



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Monday, 25 August 2014

at

2:06pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

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

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

1. APOLOGIES:

11 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that the apologies for Clr Levingston, being late due to a Doctors Appointment and subsequently arrived at 2:25pm, Clr Schmutter due to work commitments and Clr Lyon due to business commitments be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON MONDAY, 28 JULY 2014:

12 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 28 July 2014 copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item: 11.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Mountain Festival Committee

Clr Woods declared a non-serious, non pecuniary interest in this matter as her father is a member of the Committee.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

13 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Thomson and Heazlett that the Senior Officers' Reports be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.

6.1 Water Security for Region – Grant Program WO/2014/01501

14 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Thomson that Council make further application under the Water Security for Regions 2014-2015 Program based on works currently being performed by Hunter Water Australia (HWA).

6.2 Request for Sponsorship by Walcha Farmers Markets WO/2014/01535

It was **MOVED** Councillor Woods Seconded Councillor Heazlett that Council sponsor the Walcha Farmers Markets for \$500.

An Amendment was **MOVED** Councillor Thomson that Council sponsor the Walcha Farmers Markets for \$150.

The Amendment failed to get a seconder and therefore **LAPSED**.

14 The Original Motion become the Substantive Motion and was put to the vote and **CARRIED**.



Councillor Levingston arrived at 2:25pm.

6.3 Walcha Dairy **WO/2014/01539**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

6.4 Asset Management Plans – Roads and Bridges **WO/2014/01519**

These Plans are to be 'laid on the table until next meeting'.

6.5 Public Feedback to Request to Rename Yarowitch Post Office Road
WO/2014/01522

It was **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Levingston that Council:

- i. Retain the name Yarowitch Post Office Road.
- ii. Rename Range View Road to Green Acres Road under the Roads Act 1993.
- iii. After the renaming of "Range View Road" is completed provide a new rural address for the property known as "Green Acres".

An Amendment was **MOVED** by Councillor Heazlett Seconded Councillor Thomson that Council:

- i. Retain the name Yarowitch Post Office Road.
- ii. Rename Range View Road to Moodies Road under the Roads Act 1993.
- iii. After the renaming of "Range View Road" is completed provide a new rural address for the property known as "Green Acres".

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

15 It then became the Substantive Motion and was put to the **VOTE** and **CARRIED**.

6.6 Update on Planning Requirements for Wind Farms and the Development of a New England "Zero Net Energy Town" **WO/2014/01540**

16 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Thomson that Council lodge an expression of interest to become the subject town in the 'Zero Net Energy Town' Project.

6.7 Pecuniary Interest Annual Returns for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 plus New Designated Person Initial Return **WO/2014/01523**

17 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that Council formally records that the Ordinary Returns of Pecuniary Interest required to be submitted by Councillors, the General Manager and Designated Staff, for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 have been submitted as required and have been tabled in accordance with the provisions of Section 450A of the Local Government Act, 1993



FURTHER THAT Council formally records that the Primary Return of Pecuniary Interest required to be submitted by Designated Staff, within the three month period after being appointed, have been submitted as required and have been tabled in accordance with the provisions of Section 450A (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

6.8 Review of “Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayors, Councillors & Staff” Policy for Adoption **WO/2014/01526**

18 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that Council **ADOPT** the “Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities for Mayors, Councillors & Staff” Policy as presented.

6.9 Entering and Sealing of the Rate Book – 2013/2014 Year **WO/2014/01521**

19 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the Common Seal be affixed to the 2013/2014 Rate Book Reconciliation and be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

6.10 Initial Reconciliation of Valuations to Rates Levied 2014/2015 **WO/2014/01521**

20 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the Common Seal be affixed to the Initial Reconciliation of Valuations to Rates Levied as at the 1 July 2014 and be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

LATE REPORTS:

- 1. **Walcha Community Connect** **WO/2014/01566**
- 2. **Walcha Community Connect Part 2** **WO/2014/01570**

21 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that Council approach our Local Member requesting a meeting with the Minister for Family and Community Services, Gabrielle Upton MP, to seek direct funding to continue the Walcha Community Connect program in Walcha.

6.11 Committee of the Whole Referral – Business Proposal Tourism Signage and Doctors Residence **WO/2014/01534**

22 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of a business proposal on tourism signage AND doctors residence 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.



7. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Councillor Ferrier raised the need for a Business Houses Association.

23 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the item be considered a Matter of Urgency. The Chairperson also ruled it as a matter of urgency.

24 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Thomson that the General Manager prepare a report for the next meeting of council on the possible establishment of a Section 355 Committee called the Business Houses Association.

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

25 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Thomson 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 the items 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.

26 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston.

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.

8.1 Business Proposal Tourism Signage WINT/2014/01438

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Woods and Thomson that Council decline the offer of taking up the advertising space on the sign.

8.2 Doctors Residence WINT/2014/01441

The Committee **NOTED** the Report.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

27 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Ferrier that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Monday, 25 August 2014 be **ADOPTED** by Council.



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

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS **WO/2014/01486**

28 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 10 inclusive be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Mountain Festival Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 August 2014. **WO/2014/01515**

29 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that the Walcha Mountain Festival Committee seek financial sponsorship for the event.

30 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that the Walcha Mountain Festival Committee run a raffle at the Festival at Langford.

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

11.1 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW General Meeting held on Friday, 8 August 2014 at the Country Embassy, Sydney. **WI/2014/04426**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:20PM.