



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Monday, 28 July 2014

at

4.00pm

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), Mr SC McCoy (Director – Engineering Services), Mr GA Moran (Director – Environmental Services) and Mr Matthew Fanning (Director – Engineering Services).

1. APOLOGIES:

Nil.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2014:

1 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Heazlett that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 June 2014, 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

Item: 6. Notice of Rescission Motion WO/2014/01359

Clr Woods declared a non-serious non-pecuniary interest as her mother is a member of the Walcha Town & District Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

The Mayor moved that the Director – Engineering Services, Stephen McCoy, officially thanking him for his commitment to Walcha Council and the community over more than 25 years.

2 On being put to the vote it was **CARRIED** and a standing ovation was given.

6. NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTION WO/2014/01359

We the undersigned Councillors hereby request that Minute No.: 166/20132014 passed at 26 March 2014 Council Meeting be rescinded. The Minute read:

10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Town & District Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers on Thursday, 6 March 2014. WO/2014/00512

4.4 Tree Removal Application 53.2014.3 – 25 Walsh Street

166 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schmutter and Lyon that Council agree to the request to remove the tree.

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The Rescission Motion was **DEFEATED**.

7. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

7.1 Drought Assistance – Community Event WO/2014/01353

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

7.2 Fixing Country Roads – Grant Program WO/2014/01347

4 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that Council concur with the lodgement of a submission for the renewal of 11.48km under the Fixing Country Roads Program for the Thunderbolts Way to the value of \$4,592,000 between chainage 105.7 to 164.66km and 7.15 to 9.30km **FURTHER THAT** add the following projects – strategic routes including logging and bridge load assessments.

**7.3 Request for Donation of Readymix by Walcha Poultry Club
WO/2014/01331**

Motion:

It was **MOVED** Councillor Heazlett **Seconded** Councillor Woods that Council donate 17 cubic metres of concrete to the Walcha Poultry Club.

Amendment:

An Amendment was **MOVED** Councillor Lyon that Council donate concrete up to the value of \$1,800.

The Amendment **FAILED** to get a Seconder and therefore **LAPSED**.

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

**7.4 Transport and Installation of Peter Lundberg Sculpture for the Open Air Gallery
WO/2014/01178**

It was **MOVED** Councillor Woods **Seconded** Councillor Schmutter that Council accept the artwork for the purchase price of \$5,000 and pay it off \$1,000 a year and meet the cost of transport and installation from the within the Arts capital budget.

6 It was put to the **VOTE** and **CARRIED**.



Councillor Lyon called for a Division:
Those voting **FOR**: Woods, Ferrier, Heazlett and Schmutter.
AGAINST: Thomson, Lyon and Levingston.

Councillor Woods left the Meeting at 5:01pm.

7.5 Review of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy WO/2014/01326

7 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that Council place the "Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities for Mayors, Councillors & Staff" Policy on public exhibition inviting public submissions for a period of 28 days as per the Local Government Act 1993 Section 253(1).

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

WO/2014/01332

Item 1:

That Council develop a policy for items that are approved and not installed or done within a 12 month period from approval. That they come back to Council for consideration.

Item 2:

Background:

We have benefited in this financial year from an art piece that was approved and payed for several years earlier. So there is no need to spend more money on this area of Council. Furthermore we have approved a deficit budget for 2014/2015 and withdrawing the \$5,000 would help achieve a balanced budget.

Motion:

That Council withdraw the \$5,000 allocated to arts in the 2014/2015 Budget.

Both items included in the Notice of Motion failed to get a **SECONDER** and therefore **LAPSED**.

Councillor Ferrier left the Meeting at 5:10pm.

9. MATTERS OF URGENCY

The Mayor **MOVED** that the Mayoral Allowance for the month of July be considered as a matter of urgency.

8 On being put to the **VOTE** the matter was **RESOLVED** as **URGENT**.

9 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillor Archdale that 50% of the Mayoral Allowance for July 2014 be paid to Councillor Schmutter as the Mayor was overseas.



10. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

WO/2014/01338

10 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 10 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 **Minutes of the Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Daycare Centre Rooms on Tuesday, 3 June 2014.**

WO/2014/01356

12. DELEGATE REPORTS

12.1 **Minutes of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council Meeting held in Armidale on Wednesday, 30 April 2014.**

WI/2014/03459

12.2 **Minutes of the New England Food Services Forum held in Tamworth on Thursday, 22 May 2014.**

WI/2014/03839

12.3 **Minutes of Armidale ACT Now Meeting held in Armidale on Monday, 2 June 2014.**

WI/2014/03840

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:13PM.