



EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 30 September 2015

at

2:25pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr JG O'Hara, General Manager, and Mrs LJ Latham, Environmental Services Manager.

1. APOLOGIES:

Nil.

MINUTES



2. MAYORAL REPORT

WO/2015/01851

Opening this Extra Ordinary Meeting of Walcha Council today I know brings a sense of uncertainty for our future. The coming year will be the year that defines Walcha Council's future and indeed the future of Local Government in NSW. What we have known will certainly not continue to be, however, as a council we can be assured that we have done our very best to maintain independence for our community. Our efforts over the last 3 years with the NSW Independent Local Government Panel review process, progressing to Fit for the Future had to be our focus and much of Council's time had to be spent working through and completing our final submission to meet the 30 June deadline. The well attended Public Meeting held in May clearly confirmed that our community support Walcha remaining an autonomous Council, continues membership with Namoi Councils and becomes an associate member of a New England Joint Organisation. We have followed the mandate from our community and I am optimistic that Walcha Council will be here for many years to come.

Local Government reform clearly sees the implementation of Joint Organisations as a way forward and Namoi Councils was selected to become a part of the Pilot Joint Organisation program which commenced in January this year. With 2 new members, Moree and Gwydir Councils and Uralla Council electing to become an associate member, much has been achieved by the Pilot JO with a focus being on strategic regional planning, inter-governmental relationships, resource and information sharing and professional exchange between member councils. Namoi Councils has been very aware of not forming a fourth tier of government and this organisation has, and will continue, to offer capacity and strength to Walcha Council. I see our membership as an important facet of our future.

Interesting times prevail not just at a Local Government level but at State and Federal levels also. The State elections held in March this year saw Walcha move from the electorate of the Northern Tablelands to Tamworth. This has happened a number of times over many years and geographically Walcha can sit comfortably in either electorate. Walcha Council has established a sound working relationship with our new State Member, Kevin Anderson and also acknowledge and thank the member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall for his professional commitment and friendship to this Council since his election in 2013. At a National level with the recent change of Prime Minister comes speculation as to when the next Federal Election will be called and this has the potential to affect the timing of the Local Government elections due in September 2016. Although the Minister for Local Government has stated that the Local Government election date will not change if a Federal election is called near September 2016, then the Local Government elections will certainly be moved.



The continued dry weather through last summer was distressing and costly to our whole community. The Water Yield Study conducted in conjunction with assistance from the Office of Water has given Walcha Council valuable information to implement strategies to secure the future of the Walcha water supply. The Yield Study shows that we need to double the current off creek storage capacity and the automation of the Water Treatment Works will bring substantial financial gains to our water costs overall. Extra funding is going to be required in addition to the significant grant of \$600,000 already received to implement these strategies and further grant submissions are currently being finalised.

The result of the Timber Bridge Assessment program has identified 31 bridges for replacement or rehabilitation across the Walcha shire. This assessment was necessary to commence the implementation of the Livestock Loading Scheme. There are 7 bridges to be rehabilitated and these will be back to full load capacity within 12 months. There are also 13 bridges that require renewal and construction of 5 of these will commence early 2016. As Council was to embark on our biggest works program ever this year, it is frustrating this schedule will now have to be disrupted; however the bridge work is paramount and must take priority.

The past year has seen highs and lows significant to me personally and professionally to Council and the community. The passing of Shirley Davison OAM was felt greatly as she was a hardworking and highly respected representative of the Walcha Community. Councillor Bill Heazlett being awarded Life Membership to the NSW Libraries Association is well deserved and reflects Bills valued input and dedication. The retirement of the Director - Environment Services Gerry Moran and the resignation of the Director - Engineering Services, Matt Fanning brings significant changes within the ranks of Council. Mr Moran began with Walcha Council in 1998 and served in Local Government for over 35 years and I wish both he and his wife Mary all the very best for their retirement.

Council has pledged support to The Wild Rivers International Hill Climb and the Apsley River Dam, two very different projects that have potential to boost employment and tourism to Walcha and indeed they would provide regional and state economic growth. Council will continue to knock on doors to advance the Apsley River Dam project realising that at some point we will need to pass the reins over as the complexities of the planning, economic viability and environmental impact will need professional input. The project promises water security and electricity, 2 vital commodities and for this reason it is in the top 10 Namoi Councils Regional Infrastructure Priorities list.

Walcha is a "can do" community and it is this attitude, this pride and this spirit that gives Walcha such a strong sense of community. Events such as the Farmers Markets, our annual Show and Races, Breakfast in the Park, Campdraft and Rodeo,



Mountain Bike Festival, Open Gardens, the inaugural Opera at Langford, all just some of what our little rural town can produce. And at the heart of this community sits Council.

I thank the General Manager, Jack O’Hara, Environmental Services Manager, Lacey Latham and all Walcha Council staff for the support and friendship I have received over the last 12 months. Also thank you to all Councillors who have offered support to me in the role of Mayor and for the dedication and regard you have for the position you hold. It has been an absolute honour to serve Walcha as Mayor for the last 3 years and I am grateful for the opportunity to do so.

Janelle Archdale
Mayor

33 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Heazlett that the Mayoral Minute be **NOTED** by Council.

3. SENIOR OFFICERS’ REPORTS:

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

3.1 Election of Mayor & Deputy Mayor

WO/2015/01764

35 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Levingston that in the event there is more than one Councillor nominated for each of the positions of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, then the method of election to determine the position(s) be by Ordinary Ballot **FURTHER THAT** the Returning Officer destroy all documentation following such elections.

a) Election of Mayor

The Mayor then vacated the Chair and the Returning Officer, General Manager, then called for nominations for the position of Mayor. On receiving only one nomination that of Councillor JM Archdale, the Returning Officer, declared Councillor Archdale elected Mayor for the ensuing period unopposed.

b) Election of Deputy Mayor

The Returning Officer then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. On receiving two nominations, one from Councillor Schmutter and one from Councillor Lyon, conducted an Ordinary Ballot and subsequently, the Returning Officer declared Councillor Schmutter elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period.



DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

Section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides the authority for Council to delegate its powers. It provides that Council may, by resolution, delegate to the General Manager or any other person or body (excluding another employee of Council) certain of its functions.

Subsequent to those changes, the following authorities are now delegated to the Mayor.

TO THE MAYOR:

To perform on behalf of Council the following powers, authorities, duties and functions within the terms of the Local Government Act and Regulations thereunder:-

1. To appoint any Councillor to represent either the Mayor or the Council at any function or Meeting or other event as the Mayor deems appropriate or necessary.
2. In conjunction with the General Manager to approve the admittance of new Councils in the Mid-North Weight of Loads Group.
3. The authority to adjudicate on or to grant approvals as appropriate under the terms of the adopted Code of Conduct for Local Government provided that in all cases, a right of appeal to the full Council shall exist.
4. The authority to consider and determine Council's response to representations seeking leniency or outlining extenuating circumstances from persons who have been served with a Penalty Notice. This determination shall extend only to those representations referred through the New South Wales Police Service Infringement Processing Bureau.
5. The authority to approve a mode of travel, other than by Council vehicle, for Councillors and Staff travelling on Council business, as circumstances may, from time to time, warrant.
6. The authority to approve CBD Small Grant Programme Applications for Assistance, in accordance with adopted guidelines.
7. In accordance with the provisions of Section 378(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, authority to approve Council orders for the provision of goods and services up to the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Archdale, these powers are delegated to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Schmutter, **EXCEPT** for Clause 7.

TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR:

To perform on behalf of Council the following powers, authorities, duties and functions within the terms of the Local Government Act and Regulations thereunder:-



1. During periods of absence of the Mayor, Councillor Archdale, the Delegations made to Councillor Archdale shall be deemed to be made to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Schmutter, **EXCEPT** for Clause 7.

36 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that, in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, the Delegations of Authority listed above be made to the Mayor, Councillor Archdale and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Schmutter, respectively.

Councillor Archdale, Mayor of Walcha, took the Chair.

3.2 Committees and Delegates Membership

WO/2014/01680

37 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Levingston and Ferrier that if more than one person expressed an interest in the Committees then Council would hold a Secret Ballot to elect the Delegate to that Committee.

38 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Ferrier that the list of Delegates, listed below, be **ADOPTED** for the ensuing twelve months, with the exception of the New England Weeds Authority which is for a four year period:

New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council – trading as New England Weeds Authority (NEWA)

Organisations: Uralla Shire Council, Guyra Shire Council, Armidale Dumaresq Council and Walcha Council

Purpose: Special Purpose County Council set up for the control of noxious plants.

Delegate – Clr M J Woods (4 year term – due September 2016)

Namoi Councils

Organisations: Namoi CMA, Gunnedah Shire Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Walcha Council

Purpose: To provide strong local government leadership, to work co-operatively for the benefit of the Namoi region, and effectively advocate on agreed regional positions and priorities.

Delegate – Mayor – Clr JM Archdale

Alternate Delegate – Deputy Mayor – Clr SJ Schmutter

Representative – General Manager – Jack O’Hara



Mid North Weight of Loads Group

Organisations: Armidale Dumaresq Council, Bellingen Shire Council, Coffs Harbour City Council, Dungog Shire Council, Gloucester Shire Council, Great Lakes Council, Greater Taree Council, Kempsey Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Council, Port Macquarie Hastings Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Upper Hunter Council, Uralla Shire Council, Walcha Council.

Purpose: The Group was established in 1986 for the purpose of minimising pavement damage caused by overloaded trucks.

Delegate – Clr L Levingston
Alt Delegate – Clr CM Lyon
Representative – Director – Engineering Services - TBA

Country Libraries Association of NSW – North Eastern Zone

Organisations: The Group represents libraries from Tweed Heads to Forster across to Gunnedah and up to Tenterfield
Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett
Library Officer Delegate – DM Garrad – Librarian

Central Northern Libraries Committee

Organisations: Tamworth Regional Council, Uralla Shire Council Walcha Council, Liverpool Plains Council, Narrabri Shire Council

Purpose: To monitor and negotiate the provision of library services through the Central Northern Libraries

Delegate – Clr WJ Heazlett

Local Traffic Committee and Council Advisory Committee

Organisations: Roads and Traffic Authority, Police, Walcha Council.

Purpose: To advise Council on local traffic matters.

Representative – Director – Engineering Services

Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)

Organisations: Police, State Emergency Service, Rural Fire Service, Ambulance, NSW Fire Brigade and Hunter New England Area Health Service, local Councils.
The Local Emergency Management committee covers the local government areas of Guyra, Walcha, Armidale Dumaresq and Uralla.

New England Local Emergency Management Committee

Delegate – Clr RS Thomson
Local Emergency Management Officer – Director – Engineering Services



Zone Bush Fire Management Committee

Organisations: Unless the Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee determines otherwise, the following persons are to be invited to become members of a Bush Fire Management Committee:

- (a) A person nominated by each local authority whose area comprises land in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area, being (in the case of a local authority that is a council) the Mayor or a councillor of the Council;
- (b) A person nominated by each of the following organisations as being in charge of its affairs in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area:
 - (i) The Roads & Maritime Services;
 - ii) The Land & Property Management Authority;
 - iii) The NSW Fire Brigades;
 - iv) The NSW Police;
 - v) Each distribution network service provider listed in Schedule 3 to the *Electricity Supply Act 1995* having a distribution district comprising land in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area;
 - vi) Each Livestock Health & Pest Authority established for any rural lands protection district comprising land in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area;
 - vii) Rail Corporation NSW
 - viii) Rail Infrastructure Corporation.
- (c) A person or persons nominated by the Director-General of the Department of Environment & Climate Change and Water NSW as being in charge of the affairs of the Department in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area;
- (d) A person or persons nominated by the Deputy-General, Primary Industries of the Industry & Investment NSW as being in charge of the affairs of the Department in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area;
- (e) A person nominated by each local authority for the Bush Fire Management Committee's area as having responsibilities for the performance of the local authority's functions respecting the environment;
- (f) A person nominated by the Nature Conservation Council of NSW;
- (g) Not more than 2 persons chosen by rural fire brigades operating in the area;
- (h) A rural land holder nominated by the NSW Farmers Association or, if the Association does not nominate a rural land holder within a reasonable time (as determined by the Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee), by the local authority for the area;
- (i) A person nominated by each Local Aboriginal Land Council for any Local Aboriginal Land Council area comprising land located in the Bush Fire Management Committee's area;
- (j) An other person or persons approved by the Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee.

Purpose: Each Bush Fire Management Committee must, in accordance with the State Legislation, prepare and submit to the State Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee a draft of each of the following kinds of bush fire management plans for the rural fire district or other part of the State for which it is constituted:

- (a) A plan of operations; and



(b) Bush fire risk management Plan.

Delegate – Clr RS Thomson
Alternate Delegate – Clr CM Lyon

Tablelands Community Transport Management Committee

Membership: Chairperson, Uralla Shire Council’s delegate to the Committee; Delegates nominated by each of Armidale Dumaresq Council, Walcha Council and Guyra Shire Council. One representative of volunteers and one representative of customers from each of the four local government areas involved in the service area. Representative of special need groups, on an ad hoc basis, by invitation from the Manager of the service (those representatives having no voting rights).”

The Manager of the program is also a member of the Committee, with no voting rights.

Purpose: To advise Uralla Council on the management and operation of TCT in the provision of transport facilities for the frail aged, disabled and other transport disadvantaged people in the Shire and on a regional basis.”

Delegate – Lacey Latham – Environmental Services Manager

Arts North West

Membership: Arts North West was established in 1996 as a Regional Arts Development Program and established as an independent Regional Arts Board in 1997. The program receives financial support from Arts NSW and twelve local governments in the New England North West region.

Purpose: To build community capacity in the Arts North West region through supporting creative activity.

Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett
Alternate – Clr SJ Schmutter

Northern Inland Regional Waste Group (NIRW)

Organisations: Armidale Dumaresq Council, Glen Innes Council, Gunnedah Shire Council, Guyra Shire Council, Gwydir Shire Council, Inverell Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Tamworth Regional Council, Tenterfield Shire Council, Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Council.

Purpose: Northern Inland Regional Waste (NIRW) is a voluntary local Government networking group to specifically address waste management issues on a regional level.

Representative – Manager of Waste, Sewer & Water – Tess Dawson

Walcha Council Australia Day Committee

The Services Clubs currently fill this role.
Representative – Clr Lloyd Levingston



Management Committee Pioneer Cottage

Representative – Clr L Levingston
Alternate Representative – Clr RS Thomson

Walcha Local (Liquor) Consultative Committee

Membership - Representatives of all Licensed Premises', Police and Council
Representative – Clr KW Ferrier
Alternate Representative – Clr Lloyd Levingston

Community Centre Committee (Multi-Purpose Centre)

Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter
Alternate Representative – Clr CM Lyon

Walcha Community Consultative Committee

Organisations – All community organisations are invited to attend and include the police, service groups, Amaroo and Council

Purpose: To discuss community wide social issues

Delegate – Clr L Levingston
Delegate – Clr Heazlett

Walcha Local Health Committee

Representative – Clr JM Archdale

Purpose: To facilitate information flows between the community and the Hunter New England Area Health Service (HNEAHS) and to advise HNEAHS on appropriate levels of service for our community.

Sub Regional Strategy Committee

Delegate – Clr JM Archdale

Walcha Community Safety Precinct Sub-Committee

Membership:

Representative – Clr Lloyd Levingston – Deputy Chair
Walcha Police Sergeant – Sergeant Anthony Smith
Various Community Members
Members of Oxley Local Area Command Police

Purpose:

- ❖ Ensure Local Area Commanders are communicating to their local communities;
- ❖ Encourage community partnerships to reduce crime and the fear of crime;
- ❖ Develop local solutions to local crime in partnership with local stakeholders;
- ❖ Improve public safety and reduce the fear of crime at a local level;
- ❖ Raise understanding of the relationship between policing and crime reduction; and
- ❖ Ensure Commanders take into account local community views on police visibility, police deployment and crime hotspots when deciding police tasking and deployment.



Meetings:

To meet twice yearly and report back to the Tamworth Community Safety Precinct Committee which meets quarterly.

Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA)

Membership: Those eligible for membership are the Mayors and General Managers of regional and country councils in NSW.

Purpose: The CMA was established to further the interests of regional and country areas in NSW by being an effective voice and forum for country NSW Mayors.

Meetings: Held quarterly in Sydney.

Plant Committee

Membership

Representative – Clr CM Lyon
Representative – Clr L Levingston
Representative – Clr RS Thomson
General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Director – Engineering Services – TBA
Plant Foreman – Stephen Bath

Staff Committee

Membership:

Representative – Mayor – Clr JM Archdale
Representative – Deputy Mayor – Clr SJ Schmutter
Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett
Representative – Clr CM Lyon
General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Other Senior Officers as appropriate.

Purpose:

- ❖ To assess applications, carry out interviews and report to Council on appointments to the following Senior positions:
 - General Manager.
 - ❖ To assist the Mayor and Senior Staff in the resolution of industrial disputes as considered necessary.
 - ❖ To advise Council on conditions of employment including Staff Housing.
 - ❖ To advise Council, as necessary, on matters of Staff training.
 - ❖ To advise Council on other Staff matters as considered appropriate with the exception of those matters falling within the responsibility of the Staff Consultative Committee.
 - ❖ To carry out the General Manager’s performance appraisal and negotiate performance agreement.
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Staff Consultative Committee

Membership:

2 Management Representatives: Mayor – Clr JM Archdale & Deputy Mayor – Clr SJ Schmutter
1 Local Government Manager – General Manager – Jack O’Hara
1 Environmental Health Professional – Environmental Services Manager – Lacey Latham
2 USU Members: Kevin Creighton & Bernard Lynch
1 Local Organiser of the USU – Chris Preston
Secretary – non voting member

Baths and Squash Courts Committee

Membership:

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier
Alternate – Clr CM Lyon
Director – Engineering – TBA
Environmental Services Manager– Lacey Latham
President Walcha Squash Club – Scott Kermode
President Walcha Swimming Club – Angus Warden
Pool Supervisor – Andrew Cross

Purpose:

- ❖ To advise Council on an annual basis of appropriate fee structures for both the Memorial Baths and the Squash Court complex.
 - ❖ To advise Council on Policy matters relating to both the Memorial Baths and the Squash Court complex such as opening times, building maintenance and improvements, methods of operation and the like.
 - ❖ To generally advise Council on all matters relating to the operation of the Walcha War Memorial Baths and the Squash Courts.
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Walcha Town and District Beautification and Tidy Towns Committee

Membership:

Representative – Clr CM Lyon
Representative – Clr RS Thomson
Director – Engineering Services – TBA
Urban Works Supervisor – Steph Sweeney
Citizen Representatives - Phyllis Hoy
Citizen Representatives - Robyn Vincent
Citizen Representatives – Felicity Nivison
Citizen Representatives – Irene Woods
Citizen Representatives – Alex Smith

Purpose:

- ❖ To generally monitor the appearance of the town and district and to advise Council of areas requiring enhancement.
 - ❖ To advise Council on its Tree Planting Programme particularly as to suitability of species to be planted.
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- ❖ Administer Council's participation in the Keep Australia Beautiful Council's Tidy Towns Competition. The Committee should also review the results of Council's entry in this competition making recommendations as appropriate.
- ❖ Administer the conduct of the Garden Competition.

Walcha Work Health and Safety Committee

No Elected Representatives

Roads Management Committee

Membership: All Council

Director – Engineering Services – TBA

Purpose: Oversee the development of the Roads Management Plan for Walcha shire.

Walcha Council Waste Management Committee

Representative – Clr MJ Woods

Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter

Representative – Clr L Levingston

General Manager – Jack O'Hara

Director-Engineering Services – TBA

Manager Waste, Sewer & Water – Tess Dawson

Walcha Council Arts Advisory Committee

Function of the Committee – To advise Council on future public art projects.

Membership:

Representative – Clr SJ Schmutter - Chairperson

Alternate Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett

General Manager – Jack O'Hara

Director – Engineering Services – TBA

Three community representatives – James Rogers, Carley McLaren and Stephen King.

Meetings – The Committee is to meet six monthly or as required. The appointed Councillor to act as the Chairperson. The quorum is to be four.

Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee

Function of the Committee:

To advise Council on policy matters and strategic issues regarding the management of Walcha Council Community Care.

Membership:

Representative – Clr KW Ferrier - Chairperson

Environmental Services Manager – Lacey Latham

Walcha Council Community Care Coordinator – Cathy Noon

ATSI Walcha Council Community Care Coordinator – Elaine Bartholomew

Meals on Wheels Provider – Kristin Bourke

Independent Community Care Service Provider – Debra Sweeney



Six Citizen Representatives (preferably consisting of a volunteer, a carer and four clients) – Ron Denham, Kate Hoy, Sue Reardon, TBA, TBA & TBA.

All 12 Committee Members to have voting rights.

Election of Members:

Six citizen representatives to be elected for a two year term with half that number changing each year. Citizen membership to be restricted to a maximum of four consecutive terms. Ie: eight years. Casual vacancies can be appointed until the review period.

Meetings:

The Committee is to meet quarterly on third Tuesday. Quorum is 7.
(updated Resolution No.: 24/1415 – 26 August 2015)

Walcha Council Preschool Advisory Committee

Membership:

- Representative – Clr CM Lyon
- Alternate Representative – Clr JM Archdale
- Preschool Administration Manager – Karen Kermode
- Nominated Supervisor – Zoe Herbert
- Parent/Citizen Representatives (4):

- ❖ Lucie Street
- ❖ Stacey Miller
- ❖ Anna Mulligan
- ❖ Lisa Patterson-Kane

The Early Intervention Officer, Rhonda Barnett, can attend Meetings but does not have voting rights.

Four parent/citizen representatives to be elected for a 2 year term with half that number changing each year. They are also restricted to a maximum of 3 consecutive terms, ie 6 years.

Purpose: To advise Council on policy matters and strategic issues regarding the management of the Walcha Preschool.

Meetings: Meet quarterly (once per term) or as required on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of the term. The appointed Councillor to act as Chairman. The quorum to be 5.

Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee

Function of the Committee:

To advise Council on future tourism promotion.

Membership:

- Representative – Clr CM Lyon – Chairperson
- Alternate Representative – Clr WJ Heazlett



General Manager – Jack O’Hara
Tourism Manager – Susie Crawford

Seven community representatives on two year term with them being eligible for reappointment on expiration of each term – Len Woods, Neil Smith, Vanessa Arundale, Casper Ozinga and Doug Laurie.

Meetings:

The Committee is to meet quarterly or as required. The appointed Councillor to act as the Chairperson. The quorum is to be 5.

Walcha Council Audit & Risk Committee

Function of Committee:

To provide independent assurance and assistance to the Walcha Council on risk management, control, governance and external accountability responsibilities. The Committee has no executive powers, except those expressly provided by Council.

Membership:

Voting Members:

Clr CM Lyon

Clr WJ Heazlett

Independent Representatives: Michael O’Connor, Sean Johnston and David Locke (one of these are to be elected Chairperson).

Non Voting Members:

General Manager

Chief Financial Officer

Governance Coordinator

Meetings:

Meet four times per year with one of those meetings to include review and endorsement of the annual audited financial reports and external audit opinion. Additional meetings as required.

Walcha Council Festival Committee

Function of the Committee:

To organise an annual festival showcasing the local food, art and craft.

Membership:

One Councillor – Clr KW Ferrier – Chairperson

Tourism Manager – Susie Crawford

Community representatives on a two year term: Lisa Kirton, Cameron Greig, Ron Denham, Vicki McIvor, Chris Feltham, Leanne Natty, Glenn Dick, Michael Luchick and Ian Mackey.



Meetings:

Meet quarterly or as required. Appointed Councillor to act as a Chairperson. Quorum to be 6.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2:55PM.