



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held at the Council Chambers, 253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 11 May 2022 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Also Present: W Blakey, Clerk of the Meeting
C Flint, Minute Secretary

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.37pm.

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

185/22

RESOLVED (Winchester/Biscotti)

That apology for non-attendance from Cr Ternouth be received and that leave of absence be granted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 April 2022**

186/22

RESOLVED (Winchester/Biscotti)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 27 April 2022 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

187/22

RESOLVED (Winchester/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.

Cr Preston declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.6: Application for a QPRC Cultural Grant 2021/22 (Songs by Sondhiem), stating he is well known to the applicant and is assisting in producing the performance.

Cr Taskovski declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 9.1: Road Naming Proposal – Jumping Creek – Greenleigh, stating he is a member of the specified company or other body.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.41pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

188/22

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 5.41pm and resumed at 5.53pm.

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

Cr Taskovski declared an interest in the following item and left the Chambers at 5.53pm.

9.1 Road Naming Proposal - Jumping Creek - Greenleigh

189/22

RESOLVED (Willis/Grundy)

That Council:

1. Adopt in principle the following proposed names for the new roads created within the Jumping Creek development area:
 - Bedrock Street
 - Bushland View
 - Jumping Creek Road
 - Kiln Lane
 - Limeburner Way
 - Marchiori Crescent
 - Petralia Street
 - Primrose Avenue
 - Rottenbury Crescent
 - Sayersbury Street
 - Shannon Terrance
2. Exhibit the names for public comment for 28 days.
3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette if no objections are received.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy, Webster, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Crs Livermore and Preston

Cr Taskovski returned to the meeting at 5.58pm.

9.2 Road Naming Proposal - Stage 1 Elm Grove Estate - Bungendore

190/22

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Burton)

That Council:

1. Adopt in principle the following proposed names for the new roads created within the Stage 1 Elm Grove development area:
 - Birchfield Drive
 - Cobb Court
 - Harp Avenue
 - McClung Drive
 - Nelson Terrace
 - Strathmore Place
 - Whitton Rise
2. Exhibit the names for public comment for 28 days.
3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette if no objections are received.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy, Taskovski, Webster, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Crs Livermore and Preston

9.3 Road Naming Proposal - Blacksmiths Lane - Queanbeyan

191/22

RESOLVED (Webster/Biscotti)

That Council:

1. Adopt in principle the name, Blacksmiths Lane, as the proposed name for the existing laneway off Monaro Street, Queanbeyan.
2. Advertise the name for public comment for 28 days.
3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette confirming the name if no objections are received.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy, Taskovski, Webster, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Crs Livermore and Preston

9.4 Opportunity to Participate in a Shared Scheme E-scooter Trial

192/22

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Burton)

That Council endorse the expression of interest to participate in the 12-month trial of share scheme e-scooters commencing in July 2022 for Googong Township.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.5 Establishment of a Section 355 Committee for Mongarlowe Community Hall

193/22

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That Council:

1. Approve the establishment of a Section 355 Committee to manage the Mongarlowe Community Hall.
2. Seek reports from this Section 355 Committee in line with the requirements outlined in the Section 355 Committee Guidelines.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.6 Application for a QPRC Cultural Grant 2021/22

194/22

RESOLVED (Webster/Taskovski)

That Council approve a Cultural Grant donation of \$1,200 to assist with costs of staging a concert at Bungendore War Memorial Hall on 4 June 2022.

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

Cr Preston declared an interest in this item and did not vote.

9.7 QPRC Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022 - 2026

195/22

RESOLVED (Willis/Taskovski)

That Council:

1. Place the QPRC Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2022 – 2026) on public exhibition via Your Voice for 28 days.
2. Adopt the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2022 – 2026) if no submissions are received.
3. If submissions are received, receive a further report considering the submissions made during the exhibition period.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.8 QPRC Community Strategic Plan**MOVED (Willis/Preston)**

That Council endorse the amended Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042 including the following statement for the vision:

Queanbeyan-Palerang has a strong community spirit and a sense of pride.

Our people are welcoming and inclusive, enjoying a safe and relaxed country lifestyle supported by a healthy natural environment rich in biodiversity that we work to protect.

We acknowledge the First Nations peoples' history of our area and our Traditional Owners as custodians of the lands on which we live, and we respect their ongoing relationship with these lands.

We appreciate our urban and rural green spaces and rivers, and value our rich cultural history, built heritage and productive rural lands.

Our vibrant city and towns, small villages and rural districts reflect our cultural and creative diversity.

Our people have access to a range of services, facilities, educational and employment opportunities that meet their needs and support a strong sense of wellbeing.

With a generosity of spirit, we support those in our community in need, and our prosperity takes account of the needs of future generations.

AMENDMENT (Grundy/Biscotti)

That Council endorse the amended Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042 including the following statement for the vision:

Our area is a safe, inclusive and relaxed place rich in cultural history and offering a wonderful country lifestyle for all members of our community to enjoy and thrive in. Our community has access to fulfilling and engaging employment, education and creative opportunities. Our diverse community has a sense of pride and can enjoy excellent services and facilities while experiencing the benefits of a sustainably growing area that has a healthy natural environment.

With consent of the seconder, Cr Grundy WITHDREW the amendment.

AMENDMENT (Winchester/Wilson)

That Council defer consideration of the QPRC Community Strategic Plan to 25 May 2022 Ordinary Council meeting.

The amendment (of Crs Winchester and Wilson) was PUT and CARRIED and became the motion.

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

Against: Crs Biscotti, Preston and Webster

196/22

RESOLVED (Winchester/Wilson)

That Council defer consideration of the QPRC Community Strategic Plan to 25 May 2022 Ordinary Council meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.9 Rescinding of Former Palerang Council and Queanbeyan City Council Policies

197/22

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That the following former QCC and Palerang Policies be rescinded:

1. Libraries Policy for Young People
2. Library Collections Policy
3. Library Services Policy
4. Sale of Council Land Policy
5. Hawker Peddler Policy
6. Independent Assessment of Development Applications where Council has a Conflict of Interest Policy
7. PCA Inspection and Certification Policy
8. Revolving Energy Reserve Policy
9. Signs on Railway Land Policy
10. Stormwater Disposal Rural Residential Land Policy
11. Testimonial Dinners for Long Serving Staff Members Policy
12. Use of Revenue from Mobile Communications Infrastructure Policy
13. Water Meters and Water Supply Policy
14. Water Meter Size Reassessment Policy
15. Water Meters Raised, Lowered or Relocated Policy
16. Access Charges – Fire Fighting Policy
17. Footpath Maintenance Policy
18. Archival Photographs – Heritage Buildings

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 198/22 **9.10 QPRC Internal Audit Charter**
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)
That Council approve the Internal Audit Charter.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 199/22 **10.1 Affordable Housing Strategy for QPRC**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Taskovski)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 200/22 **10.2 Exclusion of Item of Business from 28 April 2022 Council Meeting**
RESOLVED (Willis/Webster)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 201/22 **10.3 Councillor Workshops**
RESOLVED (Biscotti/Willis)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 202/22 There were no Reports of Committees.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
RESOLVED (Preston/Webster)
That Items 15 and 16.1 be brought forward for consideration at this juncture.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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

203/22

RESOLVED (Winchester/Taskovski)

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 Bungendore Office and Property Development

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege 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.

16.1 Bungendore Office and Property Development

204/22

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Burton)

That Council:

1. Note the gazettal of the compulsory acquisition of Lots 12-14 of DP 1139067, Lot 3 of DP830878, part of Lot 701 of DP1027107 being Lot I in proposed DP 1276282, the part of lot 701 of DP96240 being Lot 1 in proposed DP1276285, and part of Majara Street Road Reserve identified as Lot 1 in proposed DP1276279.
2. Note the claims for compensation prepared by Council as required by the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.
3. Receive a further report once an offer for compensation has been received from DoE.
4. Authorise the CEO to execute the lease documents for 2 Majara Street, 10 Majara Street and the Bungendore Pool.
5. Following receipt of part or all of the compensation:
 - a. Authorise the CEO to commence negotiations to purchase land suitable for temporary office accommodation.
 - b. Prepare and submit a development application for the construction of the proposed new administration building on 19-21 Gibraltar Street Bungendore.
 - c. Commence the design and approvals for the construction of the new pool at the Bungendore Recreation Facility.
6. Authorise the CEO to negotiate with DoE on the items not included in the current compensation process.
7. Authorise the CEO to discuss with Abbeyfield the suitability of the northern section of Majara Street for their proposed development.
8. Authorise the CEO to recommence discussions with DoE on joint use agreements if and when required for Mick Sherd Oval, the new library and the new community facility.

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

Against: Crs Preston and Willis

205/22

RESOLVED (Winchester/Burton)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7.12pm.

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.

Item 12.1 was brought forward at this juncture.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

12.1 Bungendore High School Precinct

MOVED (Grundy/Biscotti)

That Council:

1. Staff prepare a report on the status of the Bungendore High School SSD proposal following the recent passage of associated compulsory acquisition of lands.
2. Note that Council was briefed by the Department of Education on the Bungendore High School proposal in a number of workshops in February and April 2022.
3. Note the recent passage of the compulsory acquisition of associated lands.
4. Being of the very strong view that Bungendore should have a High School and with the understanding that the Department of Education is progressing with the Bungendore High School Majara/Gibraltar precinct site proposal, despite Council's best efforts to have the Bungendore High School moved to an alternate site, acknowledges the need to work with the DoE to secure the best possible outcome for the community as a whole.
5. Considerate of point 4, notifies the DoE of Council's in-principle support for the Majara/Gibraltar precinct site to ensure the Bungendore High School is delivered for the community as expected.

AMENDMENT (Preston/Webster)

That Council:

1. Staff prepare a report on the status of the Bungendore High School SSD proposal following the recent passage of associated compulsory acquisition of lands.
2. Note that Council was briefed by the Department of Education on the Bungendore High School proposal in a number of workshops in February and April 2022.
3. Given the recent passage of the compulsory acquisition of associated lands by DoE, note the Resolution of Item 16.1 indicating Council's ongoing engagement with this situation.

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

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

Against: Crs Biscotti, Burton and Grundy

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RESOLVED (Preston/Webster)

That Council:

1. Staff prepare a report on the status of the Bungendore High School SSD proposal following the recent passage of associated compulsory acquisition of lands.
2. Note that Council was briefed by the Department of Education on the Bungendore High School proposal in a number of workshops in February and April 2022.
3. Given the recent passage of the compulsory acquisition of associated lands by DoE, note the Resolution of Item 16.1 indicating Council's ongoing engagement with this situation.

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

Against: Crs Biscotti, Burton and Grundy

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were no Delegates' Reports.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

There were no Questions with Notice.

17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 7.38pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON