



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 24 April 2024

at

3:25pm

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, AC Pointing and A Reilly.

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

### **1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

171 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Berry that Leave of Absence received from Clr Kermode, due to being on family holiday, and Clr Hicks, due to family obligations, be **ACCEPTED**.

**MINUTES**



**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2024:**

172 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Berry and Pointing that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2024, 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**

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

**6.1 Draft 2024-2025 Operational Plan for Public Exhibition**

**WO/2024/00678**

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

1. **PLACE** the proposed Draft 2024-2025 Operational Plan inclusive of the budget, fees & charges and revenue policy, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with Section 404 & 405 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*; and
2. **REQUEST** a further report to be submitted at the completion of the public exhibition period detailing any submissions received during exhibition or any minor changes are proposed for Council's consideration and final adoption.

**6.2 Renewable Energy Community Benefit Policy**

**WO/2024/00608**

This report was deferred.

**6.3 Regional Meetings 2024**

**WO/2024/00604**

175 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Berry that Council **APPROVE** the Regional Meetings Schedule for 2024 as follows:



**Monday 13 May 2024:**

11:30am            Moona / Winterbourne – Europambela Shearers Quarters  
02:30pm            Ingleba Hall  
05:00pm            Woolbrook AIF Memorial Hall

**Wednesday 15 May 2024:**

09:00am            Yarrowitch Hall  
11:30am            "Brockley Park" Shed  
02:30pm            Nowendoc Hall  
06:00pm            Walcha Bowling Club

**6.4 Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Priority List WO/2024/00681**

176 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Ferrier that Council:

1. Obtain community feedback in regards to the allocation of Local Roads & Community Infrastructure (LRCI) funding Phase 4;
2. Consider feedback and endorse LRCI Phase 4 Works Schedule for submission to the Commonwealth Government; and
3. Update the 2024-2025 Operational Plan for adoption accordingly

**6.5 Walcha Gym Membership Minimum Age Review – Update from ARIC  
WO/2024/00617**

177 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and Berry that Council **RETAIN** the minimum age for Walcha Council's Community Gym membership at 16 years old.

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

**8. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil.

**9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS**

**9.1 Office of the General Manager**

**WO/2024/00672**

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



**9.2 Infrastructure & Development**

**WO/2024/00677**

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

**9.3 Corporate & Community**

**WO/2024/00569**

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

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil.

**11. DELEGATE REPORTS**

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

**11.1 Draft Minutes of the District Liaison Committee – New England Rural Fire Service Meeting held on Thursday 29 February 2024 at the New England Fire Control Centre**

**12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**12.1 Solid Waste – Woolbrook & Nowendoc Waste Transfer Operational Costs** **WO/2024/00682**

182 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Berry and Pointing that Council **NOTE** the current operating performance of the Waste Transfer Facilities.

**13. CLOSED COUNCIL**

**13A Referral to Closed Council – Quote Evaluation / Loan Approval – Smooth Drum Roller Purchase** **WO/2024/00702**

183 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Pointing that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A (2)(c) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*:

1. the matter of Quote Evaluation / Loan Approval Smooth Drum Roller Purchase 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. Council **RESOLVE INTO** Closed Council and the press and public be excluded.

The Council moved into Closed Council at 4:17pm

184 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Reilly at 4:28PM.

**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 Quote Evaluation / Loan Approval – Smooth Drum Roller Purchase WO/2024/00695**

CC045/20232024 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Berry that Council:

1. *AUTHORISE the purchase of a Bomag BW219D-5 Smooth Drum Roller from Tutt Bryant Equipment;*
2. *AUTHORISE the execution of a Chattel Mortgage / Equipment Finance for the purchase of a smooth drum roller (Bomag BW219D-5); and*
3. *APPROVE the affixing of the Common Seal to all documentation relating to the establishment of a loan to finance the purchase of a smooth drum roller (Bomag BW219D-5) **FURTHER THAT** the affixing of the Common Seal be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.*

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:30PM.**