



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 14 February 2018

at

3:30pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

PRESENT: Clr EH Noakes (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors PR Blomfield, KW Ferrier, WJ Heazlett, JM Kealey, SJ Kermode 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:

96 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Kermode that the apology received from Clr Lyon, due to an emergency on his property, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2017:

97 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Kermode that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 December 2017, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Council request the Ramps Policy be reviewed after 12 months.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

6.1 Joint Organisation Nomination – Walcha Council WO/2018/00052

99 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that in accordance with Part 7 of Chapter 12 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Walcha Council resolves:

1. That the Council inform the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, of the Council's endorsement of the Minister recommending to the Governor the establishment of a Joint Organisation Namoi Unlimited in accordance with this resolution.
2. To approve the inclusion of the Council's area in the Joint Organisation's area.
3. that the Joint Organisation be established to cover the Council's area and any one or more of the following council areas:
 - a) Gunnedah Shire Council
 - b) Gwydir Shire council
 - c) Liverpool Plains Shire Council
 - d) Narrabri Shire Council
 - e) Tamworth Regional Council
 - f) Walcha Council.
4. That before 28 February 2018 the General Manager provide the Minister with a copy of this resolution including the date on which Council made this resolution.
5. That, on the expiry of a period of 28 days from the making of this resolution, the General Manager inform the Minister that this resolution has not been rescinded for the purpose of the Minister issuing a certificate under Section 400P of the Act.



6.2 Quarterly Review of 2017/2018 Budget as at 31 December 2017

WO/2018/00119

100 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Heazlett that Council adopt the December 2017 Quarterly Budget Review Statements **FURTHER THAT** Council approve the variations in Income and Expenditure votes as detailed.

6.3 Final Audit Management Letter Year Ending June 2017 WO/2018/00117

101 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Kealey that Council **NOTE** the Report.

6.4 Delivery Program Six Monthly Review 2017/2018 – 2020/2021as at December 2017 WO/2018/00166

102 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Heazlett that in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council **ADOPT** the Delivery Program 2017/2018 – 2020/2021 December 2017 six monthly review.

6.5 2019 Rural Women’s Gathering – Request for Financial Sponsorship and In-Kind Support WO/2018/00379

103 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council agree to establish a Rural Women’s Gathering Committee under Section 355 of the Local Government Act, 1993, to facilitate the auspicing of the Rural Women’s Gathering and with the following specifications:

Function of the Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to prepare and submit an Expression of Interest to host the Rural Women’s Gathering. If successful, the Committee will also be required to organise and run the event.

Membership

2 Councillors – Clr Kealey (Chairperson) & Clr Wellings
8 – 10 Community Members

Meetings

The Committee is to meet as required until the EOI is submitted and then if successful, bi-monthly. The appointed Councillor is to act as the Chairperson and the Quorum will be half the number of the members of the Committee plus one.

104 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that Council declines the financial request of \$20,000 donation but agree to the in-kind assistance requested.



6.6 Reintroduction of the Dust Suppression Program **WO/2018/00181**
 105 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Wellings that Council adopt the following model for the Dust Suppression Program:

Criteria	Description	Score
Volume of Passing Traffic	High	3
	Medium	2
	Low	1
	Property Owner Only	0
Through Road or Non Through Road	Through Road	2
	Non Through Road	0
Distance of Dwelling from Road	Less than 60m	5
	61 to 100m	4
	101 to 150m	3
	151 to 200m	2
	201 to 250m	1
	More than 250m	0
Vegetative Cover Between The Road & Household.	Clear	2
	Sporadic Tree Cover	1
	Dense Tree Cover	0
Property /Area Average Recorded Rainfall	Less than 750mm	2
	Between 750mm & 1000mm	1
	Greater than 1000mm	0
Dwelling Permanently Occupied	Yes	2
	No	0
Heavy Vehicle Movements	Frequent	2
	Infrequent	0
Length of Seal Required	Less than 100m	2
	101m to 150m	1
	More than 150m	0
Extenuating Circumstances	Recognition of further circumstances is required, however this must be impartial. It is recommended that residents that have any further considerations approach Council and a report is written for Council's consideration. The impact upon the residents place on the list will be deciphered by Council.	N/A
Total possible points	-	20



6.7 Walcha Council Community Care & Early Intervention Policies

WO/2018/00170

106 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that the Walcha Council Community Care and Early Intervention Policies be **ADOPTED** by Council.

6.8 Review and Adoption of Walcha Council's Asbestos Policy

WO/2018/00102

107 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Kermode that Council **ADOPT** the Walcha Council Asbestos Policy as presented.

6.9 Affix Common Seal to Transfer of Closed Road Lot 4 DP 1152715 to NT & E Higgins

WO/2018/00053

108 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to all documentation relating to the Lot 4 DP 1152715 Closed Road between Council and NT & E Higgins **FURTHER THAT** the affixing of the Common Seal be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

6.10 Council Office Building Heating Upgrade **WINT/2017/02689**

109 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that Council move the replacement of the current heating system in the Council Office Building, 2W Hamilton Street, Walcha from the 2019/2020 Capital Works Program to the current 2017/2018 Capital Works Program.

LATE REPORT

1. Request for Sponsorship – Bobby Jack's Festival Inc **WO/2017/00222**

110 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Wellings that Council agree to sponsorship of \$1,500 towards the Bobby Jack's Festival with the cost to be funded from the Tourism vote.

6.11 Committee of the Whole Referral – Shared Panel of Conduct Reviewers – Expression of Interest **WO/2018/00055**

111 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of Shared Panel of Conduct Reviewers be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that it would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.



8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Clr Heazlett raised the issue of Walcha Water Security as a matter of urgency. It was ruled by the Chairman to be a matter of urgency.

Motion:

It was Moved by Clr Heazlett that Walcha Council ask Kevin Anderson MP to take a delegation to the Minister to obtain High Security Water Licences from the Apsley & Macdonald Rivers.

The Motion **FAILED** to get a **SECONDER** and therefore **LAPSED**.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

WO/2018/00059

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

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

11.1 **Minutes of the Namoi Unlimited Board Meeting held on Thursday, 14 December 2017 at Bingara.** **WI/2018/00836**

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

113 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Blomfield 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 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.

114 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermodé.

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.



12.1 Expression of Interest – Shared Panel of Conduct Reviewers

WINT/2018/00209

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Kealey and Wellings that Council:

- a) Share a panel of Conduct Reviewers with the following Councils:
 - ✚ Gunnedah Shire Council
 - ✚ Narrabri Shire Council,
 - ✚ Tamworth Regional Council,
 - ✚ Uralla Shire Council.
- b) Appoint the panel of Conduct Reviewers for a period of four (4) years as set out below:
 - ✚ O’Connell Workplace Relations Pty Ltd,
 - ✚ SINC Solutions Pty Ltd
 - ✚ Centium Group Pty Ltd
 - ✚ Locale Consulting Pty Ltd; and
 - ✚ Linda Petterson Consulting Pty Ltd.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

115 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, 14 February 2018 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 5:00PM.