



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 29 November 2022

at

3.10pm

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 and A Reilly.

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

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023:

CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON THURSDAY 02 NOVEMBER 2023:

87 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Berry and Ferrier that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 25 October 2023 **AND** the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 02 November 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

Nil.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

6.1 Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements 2022-2023

WO/2023/02251

From 3:16pm to 3:26pm Council's Auditor, Jacob Sauer from Forsyths on behalf of Audit Office, presented the Conduct of Audit via Zoom. It is noted that apologies from Jan-Michael Perez – NSW Audit Office and Damian Ison – NSW Audit Office be **NOTED**.

89 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Hicks that Council:

1. **ADOPT** the Audited Financial Statements including the audit report for the year ending 30 June 2023;
2. **PLACE** on public display the Audited Annual Financial Statements including the Independent Auditors Report pursuant to Section 418(1) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*;



3. **NOTE** the presentation of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2023 and Independent Auditors Report pursuant to Section 419(1) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

6.2 Quarterly Review of the Operational Plan & Budget as at September 2023 WO/2023/02276

- 90 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Ferrier that Council:
1. **ADOPT** the September 2023 Quarterly Budget Review Statements; and
 2. **APPROVE** the variations in Income and Expenditure as detailed in the report.

6.3 Walcha Antique Machinery & Truck Club – Request for Sponsorship of Waste Removal WO/2023/02260

- 91 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Hicks and Ferrier that Council **APPROVE** Sponsorship for the Walcha Antique Machinery & Truck Show in 2024 by waiving the Waste Gate Fees for the 50 wheelie bins of waste at Council's Waste Management Facility, in the amount of up to \$247.50

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

9.1 Office of the General Manager WO/2023/02124

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

9.2 Infrastructure & Development WO/2023/02270

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



9.3 Corporate & Community

WO/2023/02136

94 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and Ferrier that items included in the Corporate & Community Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

95 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Hicks that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Committee Reports as presented.

10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 October 2023 at the Community Care Office WO/2023/02145

10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Council Arts Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 31 October 2023 at the Council Chambers WINT/2023/04363

3.3 Cultural Gifts Proposals:

- 96 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Berry and Ferrier that Council:
1. **ACCEPT** "Sitting Man" by Stephen King and "Eyebeam" by Ben Tooth artworks as cultural gifts and place the "Sitting Man" at the Multi Purpose Health Service Walcha and "Eyebeam" to be placed at the Walcha Memorial Baths;
 2. **SEND** a letter of thanks to Stephen King and Ben Tooth for donating these artworks to Council.

10.3 Minutes of the Walcha Council Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2 November 2023 at Walcha Central School WO/2023/02146

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

97 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and Hicks that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Delegate Reports as presented.

11.1 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2023 – Clr Pointing WO/2023/02271

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.



12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Request regarding the Beverly Betts Rose Garden Ceremony – is it going to be before Christmas? Has the plaque been received?

Mayor Noakes requested if Director Corporate & Community can report back to Council on the following plant purchased, how they are performing against their business cases to purchase said plant:

- Jet Patcher
- Rubber Tracked Excavator

This request can be reported early in 2024.

13. CLOSED COUNCIL

13A Referral to Closed Council – Review of Apsley Riverview Aged Care Facility **WO/2023/02279**

98 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Pointing that:

1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 10A (2)(c) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, the matter of Review of Apsley Riverview Aged Care Facility 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;
2. FOR the reason above, Council **RESOLVE INTO** Closed Council and the press and the public be excluded.

99 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Berry and Ferrier.

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 Review of Proposal to Operate the Apsley Riverview Aged Care Facility
WINT/2023/05081**

RESOLVED on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Pointing that Council **COMMENCE** public consultation to obtain community feedback on the issue of the continued operation of Apsley Riverview Aged Care Facility with Council becoming the operator.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:05PM.

.....General Manager .....Mayor