

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA ON  
WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY 2007 COMMENCING AT 3.30PM.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor WJ Heazlett (Chairman) Mayor, together with Councillors PR Blomfield, DJ Cross, JM Archdale, KW Ferrier, 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:**

225 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Woods that the apology from Councillor Levingston being out of town be **ACCEPTED**.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
WALCHA COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE 2007:**

226 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Archdale and Ferrier that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcha Council held on Wednesday, 27 June 2007, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**SENIOR OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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

**1. CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUMS**

**W07/3166**

Councillor Cross left the Meeting at 3.36pm. Councillor Cross returned to the Meeting at 3.40pm.

It was **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier **SECONDED** Councillor Thomson that Council **NOTE** the Report.

An **AMENDMENT** was Moved by Councillor Archdale that Council **NOTE** the Report and hold a constitutional referendum at the next election with the proposal to abolish Wards

The Amendment failed to get a Secunder and **LAPSED**.

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228 The Motion became the substantive Motion and was **CARRIED**.

**2. 2007/2008 FINANCIAL ASSISTANT GRANT** **W07/3153**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**3. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE MONITORING 2005-06  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING** **W07/3197**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW –  
BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH  
LEGAL COSTS** **W07/3152**

229 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Ferrier that Council agree to contribute an amount of \$4,697.95 to Bankstown City Council's legal costs as requested by the Local Government & Shires Associations of NSW.

**5. STRATEGIC ALLIANCE CONFERENCE 2007** **W07/3150**

230 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Archdale and Thomson that the General Manager represents Council at the Strategic Alliance Conference.

**6. DEPARTMENT OF AGEING DISABILITY & HOME CARE  
EXTENDING EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION INITIATIVE  
2007 ENHANCING CAPACITY GRANTS** **W07/3131**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**LATE REPORTS**

**1. SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND LANDCARE COMMITTEE (SNELCC) –  
WALCHA OFFICE** **W07/3239**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Councillor Blomfield raised the following matters of urgency.

1. The litter on the Walcha to Uralla Road – Thunderbolts Way.
2. Cars driving on the footpath and derelict houses.
3. Empty shops

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231 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Cross that the items be transacted at this Meeting and also ruled by the Chairperson to be matters of great urgency.

**1. Walcha to Uralla Litter – Thunderbolts Way**

232 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Blomfield and Cross that Council request the service clubs to consider a clean-up campaign on the main roads for a \$1,000 donation **FURTHER THAT** Council write to Uralla Shire Council suggesting that they consider a similar program.

It was **AGREED** that the matters be left with the Director – Environmental Services for further follow up.

**2. Cars driving on the footpath and derelict houses.**

**3. Empty Shops**

**WALCHA MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS**

**W07/3129**

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

**Delegate Reports:**

- a) Minutes of the New England Local Government Meeting held at Glen Innes on Friday, 25 May 2007. W07/2413
- b) Minutes of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council (NEWA) Meeting held on 30 May 2007. W07/3210
- c) Minutes of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council (NEWA) Meeting held on 29 June 2007. W07/3211
- d) Minutes of the Advisory Committee of the New England Strategic Alliance of Councils Meeting held at Walcha Council Chambers on Wednesday, 2 July 2007. W07/3088

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.50PM.**