



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, 23 August 2023 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)

Cr Biscotti

Cr Burton

Cr Grundy

Cr Macdonald (via Zoom)

Cr Preston

Cr Taskovski

Cr Webster

Cr Willis

Cr Wilson

Staff: R Ryan, General Manager

P Hansen, Director Infrastructure Services

J Richards, Director Community, Arts and Recreation

R Ormella, Director Development and Environment

T Sligar, A/Director Corporate Services

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

325/23

3.1 Application for Leave of Absence - Cr Esma Livermore**RESOLVED (Winchester/Wilson)**

That Council approve the Leave of Absence application submitted by Councillor Esma Livermore for the 23 August 2023 Council Meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

326/23

4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 August 2023**RESOLVED (Winchester/Webster)**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 9 August 2023 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

327/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Webster)

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 Taskovski declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 9.3: Amendments to Queanbeyan Development Control Plan 2012, Part 3A and Part 5: Jumping Creek Estate, stating he is an employee of the specified company or other body. He proposed to leave the Chambers when the Item is considered.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

328/23

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

RESOLVED (Winchester/Willis)

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 5.38pm.

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 Variation Deed - Funding Agreement - Braidwood Heritage Centre**

329/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council endorse the General Manager executing the Variation Deed under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund for the Braidwood Heritage Centre, as amended removing the reference for \$200K contribution.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.2 Braidwood Heritage Centre Request for Donation to Cover s64 Contributions**MOVED (Willis/Biscotti)**

That Council decline the request for a donation to the Braidwood Heritage Centre Project for the reasons set out in this report.

AMENDMENT (Winchester/Preston)

That Council:

1. Decline the request for a donation to the Braidwood Heritage Centre Project for the reasons set out in this report.
2. Request the General Manager to review options for a loan or deferral of payment of the Water and Sewer contributions, and a report be brought back to Council for consideration.

The AMENDMENT (of Crs Winchester and Preston) was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

The amendment became the motion.

330/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)

That Council:

1. Decline the request for a donation to the Braidwood Heritage Centre Project for the reasons set out in this report.
2. Request the General Manager to review options for a loan or deferral of payment of the Water and Sewer contributions, and a report be brought back to Council for consideration.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Having declared an interest in the following Item, Cr Taskovski left the Chambers at 5.54pm.

- 331/23 **9.3 Amendments to Queanbeyan Development Control Plan 2012, Part 3A and Part 5: Jumping Creek Estate**
RESOLVED (Willis/Grundy)
That Council adopt the amended Parts 3A and 5 of the Queanbeyan Development Control Plan 2012.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Taskovski returned to the Chambers at 5.56pm.

- 332/23 **9.4 QPRC Annual Community Grants 2023/24**
RESOLVED (Willis/Webster)
That Council:
1. Approve Category A grants for 2023/24 totalling \$25,000.
 2. Approve Category B donations for 2023/24 totalling \$34,929, noting that some applicants will be moved to Category H.

The resolution was carried.

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

- 333/23 **9.5 Friendship and Sister Cities**
RESOLVED (Taskovski/Wilson)
That Council:
1. Endorse a formal invitation to the Mayor of Ohrid to visit Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council in 2024.
 2. Rescind the Queanbeyan City Council Sister City Accompanying Adult Student Delegations to Japan Policy.
 3. Endorse the Draft Friendship and Sister City Policy and place on Public Exhibition for 28 days to receive community comments.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Webster, Willis, Wilson and Winchester
Against: Cr Grundy

- 334/23 **9.6 Asbestos Policy**
RESOLVED (Willis/Grundy)
That Council adopt the Asbestos Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.7 Investment Report - July 2023

335/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Taskovski)

That Council:

1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of July 2023.
2. Note the investment return for July 2023 was \$1,117,399.
3. Note the investment portfolio has been made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation (2021) and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Investment Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**10.1 Responses to Councillor Questions**

336/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.2 Portable Technology for Council Meetings

337/23

RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.3 Councillor Workshops

338/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.4 Bungendore Office Relocation, Community Centre and Swimming Pool Update

339/23

RESOLVED (Preston/Taskovski)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**11.1 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 1 August 2023**

340/23

RESOLVED (Grundy/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of Local Traffic Committee held on 1 August 2023.
2. Adopt recommendations LTC 18/2023, LTC 20/2023, LTC 21/2023 and LTC 24/2023 to LTC 31/2023 from the meeting held on 1 August 2023:

LTC 18/2023: Proposed Solution: Event supported. Under roads Act 1993 approve the temporary traffic control plan for the Queanbeyan Swap Meet.

LTC 20/2023: Proposed Solution: Legacy Torch Relay Event not supported in current form.

LTC 21/2023: Proposed Solution: Event supported. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plan for Capital to Coast event.

LTC 24/2023: Proposed Solution: Event Supported. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the amended traffic control plan as per minutes for the Diwali Festival of Lights.

LTC 25/2023: Proposed Solution: Event supported. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the amended temporary traffic control measures as per minutes for Husky Ultra Festival.

LTC 26/2023: Proposed Solution: Event not supported in current form. Recommend changing event date and resubmit at next LTC meeting.

LTC 27/2023: Proposed Solution: Event supported provided ROL is submitted. Under the Roads Act 1993 approve the temporary traffic control plans for the Shannon's German Autofest.

LTC 28/2023: Proposed Solution: Remove 2 x 'Cars with Caravan Only' parking signs on Waniassa Street, Queanbeyan.

LTC 29/2023: Proposed Solution: Under Roads Act 1993 approve proposed Traffic Control Devices Plan for Googong Neighbourhood 3.

LTC 30/2023: Proposed Solution: Approve the design plan for Jerrabomberra Pedestrian Upgrade Works for new shared pathways and wombat crossing. Recommend modifying current streetlighting.

LTC 31/2023: Proposed Solution: Approve the Traffic Control Devices Plan for Stage 1 Woodfield Hills Subdivision and proposed bus stop provided the speed zones are removed and the 'No Through Road' sign is added to the Plan.

3. Note the attachment of Local Traffic Committee correspondence on 2 August 2023.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.2 Local Development Committee Meeting - 1 August 2023

341/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Wilson)

That Council note the minutes and recommendations of Local Development Committee meeting held on 1 August 2023.

LDC 7/2023: Construction of retail premises – 198 Wallace Street, Braidwood.

Proposed Solution: Not supported in current form. Reconsider sweep path, onsite parking, and disabled parking.

LDC8/2023: Traffic and Parking Impacts due to additions to the existing heritage listed retail premises – 124-126 Wallace Street Braidwood.

Proposed Solution: Supported.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

12.1 LGNSW Motion for 2023 Conference - Amendments to BASIX

342/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Webster)

That Council submit the following motion to the NSW Local Government 2023 Annual Conference:

That LGNSW calls on the NSW State Government to update the Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) to remove installation of gas in new dwellings and renovations, to support a rapid transition away from fossil fuels and towards electrification powered by renewable energy.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Crs Biscotti, Burton and Grundy

12.2 LGNSW Motion for 2023 Conference - Amendments to Companion Animals Act

343/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)

That Council submit the following motion to the NSW Local Government 2023 Annual Conference:

That LGNSW calls on the NSW State Government to introduce to Parliament amendments to the Companion Animals Act (1998) to enact Cat Containment regulations across New South Wales to better respond to the local risk levels, nuisance and noise issues, cat welfare and impacts on native fauna.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS**13.1 Delegates' Report**

344/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Winchester)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

There are 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

345/23

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 Land Acquisition

Item 16.1 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 16.2 Legal Matters Update 1 January - 30 June 2023

Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (a) (di) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors); AND commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; AND 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 6.38pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 Land Acquisition

346/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Willis)

That Council:

1. Acquires by agreement 9,479.5m² (shown as Lots 4, 5 and 6) of Lot 24 DP 754899 (15 Warm Corner Road, Burra) from Jeffrey and Maree Latimer for the purpose of road reserve.
2. Close part of the public road within Lot 24 DP 754889 with an area of 3,319.3m² (shown as Lots 1, 2 and 3 below) and transfer the closed roads to J and M Latimer.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

16.2 Legal Matters Update 1 January - 30 June 2023

347/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Willis)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

348/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6.49pm.

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 6.50pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**