



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 24 November 2021

at

3:15pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

The Audio Statement and Acknowledgement to Country was read by the Chairman.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Barry Omundson – General Manager, Mrs LJ Latham – Director Environment & Development, Mrs KM Kermode – Director Community & Tourism, Mr PE Hood – Director Infrastructure, Mr CC Martin – Manager Corporate & Finance and Mrs EL Hobbs – Executive Assistant.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

78 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Lyon that Councillor Ferrier be granted a Leave of Absence due to illness.

MINUTES



2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2021:

79 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 27 October 2021, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS at 3:16pm

80 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Heazlett that Council **SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS** to allow Council's Auditor, Paul Cornall from Forsyths, to present the Financial Statements.

RESUME STANDING ORDERS at 3:25pm

81 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council **RESUME STANDING ORDERS**.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Clr Lyon asked whether the Development Control Plan should have had in its resolution a division on who voted as it was to do with Planning.

The Director Environment & Development advised that he is correct and we will amend the minutes to include the division.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

82 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Mayor Noakes that the Mayoral Minute as read and submitted be **ADOPTED** by Council.

This Mayoral Minute is to recognise the contribution of the current Council to the long term development of Walcha Local Government Area through their collective commitment to this community.

With this meeting being the last Ordinary Meeting of Walcha Council for this term I personally wish to take the opportunity to thank our current Councillors. The extended five year term has in many ways been a whirlwind of natural disasters and funding opportunities. As a team I believe we have acted in a collaborative and respectful manner to work hard for our community, while learning how Local Government works.

To our four retiring Councillors, Rachael Wellings, Jen Kealey, Bill Heazlett and Peter Blomfield thank you for the support you gave me, each other and the Walcha community. A special mention to Bill Heazlett who has given over 30 years service in this role.



Thank you to Council staff whose guidance and knowledge has helped us negotiate through legislation and the ever present "Local Government Act". Your commitment to our Council can never be underestimated.

Clr Eric Noakes
Mayor of Walcha

6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT

83 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Wellings that the Senior Officers' Reports be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.

6.1 Quarterly Budget Review of Operational Plan & Budget as at 30 September 2021 WO/2021/04606

84 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council:
1 **ADOPT** the September 2021 Quarterly Budget Review Statements; and
2. **APPROVE** the variations in Income and Expenditure votes as detailed in the Report.

6.2 Customer Charter WINT/2021/09573

85 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council **ADOPT** the Customer Charter as presented.

6.3 Request for Sponsorship – Yarrowitch Rodeo Inc – Jackpot Rodeo WO/2021/04637

86 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Kermode that Council **APPROVE** sponsorship of \$400 for the Yarrowitch Jackpot Campdraft.

6.4 Grants for Junior Sporting / Coaching Clinics WO/2021/04632

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

1. Walcha Flippers Swimming Club - \$2,400
2. Walcha & District Tennis Association - \$800

6.5 Arrangements for Christmas for Council Staff WO/2021/04626

88 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council **ALLOW** the Council Staff Christmas Party to be held during working hours on Thursday, 16 December 2021 from 12:30pm **FURTHER THAT** a donation of \$3,000 be made towards the cost of the Function.

6.6 Walcha Council End of Term 2016 – 2021 Report WO/2021/04696

89 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Blomfield that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Walcha Council End of Term 2016 – 2021 Report.



7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS

9.1 Office of the General Manager WO/2021/04507

90 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Wellings that items included in the Office of the General Manager Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

9.2 Infrastructure WO/2021/04506

91 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kermode that items included in the Infrastructure Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

9.3 Environment & Development WO/2021/04451

92 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Kealey that items included in the Environment & Development Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

9.4 Community & Tourism WO/2021/04564

93 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Wellings that items included in the Community & Tourism Management Review Report be **NOTED** by Council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

94 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the following Committee Minutes.

10.1 Minutes of the Walcha Council Capital Advisory Committee Minutes held on Monday 25 October 2021 at the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha.

WO/2021/04305

10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Council Community Care Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 15 November 2021, at the Walcha Community Care Office, Middle Street, Walcha

WO/2021/04607



11. DELEGATE REPORTS

95 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Heazlett and Blomfield that Council **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the following Delegate Minutes.

11.1 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW General Meeting held at the LGNSW Board Meeting Room, Margaret Street Sydney on Friday, 05 November 2021. WI/2021/17302

11.2 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW Annual General Meeting held at the LGNSW Board Meeting Room, Margaret Street, Sydney on Friday 05 November 2021. WI/2021/16749

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

13. CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil.

The Mayor said a few words on Clr Ferrier's journey with his illness wishing him well.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 04:10PM