



EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Thursday, 09 April 2020

at

2:37pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

PRESENT: Clr EH Noakes (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors PR Blomfield (virtual), WJ Heazlett (virtual), JM Kealey, SJ Kermode, CM Lyon and RL Wellings (virtual).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs AD Modderno – General Manager, Mrs LJ Latham – Environmental Services Manager (virtual), Mrs RA Strobel – Chief Financial Officer and Mrs EL Hobbs – Executive Assistant.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

134 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that the Leave of Absence received from Clr Ferrier, having personal appointments, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



2. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

135 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kermode that the Senior Officers' Reports be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.

2.1 Development Application 10.2020.5 – Electronic Scoreboard and Installation of Shipping Container WINT/2020/01500

Installation of Shipping Container:

Motion:

It was **MOVED** Clr Lyon **Seconded** Clr Wellings that Council deny access to the shipping container on Peter Fenwicke Oval.

The Motion was put to the **VOTE** and **LOST**.

Being a Planning matter a **Division** was called prior to voting on this matter and the result was as follows:

For: Councillors: Lyon, Noakes and Wellings.

Against: Blomfield, Heazlett, Kealey and Kermode.

Absent: Ferrier.

Declared Interest: Nil.

136 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that Council give delegation to the General Manager to approve Development Application 10.2020.5 for the installation of a shipping container on Lot 3 DP 67559 known as Peter Fenwicke Oval, 10S Pakington Street, Walcha, as per the development conditions listed within the Development Assessment Report with the addition of a condition for the management of the vegetation onsite specifically the trees, if no written submissions of objection are received.

Being a Planning matter a **Division** was called prior to voting on this matter and the result was as follows:

For: Councillors: Noakes, Blomfield, Heazlett, Kealey and Kermode.

Against: Lyon and Wellings.

Absent: Ferrier.

Declared Interest: Nil.

Electronic Scoreboard:

137 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Lyon that Council defer Development Application 10.2020.5 for the erection of an electronic scoreboard on Lot 5 Section 5 DP 759035 to seek further clarification of ownership, ongoing maintenance and insurance.

Being a Planning matter a **Division** was called prior to voting on this matter and the result was as follows:



For: Councillors: Noakes, Blomfield, Heazlett, Kealey, Kermode, Lyon and Wellings.

Against: Nil.

Absent: Ferrier.

Declared Interest: Nil.

2.2 Commence Boundary Alignment Process – Niangala and Woolbrook

WO/2020/00731

138 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that Council commence the formal consultation and assessment process under the Local Government Amendment (Amalgamations and Boundary Changes) Act 1999 No 38 in conjunction with Tamworth Regional Council to prepare a submission for the Minister for Local Government’s consideration.

2.3 Funding for Future Council Facilities and Walcha Youth Strategies

WO/2020/00734

Walcha Council Facilities Strategy

139 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that Council **APPROVE** transfer of \$10,000 from the Project Development component of Internal Restricted Funds to develop a Walcha Council Facilities Strategy and Concept Design inclusive of a strategy that includes the acquisition of the land in Derby Street which would become part of the library development with the existing library.

Youth Strategy

140 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Wellings and Lyon that Council **APPROVE** transfer of \$10,000 from the Project Development component of Internal Restricted Funds to develop a Walcha Youth Strategy.

2.4 Allocation of Bushfire Recovery Funding

WO/2020/00814

Motion:

It was **MOVED** Clr Kermode **Seconded** Clr Kealey that Council, under the Bushfire Recovery and related funding programs, **ENDORSE** the delivery of the following Projects:

1. Kangaroo Flat Road;
2. Brackendale Road near Eastern Hills;
3. Brackendale Road MacLeods Creek to Salway;
4. Chinnocks Road;
5. Nuggetty Gully;
6. Free Entry to the Walcha Races – Project completed; and
7. Brackendale Road Bridge near Lowanna Road.



Amendment:

An **Amendment** was **MOVED** Clr Lyon **Seconded** Clr Heazlett requesting that no priority list be set until Council have firm costings for the following projects:

- Kangaroo Flat Road;
- Brackendale Road near Eastern Hills;
- Brackendale Road MacLeods Creek to Salway;
- Brackendale Road Bridge near Lowanna Road;
- Chinnocks Road;
- Nuggetty Gully; and
- Free Entry to the Walcha Races – Project completed.

On being put to the **VOTE** the **Amendment** was **LOST**.

141 The **Original Motion** becomes the **Substantive Motion** and was put to the **VOTE** and **CARRIED**.

2.5 Development Application 10.2020.7 – Erection of Shed at 58S Thee Street, Walcha WO/2020/00988

142 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that Council approve Development Application 10.2020.7 for the erection of a shed on Lot 5 Section 5 DP 234617, a known as 58S Thee Street, Walcha, as per the development conditions listed within the Development Assessment Report.

Being a Planning matter a **Division** was called prior to voting on this matter and the result was as follows:

For: Councillors: Noakes, Blomfield, Heazlett, Kealey, Kermode, Lyon and Wellings.

Against: Nil.

Absent: Ferrier

Declared Interest: Nil.

2.6 Recruitment and Selection Policy WO/2020/00809

143 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kermode that Council:

1. **ENDORSE** the public exhibition of the Draft Recruitment and Selection Policy for a period of 28 days; and
2. **ADOPT** the Draft Recruitment and Selection Policy as presented subject to no submissions received during the exhibition period.

2.7 Management Review Report as at 30 March 2020 WO/2020/00720

144 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 10.1 to 10.7 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.



3. REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

3A Referral to Closed Council – Walcha Truck Wash Bay Update and Pool Refurbishment Update WO/2020/00798

145 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matters of Walcha Truck Wash Bay Update AND Walcha Pool Refurbishment Project Update be referred to be discussed in Closed Council and close the meeting to the public for the reason that the reports 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.

3B Referral to Closed Council – Request for Reduction of Water Charges WO/2020/00993

146 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of Request for Reduction of Water Charges be referred to be discussed in Closed Council and close the meeting to the public for the reasons that the report relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING:

IN: 4:05pm

147 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Heazlett that Council resolve into Closed Council and that the press and public be excluded from the entire proceedings of the Meeting of the Closed Council Meeting for the reason that the reports 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 AND a report that relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

Out: 5:48PM

148 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Lyon.

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. Truck Wash Bay Update

WINT/2020/01595

The Committee **RECOMMEND** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kermode that Council **NOTE** the Report.

2. Walcha Pool Refurbishment Project Update

WINT/2020/01596

That the Committee **RECOMMEND** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that Council remove the solar heating from the scope of the Walcha Pool Refurbishment Project and apply for a grant to complete the solar heating **FURTHER THAT** spend \$156,795 from the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve to progress with the filter system and electrical upgrade.

3. Request for Reduction of Water Charges

WINT/2020/01449

The Committee **RECOMMEND** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council deny the application to reduce the Water Charges.

ADOPTION OF CLOSED COUNCIL

149 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Lyon that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Closed Council held on Thursday, 9 April 2020 be **ADOPTED** by Council.

The Mayor advised the Meeting that it has been a very tough over the last month and wishes to credit the General Manager for her leadership, stating she has led the Council well with vision for the future and was so far ahead of me regarding COVID-19. He further advised that from Council's point of view we are very thankful. Well done!

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:50PM.