

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA ON WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2006 COMMENCING AT 1.05PM

PRESENT: Councillor WJ Heazlett (Chairman) Mayor, together with Councillors PR Blomfield, DJ Cross, KW Ferrier, L Levingston, RS Thomson and MJ Woods

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr JG O'Hara (General Manager), Mr SC McCoy (Director – Engineering Services) and Mr GA Moran (Director – Environmental Services).

APOLOGIES:

21 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that the apology received from Councillor Archdale being out of the Council area on leave be **ACCEPTED**.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2006

22 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Thomson that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcha Council held on Wednesday, 26 July 2006, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

7. TIMBER EXPO SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

W06/949

Councillor Ferrier and Councillor Levingston declared an interest being committee members.

LATE ITEM

2. COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS – 21W CHURCHILL STREET

W06/995

The Director – Environmental Services declared an interest in this matter being the lessee of the subject premises.

MAYORAL MINUTE

23 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillor Heazlett that the Mayoral Minute be **ADOPTED**.

24 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillor Heazlett that a formal acknowledgement of the General Managers' and the Director – Engineering Services'

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presentations to the NESAC Conference be made and at the exemplary manner in which these presentations were presented.

25 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillor Heazlett that Council offers formal congratulations to Councillor Woods on her appointment to the NSW State Weeds Advisory Committee.

SENIOR OFFICERS' REPORTS

26 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that the Senior Officers' Reports be received for further consideration.

1. DEDICATION OF ACCESS ROAD TO BUDDS MARE AND RIVERSIDE **W06/933**

It was **Moved** Councillor Ferrier **Seconded** Councillor Blomfield that Council extend its decision in February 2006 to include a commitment to provide \$20,000 in the 2007/2008 budget to assist the National Parks & Wildlife Service with the cost of dedicating the access road to Oxley Wild Rivers National Park (Budds Mare and Riverside) through the property Kanangravale.

On being put to the Vote the Motion was **LOST**.

2. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 3-06/07 – APSLEY MOTORS PTY LTD **W06/925**

27 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Levingston that Development Application No.3-06/07 lodged by Apsley Motors Pty Ltd to use Lot 1 DP 759035 being 203E Fitzroy Street Walcha NSW as an Unmanned Car Yard be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. A Development Application and Construction Certificate is to be lodged for any building work to be undertaken on the property.
2. No vehicles are to be displayed on the road reserve or footpath area.
3. The side boundary fence on the eastern side from the rear building alignment to the footpath is to be upgraded in accordance with the Council's Fencing Policy.
4. All vehicles are to enter and exit the property in a forward direction.
5. Any additional lighting to be installed at the premises is to be of a type that does not adversely impact on neighbouring properties or road users. Council will require full details before being installed.
6. The existing building is to be totally repainted.
7. NOTE: this approval does not include any use of the rear yard area.

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3. DONATION TOWN CLOCK

W06/943

28 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Thomson and Levingston that Council agree the donation of \$2,100 to purchase a clock to replace the former one on the Council Chambers.

4. WALCHA MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE – TEAM CHALLENGE

W06/951

29 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Blomfield that Council support:

- ❖ The concept of a Walcha Mountain Bike Team Challenge to be held in and around Walcha in late 2007.
- ❖ Working with the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, Walcha Together and the Walcha community to plan, develop and deliver the concept, and
- ❖ The concept by allocating \$5,000 to the project in the 2007/08 budget.

5. WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

W06/952

30 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Thomson that Walcha Council accept the offer by Uralla Shire Council to provide waste collection services for a period of two years to the communities of Walcha, Walcha Road and Woolbrook for \$1.00 per bin plus GST with an annual CPI increase, subject to the following:

- ❖ Council enter into a Service Level Agreement with Uralla Shire Council to:
 - Detail the agreed level of service to be provided and
 - Document operational responsibilities for both Councils.

6. NORTHERN RIVERS CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NRCMA) TABLELANDS IMPLEMENTATION OF NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS

W06/950

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

7. TIMBER EXPO SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

W06/949

At this stage Councillors Levingston and Ferrier left the Meeting.

31 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Thomson that Council provide sponsorship of \$750 for the 2006 Walcha Timber Expo.

Subsequently the two Councillors returned to the meeting.

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8. REQUEST FOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION **W06/896**

32 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Levingston that Council decline Armidale Dumaresq Council's request for a contribution towards the annual running costs of the New England Regional Arts Museum.

9. SCAN FUNDING AGREEMENT 1 JULY 2006 **W06/643**

33 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Blomfield that Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to the following documents:

- ❖ Acceptance of Funding for Walcha Preschool – New England SCAN – Supporting Children with Additional Needs Term 3 2006.
- ❖ Funding Agreement for Walcha Preschool – New England SCAN – Supporting Children with Additional Needs for the period ending 30 June 2009.

FURTHER THAT the affixing of the Common Seal be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

10. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REFERRAL – SALE OF 213N URALLA ROAD **W06/778**

34 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Cross that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of the sale of 213N Uralla Road, be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that it 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.

LATE REPORTS

1. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN FUNDRAISING – WALCHA CENTRAL SCHOOL **W06/994**

35 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Blomfield that Council agree to the request of the Walcha Central School to sell Guessing Competition tickets for \$2, the winner being the first person/family to drive or walk across the newly finished Middle Street Bridge in conjunction with the official opening of the bridge.

36 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Thomson that Council decline the request to conduct a competition to name the new Middle Street Bridge with a panel to decide the most appropriate or significant name and the panel to be made up of school/Council nominated persons.

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2. COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS – 21W CHURCHILL STREET **W06/995**

The Director – Environmental Services left the Meeting at this stage.

37 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Blomfield that Council retain 21W Churchill Street when 225E Croudace Street becomes vacant **FURTHER THAT** Council rent 225E Croudace Street through a local agent.

MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORT

W06/883

38 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Levingston that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 8 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

AFTERNOON TEA

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.10pm and Council resumed at 3.40pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Minutes of the Walcha HACC Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Community Health Building on Monday, 31 July 2006. **W06/890**
- b) Minutes of the Walcha Economic Development Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers, Walcha on Monday, 7 August 2006. **W06/954**
- c) Minutes of the Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Walcha on Tuesday, 8 August 2006. **W06/891**

39 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Thomson that the following recommendation from the Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee be referred to the next Council Meeting **FURTHER THAT** prior to the next Council Meeting the whole Council conduct a site inspection at the General Cemetery:

“that the Committee recommend to Council that the following tree plantings be undertaken at the General Cemetery:

- *That an avenue of trees be planted from the southern front entrance each side of the road finishing at the gate located at the northern end of the cemetery.*
- *In the older section of the cemetery the trees will be planted where spaces are available. Tree varieties to include Magnolia Grandifolia (evergreen), Tulip Tree (Fastigatum), Japanese Maple, Pistacia, and Liquid Amber,*
- *Scattered trees to be planted within the cemetery proper. At least on third of these trees to be Magnolia Grandifolia.”*

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- d) Minutes of the Walcha Preschool Advisory Committee Meeting held at Walcha Preschool on Tuesday, 15 August 2006. **W06/889**

40 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Blomfield and Cross that commencing in 2007 fruit is to be provided to children for morning tea **FURTHER THAT** in the event that children do not have fruit, food that is not prepacked, is to be supplied.

DELEGATE REPORTS

- a) Minutes of the New England North West Forestry Investment Group Meeting held at the Regional Development Board, Armidale on Thursday, 13 July 2006. **W06/895**
- b) Minutes of the New England Strategic Alliance Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 2 August 2006. **W06/657**

41 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Ferrier that Council adopt an interim policy that the costs of shared services be charged at the assessed grade of the new position under the common salary system, with any difference between the assessed grade and the current salary of employees being borne by the local employer Council **FURTHER THAT** this interim policy be reviewed after six months to assess its financial impact on individual Councils.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

42 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Ferrier that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole and that the press and public be excluded from the entire proceedings of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole for the reason that it 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.

43 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Cross.

The Mayor reported whilst in Committee of the Whole the following matters were discussed.

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.

1. DWELLING AT 213N URALLA ROAD, WALCHA

It was recommended by Councillors Woods and Levingston that Council offer 213N Uralla Road Walcha for sale through the three local real estate agents namely AB

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Elder & Co Pty Ltd, Pitt Son Porter & Finlayson Pty Ltd and Landmark Boultons, for an initial asking price of \$195,000.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

44 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Cross that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, 30 August 2006.

The Chairman publicly conveyed the recommendations passed by the Committee whilst in Committee of the Whole.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.05PM