



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 9 October 2024

at

3:07pm

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 RS Greig, AJ Iuston, SC McCoy, GM O'Brien, GB Olrich, A-MC Pointing and RH Thomson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Hood – General Manager, Mr AS Butler – 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 28 AUGUST 2024:

39 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and O'Brien that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 28 August 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

Earlier today in an ExtraOrdinary meeting Councillors elected Glen O'Brien as Deputy Mayor and myself as Mayor for the next two years. This constitutes the seventeenth Council since Apsley Shire was amalgamated with the Municipality of Walcha in 1955. I would like to thank Councillors for the faith they have put in us to lead and the community for voting in eight Councillors as caretakers for the next four years.

At this point I would like to acknowledge Councillor Anne-Marie Pointing's contribution to Council as Deputy Mayor over the last two years. Anne-Marie's support and honesty with me has been unwavering and made my role easier.

Following on from some challenging and momentous decisions by the previous Council including a Special Rate Variation and setting a path for Riverview Aged Care Facility to be taken under Councils' umbrella, the leadership shown by that Council deserves special recognition today.

To the eight elected Councillors, congratulations on your election and I am sure we will carry on the collaborative and cohesive approach that makes our Council the envy of many.

But we have a lot of work to do. The continued implementation of our SRV, integrating Riverview, maintaining a large road network, adapting and shaping



the renewable energy transition and maintaining a skilled and positive workforce are but a few. All of this to be done with a limited budget and rising costs.

I have engaged with many Councils over the last eight years and Walcha has a positive uniqueness about that it is in part our responsibility to foster and preserve. There are many parts of a changing world we cannot avoid, but a focus on our community and its path will see us prosper.

"A ship in a harbour is safe but is not what ships are built for" a quote attributed to John A Shedd an American businessman to me sums up our position. We don't need to sail into a storm but we don't need to hide in the harbour either.

Clr Eric Noakes
Mayor of Walcha

40 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Mayor Noakes that the Mayoral Minute as read and submitted be **ADOPTED** by Council.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

41 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and Greig that the Senior Officers' Reports be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.

6.1 Local Government NSW Annual Conference WO/2024/01888

42 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors McCoy and Pointing that Council **APPROVE** the attendance of the Mayor, Clr Eric Noakes, and the General Manager and Councillors Olrich & O'Brien, as representatives at the 2024 Annual Conference of Local Government NSW **FURTHER THAT** the payment of all expenses associated with the attendance at the Conference be approved by Council.

6.2 Appoint Councillors as Delegates to the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee, Riverview Clinical Governance Committee and the General Manager's Performance Review Committee WO/2024/02177

43 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Olrich and O'Brien that Council **ENDORSE** and **APPROVE** the following Councillor Representation to the stated Council Advisory Committees:



Advisory Committee	Automatic Representation	Councillor Nomination
Walcha Council Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee	General Manager	Councillor Thomson Alternate: Pointing
Riverview Clinical Governance Committee	Nil.	1. Councillor Noakes 2. Councillor Pointing
General Manager's Performance Review Committee	Mayor & Deputy Mayor	1. Councillor Pointing 2. Councillor McCoy

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Clr Greig raised a Matter of Urgency regarding Winterbourne Wind Response to Submissions & Amendment Report that was released yesterday and is open to submissions for 28 days only.

44 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Greig and Iuston that the matter of Winterbourne Wind Response to Submissions & Amendment Report be discussed as a matter of urgency due to the 28 day time line and the complexity of the document.

It was ruled as a Matter of Urgency by the Chairperson.

45 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Greig and O'Brien that Council request:

1. a 35 day extension, which would be the 9 December 2024, for the submission process from the Planning Department for Council and the Community;
2. Winterbourne Wind to present this amended project to the community;
3. Two (2) printed copies of all documentation for the community to be able to read them.



9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

9.1 Office of the General Manager

WO/2024/02098

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

9.2 Infrastructure & Development

WO/2024/02157

47 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Greig and O'Brien that items included in the Infrastructure & Development Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

9.3 Corporate & Community

WO/2024/01918

48 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Greig and Iuston that items included in the Corporate & Community Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

10.1 Minutes of the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 August 2024 at Council Chambers. WO/2024/01757

10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Motorcycle Rally Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 September 2024 at Council Chambers. WO/2024/02174

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Nil.

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Pedestrian Crossings Derby & Fitzroy Streets:

Workshop the options with the new Council.

Derby Street Upgrade Project:

Q: What percentage of nightworks will there be on this project?

A: Director Infrastructure & Development: I am not aware of any however I will confirm and come back to you.



13. CLOSED COUNCIL

13A Referral to Closed Council – Nominations for Riverview Clinical Governance Committee WO/2024/02179

50 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors O'Brien and Greig that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*:

1. the matter of Riverview Clinical Governance Committee Membership 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);
2. Council **RESOLVE INTO** Closed Council and the press and the public be excluded.

51 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors O'Brien and Greig.

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 Riverview Committee Nominations

WO/2024/02159

CC008/20242025 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Greig and McCoy that Council **APPOINT** the following community members to the Riverview Committee:

1. *Adrian Allen;*
2. *Alison Jones; and*
3. *Leanne Morton.*

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