



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Monday, 16 December 2013

at

3:05pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

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

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

### **1. APOLOGIES:**

Nil.

MINUTES



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**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2013:**

101 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Schmutter that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 November 2013, 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**

**6.1 Local Land Services Board of Chairs' Response to IPART Draft Report *Review of Funding Framework for Local Land Services***

**WO/2013/02097**

Clr Woods declared a pecuniary interest in this matter as she is a Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Board Member.

**6.4 Approval for loan for Woolbrook Bridge Replacement**

**WO/2013/02022**

Clr Archdale declared a pecuniary interest as her spouse has an interest in a banking agency business in Walcha.

**5. MAYORAL MINUTE**

102 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillor Archdale that the Regional Development Australia Round 4 Funding has been confirmed and that the Mayor proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to local member Barnaby Joyce MP.

**6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT**

103 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that the Senior Officers' Reports be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.



**6.1 Local Land Services Board of Chairs' Response to IPART Draft Report Review of Funding Framework for Local Land Services**

**WO/2013/02097**

Councillor Woods left the Council Chambers and took no part in the debate.

104 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schmutter and Lyon that Council submit a submission to IPART on the Local Land Services Board of Chairs' Response objecting to Council collecting any Local Land Services Rates **FURTHER THAT** also objecting to Council paying any Local Land Services Rates **STILL FURTHER THAT** objecting to making the minimum rateable land be reduced to less than 2 hectares.

Councillor Woods returned to the Meeting and was informed of the resolution.

**2. Rabbit Eradication Program**

**WO/2013/02102**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**3. Change of Meeting Date for January and February 2014**

**WO/2013/02107**

105 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Levingston that the January 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting be cancelled **FURTHER THAT** the February 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting be held on Wednesday, 19 February 2014.

**6.4 Approval for loan for Woolbrook Bridge Replacement**

**WO/2013/02022**

Councillor Archdale left the Meeting and took no part in the debate. Clr Schmutter, Deputy Mayor, took the Chair.

106 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council borrows \$600,000 to fund its share of the Woolbrook Bridge Replacement over 10 years with quarterly repayments and a fixed interest rate from the National Australia Bank **FURTHER THAT** Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to all legal documentation **STILL FURTHER THAT** the affixing of the Common Seal be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

Councillor Archdale returned to the Meeting and was informed of the resolution. Clr Schmutter vacated the Chair and the Mayor, Clr Archdale resumed the Chair.



**6.5 Affix Common Seal to Agreement to Remove Gravel from a Quarry – DC & BS Parrish – “Claremont” WO/2013/02074**

107 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Thomson that Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to the following legal document:

- ❖ Agreement to Remove Gravel from a Quarry between Walcha Council and CD & BS Parrish at “Claremont”, 669 Kangaroo Flat Road, Yarrowitch.

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

**6.6 Committee of the Whole Referral – Wind Farm and Transmission Line Consents WO/2013/02105**

108 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 (d) (iii) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of Wind Farm and Transmission Line Consents be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**7. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Proliferation of Signs

109 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Lyon that the matter of proliferation of signs be discussed as a matter of urgency.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Director – Environmental Services compose a report to the February 2014 Meeting.

**8. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS WO/2013/02096**

110 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Schmutter that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 9 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.



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## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 18 November 2013. WO/2013/2109**

## **10. DELEGATE REPORTS**

**10.2 Minutes of the Northern Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council held in Armidale on Wednesday, 28 August 2013.**

**10.2 Minutes of the Northern Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council held in Armidale on Wednesday, 30 October 2013.**

## **11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

111 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Levingston 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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

112 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett 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.

### **11.1 Planning Issues – Wind Farm and Transmission Line Consents WINT/2013/03166**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Schmutter and Levingston that Council authorise the General Manager to investigate options that may be available to assist energy generating developments through the planning process.



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**ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

113 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Monday, 16 December 2013 be **ADOPTED** by Council.

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

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:07PM.**