



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 29 November 2017

at

3:16pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

PRESENT: Clr EH Noakes (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors PR Blomfield, KW Ferrier, WJ Heazlett, JM Kealey, SJ Kermode, CM Lyon and RL Wellings.

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

1. APOLOGIES:

Nil.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2017:

68 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 October 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

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

6.1 Working Funds 2016 2017 Annual Financial Statements WO/2017/02015

70 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that the Report be **NOTED** by Council **FURTHER THAT** the following amounts be transferred to Restricted Assets:

Infrastructure Replacement	\$100,000
Plant Replacement	\$100,000

**6.2 Quarterly Review of Operational Plan & Budget as at September 2017
WO/2017/02016**

71 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that Council **ADOPT** the September 2017 Quarterly Budget Review Statements **FURTHER THAT** Council approve the variations in Income and Expenditure votes as detailed.

**6.3 Consultation on Drafts of the New Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and associated Procedures
WO/2017/02028**

72 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon that Council note the Report.



- 6.4 Arrangements or Staff over Christmas 2017** **WO/2017/01975**
73 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council allow the Outdoor Staff Christmas Party to be held during working hours on Thursday, 14 December 2017 or 21 December 2017 at 12:30pm depending on the majority vote of the Outdoor Staff **FURTHER THAT** a donation of \$1,000 be made towards the cost of the function **STILL FURHTER THAT** a donation of \$700 be made towards the Indoor Staff Christmas Function.
- 6.5 Walcha Water Security Project Update** **WO/2017/01988**
74 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Ferrier that Council's Director – Engineering Services prepare a detailed report by including the options for Stage 4 to be presented to December's Ordinary Council Meeting.
- 6.6 2016 – 2017 Annual Report for Adoption** **WO/2017/02029**
75 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that Council endorse and **ADOPT** the 2016 – 2017 Annual Report as presented.
- 6.7 Committee of the Whole Referral – Sewer Treatment Plant Recycled Water End User Request** **WO/2017/02030**
- 6.8 Committee of the Whole Referral – Draft Licence Agreement to occupy 11S Middle Street, Walcha** **WO/2017/02034**
76 **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 matters of Sewer Treatment Plant Recycled Water End User Request AND Draft Licence Agreement to Occupy 11S Middle Street, Walcha, be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that they would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

LATE REPORTS:

- 1. Affix Common Seal – Direct Support Services Provision Contract between Uralla Shire Council (Tablelands Community Transport) and Walcha Council** **WO/2017/02096**
77 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Heazlett that Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to all documentation relating to the Direct Service Provision Contract between Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Council **FURTHER THAT** the affixing of the Common Seal be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.



7. NOTICE OF MOTION

7.1 Notice of Motion Number 4 – Review of Council’s Contributions / Donations towards Community Halls WO/2017/01978

78 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council increase its Hall Subsidies to \$500 per year to each Hall **FURTHER THAT** a one – off allocation of \$750 be provided to Nowendoc Community Hall.

7.2 Notice of Motion Number 5 – Review of Public Gates (Ramps) Policy WO/2017/02043

A **Motion** was **MOVED** Clr Lyon **SECONDED** Clr Wellings that the Ramp Defect Minor, the time permitted to rectify the Notified Defect be changed from one month to 6-12 months.

An **Amendment** was **MOVED** Clr Kealey **SECONDED** Kermode that Council add an additional paragraph to its Public Gates (Ramps) Policy to say that “any ramp under four metres that has no other defect be given 12 months to rectify and be replaced”.

On being put to the **VOTE** the Amendment was **LOST**.

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

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

79 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Wellings and Ferrier that Council consider as a Matter of Urgency the purchase of an inflatable outdoor cinema system.

The Mayor ruled the purchase of an inflatable outdoor cinema system as a Matter of Urgency.

80 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Wellings and Ferrier that Council provide an amount of \$2,000 on the proviso that the Walcha Town & Country Club Inc alter their donation to \$5,000 for the purchase of an inflatable outdoor cinema system.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS **WO/2017/01987**

81 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 9.1 to 9.16 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.



10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 25 September 2017 at the Community Care Office, 11S Middle Street, Walcha. WO/2017/01851
- 10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 1 November 2017 at Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha. WO/2017/01932
- 10.3 Minutes of the Walcha Council Arts Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 November 2017 at Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha. WO/2017/02027

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

- 11.1 Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council held in Armidale on Tuesday, 22 August 2017. WI/2017/12962
- 11.2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Country Mayors Association of NSW held at Parliament House, Sydney on Friday, 3 November 2017. WI/2017/12287
- 11.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Country Mayors Association of NSW held at Parliament House, Sydney on Friday, 3 November 2017. WI/2017/12287
- 11.4 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Walcha Community Centre Management Committee held at Walcha Central School on Tuesday, 21 November 2017. WI/2017/12906
- 11.5 Minutes of the General Meeting of the Walcha Community Centre Management Committee held at Walcha Central School on Tuesday, 21 November 2017. WI/2017/12906

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

82 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Ferrier 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 they relate to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

83 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode.

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 Sewer Treatment Plant (STP) Recycled Water End User Request
WO/2017/01991

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Kealey and Wellings that Council providing recycled water to an end user is not deemed financially feasible **FURTHER THAT** Council request a project variation from Infrastructure NSW for the funding provided to a new Pump Station to be reallocated for upgrade works on the Sewer Plant Infrastructure.

12.2 Draft Licence to Occupy 11S Middle Street, Walcha **WINT/2017/03486**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Ferrier and Kermode that Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to Licence to Occupy 11S Middle Street, Walcha **FURTHER THAT** the affixing of the Common Seal be attested to by the Mayor and the General Manager.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

84 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, 29 November 2017 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 4:35PM.