



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 14 December 2022

At

3.05pm

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, SJ Kermode, AC Pointing, A Reilly and GDM Schaefer.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Barry Omundson – General Manager, Mr PE Hood – Director Infrastructure & Development and Mr CC Martin – Director – Corporate & Community.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

95 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schaefer and Pointing that the Leave of Absence received from Clr Hicks, due to personal reasons, and Clr Ferrier due to medical reasons, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2022:

96 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Kermode that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 30 November 2022, 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

Nil.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

6.1 Appoint Council Representation to Advisory Committees

WO/2022/03564

98 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Berry and Pointing that Council **ENDORSE** and **APPROVE** the following Councillor Representation to the stated Council Advisory Committee below:

Advisory Committee	Automatic Representation	Councillor Nomination
Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee	Nil	Councillor Reilly
Walcha Council Motorcycle Rally Advisory Committee	Nil	1.Councillor Berry 2.Councillor Vacant

6.2 Draft Walcha Section 7.12 Contribution Plan

WO/2022/03565

It was **MOVED** Councillor Kermode **Seconded** Councillor Reilly that Council:

1. **ACCEPT** the Draft Walcha Section 7.12 Contribution Plan;
2. **PLACE** the Draft Walcha Section 7.12 Contribution Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days;



3. if no submissions are received, GIVE delegation to the General Manager to **ADOPT** the Draft Walcha Section 7.12 Contribution Plan on behalf of Council.

A **FORESHADOWED Motion** was **MOVED** Councillor Reilly **Seconded** Councillor Schaefer that Council:

1. **NOTE** the Walcha Council Section 7.12 Contribution Plan and the efforts of Staff and Council's Contract Planner;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the significant financial impacts arising from the proposed Special Rate Variation on our Community; and
3. **DEFER** the matter until 2025 – 2026 budget considerations.

The **Original Motion** was put to the **VOTE** and was **LOST**.

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

For: Councillors: Kermode

Against: Councillors: Berry, Schaefer, Reilly, Pointing and Noakes.

Absent: Ferrier & Hicks.

Declared Interest: Nil.

99 The **FORESHADOWED Motion** became the **Substantive Motion** and was put to the **VOTE** and **CARRIED**.

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

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

Against: Nil.

Absent: Ferrier & Hicks.

Declared Interest: Nil.

6.3 Review of Walcha Council's Model Code of Conduct WO/2022/03559

100 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Pointing that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 440(7) of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council has reviewed the Walcha Council's Model of Code of Conduct and determined no changes need to be made to the Code.



6.4 Update Revenue Policy

WO/2022/03568

101 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Schaefer that Council:

1. **PLACE** the Draft Revenue Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days;
2. if no submissions are received within the exhibition period, that the amendments to the Revenue Policy be **ADOPTED**.

6.5 Regional Meetings 2022

WO/2022/03567

102 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and Reilly that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Regional Meetings 2022 Report as presented.

6.6 2022 Motorcycle Rally Final Report

WO/2022/03561

103 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Noakes and Pointing that a final report that provides a detailed budget in the same format that was supplied to Council in March 2022 be tabled at the January 2023 Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council so that we can evaluate the cost of staging this event to assist in the setting of fees for the proposed 2023 event **FURTHER THAT** Council would also like to acknowledge the diligence and efforts of both staff and volunteers in organising the Rally.

6.7 2021 – 2022 Annual Report for Notation

WO/2022/03554

104 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Berry that Council **NOTE** the 2021 – 2022 Annual Report.

LATE REPORTS:

1 Asset Management Plans (AMP) & Long Term Financial Plan

WO/2022/03584

105 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Berry and Kermode that Council:

1. **PLACE** on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, from 15 December 2022 to 13 January 2023 the DRAFT:
 - o Walcha Council Long Term Financial Plan 2023 – 2032
 - o Walcha Council Asset Management Plan – Open Spaces
 - o Walcha Council Asset Management Plan – Buildings & Facilities; and
 - o Walcha Council Asset Management Plan – Roads, Bridges & Drainage.



2. If no submissions are received during the exhibition period **ADOPT**, as presented, the:
- Walcha Council Long Term Financial Plan 2023 – 2032
 - Walcha Council Asset Management Plan – Open Spaces
 - Walcha Council Asset Management Plan – Buildings & Facilities; and
 - Walcha Council Asset Management Plan – Roads, Bridges & Drainage.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

9.1 Office of the General Manager

WO/2022/03573

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

9.2 Infrastructure & Development

WO/2022/03492

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

9.3 Corporate & Community

WO/2022/03498

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

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

109 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Pointing that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Committee Reports as presented

10.1 Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers on Tuesday 18 October 2022 **WINT/2022/06297**

10.2 Minutes of the Capital Advisory Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers on Thursday 24 November 2022. **WO/2022/03386**



4.1.4 Sewerage Inflow Infiltration (I&I)

110 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Berry that Council **APPROVE** the use of Reserve Funds of approximately (based on Q1 quotes) \$35,000 smoke testing, \$55,000 manhole asset inspection for a total of \$90,000.

4.2.1 South Street Pedestrian Crossing

111 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Pointing that Council **APPROVE** the South Street Pedestrian Project pending availability of grant funding.

10.3 Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held at St Patricks Primary School on Thursday 24 November 2022. WO/2022/03540

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

112 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Schaefer that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Delegate Reports as presented

11.1 Minutes of the Namoi Unlimited Board Meeting held at Tamworth Regional Council and via Video Conference on Thursday 27 October 2022.

11.2 Minutes of the Central Northern Regional Library Annual General Meeting held at Quirindi Library on Wednesday 16 November 2022.

WI/2022/15669

11.3 Minutes of the Central Northern Regional Library Ordinary Meeting held at Quirindi Library on Wednesday 16 November 2022.

WI/2022/15669

11.4 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW General Meeting held at Theatrette, Parliament House Sydney on Friday 18 November 2022.

WI/2022/15466

11.5 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW Annual General Meeting held at Theatrette, Parliament House Sydney on Friday 18 November 2022.

WI/2022/15466

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

12.1 Action List – Clr Nena Hicks – Letters to Ministers

The General Manager informed the Council that these letters had been sent.



12.2 Action List – Cllr Scott Kermode – Vegetation Regrowth on Roadside Verges

Director Infrastructure & Development advised that the dead saplings along the highway are a part of the Roads Maintenance Council Contracts with Transport for NSW.

13. CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil.

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:05PM.