

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA ON
WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL 2008 COMMENCING AT 1.32PM**

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

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

APOLOGIES: Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES OF THE
WALCHA COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2008:**

359 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Levingston that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcha Council held on Wednesday, 26 March 2008, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Archdale declared an interest in item 1 due to spouse having an interest in a real estate agent that may be marketing these blocks.

Councillor Cross and Heazlett declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3 being the subject of the report.

SENIOR OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

**1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 26-2008 – BATH STEWART &
ASSOCIATES – NOVINE PTY LTD WINT/08/1128**

Councillor Archdale left the Meeting at this stage which was 1.38pm.

361 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Thomson that consideration of this matter be deferred until the Director – Environmental Services researches the possibility of placing additional conditions upon the development relating to:

- ❖ The construction standard of dwellings within the subdivision.
- ❖ Compulsory rain water tanks on each dwelling/structure.
- ❖ Time limit for construction of dwellings on each subdivided lot.
- ❖ Strategies for the control of environmental & aquatic weeds

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Councillor Archdale returned to the Meeting.

AFTERNOON TEA

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.06pm and resumed at 3.24pm.

2. ASSESSMENT MODEL FOR PROPOSED R2R WORKS

WINT/08/1126

362 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Blomfield that Council adopt as Policy the attached assessment model for ranking current and future proposals for extending the sealed road network using available funding allocated by Council from the R2R Program and that the ranking guide the order in which sites are completed **FURTHER THAT** the Policy be reviewed in three years.

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**ROADS TO RECOVERY 2 PROGRAM
PROJECT ASSESSMENT RANKING MODEL**

To be used for new seal and seal extension projects.

Criteria	Scale	Points
1. Road Usage		
Traffic volume (AADT)	Less than 40	0
	40 to 60	1
	61 to 80	2
	81 to 100	3
	101 to 200	5
	201 to 300	7
	More than 300	8
% Heavy vehicles	Less than 10%	0
	10 to 15%	2
	16 to 20%	4
	21 to 25%	5
	More than 25%	6
School Bus Route	No	0
	Yes	3
2. Road Condition		
Maintenance requirement	Every 2 years	0
	1 to 2 years	2
	Less than 1 year	4
	More frequently	5
3. Road Widening		

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Rectifies width deficiency	No Up to 1m 1 to 2m More than 2m	0 1 3 5
4. Road Alignment		
Rectifies speed deficiency compared to environmental speed	Less than 15kph 15 to 20 kph 21 to 30 kph More than 30 kph	0 1 2 3
5. Seal extension		
Number of permanently occupied dwellings served with no alternative sealed access	None 5 or less 6 to 10 11 to 15 16 to 20 More than 20	0 2 3 4 5 6
Seals missing link between two sealed ends on a through road	Up to 20% of gap 20 to 40% of gap 41 to 60% of gap 61 to 80% of gap Over 80% of gap	0 1 2 3 5
6. Road Safety		
Reported fatal, injury or non injury crashes over the past seven years	0 1 2 3 4 5 or more	0 1 2 3 5 7
7. Economics		
Project cost	More than \$750k \$501 to \$750k \$301 to \$500k \$101 to \$300k Less than \$100k	0 1 2 3 5
8. Other Factors		
Recognition of other relevant factors which may apply to a specific project but are not covered by Criteria 1 to 7. To be used with discretion to separate projects which otherwise might have a similar ranking.	Yes or No Brief description:	Maximum 2

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Total Score	
Ranking	

3. NOMINATE COUNCILLORS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS WINT/08/1125

363 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that Council nominate Councillors Cross and Heazlett for Outstanding Service Awards.

4. RANKING MODEL FOR DUST SEALING WORKS WINT/08/1085

Motion

It was **MOVED** Councillor Cross Seconded Councillor Thomson that Council adopt as Policy the attached assessment model for ranking current and future requests for dust sealing work and that the ranking determine the order in which sites are completed.

Amendment

It was **MOVED** Councillor Archdale Seconded Councillor Woods that **FURTHER THAT** an additional criteria titled '**Other**' be added with a maximum of 2 points and **STILL FURTHER THAT** the Policy be reviewed in three years.

The Amendment on being put to the **VOTE** was **CARRIED**.

364 It then became the Substantive Motion and was again **CARRIED**.

Councillor Ferrier left the Meeting at 4.58pm.

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Model for determining the ranking of locations requiring dust suppression.

Location

Criteria	Description	Score
Volume of passing traffic	High	3
	Medium	2
	Low	0
Distance of dwelling from road	Less than 60m	5
	61 to 100m	3
	101 to 200m	1
	More than 200m	0
Orientation	Eastern side	3
	Western side	1
	Other	0
Dwelling permanently occupied?	Yes	3
	No	0
Length of seal required	Less than 100m	3
	100 to 150m	2
	150m to 200m	1
	More than 200m	0
Contribution to cost of materials?	Yes	4
	No	0
Other Issues	Maximum	2
	Total Score	

5. SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW – 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WINT/08/992

365 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Blomfield that Council approve the attendance of four representatives at the 2008 Annual Conference of the Shires Association of NSW, those representatives being the Mayor as Voting Delegate, and the General Manager and Councillors Cross and Thomson as observers **FURTHER THAT** the payment of all expenses associated with the attendance at the Conference be approved by Council.

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**6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS PLANNING
REFORMS – REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS** WINT/08/1140

366 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Archdale that Council support the campaign by the Local Government and Shires Associations against some of the State Government's proposed changes to the planning system **FURTHER THAT** Council's contribution to be \$505.23.

**7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW –
GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH
LEGAL COSTS** WINT/08/991

367 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Archdale and Cross that Council agree to contribute an amount of \$1,675.99 to Gosford City Council's legal costs as requested by the Local Government & Shires Associations of NSW.

**8. FUNDING AGREEMENT – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND
ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING VARIATION – DEPARTMENT OF
AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE** WINT/08/1122

368 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Blomfield that Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to the following legal documents:

- ❖ Funding Agreement with the Ministry of Transport.
- ❖ Acceptance of Funding Variation – Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

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

**9. ANNUAL MEETINGS WITH RESIDENTS – PROPOSED SCHEDULE
FOR 2008** WINT/08/994

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**10. ACCESS TO INFORMATION HELD BY COUNCIL POLICY &
GUIDELINES** WINT/08/1129

369 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Levingston that Council adopt the 'Access to Information held by Council Policy' and the 'Access to Information Guidelines'.

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LATE REPORTS

1. WALCHA SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

WINT/08/1144

370 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Archdale that Council notes this report on the current problems and issues with the existing Sewage Treatment Plant and the future implications of each available course of action, and that Council consider a further report containing recommendations at the next Council Meeting.

2. BANKING TENDERS

Councillor Archdale and Mr Gerry Moran both declared an interest in this matter as their partners both work in the bank industry, and they left the Council Chambers.

371 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Levingston that Council join with the other participating NESAC Councils and put Council's banking services to tender.

Councillor Archdale and Gerry Moran returned to the Council Chambers.

Councillor Cross left the Meeting at 5.08pm.

WALCHA MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

WINT/08/995

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

Committee Reports:

a) Minutes of the Walcha Preschool Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walcha Preschool on Tuesday, 25 March 2008. WINT/08/1124

b) Minutes of the Walcha Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee Meeting held at the Walcha Council Chambers on Monday, 7 April 2008.

WINT/08/1123

373 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Blomfield and Thomson that additional seating be provided at the Walcha General Cemetery **FURTHER THAT** the seating be constructed in heavy timber construction.

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Delegate Reports:

- a) Minutes of the New England Strategic Alliance Audit Committee Meeting held at Armidale Dumaresq Council on Wednesday, 9 April 2008.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.30PM.**