted in the lack of grass cover in what is relatively higher use areas associated with the shelters.

The existing pump and irrigation shifts do not allow for any changes due to either lack of pressure in one scenario or to high a pressure in the other however the new pump and its configuration will allow the necessary changes.

Council will look to rehabilitate these areas at the same time the bank is remediation works are taking place with the possibility of purchasing some roll out turf.

11.4 Rainmoth Gallery public toilets

Cr Matthews:

Please clarify who owns the toilets in Federation Park behind the Rainmoth Gallery. Are they public toilets or are they only for patrons of the Rainmoth Gallery? If they are public toilets can council investigate the cost of having them cleaned so tourists and towns people can use them?

Response as provided by the Director Corporate & Community Services

The toilets at the rear of the Rainmoth Gallery are council assets as is the gallery itself. They do not form part of Federation Park. The lease council has with the Gallery was renewed in September 2018. Item 11.3 of the Schedule contains the following provision;

The Lessee will maintain the detached toilet block, with the Toilet Block being for Gallery visitors and staff use.

I have negotiated with the Gallery Chair to trial opening the toilets to the public during opening hours of the gallery. With the approach of the festive season and the proposed construction of a Christmas display in Federation Park, the toilets will be made available for a longer period.
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Council’s cleaning contractor will assume responsibility for daily cleaning of these facilities. A commencement date for this arrangement has not yet been determined.

Within an 800m radius of the Rainmoth Gallery there are five sets of public toilets (excluding Rainmoth). In the wider Waikerie district, council maintains 10 sets of public toilets. At the conclusion of the Christmas display, opening of these facilities will be re-assessed.

12. Deputations/Guests Nil

13. Notice of Motion

13.1 Footpath maintenance to improve disability and mobility access

Cr Thiele moved Cr Vowles seconded
That a report, with costings, be presented to the January 2020 council meeting for the improvement of amenity and mobility access from Martha Street along Bookpurnong Tce to Railway Tce enabling safe crossing across to the Southern side of Bookpurnong Tce adjacent to the new Loxton Recreation Complex and Sporting precinct.

CARRIED

14. Motion without Notice

14.1 Maize Island camp grounds

Cr Webber moved Cr Walker seconded
That council write to the National Parks & Wildlife SA to request allocated booking of camp grounds on Maize Island in line with other National Parks.

CARRIED

14.2 Section 41 Committee – training for members

Cr Matthews moved Cr Webber seconded
That all Section 41 Committee members be inducted and offered a refresher every 2 years so they are clear about their obligations, requirements and council procedures.

CARRIED
15. **Strategy & Governance Reports**

15.1 **Christmas/New Year council work site closures – Change of December council meeting date**

Cr Webber moved Cr Thiele seconded

1. That council’s administration offices at Loxton and Waikerie be closed to the public from 5.00 pm on Friday 20 December 2019 and re-open to the public at 9.00 am on Monday 6 January 2020.

2. That council’s Libraries/Information Centres at Loxton and Waikerie be closed to the public on Wednesday 25 December 2019, Thursday 26 December 2019 and Wednesday 1 January 2020 being designated public holidays and be open over the Christmas/New Year period as follows:

   - **Friday 20 December 2019**
     - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm (normal hours)
   - **Saturday 21 December 2019 to Tuesday 24 December 2019 (inclusive)**
     - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
   - **Friday 27 December to Tuesday 31 December (inclusive)**
     - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
   - **Thursday 2 and Friday 3 January 2020**
     - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

   and resume normal opening hours from Saturday 4 January 2020

3. That council’s work depot sites at Loxton and Waikerie remain open over the Christmas/New Year period on all normal working days, excluding public holidays.

4. That council’s Waste Transfer Station operating hours remain unchanged during the Christmas/New Year period, noting all sites are closed on public holidays.

5. That the work site and waste transfer station closures be notified to the public via notices at each location, in the local papers and on council’s website at least 2 weeks prior to the closures.

6. That the date of the December ordinary meeting of council be altered to Friday 13 December 2019 in lieu of Friday 20 December 2019.

   **CARRIED**
Mr Daniel Brown (Project Manager) was welcomed to the meeting at 9.52 am to provide a verbal update on the status of the Loxton Recreation Complex and Peake Terrace, Waikerie undergrounding of powerlines projects.

The Mayor thanked Mr Brown for his attendance and Mr Brown left the meeting at 10.24 am

15.2 Audio recording of council meetings
Cr Thiele moved Cr Altschwager seconded
That council do not proceed with the audio recording of ordinary and special meetings of council that are open to the public and revoke the ‘Recording Council Meetings’ policy.
CARRIED

15.3 Review of councillors appointments to Section 41 Committees
Cr Wheeldon moved Cr Walker 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 10.29 am to allow the Chief Executive Officer to address council and answer questions regarding council representation on Section 41 Committees.

Cr Vowles moved Cr Thiele seconded
That Part 2 of the Meeting Regulations be resumed.
CARRIED

The Mayor resumed meeting procedures at 10.36 am

Cr Webber moved Cr Flavel seconded
That council reconfirm the current appointments to council committees for the term of council.
CARRIED

15.4 Upgrade of Peake Terrace, Waikerie – Council to undertake works
Cr Thiele moved Cr Wheeldon seconded
That council commit to undertaking the Peake Terrace, Waikerie upgrade with the use of council resources supplemented by local input and contractors and not tender the project out.
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That further reports be brought back to council on the effectiveness of the projects and its ability to achieve the advantages of the project and minimise the disadvantages.

CARRIED

Cr Altschwager moved Cr Thiele seconded
That the meeting adjourn for morning tea.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned 10.48 am
Meeting resumed 11.08 am

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.

16. Corporate & Community Services Reports

16.1 South Australian Planning and Design Code
Cr Vowles moved Cr Altschwager seconded
That council:
1. Notes the report.
2. Delegates authority to Crs Norton and Walker, the Chief Executive Officer and Manager Environmental Services to review the response and to approve the submission to the SA Planning Commission on behalf of council.

CARRIED

16.2 Habel’s Bend Pioneer Landing houseboat moorings
Cr Vowles moved Cr Webber seconded
That council:
1. Writes to the leaseholder of part section 108, Hundred of Pyap advising that it does not intend to renew the lease.
2. Inform and discuss the implication of item 1 of this motion with the sub-lessees and the review of houseboat moorings being undertaken and their opportunity for input during the process. Additionally opportunities that may arise from them to continue to licence an area from council for their houseboats in the future.

Cr Kleemann left the meeting at 11.20 am

CARRIED
16.3 **Project Reporting updates**  
Cr Walker moved Cr Wheeldon seconded  
That council note the report and endorse monthly reporting on projects over $20,000 in the format of the attached reports.  
**CARRIED**

16.4 **Destination Riverland Strategic Planning Review**  
Cr Webber moved Cr Vowles seconded  
That council request that Destination Riverland develop its regional tourism plan by March 2020.  
**CARRIED**

17. **Infrastructure Services Reports**

17.1 **Mattner Road Speed limits**  
Cr Walker moved Cr Webber seconded  
1. That the speed limit on Mattner Road, Waikerie remains unchanged.  
2. That Mattner Road is not considered for sealing at this point in time due to traffic use and the number of dwellings located on Mattner Road.  
**CARRIED**

18. **Income/Investment Statement**

Cr Thiele moved Cr Matthews seconded  
That the Investment Position presented as at 30 September 2019 be received.  
**CARRIED**

19. **Reports and Recommendations of Committees**

19.4.1 **Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee – minutes of meeting held 1 October 2019**  
Cr Altschwager moved Cr Vowles seconded  
That council note the recommendation from the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee meeting held 1 October 2019 being:  

Item 9.4 – Drink Fountain – Heritage Park

That a water fountain be installed in Heritage Park at the 15m trench location (near the old drive in, Bookpurnong Road, Loxton).  

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That grant funding options be investigated through SA Water to assist in funding the installation of drinking fountains and that service clubs also be approached to provide funding.

In addition to the recommendation noted above:
That council supports installation of a drink fountain in Heritage Park subject to available funding.  

CARRIED

Cr Vowles moved Cr Wheeldon seconded
That council note the recommendation from the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee meeting held 1 October 2019 being:

Item 10.1 – Pine Trees, Paruna Road

That the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee recommend to council that the pine trees along Paruna Road near the information bay be removed to create space for long vehicle parking and as the first stage of beautification in this area.

In addition to the recommendation noted above:
That a report on the work and costs of creating a long vehicle parking area near the information bay on Paruna Road be provided to council.

CARRIED

Cr Walker moved Cr Altschwager seconded
That the minutes of the following committees be received:

19.1 Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee
Minutes of meeting held 1/10/19
19.2 Loxton Retirement Village Committee
Minutes of meeting held 10/10/19

CARRIED

20. Information Only Reports

Cr Flavel moved Cr Thiele seconded
That the Information Only reports be received.

CARRIED
20.3.1 East Terrace speed limit
Cr Flavel moved Cr Vowles seconded
That council apply to the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure to reduce the speed limit in East Tce, Loxton to 40 km/hour.

Amendment

Cr Thiele moved Cr Matthews seconded
That council apply to the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure to reduce the speed limit in East Tce, Loxton to 10 km/hour.

MOTION LOST

The original motion was put and

CARRIED

Cr Altschwager left the chamber at 12.23 pm and returned to the chamber at 12.26 pm

21. Confidential Reports Nil

22. Closure The meeting closed at 12.32 pm

Minutes confirmed on .................................

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky