



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 28 August 2019

at

2:05pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr JG O'Hara, General Manager, Mr DJM Reeves, Director – Engineering Services, and Mrs LJ Latham, Environmental Services Manager.

1. APOLOGIES:

Nil.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2019:

19 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 31 July 2019, 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

Nil.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

CHANGE OF ORDER

20 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council change the Order of the Business paper to bring the Matters of Urgency and Committee of the Whole forward.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

21 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Mayor Noakes that the Recruitment and Appointment of General Manager be considered as a matter of urgency.

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

12.0 Committee of the Whole Referral – Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Concrete & Fibre Reinforced Pipes WO/2019/02160

22 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Wellings that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Concrete & Fibre Reinforced Pipes REGPRO621920 be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that the report 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.

Committee of the Whole Referral – Mayoral Report – Recruitment and Appointment of General Manager WO/2019/02225

23 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Wellings that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of Recruitment and Appointment of General Manger be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that the report relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.



24 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey 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 report relates to commercial information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

25 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier.
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.

**2.1 Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Concrete & Fibre Reinforced Pipes
REGPRO621920 WINT/2019/02160**

The Committee **RECOMMEND** on the Motion of Councillors Wellings and Kealey that Council **ACCEPT** the Tender Submitted by Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd T/as Humes as recommended by the Regional Procurement Tender.

2.2 Mayoral Report – Recruitment and Appointment of the General Manager

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Ferrier:

1. That the Preferred Candidate selected by the Recruitment Panel at interview for the position of General Manager of Walcha Council, and as outlined in the Process and Outcome report by the Recruitment Consultant and circulated to Councillors separately be offered the position and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, with advice from the Recruitment Consultant, be authorised to finalise negotiations based on the provisions outlined in the Recruitment Consultants report.
2. That no public announcement of the name of the successful candidate be made until the Mayor has obtained a written acceptance of the offer from the Preferred Candidate.
3. That the Employment Contract between the appointee and the Council be executed under the Common Seal of the Council **FURTHER THAT** be attested to by the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.
4. That the Council thank the members of the Recruitment Panel for their diligence and commitment in overseeing the recruitment process.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

26 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Wellings that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, 28 August 2019 be **ADOPTED** by Council.



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

Matters of Urgency Matter Number 2:

The matter of FREE Ticket entry to the Walcha Rugby Union was raised as a Matter of Urgency by Clr Lyon and Clr Kermode. It was ruled as a matter of urgency by the Chairperson.

27 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Wellings that Council provide FREE ENTRY to Walcha residents to the Central North Rugby grand final on the proviso that Walcha qualifies for a home Grand Final.

Matters of Urgency Matter Number 3:

The Matter of Sydney Weekender was raised as a Matter of Urgency by Clr Noakes and put to the VOTE and CARRIED.

28 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillor Noakes that Council contribute \$2,000 towards the cost of four members of Sydney Weekender crew to travel to Walcha FURTHER THAT this cost to be funded from Working Funds.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

6.1 Internal Reporting – Public Interest Disclosures Policy WO/2019/02148

30 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council ADOPT the Draft Internal Reporting – Public Interest Disclosures Policy and Procedures as presented.

6.2 Refer 2018 – 2019 Financial Statements to Audit WO/2019/02128

31 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that the 2018 – 2019 Financial Reports be referred for Audit FURTHER THAT a Statement in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, be completed and signed by the appropriate signatories.

**6.3 Draft Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy 2019
WO/2019/02161**

32 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council:

1. Exhibit the Draft Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy 2019 for a period of 28 days; and
2. ADOPT the Draft Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy 2019 as presented subject to no submissions received during the exhibition policy.



6.4 Food Regulation Activity Annual Report

WO/2019/02138

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

WO/2019/02140

33 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 9.1 to 9.16 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Arts Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street Walcha on Tuesday, 13 August 2019.

WO/2019/02091

3.3 LGA Boundary Signage – update

34 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that the proposed design of the Local Government Area boundary signage is confirmed and referred to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee for their approval and to seek clarification of the Aboriginal land boundaries.

4.3 Review of Policy related to Gallery and Management of Exhibition

35 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that the Committee hold a workshop with Caroline Downer, Executive Director of Arts North West, to develop a suite of Public Art Policies to be presented to Council.

4.4 Future Projects

36 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council:

1. commission a \$30,000 stand alone sandstone sculpture by Michael Purdy to be situated outside the National Australia Bank, with the Sculpture and installation to be funded by the \$20,000 donation and funds that have been carried over from the Arts Budget.
2. request a concept design from the artist through the Arts Advisory Committee for approval.

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

11.1 Minutes of the Walcha Community Consultative Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 14 May 2019 at the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha.

WO/2019/01982



11.2 Minutes of the Walcha Community Consultative Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 August 2019 at the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha.

WO/2019/02136

37 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that future Draft Minutes of the Walcha Community Consultative Committee Meetings be presented to the Sergeant for approval to be included in the Business Paper.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3:45PM.