



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 29 July 2020

at

3:46pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

The Audio Recording Statement was read by Mayor Noakes

**PRESENT:** Cllr 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 Moddero – General Manager, Mrs LJ Latham – Director Environment & Development, 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, 24 JUNE 2020:**

8 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 June 2020, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 2020:**

9 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 15 July 2020, 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: 13.1 Request for Reduction of Water Charges**

Clr Noakes, Mayor and Chairman, declared a non pecuniary interest in this item which is in the Closed Council Meeting, due to having a social relationship with the applicants.

**5. MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil.

**6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT**

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

**6.1 Adoption of the Operational Plan 2020-2021 including the 2020-2021 Budget, Fees & Charges and Rates & Charges WO/2020/02352**

- 11 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that:
1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 405 and 406 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council **ADOPT** the 2020-2021 Draft Operational Plan which includes the 2020–2021 Revenue Policy and 2020-2021 Fees & Charges as Final; and
  2. In accordance with Section 494 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, Council **MAKE** and **LEVY** the Rates and Charges for 2020-2021 for the General, Water and Sewerage Funds, and Waste Management Charges as detailed in the Report; and
  3. Council **AUTHORISE** the General Manager to arrange for the preparation and the service of the 2020-2021 rate notices.



**6.2 Six Monthly Review of the Delivery Program as at 30 June 2020**

**WO/2020/02466**

12 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, and the Integrated Planning & Reporting legislation, Council **ADOPT** the Delivery Program 2017/2018 – 2020/2021 30 June 2020 six monthly review.

**6.3 Application for an Alcohol-Free Zone in the Walcha Central Business District by Walcha Police**

**WO/2020/01944**

**Motion:**

It was **MOVED** Clr Kealey **Seconded** Clr Ferrier that Council:

1. Prepare a proposal for an Alcohol-Free Zone as per the area identified in the application and extend to all licensed premises;
2. Prepare a proposal for Alcohol Prohibited Area in McHattan Park.

**FORESHADOWED MOTION:**

Clr Lyon **Moved** a **FORESHADOWED MOTION** to send a letter to the Police indicating Council support in-principle the application however Council request a six month period data report on incidents **FURTHER THAT** the Police consult with Liquor Accord on the application seeking the proposed area for inclusion.

13 The Original Motion was put to the **VOTE** and **CARRIED**  
The **FORESHADOWED MOTION** therefore **LAPSED**.

**6.4 Depot Stocktake as at 30 June 2020**

**WO/2020/02422**

14 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Blomfield that stock value adjustments totaling \$297.38 write on be made to inventory items detailed in the schedule.

**6.5 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Review**

**WO/2020/02388**

15 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that the Mayor and Councillor Fees remain as per the 2019-2020 fee of \$26,460 for the Mayoral Fee and \$11,525 for the Councillor Fee.

**6.6 2019-2020 Final Rates Reconciliation**

**WO/2020/02424**

16 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Wellings that the Common Seal be **AFFIXED** to the 2019-2020 Rate Book Reconciliation and be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

**6.7 Arts North West Annual Report 2019-2020**

**WO/2020/02278**

17 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that the Report was **NOTED** by Council.



**6.8 Land Use – Freight Transport Facilities**

**WO/2020/02282**

- 18 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council:
1. Remove *freight transport facilities* as a prohibited land use in the IN1 General Industrial Zone under Section 3.22 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.
  2. Give Delegation to the General Manager to complete:
    - a. this amendment as per the requirements of NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
    - b. all future Section 3.22 amendments on behalf of Council, without referral to Council.

**6.9 Walcha Community Baths 20192020 Summer Season Report**

**WO/2020/02342**

- 19 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Wellings that the Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

**8. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil.

**9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS**

**9.1 Office of the General Manager**

**WO/2020/02336**

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

**9.2 Infrastructure**

**WO/2020/02329**

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

**9.3 Environment & Development**

**WO/2020/02356**

- 22 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Lyon that items included in the Environment & Development Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

**9.4 Community & Tourism**

**WO/2020/02370**

- 23 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that items included in the Community & Tourism Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.



**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Arts Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday 02 July 2020 at the Walcha Council Chambers, 2W Hamilton Street, Walcha. WO/2020/02194**

24 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that the Committee Report be **NOTED** by Council.

**11. DELEGATE REPORTS**

**11.1 Minutes of the Walcha Community Centre Management Committee Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 22 June 2020 at 3:30pm. WI/2020/10648**

**11.2 Minutes of the Walcha Community Centre Management Committee General Meeting held on Monday, 22 June 2020 at 4:25pm. WI/2020/10648**

**11.3 Draft Minutes of the Namoi Unlimited Board Meeting held at Bingara on Tuesday, 07 July 2020. WI/2020/10064**

**12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil.

The Chairman, Mayor Noakes, declared a non pecuniary interest and vacated the Chair and left the Chambers. The Deputy Mayor, Clr Lyon , took the Chair.

**13. CLOSED COUNCIL**

**13A Referral to Closed Council – Request for Reduction of Water Charges WO/2020/02445**

25 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of Request for Reduction of Water Charges 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).

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

27 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings.



The Chairman publicly declared the **RESOLUTIONS** passed by the Council whilst in Closed Council Meeting.

**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.

**13.1 Request for Reduction of Water Charges WINT/2020/03801**  
CC: 7/202021 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Ferrier that consideration of the request of the reduction of water charges by the applicant be denied.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:20PM.**