



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and at the Council Chambers, 253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 12 April 2023 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: K Monaghan, A/General Manager
P Hansen, Director Infrastructure Services
J Richards, Director Community, Arts and Recreation
R Tozer, A/Director Corporate Services
R Ormella, Director Development and Environment
R Ryan, General Manager (via Zoom)

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

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.32pm.

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

108/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Wilson)

That the apologies for non-attendance from Crs Biscotti and Livermore 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 22 March 2023**

109/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Taskovski)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 22 March 2023 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

110/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Willis)

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 Willis declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4: Local and Family History Collection Proposal to Relocate to Council Chambers Building, stating she is a member of the Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society which may have an interest in this matter. As the proposal does not confer any particular advantage on the society or its members relative to the general community, she proposed to remain in the Chamber and vote when the matter was considered.

Cr Webster declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 12.1: Electronic Gaming Machines Reform, stating she works in the industry and has a family member who is the licensee of a licenced premises. She proposed to leave the Chambers when the matter was considered.

Cr Winchester declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 12.1: Electronic Gaming Machines Reform, stating he is a board member of the Queanbeyan Leagues Club. He proposed to leave the Chambers when the matter was considered.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.35pm, 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 5.35pm and resumed at 5.46pm.

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 Planning Proposal - Housekeeping Amendments to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022

MOVED (Macdonald/Wilson)

That Council agree to formally progress a Planning Proposal to allow further consideration of a number of proposed housekeeping amendments to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 in respect of the Googong Urban Release Area.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Webster)

That Council agree to formally progress a Planning Proposal to allow further consideration of a number of proposed housekeeping amendments to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 in respect of the Googong Urban Release Area, with the exception of the following measure:

- Changing the minimum lot size along the southern part of the Googong Township and Old Cooma Road, as it based on an assumption about future development on land south of Googong Township that has not been determined and, therefore, increased density arising from the proposed change to minimum lot size is not in the public interest at this time.

The amendment (of Crs Willis and Webster) was PUT and CARRIED.

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

Against: Crs Burton, Grundy, Macdonald and Wilson

The amendment became the motion, was PUT and CARRIED.

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RESOLVED (Willis/Webster)

That Council agree to formally progress a Planning Proposal to allow further consideration of a number of proposed housekeeping amendments to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 in respect of the Googong Urban Release Area, with the exception of the following measure:

- Changing the minimum lot size along the southern part of the Googong Township and Old Cooma Road, as it based on an assumption about future development on land south of Googong Township that has not been determined and, therefore, increased density arising from the proposed change to minimum lot size is not in the public interest at this time.

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

Against: Crs Burton, Grundy and Macdonald

9.2 Post Exhibition Report - Draft QPRC Public Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Policy

113/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That Council adopt the QPRC Public Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Policy and QPRC Public Electric Vehicle Charging Plan 2030.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.3 Community Plans

114/23

RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)

That Council endorse the proposal to facilitate the development of a 10-year locality-based Braidwood Community Plan.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Having declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the following item, Cr Willis remained in the Chamber and voted.

9.4 Local and Family History Collection Proposal to Relocate to Council Chambers Building

115/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)

That Council approve the relocation of the QPRC Local and Family History Collection to the current Council Chambers at 253 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan, upon vacancy; and refer the proposal to the Heritage Advisory Committee for feedback.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 116/23 **9.5 Dissolution of Braidwood Gymnasium and Bungendore Multi-Purpose School S355 Committees**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Grundy)
That Council:
1. Dissolve both the Braidwood School Gymnasium and Bungendore Multi-purpose School Hall Section 355 Committees.
2. Remove the Braidwood School Gymnasium facilities from the 2023-24 Council Fees and Charges.
3. Continue to hire the Bungendore Multi-purpose School Hall until the expiry of the Memorandum of Understanding in 2025.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 117/23 **9.6 s.355 Committee Delegations**
RESOLVED (Grundy/Preston)
That Council approve the Delegations for Section 355 Committees.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 118/23 **9.7 Post-Exhibition Report - Library Local and Family History Collections Policy**
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)
That Council adopt the revised QPRC Library Local and Family History Collections Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 119/23 **9.8 Post-Exhibition Report - Corporate Sponsorship Policy**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Grundy)
That Council adopt the Corporate Sponsorship Policy as attached to this report.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 120/23 **9.9 Post-Exhibition Report - Footpath Management Policy**
RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)
That Council adopt the Footpath Management Policy as attached to this report.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 121/23 **9.10 Internal Audit Charter - Annual Review**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Taskovski)
That Council endorse the revised Internal Audit Charter.
The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 122/23 **10.1 Proposed Planning Proposal - Abbeyfield Seniors Housing Project**
RESOLVED (Preston/Taskovski)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 123/23 **10.2 Update on Bungendore East Planning Proposal - 4610 Kings Highway, Bungendore**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Grundy)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 124/23 **10.3 Pine Forest Harvesting in the Little Bombay Area**
RESOLVED (Grundy/Macdonald)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 125/23 **10.4 Councillor Workshops**
RESOLVED (Willis/Grundy)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 126/23 **11.1 Disability Access Committee - March 2023**
RESOLVED (Webster/Taskovski)
That Council note the minutes of Disability Access Committee held on 16 March 2023.
The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.2 Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

127/23

RESOLVED (Macdonald/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee held on 19 December 2022 and the draft minutes of the Committee dated 27 February 2023.
2. Adopt the Terms of Reference of the Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee, endorsed by the Committee on 27 February 2023.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.3 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes - 15 March 2023

128/23

RESOLVED (Wilson/Taskovski)

That Council note the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on 15 March 2023.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Cr Webster having declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the following item left the Chamber at 6.35pm.

In the absence of the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor nominated Cr Preston to be Chairperson for this item. This was seconded by Cr Wilson.

The Mayor having declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the following item, vacated the Chair, and left the Chamber at 6.35pm.

Cr Preston assumed the Chair.

12.1 Electronic Gaming Machines Reform**MOVED (Macdonald/Burton)**

That Council write a letter to the NSW Premier and Treasurer of NSW seeking a commitment by the New South Wales Government to implement gambling reform measures which include; adopting all eight recommendations of the New South Wales Crime Commission report including, mandatory cashless gaming across all pubs and clubs, banning credit and automatic top-ups, and a financial support package to assist clubs and pubs in NSW throughout the transition.

AMENDMENT (Wilson/Taskovski)

That Council write a letter to the NSW Premier and Treasurer of NSW seeking a commitment by the New South Wales Government to implement important gambling reform measures as a matter of priority.

The amendment (of Crs Wilson and Taskovski) was PUT and LOST.

For: Crs Preston, Taskovski and Wilson
Against: Crs Burton, Grundy, Macdonald and Willis

The motion (of Crs Macdonald and Burton) was PUT and CARRIED.

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RESOLVED (Macdonald/Burton)

That Council write a letter to the NSW Premier and Treasurer of NSW seeking a commitment by the New South Wales Government to implement gambling reform measures which include; adopting all eight recommendations of the New South Wales Crime Commission report including, mandatory cashless gaming across all pubs and clubs, banning credit and automatic top-ups, and a financial support package to assist clubs and pubs in NSW throughout the transition.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Crs Webster and Winchester returned to the Chamber at 6.51pm.
Cr Preston vacated the Chair and Cr Winchester resumed the Chair.

12.2 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement

130/23

RESOLVED (Grundy/Macdonald)

That Council writes to the New South Wales Government seeking changes to the guidelines governing the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement to enable DRFA funds to be used for Council staff to undertake work related to public asset restoration.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12.3 Revolving Energy Fund

131/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council receive a report on the Revolving Energy Fund addressing:

1. How much money has been allocated to the fund in each year that it has operated.
2. The works which the fund has financed.
3. Any identifiable energy and financial savings achieved from these investments.
4. Potential uses for the fund in the 2023/24 Operational Plan, having regard to the payback period of investments.
5. Whether the fund should be expanded in future years to assist Council to achieve net zero emissions for its operations.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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

132/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)

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 RFT 2022-48 Braidwood Concrete Path Construction and Ancillary Works

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (di) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Item 16.2 Compulsory Acquisition of Land for Road Widening of Nerriga Road

Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Item 16.3 Feasibility Study - Queanbeyan to Bungendore (Q2B) Bulk Water Supply Pipeline Proposal

Item 16.3 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial

advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business 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 6.58pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 RFT 2022-48 Braidwood Concrete Path Construction and Ancillary Works

133/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council awards Contract 2022-48 Braidwood Concrete Path Construction and Ancillary Works to JSC Pty Ltd for the amount of \$405,827.20 (ex GST).

The resolution was carried unanimously.

16.2 Compulsory Acquisition of Land for Road Widening of Nerriga Road

134/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Burton)

That Council authorise the acquisition of the land as outlined in the report for the purpose of road widening on the Nerriga Road.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

16.3 Feasibility Study - Queanbeyan to Bungendore (Q2B) Bulk Water Supply Pipeline Proposal

135/23

RESOLVED (Webster/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Endorse the development of the Queanbeyan to Bungendore bulk water supply trunk main (Palerang Communities IWCM (2019) Strategy Option 3) to tender ready stage.
2. Pursue an offer for grant funding from the NSW Government for these works under tranche 3 of the Safe and Secure Water Program.
3. Provide funds for Council's contribution toward the project from the Palerang Communities Water Fund reserves; and report back to Council via the Quarterly Budget Review Process of any supplementary vote request.

For: Crs Burton, Grundy, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Webster, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Cr Willis

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Wilson)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7.34pm.

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 7.35pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**