



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 29 March 2017

at

3:40pm

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 and Mr DJM Reeves, Director – Engineering Services.

1. APOLOGIES:

139 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Kealey that the apology received by Clr Lyon, being on holiday, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2017:

140 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 15 February 2017, 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 WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2017:

141 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 March 2017, 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

Nil.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

6.1 Apsley Dam Economic Benefit Study WO/2017/00424

143 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Blomfield and Kermode that Council support the submission of the final Apsley Dam Economic Benefit Study to NSW DPI Water for their approval **FURTHER THAT** a copy of the study to be provided to the Local Federal Member's Office, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP and to the Local Member Kevin Anderson MP.

Afternoon Tea:

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:46pm and the Meeting resumed at 4:16pm.



6.2 Adopt Community Strategic Plan – Walcha 2027 **WO/2017/00416**

144 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Kealey that Council **ADOPT** and **ENDORSE** the Community Strategic Plan – Walcha 2027 as amended as per the Local Government Act 1993 Part 2 Strategic Planning Section 402(6).

6.3 Draft Delivery Program 2017/2018 – 2020/2021 for Consideration
WO/2017/00431

145 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that the Draft Delivery Program 2017/2018 – 2020/2021 be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 Section 404(4).

6.4 Draft Budget 2017/2018 **WO/2017/200318**

146 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that the Draft Budget for the year 2017/2018 be **ADOPTED** by Council and placed on public exhibition in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 Section 405(3) **FURTHER THAT** the Budget be included in the annual Operational Plan.

6.5 Request for Funding from Yarowitch Public Hall Reserve Trust
WO/2017/00414

147 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Blomfield and Kealey that Council provide an additional allocation of \$15,000 to the Yarowitch Public Hall Reserve Trust to assist with the construction of an amenities building at the Yarowitch Showground.

6.6 Formation of a Walcha Youth Advisory Committee under Section 355
WO/2017/00358

148 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that Council establish a Walcha Youth Advisory Committee to engage with the youth of Walcha and allow for their input into the Youth Programs to be developed in the Walcha area.

6.7 Update on Naturally Occurring Asbestos at Nowendoc **WO/2017/00418**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

6.8 Adoption of Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) **WO/2017/00428**

149 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Blomfield that Council, under the Disability Inclusion Act 2014, **ADOPT** the Disability Inclusion Action Plan as presented.



6.9 Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee Membership Nomination **WO/2017/00427**

150 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that Council appoint Davina Young to the Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee as the sixth citizen representative as per the structure of the Committee.

6.10 Walcha Preschool Advisory Committee Membership Nominations **WO/2017/00411**

151 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Wellings and Kealey that Council adjust the membership of the Walcha Preschool Advisory Committee to include five community representatives and appoint Kimberley Lisle, Melika McKinnon and Bonnie Brown to the Committee **FURTHER THAT** Council write to Lisa Patterson-Kane and Anna Mulligan expressing Council's appreciation for their dedication and commitment whilst serving on the Committee.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Clr Kealey raised a matter of an opportunity of Heritage near Me. It was ruled by the Chairperson to be a matter of urgency.

152 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that the matter be considered as a matter of urgency.

153 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council invite Christian Sampson from Heritage near Me to provide a presentation to Council.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS **WO/2017/00407**

154 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 16 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Arts Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha on Thursday, 23 February 2017. **WO/2017/00329**



4.1 Liquor & Gaming Arts & Cultural Infrastructure Grants – New Project Applications Close: 10 March 2017

155 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council investigate lodging an application for the design of a bridge to connect both sides of the levee banks at the southern end of the Apsley River.

4.3 Relocating the sculpture on the eastern edge of town

156 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council request approval from the Roads & Maritime Services to move the sculpture on the eastern entry of town approximately 200 metres to the east from the current location.

4.4 Membership of the Committee

157 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council expand the membership of the Walcha Arts Advisory Committee by one and appoint John Heffernan to that position.

4.5 Possible Sculpture in the Mountain Festival

158 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council investigate the seeking of grant funding to conduct a ‘Sculpture in the Mountains’ Festival.

4.6 Skate Park

159 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council accept the offer from Gemma King to re-vamp the Skate Park Artwork and that Council provide the necessary paintwork.

10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Traffic Committee Meeting held in Council Chambers, Walcha on Thursday, 23 February 2017. WO/2017/00430

10.3 Minutes of the Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha on Thursday, 23 February 2017. WO/2017/00374

3.1 & 3.2 Carson’s Lookout

160 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that the matter be held over until Council investigate possible solutions for the condition of the public toilet at Carson’s Lookout.

3.3 Nivison Lookout

161 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council write a letter to the Nivison family seeking approval for the name change of Nivison Lookout and the Koala Walk to “Nivison Walk”.



4.2 Schedule of 2017 Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

162 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council reduce the Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee meetings from a minimum of four to three meeting per year.

4.3 Overview of the role of the Tourism Advisory Committee relating to Tourism

163 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council reword the "Function of the Committee" for the Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee to "*To advise Council on high level strategic tourism promotion*".

4.4 Welcome to Walcha Signage

164 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council rebrand the "Welcome to Walcha" signs on each approach to town, with the Walcha Council logo and the New England High Country logo as well as updating the services on the signs.

Councillor Ferrier recorded his vote **AGAINST** this resolution.

10.4 Minutes of the Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walcha Day Centre Room on Tuesday, 14 March 2017.

WO/2017/00403

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

11.1 Minutes of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council Ordinary Meeting held in Armidale on Wednesday, 25 October 2016.

WI/2017/01754

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:05PM.