



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via zoom and in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers, 253 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 13 April 2022 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)
Cr Biscotti
Cr Burton
Cr Grundy
Cr Livermore
Cr Preston
Cr Taskovski
Cr Ternouth
Cr Webster
Cr Willis
Cr Wilson

Staff: P Hansen, A/CEO
M Thompson, Portfolio General Manager Natural and Built Character
J Richards, Portfolio General Manager Community Choice
K Monaghan, Portfolio General Manager Organisational Capability
D Tooth, A/Portfolio General Manager Community Connections

Also Present: W Blakey, Clerk of the Meeting
L Ison, Minute Secretary

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land upon which the meeting was held.

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

There were no apologies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 March 2022**

143/22

RESOLVED (Taskovski/Ternouth)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 23 March 2022 be confirmed with the following amendment:

- The record of voting for Item 16.1 be amended by deleting 'The resolution was carried unanimously'.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

144/22

RESOLVED (Webster/Biscotti)

That Councillors and staff now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

There were no disclosures.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.33pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.33pm and resumed at 5.45pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**9.1 Development Application - DA.2021.1609 - 260 Lot Subdivision, Roads & Associated Subdivision Construction Works - North Elmslea - Stage 2A and 2B - 174 Tarago Road, Bungendore**

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RESOLVED (Biscotti/Taskovski)

That:

1. Development application DA.2021.1609 for a 260 Lot Torrens Title Subdivision for residential purposes, roads, and associated subdivision construction works on Lot 1 DP 798111, No. 174 Tarago Road, Bungendore be granted conditional approval.
2. All relevant State Government concurrence and integrated referral authorities be forwarded a copy of Council's Notice of Determination.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy, Livermore, Taskovski, Ternouth, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Crs Preston, Webster and Willis

9.2 New Procedure for Proponent Initiated Planning Proposals

147/22

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Receive and note this report.
2. Adopt the procedure as outlined in this report for proponent initiated planning proposals, including the requirement to submit a scoping proposal as a pre-condition to formally lodging a planning proposal.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.3 Scoping Proposal South Jerrabomberra Urban Release Area Part Lot 189 DP 1272220

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RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council agree to the submitted scoping proposal to rezone Part Lot 189 DP 1272220 currently zoned 1(a) Rural under Queanbeyan Local Environmental Plan 1998 to be rezoned as the R2 Low Density Residential zone under Queanbeyan Local Environmental Plan (South Jerrabomberra) 2012, being progressed to planning proposal stage to allow for the further consideration of the rezoning.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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- 9.4 Proposed World Environment Day Activities 2022**
RESOLVED (Willis/Webster)
- That Council:
1. Endorse the “Community Open Day” on Mount Jerrabomberra on World Environment Day, Sunday 5 June 2022, 10am until 2pm.
 2. Replace the entrance sign to Mount Jerrabomberra.
 3. Work with Woden Constructions to replace the commemorative plaque and enhance the landscaping around the stone and plaque at the top of the Mountain.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
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- 9.5 Proposal to Install a Sculpture at Aprasia Park Googong**
RESOLVED (Biscotti/Taskovski)
- That Council authorise installation of an Aprasia Sculpture at Aprasia Park Googong.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 9.6 Crawford-Rutledge Street Redevelopment Memorandum of Understanding**
MOVED (Biscotti/Webster)
- That Council authorise the Acting CEO to negotiate and enter into an MOU with Village No 21 Pty Limited ACN 607 916 978 to detail the proposed changes and costs reimbursable to Council from the changes proposed by V21 to the Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct.
- During discussion, Cr Taskovski declared a significant pecuniary interest in this item stating he is employed by Ian McNamee and partners and left the Chambers at 5.59pm.
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- RESOLVED (Biscotti/Webster)**
- That Council authorise the Acting CEO to negotiate and enter into an MOU with Village No 21 Pty Limited ACN 607 916 978 to detail the proposed changes and costs reimbursable to Council from the changes proposed by V21 to the Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- Cr Taskovski returned to the Chambers at 6.03pm.

9.7 Surrender of Current Licence and Agreement to New Licence for Riverbank Cafe, 4 Trinculo Place Queanbeyan**MOVED (Biscotti/Winchester)**

That Council:

1. Authorise the Acting CEO to surrender the existing licence with the current business owners of the Riverbank Café.
2. Enter into a new agreement on similar terms with the new owner of the Riverbank Cafe for five years with an option to extend for an additional five years.
3. Publicly exhibit the proposal to enter into the licence agreement in accordance with section 47 of the *Local Government Act*.
4. If no objections to the proposal are received, authorise the Acting CEO to execute and sign the new licence agreement on behalf of Council.

AMENDMENT (Preston/Willis)

That Council:

1. Reassign the current licence with the business owners of the Riverside Café to the purchaser of the business.
2. Request the new owner of Riverside Café agree to the new licence agreement, on similar terms, with a market review of the licence fee on 28 February 2025, with a 5 year term and option to extend for an additional 5 years, with the extension also subject to market rent review.
3. Publicly exhibit the proposal to enter into the new licence agreement in accordance with section 47 of the *Local Government Act*.
4. If no objections to the proposal are received, authorise the Acting CEO to execute and sign the new licence agreement on behalf of Council and to surrender the existing (old) licence.

The amendment (of Crs Preston and Willis) was PUT and CARRIED and became the motion.

For: Crs Burton, Grundy, Livermore, Preston Taskovski,
Ternouth, Webster, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Cr Biscotti

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RESOLVED (Preston/Willis)

That Council:

1. Reassign the current licence with the business owners of the Riverside Café to the purchaser of the business.
2. Request the new owner of Riverside Café agree to the new licence agreement, on similar terms, with a market review of the licence fee on 28 February 2025, with a 5 year term and option to extend for an additional 5 years, with the extension also subject to market rent review.
3. Publicly exhibit the proposal to enter into the new licence agreement in accordance with section 47 of the *Local Government Act*.
4. If no objections to the proposal are received, authorise the Acting CEO to execute and sign the new licence agreement on behalf of Council and to surrender the existing (old) licence.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.8 IPART Rate Peg for 2022-23

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RESOLVED (Preston/Willis)

That Council:

1. Apply to the Minister for Local Government, through her delegate the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, to vary its general rate income by a permanent special variation for 2022/23 of 2.5 per cent, as allowed under section 508(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. Note that the original 0.7% rate peg resulted in Council's General Fund revenues decreasing by \$951,000 in 2022-23 compared to the expected rate cap.
3. Note that a 2.5% rate increase would eliminate the shortfall (excluding population growth) and will generate \$951,000 in additional rate income each year.
4. Note the special variation is required for QPRC to fund its service obligations set for 2022/23, and in future years within its adopted Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.
5. Note that the cost of providing infrastructure and services is increasing faster than revenue and the previous Council had predicted a 2022/23 budget shortfall.
6. Note that Council has been considering a number of broad savings options through the annual budget process.
7. Note that Council has considered that the impact on ratepayers and the community, if the special variation is approved in 2022/23 and for future years, is reasonable.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.9 Adoption of Draft Financial Assistance and Debt Recovery Policies**MOVED (Willis/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Adopt the Draft Financial Assistance and Debt Recovery Policies as provided in Attachments 1 and 2.
2. Receive a report every 12 months on the operation of the policy including financial costs and any issues that require attention to ensure the policy achieves its objectives.

AMENDMENT (Grundy/Burton)

That Council:

1. Adopt the Draft Financial Assistance and Debt Recovery Policies as provided in Attachments 1 and 2.
2. Receive a report every 12 months on the operation of the policy including financial costs and any issues that require attention to ensure the policy achieves its objectives.
3. Amend the policy from 1,000 kl to \$1,000.

The amendment (of Crs Grundy and Burton) was PUT and LOST.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton and Grundy

Against: Crs Livermore, Preston Taskovski, Ternouth, Webster, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

The motion (of Crs Willis and Wilson) was brought forward, PUT and CARRIED.

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RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Adopt the Draft Financial Assistance and Debt Recovery Policies as provided in Attachments 1 and 2.
2. Receive a report every 12 months on the operation of the policy including financial costs and any issues that require attention to ensure the policy achieves its objectives.

For: Crs Winchester, Biscotti, Preston, Livermore, Wilson, Taskovski, Willis, Webster and Ternouth

Against: Crs Grundy and Burton

Item 10.5, being for determination, was brought forward for consideration at this juncture and amended to become Item 9.10.

9.10 Review of Asset Accounting Policies

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RESOLVED (Willis/Ternouth)

That Council adopt the revised Asset Accounting Policies as attached.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Land-Use Planning Projects / Activities - Status Report

156/22

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Livermore)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.2 Biannual Biosecurity Weeds Report

157/22

RESOLVED (Willis/Grundy)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.3 2022 Minecraft Sustainable Design Competition

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RESOLVED (Biscotti/Ternouth)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.4 Event Evaluation of Queanbeyan MultiCultural Festival 2022

MOVED (Biscotti/Willis)

That the report be received for information.

AMENDMENT (Preston/Burton)

That:

1. The report be received for information.
2. A vote of thanks is given to Council staff involved in the planning and execution of a highly successful Multicultural Festival.
3. Council investigate ways to expand the reach of the Festival including at Council facilities throughout the Local Government Area.

The amendment (of Crs Preston and Burton) was PUT and CARRIED unanimously and became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Preston/Burton)

That:

1. The report be received for information.
2. A vote of thanks is given to Council staff involved in the planning and execution of a highly successful Multicultural Festival.
3. Council investigate ways to expand the reach of the Festival including at Council facilities throughout the Local Government Area.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.5 Review of Asset Accounting Policies

This Item was amended to 9.10 and dealt with in earlier business.

10.6 Resolution Action Sheet

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RESOLVED (Willis/Webster)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.7 Councillor Workshops

161/22

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**11.1 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes - 16 December 2021**

162/22

RESOLVED (Wilson/Livermore)

That Council note the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on 16 December 2021.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

There were no Notices of Motions.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were no Delegates Reports.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

There were no Questions with Notice.

15. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

At this stage of the proceedings Cr Winchester advised that there were items on the Agenda that should be dealt with in Closed Session.

Cr Winchester then asked if, in accordance with Clause 59.6 of the Council's Code of Meeting Practice, there were any presentations as to why the matters listed below should not be dealt with in Closed Session.

There were no presentations.

16. REPORTS FOR CLOSED SESSION

163/22

RESOLVED (Winchester/Ternouth)

That pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993* the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

Item 16.1 Undetected Leak Application - Strata Bungendore

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (b) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 6.53pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 Undetected Leak Application - Strata Bungendore

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RESOLVED (Grundy/Ternouth)

That Council not write off water usage charges for the property listed in this report, as it does not meet the conditions set out in the Financial Hardship Assistance Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6.59pm.

The doors of the Chambers were opened to allow the public to enter.

In accordance with Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, the Mayor then read out the decisions of Council made in Closed Session.

17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 7.00pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**