



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 25 November 2015

at

2:03pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

PRESENT: Clr SJ Schmutter (Chairman) Deputy Mayor together with Councillors KW Ferrier, WJ Heazlett, L Levingston, CM Lyon and RS Thomson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr JG O'Hara, General Manager, Dr K Kamalarasa, Director – Engineering Services, and Mrs LJ Latham, Environmental Services Manager.

1. APOLOGIES:

74 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the apology received from Clr Archdale, being personal reasons, and the apology received from Clr Woods, being at a Food Authority Meeting in Sydney, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2015:

75 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 28 October 2015, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

76 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 November 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

Late Report Item: 1 – Exercise Equipment on Levy Banks WO/2015/02196
Clr Ferrier declared a pecuniary interest in this matter due to being the Secretary of Walcha Rotary Club.

Late Report Item 2 – Request to Rename Woolbrook Bridge WO/2015/02197
Clr Levingston & Clr Ferrier declared non-serious non pecuniary interest in this matter as they are members of the Committee.

Item: 12.2 Relocation of Visitor Information Centre WINT/2015/03039
Clr Lyon declared a pecuniary interest as he is the owner of one of the locations.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

**6.1 Change of Meeting Date for December 2015 & January & February 2016
WO/2015/02154**

Motion

It was **MOVED** Councillor Thomson **SECONDED** Councillor Levingston that the December 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting be held on Wednesday, 23 December



2015 **FURTHER THAT** the January 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting be cancelled and the February 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting be held on Wednesday, 10 February 2016.

An **Amendment** was **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier **SECONDED** Councillor Heazlett that the December 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting be held on Wednesday, 16 December 2015 **FURTHER THAT** the January 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting be cancelled and the February 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting be held on Wednesday, 10 February 2016.

The Amendment was put to the **VOTE** was **CARRIED**.

78 It became the **Substantive Motion** and was put to the **VOTE** and **CARRIED**.

6.2 Re-Establishment of the Alcohol Free Zone at Walcha Skate Park

WO/2015/02141

79 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that continue the Alcohol Free Zone for a further period of four (4) years.

6.3 Arrangements for Staff over Christmas 2015

WO/2015/02155

80 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council allow the Outdoor Staff Christmas Party to be held during working hours on Thursday, 17 December 2015 at 12.30pm **FURTHER THAT** a donation of \$1,000 be made towards the cost of the function **STILL FURTHER THAT** a donation of \$750 be made towards the Indoor Staff Christmas function.

6.4 Participation in NSW Food Authority Scores on Doors Program

WO/2015/02142

81 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Thomson that Council not participate in the Scores on Doors Program.

6.5 Changes to Neighbour Notifications for Complying Development in Rural and Regional Areas

WO/2015/02153

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

6.6 Review of Ward Boundaries – Submit to NSW Electoral Commission

WO/2015/02111

82 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Lyon that Council **ADOPT** the publicly exhibited Ward Boundaries **FURTHER THAT** Council submit them to the NSW Electoral Commission before 14 December 2015.



- 6.7 Working Funds 2014-2015 Annual Financial Statements WO/2015/02367**
6.8 Quarterly Review of Operational Plan & Budget as at September 2015
WO/2015/02191

At this stage there was a **MOTION** Moved by Councillor Lyon Seconded Councillor Levingston that Council defer the consideration of Items 6.7 and 6.8 until after the Auditors presentation.

83 On being put to the **VOTE** the motion was **CARRIED**.

- 6.9 Committee of the Whole Referral – Proposed Tourism Event AND**
Proposed Relocation of Visitor Information Centre WO/2015/02159

84 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Thomson that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of the Proposed Tourism Event AND Proposed Relocation of Visitor Information Centre be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that they confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

LATE REPORTS

1. Exercise Equipment on Levy Banks WO/2015/02196

Clr Ferrier declared a pecuniary interest in this matter and left the Chambers and therefore took no part in the debate.

85 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Heazlett that Council **ACCEPT** the donation from Rotary Club of Walcha of \$10,000 **FURTHER THAT** purchase and install the Exercise Equipment on the Levy Bank of Walcha.

Councillor Ferrier returned to the Chambers and the Chairman conveyed Council's resolution to him.

2. Request to Rename Woolbrook Bridge WO/2015/02202

Clr Levingston and Clr Ferrier declared a non-serious non-pecuniary interest in this matter as they are both members of the Committee.

86 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Lyon that Council agree to **RENAME** the Woolbrook Bridge to "Agnes Scott Bridge" **FURTHER THAT** approach Tamworth Regional Council seeking their approval **STILL FURTHER THAT** Council **AGREE** To undertake the renaming process.



7. NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTION

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

WO/2015/02132

87 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Lyon that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 13 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 October 2015.

WO/2015/02138

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

11.1 Minutes of the New England Weeds Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 25 August 2015 at Armidale

WI/2015/06873

11.2 Minutes of the Mid North Weight of Loads Group held on Monday, 14 September 2015 at Taree City Council.

WI/2015/05996

11.3 Minutes of the Namoi Councils Joint Organisation Meeting held on Thursday, 29 October 2015 at Narrabri Shire Council Chambers.

WI/2015/06423

11.4 Briefing on the Central Northern Regional Libraries Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 4 November 2015 at Tamworth Regional Council.

WO/2015/02149

11.5 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association General Meeting held on Thursday, 5 November 2015 at Country Embassy, Sydney

WI/2015/06961

11.6 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 5 November 2015 at Country Embassy, Sydney.

WI/2015/06961

Auditors Presentation & Afternoon Tea

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** for the Auditors presentation. Afternoon tea then commenced at 3:10pm and the Meeting resumed at 3:40pm.



6.7 Working Funds 2014-2015 Annual Financial Statements

WO/2015/02367

88 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that the Report be **ADOPTED** by Council.

6.8 Quarterly Review of Operational Plan & Budget as at September 2015

WO/2015/02191

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

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

90 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole and that the press and public be excluded from the entire proceedings of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole for the reason that it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

91 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors (name) and Heazlett and Levingston.

The Mayor reported whilst in Committee of the Whole the following matters were discussed.

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.

12.1 Proposed Tourism Event – “The Mikado” Opera WINT/2015/03037

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Lyon that Council agree to market the proposed Opera, “The Mikado”, to a value of \$5,000 on the condition that the cost be reimbursed from the promoters share of ticket sales.

12.2 Proposed Relocation of Visitor Information Centre

WINT/2015/03039

Clr Lyon declared a pecuniary interest in this matter and left the Chambers and took no part in the debate.



The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Thomson that Council approach the owner of Frog Crossing and attempt to negotiate the rent for a lower amount and request they repair the rising damp and enter into a lease for 12 months with an offer to extend.

Clr Lyon returned to the Chambers and the Chairman conveyed Council's recommendation to him.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

92 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, 25 November 2015 be **ADOPTED** by Council.

The Chairman publicly declared the recommendations passed by the Committee whilst in Committee of the Whole.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:10PM.