



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 27 May 2015

at

2:05pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

PRESENT: Clr JM Archdale (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors KW Ferrier, WJ Heazlett, L Levingston, RS Thomson and MJ Woods and Clr Lyon from 2:30pm and Clr Schmutter from 4:05pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr JG O'Hara (General Manager), Mr Matthew Fanning (Director – Engineering Services) and Mrs Lacey Latham (Environmental Services Manager).

1. APOLOGIES:

189 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the apology for being late received from Clr Lyon, due to business commitments, and the apology for being late received from Clr Schmutter, being late due to work commitments, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2015:

190 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 29 April 2015, 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

Clr Lyon, Archdale & Woods declared a non-serious non-pecuniary interest in item 6.2 as they are business owners or have a close relative that is a business owner.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

6.1 Quarterly Review Budget Statements as at 30 March 2015

WO/2015/00989

192 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that Council adopt the March 2015 Quarterly Budget Review Statements **FURTHER THAT** Council approve the variations in Income and Expenditure votes as detailed.

6.2 Shop Locally Online – Come on Shopping

WO/2015/00942

It was **MOVED** Councillor Heazlett Seconded Councillor Ferrier that item 6.2 Shop Locally Online – Come on Shopping be deferred until Councillor Lyon arrives at the Meeting.

193 On being put to the vote the Motion was **CARRIED**.

6.3 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2015

WO/2015/00935

194 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Thomson that Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, General Manager, Councillors



Woods, Heazlett and Ferrier at the 2015 Annual Conference of Local Government NSW **FURTHER THAT** the payment of all expenses associated with the attendance at the Conference be approved by Council.

6.4 Request for Sponsorship for Naidoc Week by Amaroo LALC

WO/2015/00992

195 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that Council provide a donation of \$500 towards Naidoc Week activities.

6.5 NSW Government Financial Assistance for improvements to Local Water Infrastructure

WO/2015/00982

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

6.6 Sewer Treatment Plant Tertiary Pond

WO/2015/00984

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

6.7 Updates to Outdoor Smoking Ban under the Smoke-Free Environment Act 2000

WO/2015/00987

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

6.8 Town Water Supply Update

WO/2015/00985

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

Councillor Lyon arrived at the Meeting at 2:30pm. The Meeting now considered item **6.2 – Shop Locally Online – Come on Shopping**

WO/2015/00942

196 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council canvas the local businesses to ascertain a) whether they are interested in having a web presence and/or a shop and buy option.

LATE REPORT:

1 Apsley River Dam Project

WO/2015/01029

197 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Woods and Lyon that Council meet with the relevant State Government Ministers and the Land & Water Commissioner in an effort to gain State Government support for the project and further that Council meet with Mr Martijn Wilder AM to gain his views on the project.



Afternoon tea

At 3:25pm Council had afternoon tea. During afternoon tea the Mayor made a presentation to long standing retiring employee Brian Hoad, who has 45 years of service with Council. Council resumed the Meeting at 4:00pm.

7. NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTION

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Councillor Lyon raised the matter of Hunter New England Area Health and Nursing numbers and recruitment.

The Mayor **RULED** that the matter of Hunter New England Area Health and Nursing numbers and recruitment be considered as a matter of urgency.

198 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Heazlett that the matter is **URGENT**.

199 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Thomson and Heazlett that Council approach HNEAH with a copy to the local health board, requesting information if there is going to be an adjustment to the nursing ratios.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS **WO/2015/00981**

200 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 12 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Preschool Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 March 2015. **WINT/2015/01143**

201 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Lyon that Council **ADOPT** the Access and Equity, Interactions with Children and Multicultural / Cultural Diversity Policies as amended **FURTHER THAT** Council retain the Early Intervention Policy as presented.



10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Preschool Advisory Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2015. WO/2015/00995

202 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council **ADOPT** the Accident, Illness and Emergency Treatment Policy, Accident Policy, Administering Medications Policy, Assessing Serious or Potentially Infectious Diseases Policy, Preschool Bus Service Policy and Program, Education and Development Policy as presented.

Councillor Schmutter arrived at the Meeting at 4:05pm.

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

11.1 Minutes of the Namoi Councils Joint Organisation Meeting held on Thursday, 7 May 2015 held at Bingara Roxy Function Centre. WI/2015/02893

11.2 Minutes of New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 4 February 2015. WI/2015/02702

11.3 Report from NSW Library Zone Meeting held on 7 May 2015 by Clr Heazlett. WO/2015/01007

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:08PM.