



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 26 April 2023

at

3:20pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

**The Audio Statement and Acknowledgement of Country
were read by the Chairman.**

PRESENT: Clr EH Noakes (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors MA Berry, KW Ferrier, NF Hicks, SJ Kermode, AC Pointing, A Reilly and GDM Schaefer.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr PE Hood – Interim General Manager, Mr AS Butler – Acting Director Infrastructure & Development, Mr CC Martin – Director Corporate & Community and Mrs EL Hobbs – Executive Assistant.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023:

153 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Berry and Reilly that under Section 13.1 of the Walcha Council Code of Meeting Practice Council **ADOPT** the following items in bulk:

1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 29 March 2023 copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.
2. Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 19 April 2023, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a TRUE record.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6.1 Draft Walcha 7.11 (Heavy Haulage) Contribution Plan and the Draft Walcha 7.12 Contribution Plan **WO/2023/00645**

Clr Schaefer declared a Non-Pecuniary Non-Significant interest in this matter, due to being a Host landowner for Winterbourne Wind and a Director / Shareholder of Walcha Wind, and will stay in the Chambers.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

154 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Schaefer that the Senior Officers' Reports be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.

6.1 Draft Walcha Section 7.11 (Heavy Haulage) Contribution Plan & Draft Walcha 7.12 Contribution Plan **WO/2023/00645**

155 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Pointing that Council:

1. **ACCEPT** the *Draft Walcha Section 7.11 (Heavy Haulage) Contribution Plan* and the *Draft Walcha Section 7.12 Contribution Plan*;
2. **PRIOR** to Public Exhibition **PREPARE** a suitable Work Schedule for inclusion in the *Draft Walcha Section 7.12 Contribution Plan*;



3. **PLACE** the *Draft Walcha Section 7.11 (Heavy Haulage) Contribution Plan* & the *Draft Walcha Section 7.12 Contribution Plan* on public exhibition for a period of 28 days;
4. **IF** no submissions are received, GIVE delegation to the General Manager to **ADOPT** the *Draft Walcha Section 7.11 (Heavy Haulage) Contribution Plan* and the *Draft Walcha Section 7.12 Contribution Plan* on behalf of Council.

Being a Planning Matter a Division was called prior to voting on this matter and the result was as follows:

For: Councillors: Berry, Ferrier, Hicks, Kermode, Noakes, Pointing, Reilly and Schaefer.

Against: Nil.

Absent: Nil.

Declared Interest: Nil

6.2 Walcha Preschool Advisory Committee Parent Nominations

WO/2023/00544

156 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Hicks that Council **APPOINT** Erin Fritsch and Bec Partridge to the Walcha Preschool Advisory Committee.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

9.1 Office of the General Manager

WO/2023/00646

157 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Reilly that items included in the Office of the General Manager Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

9.2 Infrastructure & Development

WO/2023/00634

158 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Pointing that items included in the Infrastructure & Development Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.



9.3 Corporate & Community

WO/2023/00545

159 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Hicks that items included in the Corporate & Community Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Nil.

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

12.1 Grants Summary – NSW EPA Council Regional Capacity Building Program

The General Manager advised that this program is not part of Walcha Council but part of Namoi Unlimited, which Walcha Council are a member of and therefore will be removed from our report.

13. CLOSED COUNCIL

160 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Schaefer that under Section 13.1 of the Walcha Council Code of Meeting Practice Council **ADOPT** the following items in bulk:

13A Referral to Closed Council – Audit Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC) WO/2023/00641

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A (2)(a) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, the matter of Audit Risk & Improvement Committee be **REFERRED** to be discussed in Closed Council and close the meeting to the public for the reason that the report relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

13B Referral to Closed Council – General Manager Recruitment WINT/2023/01967

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A (2)(c) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, the matter of General Manager Recruitment be **REFERRED** to be discussed in Closed Council and close the meeting to the public for the reason that the report relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a



commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

That Council **RESOLVE INTO** Closed Council and that the press and public be excluded from the entire proceedings of the Meeting of the Closed Council for the reasons that the reports relate to:

1. personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors); and
2. information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

161 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Hicks and Pointing and Pointing at 4:00pm.

PRESENT: Present and IN Attendance were the same as listed in the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting with the exception of the press and the public.

The Chairman publicly declared the recommendations passed by the Committee whilst in Closed Council.

3.1 Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Recruitment **WINT/2023/01927**

21/20222023 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Schaefer that Council:

1. **ADOPT** the Model Terms of Reference for the Walcha Council Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee;
2. **APPOINT** Stephen Coates as the Chair of the Walcha Council Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee for an initial term of four (4) years;
3. **APPOINT** Councillor Hicks as the non-voting Councillor member to the Walcha Council Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee.

3.2 General Manager Recruitment **WINT/2023/01968**

22/20222023 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Schaefer that Council:

1. **NOTE** the Report;



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2. **SELECT** *Leading Roles to manage the recruitment of the general manager taking into consideration the proposals for General Manager recruitment provided to Council by the following vendors:*
 - *Leading Roles*
 - *Mason Blackadder*
 - *McArthur*
 - *Capstone Recruitment*
 - *Local Government NSW*
 3. **INVITE** *Chris Weber to be the independent candidate to sit on the Interview Panel.*

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:02PM.