



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held at the Queanbeyan Council Chambers, 253 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 23 June 2021 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Overall (Chair)
Cr Biscotti
Cr Brown – via Zoom
Cr Harrison
Cr Hicks
Cr Marshall
Cr Noveska – via Zoom
Cr Schweikert
Cr Taylor
Cr Winchester (from 5.31pm)

Staff: P Tegart, CEO
M Thompson, Portfolio General Manager Natural & Built Character
P Hansen, Portfolio General Manager Community Connections
J Richards, Portfolio General Manager Community Choice
A Knight, Portfolio General Manager Organisational Capability

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

145/21

RESOLVED (Taylor/Winchester)

The late arrival of Cr Winchester be noted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Winchester joined the meeting at 5.31pm.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 May 2021**

146/21

RESOLVED (Taylor/Hicks)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 26 May 2021 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

4.2 Minutes of the Planning and Strategy Committee of the Whole held on 9 June 2021

147/21

RESOLVED (Taylor/Schweikert)

That the Minutes of the Planning and Strategy Committee of the Whole held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 9 June 2021 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

148/21

RESOLVED (Taylor/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.

Mr Michael Thompson declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 16.1: Contract Renewals, stating he is an employee of the specified company or other body.

Ms Jacqueline Richards declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 16.1: Contract Renewals, stating she is an employee of the specified company or other body.

Mr Phil Hansen declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 16.1: Contract Renewals, stating he is an employee of the specified company or other body.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

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

149/21

RESOLVED (Overall/Taylor)

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 5.36pm.

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 Funding Agreement - Braidwood Heritage Centre**

150/21

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Harrison)

That the Funding Agreement – Braidwood Heritage Centre be deferred to the next Ordinary meeting of Council on 28 July 2021.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.2 Community Engagement & Selection of Preferred Tenderer for New Playground at Bungendore Park

MOVED (Schweikert/Hicks)

That:

1. Council award the contract for the new playground at Bungendore Park, Bungendore, to Moduplay for the lump sum price of \$799,935.00 excluding GST.
2. Should additional grant funding or donations above the \$700,000 LRCI grant not be secured, Council fund the balance of the works from Bungendore S7.11 reserves.
3. Council support the relocation of the Bush Balladeer structure from Mick Sherd Oval to Frogs Hollow, and advise the Department of Education accordingly so that they can make the necessary arrangements to fund the relocation.

Cr Marshall foreshadowed a CONTRARY motion: ["That:

1. Council award the contract for the new playground at Bungendore Park, Bungendore, to Tenderer 7 for the lump sum price of \$insert excluding GST.
2. Should additional grant funding or donations above the \$700,000 LRCI grant not be secured, Council fund the balance of the works from Bungendore S7.11 reserves.
3. Council support the relocation of the Poets Corner structure from Mick Sherd Oval to the site of the new playground project, and advise the Department of Education accordingly so that they can make the necessary arrangements to fund the relocation."]

The motion (of Crs Schweikert and Hicks) was PUT and CARRIED.

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RESOLVED (Schweikert/Hicks)

That:

1. Council award the contract for the new playground at Bungendore Park, Bungendore, to Moduplay for the lump sum price of \$799,935.00 excluding GST.
2. Should additional grant funding or donations above the \$700,000 LRCI grant not be secured, Council fund the balance of the works from Bungendore S7.11 reserves.
3. Council support the relocation of the Bush Balladeer structure from Mick Sherd Oval to Frogs Hollow, and advise the Department of Education accordingly so that they can make the necessary arrangements to fund the relocation.

For: Crs Biscotti, Brown, Harrison, Hicks, Noveska, Overall, Schweikert, Taylor and Winchester

Against: Cr Marshall

9.3 Stronger Country Communities Grant Applications - Round 4**MOVED (Biscotti/Winchester)**

That Council:

1. Note the report and the announcement of the Regional Sport Facility Fund 2020-21 grants.
2. Nominate the following projects as priority one for round 4 of the SCCF:
 - Access Upgrade to Karabar Netball Courts Change Rooms - \$300K
 - New Toilet for Archery at Hoover Road - \$235K
 - Flood Lights on Steve Mauger Oval - \$229K
 - Wright Park Amenities - \$960K
 - Queanbeyan Arts Society Building Upgrades - \$78K

During discussion Cr Marshall raised a point of order relating to the location of the projects. The Mayor ruled against the point of order.

During discussion Cr Marshall raised a point of order stating no-one has spoken against the motion. The Mayor upheld the point of order and called for speakers against the motion.

The motion (of Crs Biscotti and Winchester) was PUT and CARRIED.

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RESOLVED (Biscotti/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Note the report and the announcement of the Regional Sport Facility Fund 2020-21 grants.
2. Nominate the following projects as priority one for round 4 of the SCCF:
 - Access Upgrade to Karabar Netball Courts Change Rooms - \$300K
 - New Toilet for Archery at Hoover Road - \$235K
 - Flood lights on Steve Mauger Oval - \$229K
 - Wright Park Amenities - \$960K
 - Queanbeyan Arts Society building upgrade - \$78K

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 153/21 **9.4 Model Railway Facility Proposal at Queanbeyan Showground**
RESOLVED (Taylor/Biscotti)
- That Council:
1. Not support a single user facility at Queanbeyan Showground.
 2. Assist the Canberra Model N Scale Group to identify another suitably located site on Crown Lands (including on non-Council managed Crown Lands) within Queanbeyan Palerang.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
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- 154/21 **9.5 Renewable Energy Purchase Power Agreement**
RESOLVED (Hicks/Harrison)
- That Council:
1. Commit to Procurement Australia's binding agreement for tender and resultant contract for a Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement (Stage 2 of the offer).
 2. Authorise the CEO to execute electricity supply contract documents to be provided by the Consultant post the tender event with the successful respondent, should Procurement Australia accept a tender.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
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- 155/21 **9.6 Investment Report - May 2021**
RESOLVED (Schweikert/Hicks)
- That Council:
1. Note the investment return for May 2021 was \$371,787.
 2. Note the investment portfolio has been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Investment Policy.
 3. Receive the Investment Report for the month of May 2021.
 4. Receive a report at the next quarterly reporting point on alternative investment options to those with connections to China.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 156/21 **9.7 Investment Policy Review 2021**
RESOLVED (Harrison/Taylor)
That Council adopt the draft Investment Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 157/21 **9.8 Remuneration for the Mayor and Councillors for 2021/22**
RESOLVED (Schweikert/Hicks)
That Council apply the 2% increase to fees paid to NSW Mayors and Councillors for the category of Regional Centre, following the recent determination by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for 2021/22.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS**
- 158/21 **9.9 Fixing Local Roads - Round 3 Application**
RESOLVED (Schweikert/Biscotti)
That Council nominate the following projects for grant funding through the Fixing Local Roads Round 3:
 1. Bitumen sealing of Williamsdale Road (\$3.0m)
 2. Bitumen sealing of Hoskinstown Road (\$3.0m)
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
- 159/21 **10.1 Portfolio Penalty Infringement Report**
RESOLVED (Marshall/Taylor)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 160/21 **10.2 Summary of Road Renewal and Maintenance Activities - Quarter 4 2020/21**
RESOLVED (Marshall/Biscotti)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 161/21 **10.3 Amendments to the NSW Local Government Act 1993**
RESOLVED (Marshall/Schweikert)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 162/21 **11.1 Royalla Common Management Committee - s355**
RESOLVED (Harrison/Marshall)
That Council:
1. Note the minutes of Royalla Common held on 10 March 2021.
 2. Note the minutes of Royalla Common held on 28 April 2021.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 163/21 **11.2 Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee Meeting 19 April 2021**
RESOLVED (Schweikert/Hicks)
That Council:
1. Note the minutes of Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee held on 19 April 2021.
 2. Receive a report on delivery options and budget for consideration in the next Delivery Program on the Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee Priority of works.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 164/21 **11.3 Greenways s355 Committee Meeting Minutes**
RESOLVED (Harrison/Taylor)
That Council:
1. Note the minutes of Greenways s355 Committee held on 9 March 2021.
 2. Note the assessment of Greenways Major Works.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 165/21 **11.4 Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee**
RESOLVED (Taylor/Hicks)
That Council note the minutes of Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee meetings held on 19 March 2021 and 21 April 2021.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.5 Local Traffic Committee 9 June 2021

166/21

RESOLVED (Schweikert/Harrison)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2021.
2. Adopt recommendations LTC 22/2021 to LTC 35/2021 from the meeting held on 9 June 2021:

LTC 22/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: *Under Roads Act 1993* approve the event on the basis that the organised modifies the TMP to ensure the roads used are closed to traffic for the event, includes measures for emergency communications, advise residents on route about the event, provide additional signage and advertise the event in the local Hoskintown paper.

LTC 23/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: *Under Roads Act 1993*, approve the TMP for the Christmas in July Markets to be held in Queanbeyan Sunday 11 July 2021, on the provision the TMP is updated as recommended.

LTC 24/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: Defer approval pending receipt of advice from the Police State Planning Unit and TfNSW Major Events Team.

LTC 25/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: Event not recommended for approval. The LTC provides feedback for future consideration should the event be rescheduled.

LTC 26/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: *Under the Road Transport Act 2013*, approve the design for Collett Street and Antill Street intersection

LTC 27/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: *Under the Road Transport Act 2013*, approve the design for the Bicentennial Drive pedestrian refuge and associated signage.

LTC 28/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: *Under the Road Transport Act 2013*, approve the design for the off-Road Bus Stop on Burra Road near London Bridge Road.

LTC 29/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: *Under the Road Transport Act 2013*, install the signage in Cooma Street as per the design.

LTC 30/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: *Under the Road Transport Act 2013*, pending favourable feedback through consultation with business in the area, including an adjusted design to provide timed parking restrictions (7pm to 7am), approve the parking restrictions as per the design.

LTC 31/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: Conduct consultation with the affected residents and re-submit design for approval.

LTC 32/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: *Under the Road Transport Act 2013* approve pedestrian crossing on Gorman Drive at Rosa Street intersection as per the design.

LTC 33/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: Under the *Road Transport Act 2013* approve line marking on Leon and Apraisia Avenue, Googong as per the designs.

LTC 34/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: Under the *Road Transport Act 2013* upgrade the pedestrian crossing on Lowe Street to feature a wombat crossing as per the design.

LTC 35/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: Under the *Road Transport Act 2013* approve the intersection changes at the Snowgum/Bungendore Road intersection as per the design.

LTC 36/2021 PROPOSED SOLUTION: Under the *Road Transport Act 2013* approve the intersection changes at the Macs Reef/Bungendore Road intersection as per the design.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

There were no Notices of Motions.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

13.1 Delegates Report

167/21

RESOLVED (Harrison/Biscotti)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

14.1 Responses to Councillors' Questions

168/21

RESOLVED (Taylor/Harrison)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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

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

Cr Overall 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

169/21

RESOLVED (Overall/Schweikert)

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 Contract Renewals

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10 (A) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) 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 6.25pm to discuss the matters listed above.

With the exception of the CEO and minute taker, all staff left the Chambers at 6.25pm.

16.1 Contract Renewals

170/21

RESOLVED (Marshall/Biscotti)

That Council note the renewal of five year performance based contracts for the senior staff as outlined in the report.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

171/21

RESOLVED (Overall/Taylor)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6.33pm.

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 6.34pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR TIM OVERALL
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**