



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 24 February 2021

at

3:03pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

The Audio Recording Statement was read by Mayor Noakes.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr CM Weber – Interim General Manager, Mrs LJ Latham – Director Environment & Development, Mr PR Murray – Director Infrastructure and Mrs EL Hobbs – Executive Assistant.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

184 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Kealey that the Leave of Absence received from Clr Wellings, due to personal reasons, and Clr Lyon, due to being on leave and personal reasons, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES

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 General Manager  Mayor



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2021:

185 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Blomfield that the Minutes of the ExtraOrdinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 January 2021, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2021:

186 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Blomfield that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Friday, 29 January 2021, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

The Chair, Clr Noakes, requested Staff check if Yarrowitch Public Hall & Recreation Reserve Project has received additional funding from elsewhere.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

6.1 Quarterly Review of Operational Plan & Budget as at December 2020

WO/2021/00561

188 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that Council:

1. **ADOPT** the December 2020 Quarterly Budget Review Statements; and
2. **APPROVE** the variations in Income and Expenditure votes as detailed in the Report.

NOTES those two items as mentioned and brought back to QBRS 3 quarter.

6.2 Request for Event Seed Funding – Walcha Swap Meet and Flea Market

WO/2021/00522

189 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council **APPROVE** the use of up to \$3,305 for the Walcha Swap Meet and Flea Market, to cover costs that are not eligible under the Summer Fund – Festival of Place funding guidelines.

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7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

9.1 Office of the General Manager

WO/2021/00579

190 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Ferrier that items included in the Office of General Manager Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

9.2 Infrastructure

WO/2021/00408

191 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that items included in the Infrastructure Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

9.3 Development & Environmental – not submitted

9.4 Community & Tourism

WO/2021/00535

192 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that items included in the Community & Tourism Management Review be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers on Wednesday, 03 February 2021. WO/2021/00366

193 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council introduce an *Acknowledgement to Country* at the commencement of Council Meetings with the following endorsed wording:

“We acknowledge the Dunghutti people as the traditional owners of the land that we meet on. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and recognise their continuing connection to the land, water and community of which we are a part.”

10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers on Friday, 12 February 2021 WO/2021/00517

Item 3.8 – Caravan Access to Water

194 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that Council provide a dedicated drinking water refill point separate from dump point tap.

10.3 Minutes of the Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee Meeting held at Community Care Office on Wednesday, 17 February 2021.

WO/2021/00588

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Item 6.3 – Parking at Walcha Council Community Care

195 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Kealey that Council write to Hunter New England Health Service to investigate parking solutions at the Walcha Council Community Care site.

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

11.1 Minutes of the Walcha Community Consultative Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, 09 February 2021 **WI/2021/02200**

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

13. REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

13A Referral to Closed Council – Request for Discount on Waste Depot Fees
WO/2021/00582

196 **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 Request for Discount on Waste Depot Fees BE referred to be discussed in Closed Council and close the meeting to the public for the reason that the report relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

13B Referral to Closed Council – Evaluation of Tenders for Truck Wash Bay Facility AND Delegation to General Manager to Sign Memorandum of Understanding with Local Land Services Re: Moona Winterbourne Linear Barrier Fence
WO/2021/00583

197 **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 matters of Evaluation of Tenders for the Walcha Truck Wash Bay Facilities AND Delegation to General Manager to Sign Memorandum of Understanding with Local Land Services 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.

CLOSED COUNCIL:

198 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Blomfield and Kermode 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 Closed Council for the reason that it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors) AND 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.

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199 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett.

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.

The Chairman publicly declared the resolutions passed by the Council whilst in Closed Council.

13.1 Request for Discount on Waste Depot Fees **WINT/2021/01846**
CC: 44/20202021 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Blomfield that Council Approve the refund of these fees to the value of \$89.50 and write a letter to advise that this is a one off as a result of the bushfire and COVID-19 restrictions and conditions.

13.2 Tender for Walcha Truck Wash Bay Facility **WO/2021/00568**
CC45/20202021 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council:

1. **ENDORSE** the evaluation outcome identifying the tender from Washbay Specialists for \$560,966 (GST exclusive) as the preferred supplier;
2. **ENDORSE** the increase in the Walcha Truck Wash Bay budget by \$252,000 from \$787,230 to \$1,039,230 at the next Quarterly Budget Review with the additional funds sourced from the currently unallocated \$476,914 Local Roads and & Community Infrastructure (Phase 2) grant program, subject to Federal Government approval.

13.3 Delegation to General Manager for Memorandum of Understanding with Local Land Services for Moona Winterbourne Linear Barrier Fence **WINT/2021/01938**

CC46/20202021 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Blomfield that Council:

1. In accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, not release a tender for the Moona Winterbourne Linear Barrier Fence Project due to extenuating circumstances; and
2. Delegate authorisation to the General Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Northern Tablelands Local Land Services (NTLLS) as attached to the report.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:15PM.

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