



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 29 June 2022

at

3:05pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

The Audio Statement and Acknowledgement of Country were read by the Chairman.

PRESENT: Clr EH Noakes (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors MA Berry, KW Ferrier, NF Hicks, AC Pointing, A Reilly and GDM Schaefer.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs LJ Latham (Acting General Manager) – Director Environment & Development, Mrs KMD Kermode – Director Community & Tourism, Mr CC Martin – Manager Corporate & Finance and Mrs EL Hobbs – Executive Assistant.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

213 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Berry that the Leave of Absence received from Clr Kermode from 24 June to 17 July 2022, being on a family holiday be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022:

214 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Hicks and Ferrier that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 May 2022, 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

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

6.1 Adoption of Community Strategic Plan 2032; Delivery Program 2022-2025 & 2022-2023 Operational Plan – Budget, Fees & Charges, Revenue Policy & Levy the Rates
WO/2022/01782

216 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schaefer and Ferrier that Council:

1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 402 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council **ADOPT** the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2032 as Final **noting**:

- a. reverting item 6.4 of the Community Strategic Plan back to the previous version of the Community Strategic Plan which is:

Goal 6.4: Walcha will increase the use and production of renewable energy.

Strategy 6.4.1: Establish alternate renewable energy supplies that will meet our energy needs;

- b. undertake further consultation regarding renewable energy for the Walcha Local Government Area; and
- c. Present an amended Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan, if required, for Council to consider and for placement on public exhibition with the revised resourcing strategy at the completion of the Financial Sustainability Review.

2. NOTE Council's non-compliance with Section 403 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which has been advised to the Office of Local Government and to be addressed via completion of the Financial Sustainability Review and update of Council's Resourcing Strategy.



3. In accordance with the provisions of Section 404, 405 and 406 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council **ADOPT** the Draft Delivery Program 2022 – 2025 and 2022 – 2023 Operational Plan which includes the 2022–2023 Budget, Revenue Policy and Fees & Charges as Final with the removal from the Budget Capital Works Administration Item – Install Carport at Croudace Street House \$35,000; and
4. In accordance with Section 494 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, Council **MAKE** and **LEVY** the Rates and Charges for 2022-2023 for the General, Water and Sewerage Funds, and Waste Management Charges as detailed in the Report; and
5. Council **AUTHORISE** the General Manager to arrange for the preparation and the service of the 2022-2023 Rate notices.

6.2 Development Application 10.2022.16 Deck – DCP Variation

WO/2022/01709

217 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Pointing that Council approve Development Application 10.2022.16 for the construction of deck within the building setback on Lot 7 DP 249195 known as 159E North Street, Walcha, as per the development conditions listed within the Development Assessment Report.

Being a **Planning Matter a Division** was called prior to voting on this matter and the results were as follows:

For: Berry, Ferrier, Hicks, Noakes, Pointing, Reilly and Schaefer.

Against: Nil.

Absent: Kermode

Declarations of Interest: Nil.

6.3 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Review

WO/2022/01730

218 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Hicks and Berry that Council:

1. **RECEIVE** and note the report;
2. **DETERMINE** the annual fee payable to Councillors as \$12,420 per year and the Mayoral Allowance of Walcha Council as \$27,600 for the 2022/2023 financial year.

6.4 Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Future

WO/2022/01752

219 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schaefer and Hicks that Council **DELEGATE** to the General Manager:

1. To **EXPLORE** shared service opportunities of Audit Risk & Improvement Committee arrangements with Uralla Shire Council; and
2. **SEEK** applications of Audit Risk & Improvement Committee chair (either in conjunction with Uralla Shire Council or alone).



6.5 Walcha Community Centre Management Committee Appointment of Council Representative WO/2022/01723

220 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Hicks and Ferrier that Council **ENDORSE** and **APPOINT** Councillor Schaefer as Council's representative to the Walcha Community Centre Management Committee as per the Rules and Management of the Committee, Clause 4(d).

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

9.1 Office of the General Manager WO/2022/01728

221 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Reilly and Pointing that items included in the Office of the General Manager Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

9.2 Infrastructure WO/2022/01777

222 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and Berry that items included in the Infrastructure Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

9.3 Environment & Development WO/2022/01466

223 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Reilly that items included in the Environment & Development Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

9.4 Community & Tourism WO/2022/01686

224 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and Ferrier that items included in the Community & Tourism Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

225 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Hicks and Ferrier that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Committee Reports as presented.

10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Arts Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha on Tuesday 07 June 2022.

WINT/2022/04123



3.2 Relocation of “The Mother” Sculpture

226 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Hicks and Ferrier that Council **APPROVE** relocating the sculpture “The Mother” to the Southern End of Middle Street (near to Nivisons Look Out).

10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Council Capital Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walcha Council Depot on Wednesday 15 June 2022.

4.2.1 Celfi Mobile Signal Boosters

227 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Schaefer and Berry that Council **APPROVE** the purchase of the Celfi Mobile Boosters for fit out in vehicles and plant across the Council Fleet and as the next step in the continued roll out of Communications Upgrades for Council’s outdoor crews.

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

228 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Schaefer that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Delegate Reports as presented.

11.1 Summary of the Arts North West Board Meeting held at Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre on Friday 20 May 2022. WI/2022/07773

11.2 Minutes of the Arts North West Strategic Advisory Council Meeting held at Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre on Friday 20 May 2022. WI/2022/06276

11.3 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW Rural Health Forum Meeting held at Auditorium, Club York, Sydney on Thursday 26 May 2022. WI/2022/06537

11.4 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW General Meeting held at Auditorium, Club York, Sydney on Friday 27 May 2022. WI/2022/06537

11.5 Minutes of the Walcha Community Consultative Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 June 2022 at the Walcha Library. WI/2022/07631

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

13. CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3:37PM.