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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF COBAR HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 5:00PM**

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**PRESENT (FILE C13-2)**

Councillors Jarrod Marsden (Mayor), Janine Lea- Barrett, Robert Sinclair, Lillian Simpson, Harley Toomey, Julie Payne and Kate Winders.

**OBSERVERS**

Messrs Peter Vlatko (General Manager), Garry Ryman (Director of Planning and Environmental Services) Heinz Kausche (Director Engineering), Miss Kylie Smith (Director of Corporate and Community Services) and Kelly Fairbank (Executive Assistant - General Manager/ Mayor).

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**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**MAYOR**

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**APOLOGIES (FILE C13-2)**

**54.05.2024 RESOLVED:** 1. That the apologies received from Councillor Michael Prince be accepted.

2. That Councillor Michael prince be granted a leave of absence.

*Clr Lea-Barrett /Clr Sinclair*

**CARRIED**

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (FILE C12-3)**

- Nil.
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**CONDOLENCES (FILE M2-3)**

- Mary Helen Madden
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**PUBLIC ACCESS SESSION**

- Nil.
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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL (FILE C13-11)**

**55.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

*Clr Payne / Clr Lea-Barrett*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 1- COBAR TOWN HALL MASTER PLAN AND BUSINESS CASE**

**FILE: 3182 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.4.1 & 2.1.1.1  
ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 47-136)**

**AUTHOR: *Acting Project Coordinator, Meike Griffiths***

**56.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That Council adopts the Cobar Town Hall Master Plan and Business Case, endorsing Option Three – No New Building Footprint – as the preferred option for seeking grant funds for the redevelopment of the Cobar Town Hall.

*Clr Lea-Barrett /Clr Simpson*

**CARRIED**

A division was called.

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**MAYOR**

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For  
Clr Lea- Barrett  
Clr Marsden  
Clr Simpson  
Clr Sinclair  
Clr Toomey  
Clr Winders

Against  
Clr Payne

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**CLAUSE 2 – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

**FILE: C13-10**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**57.05.2024** **RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1481.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett/ Clr Payne* **CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 3 – COUNCIL’S ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN, BUDGET, FEES AND CHARGES AND REVENUE POLICY**

**FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES  
(PAGE 137-248)**

**AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey***

**58.05.2024** **RESOLVED:** That Council adopt the 2024/2025 Annual Operational Plan and Budget as exhibited.

1. That Council adopt the 2024/2025 Capital Expenditure Budget as exhibited.
2. That Council adopt the Revenue Policy as exhibited for 2024/2025.
3. That Council adopt the schedule of Fees and Charges as exhibited for 2024/2025.
4. That Council adopt the Long-Term Financial Plan as exhibited.
5. That Council makes, fixes and levies the rates for the year ending 30 June 2025 for the following rating categories:
  - That the Cobar Residential rate of 2.87 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Residential Land in pursuance of Section 516 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$530.00 for each assessment of land for financial year 2024/2025.

- That the Business Ordinary Rate of 2.5 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Business Land in pursuance of Section 518 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$570.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
  - That the Cobar Business CBD Rate of 4.6 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Business CBD Land in pursuance of Section 518 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$570.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
  - That the Cobar Farmland Rate of 0.0836 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Farmland in pursuance of Section 515 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$299.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
  - That the Village Residential Rate of 7.00 cents in the dollar on all rateable Village Residential Land in pursuance of Section 516 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$140.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
  - That the Village Business Rate of 6.05 cents in the dollar on all rateable Village Business Land in pursuance of Section 529 (2) (d) Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$150.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
  - That the Rural Residential Rate of 2.12 cents in the dollar on all rateable Rural Residential Land in pursuance of Section 529 (2) (b) Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$530.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
  - That the Mining – General Rate of 4.93 cents in the dollar on all rateable Mining - Gold Land in pursuance of Section 517 and 529 (2) (c) Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$800.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
6. That Council makes, fixes and levies waste charges for the year ending 30 June 2025 for the following:
- That the Domestic Waste Management Charge of \$306.00 on all properties within Council's Garbage Collection Area in pursuance of Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a charge on vacant land of \$132.00 for each assessment and a charge of \$21.50 per service per single additional bin be made for the financial year 2024/2025.
  - That the annual charge for Waste Management Services of \$132.00 on all rateable assessments in the Cobar Shire within 5kms radius of the following locations: Euabalong Post Office, Euabalong West Public School, Nymagee Police Station, Mount Hope Hotel and Canbelego intersection of Edward and Coronga Streets, during 2024/2025 in pursuance of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made.

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That Council makes, fixes and levies sewerage charges for the year ending 30 June 2025 for the following:

- That a Cobar Sewerage Access Charge of \$702.00.00 on all lands rateable to the Cobar Sewerage Residential Area in pursuance to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a charge of \$255.00 for each additional closet (including urinals) in excess of 3 connections and a zero-water discharge charge for the financial year 2024/2025.
- That a Cobar Sewerage Charge Non-residential, based on water usage as per the Fees and Charges, with a minimum of \$844.00, on all lands rateable to the Cobar Sewerage Commercial Area in pursuance to Section 501 and 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made for the financial year 2024/2025.

7. That Council makes, fixes and water charges for the year ending 30 June 2025 for the following:

- That a Cobar Water Supply Access Charge of \$705.00 on all connected Filtered Water Residential lands rateable to the Cobar Water Supply Area in pursuance to Section 552 and 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, and that connected Unfiltered Water of \$520.00, be now made along with the following : Unconnected \$705.00 and for the following connections: 32mm \$1,235.00, 40mm \$2,120.00, 50mm \$3,405.00, 80mm \$6,935.00, and 100mm \$8,890.00, along with a Water Usage Charge for 1kl up to 550kl, of \$3.80 per kl, and above 550kl, \$7.50 per kl and Connected Raw Water at \$3.20 per kl in pursuance to section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, be made for the financial year 2024/2025.
- That a Cobar Water Supply Access Charge of \$1,005.00 on all connected Commercial lands rateable to the Cobar Water Supply Area in pursuance to Section 552 and 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with the following: Unconnected \$1,005.00 and for the following connections: 32mm \$1,235.00, 40mm \$2,120.00, 50mm \$3,405.00, 80mm \$6,935.00, and 100mm \$8,890.00, along with a Water Usage Charge for 1kl up to 550kl, of \$3.80 per kl, and above 550kl, \$7.50 per kl and Connected Raw Water at \$3.20 per kl in pursuance to section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, be made for the financial year 2024/2025.

- That a Nymagee Water Supply Access Charge of \$1,040.00 be applied to all 20mm connected properties in the Nymagee Water Supply Area and that all properties over 20mm connections be charged at \$1,707.00 per connection and that all unconnected properties be charged at \$520.00 for each vacant land for the financial year 2024/2025 in pursuance of Section 552 Local Government Act 1993.
  - That a Euabalong and Euabalong West Water Supply Access Charge of \$1,040.00 be applied to all 20mm connected properties in the Euabalong and Euabalong West Water Supply Area and that all properties over 20mm connections be charged at \$1,707.00 per connection and that all unconnected properties be charged at \$520.00 for each rateable land for the financial year 2024/2025 in pursuance of Section 552 Local Government Act 1993.
  - That a Mount Hope Water Supply Access Charge of \$1,265.00 be applied to all 20mm connected properties in the Mount Hope Water Supply Area and that all properties over 20mm connections be charged at \$1,707.00 for each rateable land for the financial year 2024/2025 in pursuance of Section 552 Local Government Act 1993.
8. That the interest rate for unpaid rates and charges be made the maximum rate of interest to be determined by the Minister of Local Government, for the financial year 2024/2025, in pursuance of Section 566 Local Government Act 1993.
9. That Council thanks those who provided feedback.

*Clr Lea-Barrett / Clr Sinclair*

**CARRIED**

**CLAUSE 4 – GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

**FILE: C6-20-2 AOPREFERENCE:4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**59.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the General Managers report.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett / Clr Simpson* **CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 5– THIRD QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/2024 (Q3)**

**FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES  
(PAGE 249-308)**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

- 60.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That Council receives and notes the third quarterly review of the 2023/2024 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period January to March 2024.  
*Clr Lea- Barrett / Clr Toomey* **CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 6 – GRANT FUNDING**

**FILE: G4-17 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3 ATTACHMENT: NO  
AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Bethany Smith***

- 61.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the grant funding report detailing grants applied for, grants announced and grants available be received and noted.  
*Clr Lea- Barrett / Clr Payne* **CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 7 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF 30 APRIL 2024**

**FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7 ATTACHMENT: NO  
AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey***

- 62.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the Investment Report as of 30 April 2024.  
*Clr Sinclair / Clr Lea- Barrett* **CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 8 - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS OF 30 APRIL 2024**

**FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5 ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey***

- 63.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as of 30 April 2024.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett / Clr Toomey* **CARRIED**
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**CLAUSE 9 – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2024**

**FILE: R2-1 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6 ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Customer Service Manager, Jo-Louise Brown***

- 64.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 30 April 2024 be received and noted.  
*Clr Lea- Barrett / Clr Toomey* **CARRIED**
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**CLAUSE 10 – PURCHASING ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTORS**

**FILE: T3-15-6 AOP REFERENCE:3.3.4 ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey***

- 65.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That Council receive and note the information contained in this report.  
*Clr Payne / Clr Simpson* **CARRIED**
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**CLAUSE 11 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT**

**FILE: C6-20-2AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Director Engineering Services, Heinz Kausche***

- 66.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the Engineering Works Report detailing construction and maintenance activities on Shire and Regional Roads, State Highways, Water and Sewer Mains and other Council assets be received and noted.  
*Clr Lea-Barrett / Clr Payne* **CARRIED**
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**CLAUSE 12 – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK**

**FILE: R5-31AOP REFERENCE:4.3.2ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 52-61)**

**AUTHOR: Acting Director of Engineering, Heinz Kausche**

**67.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That the information detailing the Expenditure for Council’s Roads Network be received and noted.  
*Clr Sinclair / Clr Lea-Barrett* **CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 13 – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 16 APRIL 2024- 15 MAY 2024**

**FILE: T5-1 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman**

**68.05.2024 RESOLVED:** That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 16 April 2024 – 15 May 2024 be received and noted.  
*Clr Sinclair / Clr Simpson* **CARRIED**

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.23 PM**

**CONFIRMED.....**

**MINUTE NO.....**

**MAYOR.....**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**MAYOR**