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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL HELD  
MAY 24, 2023

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Meeting commenced at 5:51pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillor T. Kennedy (Mayor) Councillors B. Algate, M. Boland,  
M. Browne, A. Chandler, D. Gallagher, H. Jewitt, R. Page and D. Turley.

General Manager, Chief Corporate and Community Officer, Chief Financial  
Officer, Manager Communications and Marketing, Executive Officer and  
Executive Assistant.

Media (nil), Members of the Public (nil).

**APOLOGIES:**

Nil.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
APPLICATIONS:**

Councillor J. Hickey (Deputy Mayor) submitted a Leave of Absence  
application with the reason "*recreational leave and Council duties Friday  
26 May in Sydney*".

**RESOLUTION**

Minute No. 47201 - Procedural Motion  
Councillor D Gallagher moved )  
Councillor R Page seconded )

**Resolved**

That the application submitted by Councillor  
Hickey be received and a Leave of Absence  
granted for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PRAYER**

Councillor Boland delivered the prayer.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Councillor Gallagher delivered the Acknowledgment of Country.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BROKEN HILL'S MINING HISTORY**

Councillor Browne delivered the Acknowledgement of Broken Hill's Mining History.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Councillor Turley declared:

- a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Mayoral Minute 8/23 as she is the President of Local Government NSW and the recommendation of the Mayoral Minute is to write to the President of Local Government NSW, and advised that she will leave the Council Chambers whilst the item is considered.

## MAYORAL MINUTES

**ITEM 1 – MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 8/23 – DATED MAY 22, 2023 – DAMAGING INCREASE IN  
EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY COSTS** D23/25719

*Councillor Turley declared an interest in Item 1 and left the Council Chambers at 5:54pm.*

### **RESOLUTION**

Minute No. 47202

Mayor T Kennedy moved )  
Councillor R Page seconded )

### **Resolved**

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 8/23 dated May 22, 2023, be received.
2. That Council writes to the Treasurer, the Minister for Emergency Services, the Minister for Local Government and local State Member(s):
  - a. Expressing Council's strong opposition to the NSW Government's last minute decision to impose an enormous Emergency Services Levy (ESL) cost increase on councils for 2023/24 by scrapping the ESL subsidy for councils and at a time after Council has publicly advertised its Operational Plan and annual budget to the community;
  - b. Noting that as a consequence of the unannounced 73% increase in the State Emergency Service budget and an 18% increase in the Fire and Rescue NSW budget, Council's 3.7% rate increase to provide essential community services and infrastructure has been significantly eroded.
  - c. Advising that the Government's decision may/will lead to a reduction in important local services and/or the cancellation of necessary infrastructure projects;
  - d. Calling on the NSW Government to take immediate action to:
    - i. restore the ESL subsidy in 2023/24

- ii. urgently introduce legislation to decouple the ESL from the rate peg to enable councils to recover the full cost
- iii. develop a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding critically important emergency services in consultation with local government.

- 3. That Council writes to the Chair of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) advising that Council's forced emergency services contribution is manifestly disproportionate to the 2023/24 rate cap, which has resulted in additional financial stress.
- 4. That Council writes to the President of LGNSW seeking the Association's ongoing advocacy to bring about a relief in the burden of Councils' emergency services contribution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Councillor Turley returned to the Council Chambers at 6:01pm.*

*The Mayor advised Councillor Turley that Council had adopted the report recommendation of the Mayoral Minute.*

## REPORTS

**ITEM 2 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 92/23 - DATED MAY 03, 2023 - DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-2026 INCORPORATING DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/2024, INCLUSIVE OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY AND DRAFT SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2023/2024** D23/17744

Motion

Councillor M Boland moved )  
Councillor D Gallagher seconded )

Recommendation

- 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 92/23 dated May 3, 2023, be received.
- 2. That Council endorse the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for the purpose of public exhibition for community comment for a 28-day period.

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3. That Council receives a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period, outlining submissions received and any recommendation for changes arising, with a view to adopting the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for implementation on 1 July 2023.

Amendment

Councillor D Turley moved )  
Councillor M Browne seconded )

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 92/23 dated May 3, 2023, be received.
2. That Council endorse the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for the purpose of public exhibition for community comment for a 28-day period.
3. That Council receives a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period, outlining submissions received and any recommendation for changes arising, with a view to adopting the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for implementation on 1 July 2023.
4. That Council investigates options for the funding of a Curator for the Heritage Festival to be incorporated into the Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Operational Plan 2023/2024.

LOST

For: Councillors Turley and Browne

Against: Councillors Page, Gallagher, Algate, Boland, Chandler, Jewitt and Mayor Kennedy.

The original motion was put.

**RESOLUTION**

Minute No. 47203

Councillor M Boland moved )  
Councillor D Gallagher seconded )

**Resolved**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 92/23 dated May 3, 2023, be received.
2. That Council endorse the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the

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Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for the purpose of public exhibition for community comment for a 28-day period.

3. That Council receives a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period, outlining submissions received and any recommendation for changes arising, with a view to adopting the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for implementation on 1 July 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 3 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 93/23 - DATED MAY 17, 2023 - DRAFT  
LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024-2033** D23/24707

**RESOLUTION**

Minute No. 47204

Councillor R Algate moved )  
Councillor D Gallagher seconded )

**Resolved**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 93/23 dated May 17, 2023, be received.
2. That Council endorse the Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2033 for public exhibition.
3. That that Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2033 be placed on public display for 28 days in accordance with legislation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Auditor's Fees

*The General Manager took a question on notice from Councillor Turley regarding how much Council's Auditor's Fees had increased for the conduct of the 2022/2023 Audit of Council's Financial Statements?*

2023/2024 Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges – Hire of Norm Fox Sporting Complex

*The General Manager took a question on notice from Councillor Algate regarding the large increase in fees proposed for 2023/2024 for the hire of the Norm Fox Sporting Complex and how the proposed new fees were calculated?*

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil.

**CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil.

**CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

There being no further business for Council to consider, the Mayor closed the meeting at 6:21p.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE READ )  
AND CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY )  
MEETING OF THE BROKEN HILL CITY )  
COUNCIL HELD ON 31 MAY 2023. )

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CHAIRPERSON