



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, 9 August 2023 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)

Cr Biscotti
Cr Burton
Cr Grundy
Cr Livermore
Cr Macdonald
Cr Preston
Cr Webster
Cr Willis
Cr Wilson

Staff:

R Ryan, General Manager
P Hansen, Director Infrastructure Services
K Monaghan, Director Corporate Services
R Ormella, Director Development and Environment
T Geyer, A/Director Community, Arts and Recreation

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

001/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)

That the apology for non-attendance from Cr Taskovski 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 26 July 2023**

002/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Webster)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 26 July 2023 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

003/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

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.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

As there were no presentations or petitions to be lodged, there was no Public Forum.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

The 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 Crown Road Management Policy**

004/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Biscotti)

That Council place the Crown Road Management Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Webster, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Cr Grundy

9.2 Review Queanbeyan Car Parking Strategy

005/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Biscotti)

That Council consider the funding of a review of the Queanbeyan Car Parking Strategy (2018-2028) and a scope of works presented during budget deliberations in preparing the 24/25 Operational Plan.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Webster, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Cr Grundy

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**10.1 Road Asset Management Capability****MOVED (Preston/Livermore)**

That the report be received for information.

Cr Grundy foreshadowed a CONTRARY motion:

That the report not be accepted and be rewritten to the specifications of the resolution of 27 January 2022.

The motion (of Crs Preston and Livermore) was PUT.

MOVED (Preston/Livermore)

That the report be received for information.

The motion was LOST.

For: Crs Preston, Willis and Winchester

Against: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Webster and Wilson

The foreshadowed motion (of Cr Grundy) was PUT in an amended form.

006/23

RESOLVED (Grundy/Burton)

That this report be deferred for one month and be rewritten to the specifications of the resolution of 27 January 2022.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Cr Willis

10.2 Councillor Workshops

007/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Biscotti)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**11.1 QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes - July 2023**

008/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee held on 13 July 2023.
2. Note recommendation 22/23 from the meeting held on 13 July 2023:

QPRC HAC 22/23 – Development Application 2023.0151 at 116 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan, for signage.

The Committee does not support the proposed signage for the following reasons:

- i. The Committee has concerns about the size and dimensions of the sign and its main street location.
- ii. Reduction of signage in the main street should be encouraged.
- iii. The sign's placement is inappropriate, and it is not in sympathy with the streetscape.
- iv. The sign is not in line with SEPP 64 – Advertisement.
- v. The Committee unanimously agreed that the sign was inappropriate given its size and placement and suggest that the owner be requested to remove it.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.2 QPRC Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes - April 2023 and June 2023

009/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Livermore)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee meetings held on 17 April 2023 and 26 July 2023.
2. Note the following recommendations:
 - a. That QPRC submit a request to the ACT Government for 50 percent of the average annual revenue from the Water Abstraction Charge, which is attributable to residents of Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra and Googong, to be phased in over a 3-year period. The funding would be directed to managing the catchments of the Queanbeyan River, Molonglo River and Jerrabomberra Creek, including ecological health, within the limits of Council's responsibilities and powers. And that the funds are used to supplement the capital program in relation to catchment management projects.
 - b. The committee note the work of the Mulloon Institute on the National Code of Practice for Landscape Regeneration and agree it is worthwhile to stay informed of progress on the matter.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.3 Access Committee Meeting - 14 June 2023

010/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Webster)

That Council note the minutes of QPRC Access Committee held on 14 June 2023.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**12.1 Water Abstraction Charge**

011/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Submit a request to the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government for 50 per cent of the average annual revenue from the Water Abstraction Charge which is attributable to residents of Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra and Googong, to be phased in over a 3 year period for the purpose of managing the catchments of the Queanbeyan River, Molonglo River and Jerrabomberra Creek, including ecological health, within the limits of Council's responsibilities and powers.
2. Use funds obtained to supplement the capital program in relation to catchment management projects.

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

012/23

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 2023-16 - Construction Project Management Services – Cooma Road Water Mains Upgrade

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 Tender Evaluation Report - Design & Construct Pump Track at Jerrabomberra

Item 16.2 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.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 6.14pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 RFT 2023-16 - Construction Project Management Services – Cooma Road Water Mains Upgrade

013/23

RESOLVED (Burton/Biscotti)

That Council award RFT2023-16 Construction Project Management Services – Cooma Road Water Mains Upgrade to Black Mountain Construction Assurance for \$248,589.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

16.2 Tender Evaluation Report - Design & Construct Pump Track at Jerrabomberra

014/23

**RESOLVED
(Biscotti/Livermore)**

That Council:

1. Award the contract for the tender Design & Construct Pump Track at Jerrabomberra to Tenderer 1, Common Ground, for \$299,900.
2. Endorse the community engagement strategy to finalise a preferred location and design with a further report to be presented to Council.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore, Preston, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Crs Grundy, Macdonald and Webster

015/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6.35pm.

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 6.36pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**