



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Monday, 29 September 2014

at

4:25pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Clr JM Archdale (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors KW Ferrier, WJ Heazlett, L Levingston and SJ Schmutter.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr JG O'Hara (General Manager), Mr GA Moran (Director – Environmental Services) and Mr Matthew Fanning (Director – Engineering Services).

### **1. APOLOGIES:**

37 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schmutter and Ferrier that the apologies received from Clr Woods being overseas, Clr Thomson due to a medical appointment in Sydney and Clr Lyon due to a vehicle failure be **ACCEPTED**.

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**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON MONDAY, 25 AUGUST 2014:**

38 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Ferrier that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 25 August 2014, 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**

6.7 Proposed Gazettal of Part Day Public Holiday for the Walcha Races to be held on Friday, 6 February 2015 WO/2014/01799

Clr Ferrier declared a pecuniary interest in this Report as he is the Walcha Jockey Club Secretary.

**5. MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil.

**6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT**

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

**6.1 Government Response to the Independent Local Government Review Panel & Local Government Acts Taskforce – “Fit for the Future” response by 30 June 2015** WO/2014/01724

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**6.2 Maintenance of Enfield Forest Road** WO/2014/01773

40 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schmutter and Levingston that Council not carry out the proposed grading of Enfield Forest Road and advise the applicant the works will not improve the roughness of the road and that no gravel re-sheeting or any future reworks will be performed as the road is not the responsibility of the Council and that all future enquiries should be made to Forests NSW.



**6.3 Asset Management Plans – Roads & Bridges WO/2014/01793**

41 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schmutter and Levingston that Council adopt the Asset Management Policy; the Bridge Asset Management Plan and the Road Asset Management Plan.

**6.4 Support for a Community Radio in Walcha WO/2014/01800**

42 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schmutter and Ferrier that Council agree in principle to the concept of a local community radio in Walcha.

**6.5 Walcha Dairy Terminal WO/2014/01790**

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Levingston Seconded Councillor Ferrier that Council support applications made by the Walcha Dairy to State and/or Commonwealth Government Departments on proposals that will benefit the Walcha community **FURTHER THAT** Council not provide financial support to the Walcha Dairy.

An Amendment was **MOVED** Councillor Heazlett that Council support applications made by the Walcha Dairy to State and/or Commonwealth Government Departments on proposals that will benefit the Walcha community.

The Amendment **FAILED** to get a Secunder so therefore it **LAPSED**.

43 The Original Motion become the Substantive Motion and was put to the **VOTE** and was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Heazlett requested to record his vote **AGAINST** this Motion.

**6.6 Zero Net Energy Town Case Study – Expression of Interest WO/2014/01789**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.

**6.7 Proposed Gazettal of Part Day Public Holiday for the Walcha Races to be held on Friday, 7 February 2015 from 12 noon to 6:00pm. WO/2014/01799**

Councillor Ferrier declared an interest and left the Meeting. Therefore there was not a quorum present to consider the Report and it was deferred to be considered at the October 2014 Council Meeting.

**6.8 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of Practice – NSW Rural Fire Service WO/2014/01798**

The Report was **NOTED** by Council.



**6.9 Walcha Stores Stocktake as at 26 June 2014 WO/2014/01768**

44 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that stock value adjustments totalling \$149.20 write on be made to inventory items detailed in the Schedule.

**6.10 Funding Campaign for Libraries WO/2014/01595**

45 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Schmutter that Council:

1. Continue its support to the campaign mounted by the NSW Public Library Associations for increased State funding to local government for public libraries by:
  - a) Making further representation to the local State Member in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services, noting that the 2014 State budget did not address recurrent funding needs.
  - b) Writing to the Hon Troy Grant Minister for the Arts, noting the allocation of \$15m over 4 years for a public library infrastructure grants program, and calling upon the Government to implement the Reforming Public Library Funding submission of the Library Council of NSW in 2012 for the reform of the funding system for NSW public libraries.
  - c) Continuing to encourage and support the distribution of NSW Public Library Associations campaign information in Council libraries.
  - d) Taking a leading role in activating the campaign locally and encouraging community participation.

**6.11 Annual Review of the Publication Guide 2014/2015 WO/2014/01228**

46 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schmutter and Levingston that Council adopt the Draft Publication Guide 2014/2015.

**6.12 Local Government Grants Commission WO/2014/01686**

47 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that Council transfer \$102,705 to an Infrastructure Renewal Reserve.

**7. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil.



**8. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS**

**WO/2014/01696**

48 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 10 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Town & District Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers, 2W Hamilton Street, Walcha on Thursday, 4 September 2014 WO/2014/01805**

**3.2 South Street, Fitzroy Street & Hamilton Street – Missing Cork Trees and Box Elders**

49 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Schmutter that Council remove the Box Elders trees on the western side with a replacement species to be planted at a later date.

**4.4 Tree Removal Application 53.2014.18 – 100E Croudace Street**

50 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Levingston that Council refuse the request to remove the tree as per Tree Destruction Application Number 53.2014.18

**LATE REPORT**

**9.2 Minutes of the Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Daycare Centre Rooms on Tuesday, 2 September 2014. WO/2014/01775**

51 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schmutter and Levingston that Council advise Hunter New England Local Health District that Walcha Council Community Care are not permitted through their Funding Agreement to transport hospital patients.

**9.3 Minutes of the Walcha Council Staff Committee Meeting held in the Mayors Office on Monday, 29 September 2014. WO/2014/01846**

52 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Heazlett that Council rate the General Manager's performance for 2013 – 2014 as competent and viewed as being above satisfactory.



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**10. DELEGATE REPORTS**

- 10.1 Minutes of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council Meeting held in Armidale on Wednesday, 25 June 2014. WI/2014/05055**
- 10.2 Minutes of the New England Community Transport Forum held at the Playhouse Hotel in Barraba on Wednesday, 13 August 2014.  
WI/2014/05242**
- 10.3 Minutes of the Namoi Councils Meeting held at Tamworth on Friday, 5 September 2014.  
WI/2014/05034**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:45PM.**