

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALCHA COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMILTON STREET, WALCHA ON
WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2009 COMMENCING AT 1.07PM.**

PRESENT: Councillor WJ Heazlett (Chairman) Mayor, together with Councillors DJ Cross, JM Archdale, RS Thomson, MJ Woods and SJ Schmutter.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J G O'Hara (General Manager) and Mr SC McCoy (Director – Engineering Services).

APOLOGIES:

160 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Thomson and Cross that the apologies received by Councillors Ferrier being on leave and Councillor Levingston being out of the area on a Lions Conference, be received.

The Director – Environmental Services, Mr GA Moran, is also on Annual Leave.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES OF THE
WALCHA COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2009:**

161 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Wood and Archdale that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcha Council held on Wednesday, 25 March 2009, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record with an amendment to the Resolution 152 which should read:”that Councillor Ferrier be the Local State Member’s representation on the Traffic Committee.”

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Woods declared a non-pecuniary interest in Late Item 1 – Request to form a Committee for uses of the Old Hospital being the daughter of the suggested chairperson.

MAYORAL MINUTE

NIL.

SENIOR OFFICERS’ REPORTS

162 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schmutter and Cross that the Senior Officers’ Reports be received for further information.

1. ROADS TO RECOVERY PRIORITIES

WINT/09/466

163 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schmutter and Cross that Council adopt the following projects for the first year of the Roads to Recovery 2009-2014 Program:

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Replace and Realign Bridge at Tumble Downs	Brackendale Road	\$220,000
Replace Abutment on McHattans Bridge	Niangala Road	\$150,000
Rehabilitate and Kerb and Gutter Jameson Street from Derby to Middle St – Design Only	Jameson Street	\$12,000
Upgrade Drainage, Parking and Intersection at Showground – Design Only	Derby Street	\$13,000

**2. ANNUAL MEETINGS WITH RESIDENTS – PROPOSED SCHEDULE
FOR 2009** **WINT/09/461**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

3. ROAD NAMING **WINT/09/455**

164 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Archdale that Council advertise the naming of “Glen Haven Road” and “Hell Hole Road” and provided there are no objections from the public the names should then be gazetted.

4. REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES – VARIOUS **WINT/09/490**

165 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Archdale and Thomson that Council reaffirm the following policies as presented:

- ❖ Fraud Control Policy.
- ❖ Investment Policy.
- ❖ Records Management Policy.

FURTHER THAT Council **NOTED** that in the Investment Policy, third paragraph under Direct Investments which reads: *“In July 2007 Council’s investments were caught up in the world financial crisis. At the time Council used the services of an investment bank to invest in approved fixed income securities. Following a review of this arrangement Council no longer uses any external agencies to manage the investment portfolio.”* be **REMOVED** from the Investment Policy.

**5. APPLICATION FOR PECUNIARY INTEREST EXEMPTION FOR THE
MAKING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL
PLAN** **WINT/09/481**

166 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Thomson that Council submit the Pecuniary Interest Exemption for all Councillors to allow the making of a comprehensive Local Environmental Plan.

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**6. SCHOOL PROVISIONS UNDER STATE ENVIRONMENTAL
PLANNING POLICY (INFRASTRUCTURE) 2007 WINT/09/478**

Council **NOTED** the Report.

**7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REFERRALS – IT SOLUTION
TENDERS, PURCHASE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AT BEAVER PLACE
& WALCHA SQUASH COURTS – NEW LEASE WINT/09/518**

167 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Archdale that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matters of tenders for IT Solution, Purchase of Industrial Land at Beaver Place, Walcha and Walcha Squash Courts – New Lease be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that they relate 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 TO FORM A COMMITTEE FOR USES OF OLD HOSPITAL
WINT/09/521**

168 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Archdale and Schmutter that Council decline the request and advise Walcha Together that Council sees the suggested role of the Committee as one of the roles of the Walcha Development Committee.

WALCHA MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS WINT/09/475

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

Committee Reports:

- a) Minutes of the Walcha HACC Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walcha HACC Building on Monday, 6 April 2009. WINT/09/482

Delegate Reports:

- a) Minutes of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council held at Armidale on Monday, 1 December 2008. WI/09/1614
- b) Minutes of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council held at Armidale on Wednesday, 25 February 2009. WI/09/1613
- c) Minutes of the Mid North Weight of Loads Group Meeting held at Bellingen on Monday, 2 March 2009. WI/09/1653

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

170 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Cross and Thomson 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).

171 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Schmutter.

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 Councillor Cross and the press and the public.

**1. TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TRAINING,
MANAGEMENT AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF A FULLY
MANAGED LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SOLUTION** **WINT/09/507**

The Committee recommended on the Motion of Archdale and Schmutter that Council accept the tender from Civica Pty Limited for the supply, installation, training, management and annual maintenance of a fully managed Local Government information technology solution for a five year period for a cost of \$902,122.

2. INDUSTRIAL LAND – BEAVER PLACE, WALCHA **WINT/09/515**

The Committee recommended on the Motion of Woods and Thomson that Council offer:

1. Proposed Lot A measuring approximately 60 metres by 60 metres to DJ & TC Cotton for the amount of \$33,000; and
2. Proposed Lot B comprising an area approximately 1200 square metres to N Hoare for the amount of \$7,680.

FURTHER THAT these prices be based on a fixed cost of \$10,000 per Lot plus \$6.40 per square metre.

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**3. WALCHA SQUASH COURTS – PROPOSED NEW LEASE FOR
GYMNASIUM AREA** **WINT/09/451**

The Committee Recommended on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Archdale that Council approve the request of Vanessa Arundale to lease the first floor section of the Walcha Squash Complex to conduct a gymnasium, subject to the following conditions:

1. The facilities are to be managed so as not to interfere with competition squash (which is currently played on a Tuesday night).
2. In the event the Squash Committee change the competition night then two months notice is provided to the lessee.
3. The floor of the building is to be protected from damage by the machines and equipment.
4. Copies of all relevant insurance policies including Public Liability and Professional Indemnity are to be lodged with the Council.
5. A qualified person is to be in attendance when the facility is open to the public. NOTE this includes Tuesday night when squash is being played.
6. Cleaning of the squash courts and the amenities section will be undertaken by Council with the lessee responsible for cleaning the first floor section.
7. All advertising structures are to be approved by Council.
8. The applicant is to indemnify the Council from any actions/damages resulting from the use of the facility by clients other than users of the squash courts.
9. Selling or transferring the agreement/lease can only occur with the consent of Council.
10. The agreement/lease is for a period of two years.
11. Rent is set at \$150.00 per week with a review in twelve (12) months from the commencing day of the agreement/lease.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

172 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Schmutter that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, 29 April 2009 be **ADOPTED** by Council.

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 3.20PM.**