



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 29 March 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, SJ Kermode, 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:

131 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Berry and Schaefer that the Leave of Absence received from Clr AC Pointing, being family commitments; Clr NF Hicks, being a business commitment; and Clr KW Ferrier, due to medical reasons, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023:

132 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Berry that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2023, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Business Arising Question by Clr Reilly:

General Manager replied – It was partly covered in the Mayoral Column published in the Apsley Advocate issued today, 29 March 2023, and our intention is to summarise where we are up to at the ExtraOrdinary Meeting in April 2023. Dept Planning & Environment have covered their part.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6.3 Motor Vehicle Policy

WO/2023/00486

Clr Kermode declared a pecuniary interest in this matter as his spouse is employed by Council and has a Council vehicle, and therefore benefits from private use of the Council vehicle. Clr Kermode will leave the Chambers.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

6.1 Walcha Motorcycle Rally 2023 Draft Budget and Fees & Charges

WO/2023/00391

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

1. **NOTE** the Draft Walcha Motorcycle Rally Budget Report;
2. **PLACE** the 2022-2023 Motorcycle Rally Draft Fees & Charges on public exhibition for a period of 28 days;
3. **IF** no submissions are received within the exhibition period **ADOPT** the Draft Walcha Motorcycle Fees & Charges as presented and update the 2022-2023 Fees & Charges accordingly.



6.2 Road Funding Allocation

WO/2023/00489

135 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Reilly that Council:

1. **ENDORSE** the roads funding reallocation as detailed in this report.
2. **ENDORSE** the 2022 – 2023 proposed work locations detailed in this report.

6.3 Update of Administration Policy – Light Vehicle Fleet Policy

WO/2023/00486

Clr Kermode declared a Pecuniary Interest in this matter. 3:35pm

136 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Noakes and Berry that Council **DEFER** the update of Administration Policy – Light Vehicle Fleet Policy report to the April 2023 Ordinary Meeting due to having no quorum.

Clr Kermode returned to the Chambers and was advised of the resolution at 3:36pm

6.4 Review of Multiple Policies

WO/2023/00491

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

1. **REPEAL** Administration Policies:
 - a) *Council – Councillors Policy;*
 - b) *Councillors – Response by Email*
2. **ADOPT** *Administration Policies – Media Policy and Closure of Council Facilities over the Christmas and New Year Period;*
3. **PLACE** on Public Exhibition for a period of 28 days the *Administration Policies – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors* **FURTHER THAT** if no submissions are received within this time frame **ADOPT** the Policy as presented.

6.5 Subdivision of Council Land for Housing Purposes

WO/2023/00487

138 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Berry that Council **APPROVE** a budget of \$5,000, from the Project Development Fund, for the investigation of Lot 20 Sec 1 DP 759035, Lot 25 DP 264515 and Pt Lot 11 DP 1270896 (Site A) for suitability for a residential housing subdivision and report back to Council regarding the outcome.

6.6 Disaster Risk Reduction Fund DRRF

WO/2023/00478

139 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Schaefer that Council **ENDORSE** the Disaster Risk Reduction Project Plan as follows:



1. Implement the Rural Address Signage initiative;
2. Send Survey to Local Businesses to gauge interest in reducing their risk;
3. Implement the Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy within Council;
4. Implement the Disaster Risk Reduction Plans (as in Logic Plan) in local schools;
5. Implement the Disaster Risk Reduction Projects within the community;
6. Create vulnerability and risk mapping for socio-economic aspects.

LATE REPORTS:

1. Suggestions Received for Naming of Walcha Rose Garden

WO/2023/00495

140 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Schaefer that Council **ENDORSE** the following Rose Garden Name suggestions to place on a Survey for Public determination:

- Walcha Rose Garden;
- Charles Erratt Rose Garden;
- Olga Lisle Rose Garden;
- Bev Betts Rose Garden.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

No.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

9.1 Infrastructure & Development

WO/2023/00453

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

9.2 Corporate & Community

WO/2023/00354

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



10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

143 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Schaefer that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Committee Reports as presented.

10.1 Minutes of the Capital Advisory Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers on Thursday 16 March 2023. WINT/2023/01384

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

- **4.1.3 Infrastructure Capital Works Progress**

That Council **APPROVE** the increase in Budget to deliver the Pollution Reduction Program (PRP) on Council's Environmental Pollution Licence (EPL) of Smoke Testing.

- **4.2.1 Library Public Infrastructure Grant**

That Council **APPROVE** the Library Infrastructure Grant Project application.

- **4.2.2 National Housing Infrastructure Grant**

That a report be prepared for Council for the three sites listed but it is noted that the first site is recommended by the Capital Advisory Committee for this grant.

- **4.2.3 Electrical upgrade of 6W Hamilton Street Walcha – Carlec Auto Electrician**

That an additional quote be obtained for this work and a report be prepared for Council.

- **4.2.5 Quota Club of Walcha – Seats and Bubblers**

That Council **APPROVE** the Walcha Quota Club seats and bubblers project.

10.2 Minutes of the Motorcycle Rally Advisory Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers on Friday 17 March 2023. WINT/2023/01558

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

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

11.1 Minutes of the Walcha Community Consultative Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers on Tuesday 14 February 2023. WI/2023/02090



11.2 Minutes of the Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM) Meeting held at The York Club, Sydney on Tuesday 21 February 2023.

WI/2023/02689

11.3 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association Inc of NSW Meeting held at Port of Newcastle Offices, Wharf Road, Newcastle on Thursday 9 March 2023.

WI/2023/03342

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Item 9.1 – Infrastructure & Development Management Review Report

Grants Summary – NSW EPA Council Regional Capacity Building Program:

The Mayor asked the relevance of this being situated within our Grants Summary when it is a Namoi Unlimited Project.

Interim General Manager advised that he will consult with the Contract Planner but it would seem likely that this would be removed from our report and it would be reported from Namoi Unlimited.

13. CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:12PM.