



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, 8 November 2023 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: R Ryan, General Manager
J Richards, Director Community, Arts and Recreation
K Monaghan, Director Corporate Services
R Ormella, Director Development and Environment
G Cunningham, A/Director Infrastructure Services

Also Present: C Flint (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

462/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)

That the apology for non-attendance from Cr Grundy 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 25 October 2023**

463/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Wilson)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 25 October 2023 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

464/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)

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

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.31pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

465/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.31pm and resumed at 5.34pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

A Mayoral Minute for the General Manager's Annual Performance Review will be considered in Closed Session.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**9.1 Development Application - DA.2023.0160 - 10-24 Saltbush Parade Tralee - Construction of 8 two storey dwellings**

466/23

RESOLVED (Macdonald/Burton)

That:

1. Approval be granted to vary zero lot line requirements under Table 6.3 of Part 6 and under Table 1 of Part 7 of South Jerrabomberra Development Control Plan 2015 to allow for the construction of 8 dwelling houses on Lot 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338 and 339 of DP 1269547 for the following reasons:
 - (a) Strict compliance with the controls would result in a development with varying built form outcomes and would result in a non-harmonious development of the land and the resultant functional living areas of the dwelling would be severely impacted;
 - (b) Unlikely to result in any adverse impacts on visual privacy, view sharing and overshadowing on adjoining lots;
 - (c) The proposed development is found to be consistent with the relevant objectives of the plan and consistent with the character of the local area.
2. Approval be granted to vary principal private open space requirements as prescribed under Section 7.11 and Section 6.8 of South Jerrabomberra Development Control Plan 2015 to allow for the siting the PPOS in front of building line on 7 proposed dwellings on Lot 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337 and 339 of DP 1269547 for the following reasons for the following reasons:
 - (a) Siting the PPOS behind the building line would severely restrict the usability of the PPOS as it would be surrounded by two storey walls thereby rendering the space unusable;
 - (b) Siting the PPOS forward of the building line is found to have a planning and an environmental merit as it will have a northerly aspect to it and receive sufficient amount of sunlight throughout the day.
3. Approval be granted to vary front setback controls as prescribed under Table 6.1 of Part 6 of South Jerrabomberra Development Control Plan 2015 to allow for the construction of a two storey dwelling on Lot 339 DP 1269547 for the following reasons:
 - (a) Given the eight lots are integrated in design, the dwelling on Lot 339 merges holistically with the remaining seven dwellings and results in a cohesive and a harmonious development of land;
 - (b) Unlikely to result in any adverse impacts on visual privacy, overshadowing of adjoining lots.

4. Development application DA.2023.0160 for the construction of 8 dwellings on Lot 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339 of DP 1269547 at 10-24 Saltbush Parade Tralee be granted conditional consent.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Cr Willis

9.2 Braidwood Heritage Centre Request for Donation to cover S64 Contributions

467/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Macdonald)

That Council decline the request for financial assistance in the form of a loan or deferral of payment of water and sewer contributions.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.3 Capital Expenditure Review Bungendore Pool

468/23

RESOLVED (Preston/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Approve the Capital Expenditure Review for the Bungendore Pool for submission to the Office of Local Government.
2. Proceed to the tendering of works for preparation of a complete design, specifications and plans for the Bungendore Swimming Pool, including Quantity Surveyor estimates and staged delivery options.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.4 Waterwise Policy

469/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Taskovski)

That Council adopt the Waterwise Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Road Asset Management Capability

470/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Taskovski)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.2 Responses to Councillor Questions - Management of Cats

471/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Livermore)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.3 Responses to Councillor Questions - Net Zero Emissions Project

472/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.4 Correspondence from the Office of the Hon Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

473/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Taskovski)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**11.1 Access Committee Meeting - 9 October 2023****MOVED (Biscotti/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of QPRC Access Committee (QAC) held on 9 October 2023.
2. Endorse the recommendations of the QPRC Access Committee of the meeting held on 9 October 2023:

QAC 01/23 Change in the Terms of Reference that a quorum will now constitute two committee members rather than four.

QAC 02/23 Support the request from the Carer and Parents Spectrum Supports (CAPSS) and the Access Committee to provide in-kind staff support for an inclusive advertising campaign to raise awareness of disability and inclusion in our wider community.

QAC 03/23 Investigate Council's internal resource capacity and necessary funding required to undertake accessibility audits in Braidwood CBD, and QPRC event facilities across the LGA.

QAC 04/23 Note the progress of work in accordance with the QPRC Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Preston)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of QPRC Access Committee (QAC) held on 9 October 2023.
2. Endorse the recommendations of the QPRC Access Committee of the meeting held on 9 October 2023:

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

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

Against: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Macdonald and Wilson

The amendment became the motion.

474/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of QPRC Access Committee (QAC) held on 9 October 2023.
2. Endorse the recommendations of the QPRC Access Committee of the meeting held on 9 October 2023:

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QAC 04/23 Note the progress of work in accordance with the QPRC Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.2 Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

475/23

RESOLVED (Preston/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee meeting held on 18 September 2023.
2. Consider the BTCEC supported CWA submission and implement the proposed changes as appropriate.
3. Note the contribution made by David MacLaren to BTEC since 2008.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.3 QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes of 5 October 2023

476/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) held on 5 October 2023 – 28/23.
2. Note recommendation 29/23 from the meeting held on 5 October 2023:

QPRC HAC 29/23 – Refurbishment of Captains Flat Station Master's Cottage.

- i The Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) have no objection to the demolition of the Station Master's Cottage.
- ii The HAC encourage a future articulation in which the delineation of the Station Master's Cottage footprint be included as part of the forthcoming Heritage Trail.
- iii The HAC are supportive of the Heritage Trail project.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**12.1 SoE Reporting**

477/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council receive a report on options to improve the frequency of its reporting on the state of the environment of the Queanbeyan-Palerang region and sustainability performance including:

1. Reporting on a more regular basis.
2. Reporting Council's greenhouse gas emissions and renewable energy generation on a live basis as data becomes available.
3. How to resource more frequent reporting and live reporting any related matter.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12.2 Palliative Care Services in Southern NSW**MOVED (Macdonald/Burton)**

That Council write to the New South Wales (NSW) Treasurer, Minister for Health, and Member for Monaro, the Hon Steve Whan MP, expressing its concern at the \$150m cut to palliative care in NSW and calls for the funding to be reinstated to the levels of the previous Government and seek clarity on the financial impact to the Southern NSW Local Health District.

AMENDMENT (Wilson/Preston)

That Council write to the New South Wales (NSW) Treasurer, Minister for Health, and Member for Monaro, the Hon Steve Whan MP, noting the importance of palliative care to our community and seek an update on how these care services will continue to be delivered in the Southern NSW Local Health District.

The amendment (of Crs Wilson and Preston) was PUT and CARRIED.

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

Against: Crs Biscotti, Burton, MacDonald and Willis

The amendment became the motion.

478/23

RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)

That Council write to the New South Wales (NSW) Treasurer, Minister for Health, and Member for Monaro, the Hon Steve Whan MP, noting the importance of palliative care to our community and seek an update on how these care services will continue to be delivered in the Southern NSW Local Health District.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Crs Biscotti and Burton

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS**13.1 Attendance at Cities Power Partnership Conference**

479/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Livermore)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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, were there 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

480/23

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 Sale of Council Land

Item 16.1 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.

Item 16.2 General Managers Annual Performance Review 2022/23 and Performance Agreement 2023/24

Item 16.2 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 7.00pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 Sale of Council Land

481/23

RESOLVED (Wilson/Biscotti)

That Council:

1. Subdivide 40A Severne Street being Lot 6/DP872684, into three lots with one lot containing the current dwelling and one of the other lots to be retained in Council's ownership as operational land for the purposes of preserving physical and utility access to the existing reservoir site at Lot 7/DP872684.
2. As part of the subdivision process, undertake a boundary adjustment for existing Lot 7/DP 872684 (the reservoir lot) to better secure its extent for current and future water supply purposes.
3. Authorise the General Manager to facilitate the public sale of the dwelling lot and retain the land remaining as Biodiversity Offset.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

16.2 General Managers Annual Performance Review 2022/23 and Performance Agreement 2023/24

482/23

RESOLVED (Winchester/Biscotti)

That Council:

1. Receive and note the General Manager's Performance Review Panel Report for the Annual Performance Review 2022/23.
2. Endorse the General Manager's Performance Agreement with Council's Strategic Objectives and Priorities 2023/24.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

483/23

RESOLVED (Preston/Willis)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7.17pm.

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 7.18pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**