



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and at the Council Chambers, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 13 March 2024 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)
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

RESOLVED (Winchester/Burton)

That the apology for non-attendance from Cr Biscotti be received and that leave of absence be granted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 February 2024**

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Grundy)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 28 February 2024 be confirmed with the following amendment:

- In relation to Mayoral Minute, Item 7.1: Retrospective Conflict of Interest Declaration, the Declaration be added to the Minutes.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

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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.

There were no Disclosures.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

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At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.35pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

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 5.35pm and resumed at 6.09pm.

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 Development Application - DA.2023.0384 - 1076 Neringla Road Neringla - Construction of a Dwelling House and Variation to Minimum Lot Size Standard**

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RESOLVED (Macdonald/Grundy)

That:

1. Consent be granted to a variation to Clause 4.2A (3) (a) of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 to allow for the construction of a dwelling house for the following reasons:
 - a. The proposed development is for rural residential purposes which is likely to support the long-term rural use of the land;
 - b. At 39.07ha, the subject site is of a rural character with no discernible difference to the minimum lot size of 40 Ha;
 - c. The proposed development achieves the objectives of relevant development standards and the variation is unlikely to result in any adverse environmental impacts;
 - d. Sufficient environmental and planning ground exists to justify the variation.
2. Development application DA.2023.0384 for construction of a dwelling house and variation to minimum lot size under clause 4.2A(3)(a), for Lot 3 DP 755906, being part of 1076 Neringla Road Neringla, be granted conditional consent.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.2 Road Name Proposal - Mondarlie Road

The item was withdrawn.

9.3 Naming of QCCP and Public Spaces

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RESOLVED (Wilson/Livermore)

That Council:

1. Endorse the following Ngambri and Ngunnawal names as follows:
 - The Building to be named The Nellie Hamilton Centre
 - The forecourt area and walkway along the Bicentennial Hall and QLink to be named The Malunggang Walk
 - The Rooftop Gardens on Level 3 to be named Djara Gardens
 - The Public Domain and Park at the rear of the building to be named Onyong Park
2. Place these proposed names on Public Exhibition for 28 days and receive a report at the end of this community engagement to consider submissions.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Crs Grundy and Macdonald

094/24 **9.4 Draft Cemeteries Strategy 2024**

RESOLVED (Willis/Taskovski)

That Council endorse the draft QPRC Cemeteries Strategic Plan and place it on public exhibition for 28 days for community feedback and comment.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

095/24 **9.5 Mobile Food Vending Policy**

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council place the Mobile Food Vending policy on public exhibition for 28 days and if no submissions are received the policy be adopted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

096/24 **9.6 Investing in Our Communities Program - Funding Opportunity**

RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)

That Council:

1. Endorse the signed funding agreement from the Federal Government's Investing in Our Communities Program for the Bungendore Sports Hub Stage 2 Project for \$2 million.
2. Amend the 2023/24 to include \$1,000,000 grant funds for capital expenditure and project management for approved works.
3. Amend the 2024/25 to include \$1,000,000 grant funds for capital expenditure and project management for approved works.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

097/24 **9.7 Jerrabomberra Pump Track**

RESOLVED (Grundy/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Review two short listed sites for the Jerrabomberra Pump Track being David Madew Oval and Stockyard Reserve in terms of suitability for location and design.
2. Consult with current user groups and stakeholders related to the sites.
3. Provide a further report to Council on the site and design of the track with a preferred site to proceed to final design preparation.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

098/24 **9.8 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)

That Council allocate \$1,527,709 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4 to the road stabilisation works in the 2023/24 Operational Budget.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

099/24 **10.1 Questions with Notice - Foxlow Parklet Captains Flat**
RESOLVED (Willis/Taskovski)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

100/24 **10.2 Questions with Notice - Fencing around Bungendore Park and Common**
RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Preston foreshadowed a Notice of Motion in relation to this matter to be considered at the 27 March 2024 meeting:

That the Mayor and General Manager write to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, the Hon. Prue Carr MP, and the Member for Monaro, the Hon Steve Whan MP:

1. Raising ongoing community concerns regarding the legality of and necessity for the fence around the Bungendore Park and Common.
2. Noting the unkempt nature of the grounds within the fence and the poor state of NSW Department of Education banners on the fence.
3. Requesting that the Minister direct School Infrastructure New South Wales to remove the fence and re-open Majara Street until such time as work is able to proceed under a properly and legally approved DA at the site.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

There were no Reports of Committees.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

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12.1 Notice of Motion - Captains Flat Heritage**RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)**

That Mayor Winchester write to the relevant NSW Government Minister/s requesting that, prior to the demolition of any heritage-listed item in Captains Flat, a Conservation Management Plan or similar document is developed for the Captains Flat mine site and associated railway infrastructure.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12.2 Notice of Motion - Funding for Heritage**MOVED (Willis/Preston)**

That:

1. Council write to Heritage NSW and the NSW Minister for Environment and Heritage, the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, requesting that the NSW Government allocate sufficient funding to restore the level of heritage advice previously available to Council prior to the 2019 funding cut.
2. Council identify own-source Council funding to match any increase in NSW Government funding for heritage advice for inclusion in the 2024-25 Operational Plan.
3. In the event that additional funds are made available during the 2024-2026 term of the next Heritage Adviser, allocate those funds to the provision of additional heritage services.

AMENDMENT (Winchester/Macdonald)

That Council write to Heritage NSW and the NSW Minister for Environment and Heritage, the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, requesting that the NSW Government allocate sufficient funding to restore the level of heritage advice previously available to Council prior to the 2019 funding cut.

The amendment (of Crs Winchester and Macdonald) was PUT.

For: Crs Burton, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski and Winchester

Against: Crs Wilson and Willis

The amendment became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That Council write to Heritage NSW and the NSW Minister for Environment and Heritage, the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, requesting that the NSW Government allocate sufficient funding to restore the level of heritage advice previously available to Council prior to the 2019 funding cut.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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12.3 Notice of Motion - Annual Reporting of Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions**RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)**

That Council:

1. Publicly report greenhouse gas emissions data for the QPRC Community Action Plan as soon as practical after Local Government Area (LGA) emissions data becomes available on the Snapshotclimate website each year. The reporting is to include:
 - a. Emissions data for the preceding financial year.
 - b. Historical LGA emissions data back to 2018-19, when Snapshotclimate LGA emissions data begins.
 - c. Progress towards the 2030 emissions reduction target (adopted in 2021) using the Council's 2018-19 target baseline.
 - d. Breakdown of the major sectorial contributors to the LGA's emissions.
2. Allocate resources in the annual Operational Plan for this work which should be feasible to undertake in-house.

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

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

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 Tender Evaluation - Design of the Bungendore Pool

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.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 7.19pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 Tender Evaluation - Design of the Bungendore Pool

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RESOLVED (Macdonald/Grundy)

That Council award the contract for the tender, Design Aquatic Centre – Sports Hub Bungendore, to Mode Design for \$538,250 (\$592,075 incl GST).

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Grundy)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7.27pm.

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 7.27pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**