



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 25 September 2019

at

2:01pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Clr EH Noakes (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors PR Blomfield, 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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

38 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Wellings that Councillor Ferrier's Leave of Absence, due to being overseas on holiday, and Councillor Heazlett's Leave of Absence, due to a medical procedure, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2019:**

39 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 28 August 2019, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record with the amendment of Minute 37 to read as follows:

37 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that future Draft Minutes of the Walcha Community Consultative Committee Meetings be presented to the Sergeant for approval to be included in the Business Paper.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**5. MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil.

**6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT**

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

**6.1 Refer Amended 2018 2019 Financial Statements to Audit**

**WO/2019/02387**

41 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that the amended 2018 – 2019 Financial Reports be referred for Audit **FURTHER THAT** a Statement in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, be completed and signed by the appropriate signatories.

**6.2 Grants for Junior Sporting / Coaching Clinics**

**WO/2019/02297**

42 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Wellings and Lyon that Council allocate the following funds to each applicant:

1. Walcha Flippers Swimming Club - \$1,800.
2. Walcha & District Tennis Association - \$800.

**6.3 Part Day Public Holiday Walcha Races 2020 & 2021** **WO/2019/02364**

43 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council endorse a Survey of the businesses and community to gauge if the community are in favour of the Part Day Public Holiday in February 2020 and 2021 for the running of the Walcha Races.



**6.4 Interim Audit Management Letter Year Ending June 2019**

**WO/2019/02388**

44 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that the Report was **NOTED**.

**6.5 Change of Meeting Date for December 2019 & January & February 2020**

**WO/2019/02432**

45 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kermode that the December 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting be held on Wednesday, 18 December 2019 **FURTHER THAT** the January 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting be cancelled and the February 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting be held on Wednesday, 19 February 2020.

**6.6 Classification of Land Acquired – 54N Thee Street Walcha**

**WO/2019/02429**

46 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that as per the Local Government Act, 1993, Section 2 Council classify Lot 12 DP 800309 situated at 54N Thee Street, Walcha, as Operational Land.

**6.7 Pecuniary Interest Annual Returns for the Period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019**

**WO/2019/02264**

47 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Wellings and Lyon that Council formally records that the Ordinary Returns of Pecuniary Interest required to be submitted by Councillors, the General Manager and Designated Staff, for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 have been submitted as required and have been tabled in accordance with the provisions of Section 450A of the Local Government Act, 1993.

**12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**12. Committee of the Whole Referral – Compulsory Land Acquisition**

48 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matter of Compulsory Land Acquisition be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that the report relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

49 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Blomfield 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 the report relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.



50 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Lyon 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 Compulsory Land Acquisition – 44N Derby Street, Walcha**

**WO/2019/02401**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Kealey and Wellings that Council appoint Local Government Legal for the purposes of compulsorily acquiring the land Lot 42 DP 557564 situated at 44N Derby Street, Walcha for the purpose of expanding Council’s Library and Offices.

**ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

51 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Blomfield that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, 25 September 2019 be **ADOPTED** by Council.

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

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil.

**8. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Clr Lyon raised the matter of Commercial Kangaroo Management Zones as a matter of urgency.

It was ruled as a matter of urgency by the Chairperson.

52 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Blomfield that the matter of Commercial Kangaroo Management Zones be considered by Council.

53 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Blomfield that Council write to Local Member Kevin Anderson MP and relative authorities requesting that the whole of Walcha Council’s area zoned Rural be included in the Commercial Kangaroo Management Zone.



**9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS**

**WO/2019/02379**

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

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil.

**11. DELEGATE REPORTS**

11.1 **Minutes of the Walcha & District Historical Society Inc Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 27 July 2019 at the Walcha Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha.** **WI/2019/10304**

11.2 **Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW Meeting held at Parliament House Sydney on Friday, 2 August 2019.** **WI/2019/10016**

11.3 **Minutes of the New England Bush Fire Management Committee Meeting held at the Rural Fire Control Centre Armidale on Tuesday, 20 August 2019.** **WI/2019/11264**

11.4 **Minutes of the Central Norther Regional Libraries Committee Meeting held at Ray Walsh House Tamworth on Wednesday, 4 September 2019.** **WI/2019/11825**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3:10PM.**