



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Friday, 29 January 2021

at

10:00am

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:** Mrs AD Modderno – General Manager, Mr PR Murray – Director Infrastructure and Mrs EL Hobbs – Executive Assistant.

**1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Nil.

MINUTES



**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2021:**

161 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Wellings that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 December 2020, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

***Item 6.3 – Formation of Walcha Council Community Gym Committee Under Section 355***

Clr Kealey asked whether the Fees should be included in the Amendment that was moved and lost – but the detail of the fees are not articulated in the minutes.

***Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion No.: 21 – Available Residential & Industrial Land – Clr Noakes***

Clr Healzett asked for an update on this item and was advised that a new Monthly report will be on Status of Resolutions and this will reflect the steps involved in each resolution as well as the status of them.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

***Item 13.2 – Walcha Community Gym Advisory Committee Membership***

Clr Blomfield declared a pecuniary interest in this matter due to the fact that his cousin was an applicant to be a community member of this committee.

**5. MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil.

**6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT**

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

***6.1 2019 – 2020 Financial Statements Presentation by Auditor***

**WO/2021/00244**

The Auditor, Chris Harper, presented his report.

***6.2 Request for Funding Walcha Show 2021 through Bushfire Community Recovery & Resilience Fund Phase 2 Stream 1***

**WO/2020/04698**

163 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that Council **APPROVE** \$20,000 of the community led project portion of the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund Phase 2 Stream 1 to be allocated to the



2021 Walcha Show Society as per the application received and previous consent received by electronic mail.

**6.3 Review of Applications for Bushfire Community Recovery & Resilience Fund Phase 2 Stream 1 Community Projects Funding WO/2020/04113**

**Suspend Standing Orders:**

164 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Wellings that Council Suspend Standing Orders to discuss the applications.

**Resume Standing Orders:**

165 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Kealey that Council Resume Standing Orders.

***Yarrowitch Public Hall & Recreation Reserve Land Manager***

166 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Ferrier that Council **APPROVE** the grant funding application from Yarrowitch Hall Land Managers.

***Woolbrook Stampede Committee***

167 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council **APPROVE** the grant funding application from Woolbrook Stampede Committee.

***Walcha Youth Group***

168 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Welling and Heazlett that Council **APPROVE** the grant funding application from Walcha Youth Group.

***High Country Long Lunch – St Patricks School***

It was **MOVED** Clr Kealey **Seconded** Clr Heazlett that Council **APPROVE** the grant funding application from High Country Long Lunch – St Patrick School.

An **Amendment** was **MOVED** Clr Lyon **Seconded** Clr Wellings that Council decline the application and ask for it to go back to be more detailed to see what the \$18,000 is funded for and also more detail on the ticket funding.

Clr Kealey spoke against the **Amendment**.

The **Amendment** was put to the **VOTE** and **LOST**.

169 The **Original Motion** became the Substantive Motion and was put to the **VOTE** and **CARRIED**.

***Round 2 Community Grant Funding***

170 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that Council **APPROVE** a further Round 2 of Community Grant Funding to be opened for other



Walcha Committees and Groups to apply for the remaining funds of \$17,920 by the end of March 2021 and close by end of May 2021.

**6.4 2019 – 2020 Annual Report for Notation WO/2021/00239**

171 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Heazlett that Council **NOTE** the Report.

**6.5 Status of Council Resolutions – New monthly Report WO/2021/00240**

172 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that Council **NOTE** the Report.

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**8. MATTER OF URGENCY**

173 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Mayor Noakes that an **URGENT** Personnel Matter be discussed as it is time sensitive as a Matter of Urgency.

174 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that Matters of Urgency be moved to the End of the Meeting and considered in Closed Council.

**9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS**

Nil.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil.

**11. DELEGATE REPORTS**

**11.1 Minutes of the Namoi Unlimited Board Meeting held at Walcha Council on Tuesday, 08 December 2020. WI/2020/18681**

**12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil.



**13. CLOSED COUNCIL**

**13A Referral to Closed Council for:**

- 1. Recruitment Activities**
- 2. Walcha Community Gym Advisory Committee Membership; and**
- 3. Request to Waive Rural Waste Management Fee**
- 4. Matters of Urgency – Discussion of Personnel Matter – Kealey and Wellings**

175 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matters of:

1. Recruitment Activities;
2. Walcha Community Gym Advisory Committee Membership;
3. Request to Waive Rural Waste Management Fee; and
4. Matter of Urgency – Discussion of Personnel Matter

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).

176 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that Council resolve into Closed Council and that the press and public be excluded from the entire proceedings of the Meeting of the Closed Council for the reason that the reports relate to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

177 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 Mayor publicly declared the **RESOLUTIONS** passed by the Council whilst in Closed Council Meeting.

**13.1 Recruitment Activities**

**WINT/2021/00111**

CC: 31/20202021: **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Wellings and Lyon that Council **NOTE** the Report.

**13.2 Walcha Community Gym Committee Membership**

**WINT/2020/07908**

Clr Blomfield declared and interest and left the Chambers.

CC: 32/20202021: **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Ferrier that Council elect the following as Community Members of the Walcha Community Gym Advisory Committee:



1. *Janessa Sherrin*
2. *Jaimie Fenwicke*
3. *Penny King*
4. *Sally Rutherford*
5. *Dave Healey*
6. *Ruth Fletcher*

*Clr Blomfield returned to the Chambers and was advised by the Chairperson of the Resolution.*

**13.3 Request to Waive Rural Waste Management Fee** **WINT/2021/00105**  
CC: 33/20202021: **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council reject the request to waive the Rural Waste Management Fee.

**13.4 Matters of Urgency – Discussion of Personnel Matter – General Manager**  
CC: 34/20202021: **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Noakes and Kealey that Council **ADOPT** the Report as presented.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12:30PM.**