



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and in the Council Chambers, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 14 February 2024 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)

Cr Biscotti

Cr Burton

Cr Grundy

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

D Tooth, A/Director Infrastructure Services

Also Present: 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

There were no apologies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 January 2024**

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Taskovski)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 24 January 2024 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

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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.

There were no disclosures.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

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

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Taskovski)

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 5.39pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE**043/24 7.1 Cost Shifting by State and Federal Governments
RESOLVED (From the Chair)**

That:

1. Council receive and note the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2021/2022 financial year; and
2. A copy of the cost shifting report be placed on Council's website so that our communities can access it; and
3. Council write to the Premier, the NSW Treasurer and the NSW Minister for Local Government seeking that they urgently address these costs through a combination of regulatory reform, budgetary provision and appropriate funding and supporting the review into NSW Local Government Financial Sustainability.
4. Council make a submission to the Terms of Reference to IPART.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**044/24 9.1 NSW Planning and Environment Diverse and Well-Located Housing Reforms
RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)**

That Council lodge a submission on the Diverse and Well-located Housing reforms proposed by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, in accordance with the matters raised in this report.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**045/24 9.2 Road Naming DA.2021.1537
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the replacement road name Dyara Walk as one of the three proposed names for DA.2021.1537 condition #26.
2. Advertise the proposed road name for public comment for 28 days.
3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette for the road name Dyara Walk if no objections received.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.3 Naming of QCCP**MOVED (Livermore/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the principle that the naming of the QCCP building is an opportunity to acknowledge and pay respect to our First Nations history, in Ngambri and/or Ngunnawal Language.
2. Refer to the QPRC First Nations Advisory Committee the suggestions provided from the Ngambri Local Aboriginal Lands Council and Winanggaay Ngunnawal Language Group for their preferences and recommendations.
3. Receive a further report to determine the names of the QCCP Building, Forecourt and QLink, Rooftop Gardens and the Public Domain for public exhibition.

AMENDMENT (Grundy/Burton)

That Council:

1. Endorse the principle that the naming of the Public Domain, and the Forecourt/QLink in the new QCCP is an opportunity to acknowledge and pay respect to our First Nations history.
2. Refer to the QPRC First Nations Advisory Committee the suggestions provided from the Ngambri Local Aboriginal Lands Council and Winanggaay Ngunnawal Language Group for their preferences and recommendations for each.
3. Receive a further report to determine the names of the Forecourt/QLink and the Public Domain for public exhibition.

The amendment (of Crs Grundy and Burton) was PUT and LOST.

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

The motion (of Crs Livermore and Wilson) was brought forward and PUT.

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RESOLVED (Livermore/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Endorse the principle that the naming of the QCCP building is an opportunity to acknowledge and pay respect to our First Nations history, in Ngambri and/or Ngunnawal Language.
2. Refer to the QPRC First Nations Advisory Committee the suggestions provided from the Ngambri Local Aboriginal Lands Council and Winanggaay Ngunnawal Language Group for their preferences and recommendations.
3. Receive a further report to determine the names of the QCCP Building, Forecourt and QLink, Rooftop Gardens and the Public Domain for public exhibition.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Cr Grundy

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9.4 Draft Investment Policy
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Amend the draft Investment Policy as follows:
 - Clause 1.1 to read: To provide a framework for investing Council funds at the most favourable rate of return available to it at the time, having regard to council's preference for environmental and socially responsible investments, and with due consideration of risk and security for investment types while ensuring Council's liquidity requirements are met.
 - Add a new clause under section 6.7 – Sustainable investing: Give consideration to local economic benefit when making investment decisions.
2. Place the revisions to the draft Investment Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.
3. Adopt the Investment Policy if there are no objections.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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9.5 Licence Agreement - Bungendore Tennis Club
RESOLVED (Biscotti/Preston)

That:

1. Council endorse a 12-month licence agreement with Bungendore Park Tennis Club over part of Bungendore Park.
2. Council commence seeking Ministerial approval with the view to enter into a 5-year period with the Bungendore Park Tennis Club over part of Bungendore Park, at the termination of the current 12-month licence agreement.
3. The agreement be placed on public exhibition as required under Section 47A of the Local Government Act 1993.
4. Pending community feedback, the agreements be signed and executed by the General Manager.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.6 Access Agreement - Monaro Panthers Riverside Oval

This item of business was WITHDRAWN.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 049/24 **10.1 Review of Local Infrastructure Contributions Practice Notes**
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 050/24 **10.2 Exhibition of Glenrock Drain Shared Path Designs**
RESOLVED (Biscotti/Grundy)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 051/24 **10.3 Half Yearly Progress Report - Aquatic Fee Changes**
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 052/24 **10.4 Permitted Free Usage at Community Centres**
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 053/24 **10.5 Recruitment Senior Staff Position**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Wilson)
For Council information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 054/24 **10.6 Question on Notice - Captains Flat Station Master's Cottage**
RESOLVED (Willis/Grundy)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 055/24 **10.7 Councillor Workshops**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**11.1 First Nations Advisory Committee Minutes 17 October 2022 and 15 November 2023**

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RESOLVED (Macdonald/Willis)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of the First Nations Advisory Committee held on 17 October 2022 and 15 November 2023.
2. Endorse the following recommendations:

FNAC 02/23: That the following members be appointed to the First Nations Advisory Committee: David Thomas, Kylee Shea, Kahlia Heimuli, Stephen Mudford, Dianne Connelly and Kym Wiseman.

FNAC 03/23: That Council staff write to all First Nations Advisory Committee members not in attendance requesting confirmation, within 21 days, they are able to continue as committee members.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**12.1 Notice of Motion - Greenways**

057/24

RESOLVED (Willis/Burton)

That Council:

1. Notes:
 - a. The value of the Greenways in Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Government Area (LGA) and their importance to people and conserving local biodiversity, and
 - b. Threats to the Greenways posed by residential development and inadequate allocation of resources for repair and maintenance.
2. Holds a workshop to discuss:
 - a. The current pressures on Greenways, including approval for motorised vehicles to use Greenways to access residential dwellings;
 - b. Options for Council to address these pressures to safeguard the existing Greenways network, and to address the current funding shortfall, and
 - c. Opportunities to extend the Greenways network in other rural residential areas of the LGA.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were 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

058/24

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 Minutes of the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery Meeting

Item 16.1 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.

Item 16.2 Legal Update: July - December 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 6.37pm to discuss the matters listed above.

- 059/24 **16.1 Minutes of the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery Meeting**
RESOLVED (Biscotti/Livermore)
- That Council:
1. Note the minutes of the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery held on 22 January 2024.
 2. Endorse Matthew Harrow and Monique Suraci for induction into the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery.
 3. Consider \$25,000 in operational funding in the 2024-25 financial year to be allocated to the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery for signage, cleaning and induction functions.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 060/24 **16.2 Legal Update: July - December 2023**
RESOLVED (Biscotti/Winchester)
- That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 061/24 **RESOLVED (Winchester/Grundy)**
- That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6.54pm.

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 6.55pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON