



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 28 November 2018

at

2:35pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

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

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

1. APOLOGIES:

76 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that the apology received from Clr Heazlett, being away at the Library Conference, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2018:

77 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 31 October 2018, 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 8 – Matters of Urgency – Walcha Energy Project

Clr Blomfield declared an interest in this matter as he is a landholder in the development.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

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

6.1 Working Funds 2017 – 2018 Annual Financial Statements

WO/2018/02490





Before the Council Meeting commenced, Council's Auditor, Forsyths, addressed the Council with a presentation on the Financial Reports for 2017 – 2018.

It was **MOVED** Clr Lyon **SECONDED** Clr Wellings that the unused portion of the \$20,000 carry over for the swimming pool upgrade be reallocated to the Walcha & District Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee.

79 On being put to the **VOTE** the Motion was **CARRIED**.

A **FORESHADOWED MOTION** by Clr Kealey that the unused portion of the \$20,000 carry over for the swimming pool upgrade be used to help finance the lighting upgrade at the Peter Fenwicke Oval.

It was **MOVED** Clr Lyon **SECONDED** Clr Blomfield that the Report be **NOTED** by Council **FURTHER THAT** the following amounts be transferred to Restricted Assets:

-  \$750,000 to the Infrastructure Replacement
-  \$550,000 to Plant Replacement
-  \$100,000 to Employer Leave Entitlements
-  \$100,000 to Project Development



✚ \$500,000 to a Restricted Asset to fund Gravel Resheeting and/or Seal Extension subject to a further report from the Director – Engineering Services. ON being put to the **VOTE** the **Motion** was **LOST**.

It was **MOVED** Clr Lyon **SECONDED** Clr Wellings that a Division be called.

FOR: Lyons, Wellings and Blomfield.

AGAINST: Ferrier, Kermode, Kealey and Noakes.

It was **MOVED** Clr Kealey **SECONDED** Clr Kermode that the Report be NOTED by Council **FURTHER THAT** the following amounts be transferred to Restricted Assets:

- ✚ Infrastructure Plant - \$1,000,000
- ✚ Plant Replacement - \$750,000
- ✚ Employee Leave Entitlement - \$150,000
- ✚ Project Development - \$100,000

80 On being put to the **VOTE** the **Motion** was **CARRIED**.

81 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Mayor Noakes that Council formally record their congratulations to the management and finance staff on the outstanding audit result.

6.2 Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club – Request for Annual Financial Assistance WO/2018/02470

82 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council agree to give a \$500 annual contribution towards the collection and distribution of trout fingerlings and attending the New England Trout Acclimatisation Society (NETAS) Meetings four times a year by the Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club.

6.3 Request for Financial Support for a Waste to Energy Comprehensive Feasibility Study from Country Mayors Association of NSW WO/2018/02510

83 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council are unable to agree to the request for financial support of \$15,000 for the Waste to Energy Comprehensive Feasibility Study, at this time.

6.4 2017 – 2018 Annual Report for Notation WO/2018/02523

84 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council note the 2017 – 2018 Annual Report.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.



8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Walcha Energy Project

85 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Wellings, and the Chairman, that Council consider the Walcha Energy Project as a matter of urgency.

Clr Blomfield declared an interest in this matter and left the Chambers and took no part in the debate.

86 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council write to Mirus Wind and Energy Estate advising that Council welcomes the Walcha Energy Project and gives full support in principle **FURTHER THAT** Council looks forward to working with the developers as the project unfolds.

Clr Blomfield returned to the Meeting and was advised of the resolution.

Afternoon Tea

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:30pm and resumed the Meeting at 3:58pm.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

WO/2018/

87 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Blomfield that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 9 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

11.1 Confirmed Minutes of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 August 2018 WI/2018/12472

11.2 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW Annual General Meeting held at Parliament House, Sydney on Friday, 2 November 2018.

WI/2018/13262

11.3 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW General Meeting held at Parliament House, Sydney on Friday, 2 November 2018. WI/2018/13262

11.4 Delegates Report from Clr WJ Heazlett – Central Northern Regional Libraries (CNRL) Annual General Meeting and General Meeting NOTES held at Tamworth Regional Council on Wednesday, 14 November 2018.

WO/2018/02514

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

88 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matters of:



- ✚ Request to Purchase Council Land Lot B DP 316085;
- ✚ Possible Purchase of Land by Council;
- ✚ Walcha Oval Lighting Upgrade Update; and
- ✚ Exemption from Tendering for the Showground Function Centre Contract – Drought Communities Programme

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.

89 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey 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.

90 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon.
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 Request to Purchase Council Land Lot B DP 316085

WINT/2018/04511

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Lyon and Kermode that Council decline the request to purchase Council Land Lot B DP 316085.

12.2 Possible Purchase of Land by Council

WINT/2018/04536

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Lyon and Blomfield that Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate the purchase of the block of land.

12.3 Walcha Oval Lighting Upgrade Update

WINT/2018/04608

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Lyon and Kealey that Council approve the additional allocation of \$59,301 for the Walcha Oval Lighting Upgrade.



**12.4 Exemption from Tendering for Showground Function Centre Contract –
Drought Communities Programme WINT/2018/04652**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Kealey and Blomfield that in accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council not tender for the Walcha Showground Function Centre due to *extenuating circumstances*.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

91 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Blomfield that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, 28 November 2018 be **ADOPTED** by Council.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:35PM.