



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held at the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday, 25 November 2020 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Overall (Chair), Crs Biscotti, Harrison, Hicks, Noveska, Schweikert, Taylor and Winchester (from 5.45pm).

Staff: A Knight, A/CEO; M Thompson, Portfolio General Manager Natural and Built Character; P Hansen, Portfolio General Manager Community Connections, and J Richards, Portfolio General Manager Community Choice.

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

255/20

RESOLVED (Taylor/Noveska)

That apologies for non-attendance from Crs Brown and Marshall be received and that leave of absence be granted, and the late arrival of Cr Winchester be noted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 October 2020**

256/20

RESOLVED (Taylor/Biscotti)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 28 October 2020 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

4.2 Minutes of the Planning and Strategy Committee of the Whole held on 11 November 2020

257/20

RESOLVED (Taylor/Biscotti)

That the Minutes of the Planning and Strategy Committee of the Whole held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 11 November 2020 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

4.3 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 November 2020

258/20

RESOLVED (Taylor/Hicks)

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 11 November 2020 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

259/20

RESOLVED (Taylor/Biscotti)

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.

Mr Michael Thompson lodged a less than significant non-pecuniary interest disclosure for Item 9.1: DA.2020.1363 - 181 Cooma Street Karabar - Alterations and Additions to Existing Child Care Centre, stating that his spouse is employed by the specified company.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.37pm, Cr Overall advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

260/20

RESOLVED (Overall/Taylor)

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.37pm and resumed at 5.57pm.

During the Public Forum, Cr Winchester joined the meeting at 5.45pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

Mr Thompson declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting at 5.57pm.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.1 DA.2020.1363 - 181 Cooma Street Karabar - Alterations and Additions to Existing Child Care Centre

261/20

RESOLVED (Schweikert/Winchester)

That:

1. Development application DA.2020.1363 for alterations and additions to existing centre-based child care facility, demolition, change of use from community facility to centre-based child care facility, use of part of a public car park at 11 Queenbar Road under license with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, landscaping, fencing, retaining walls and associated earthworks, and erection of three business identification signs on Lot 1 DP 865848, Lot 309 DP 240185 and Lot 408 DP 241203, 181 Cooma Street and 11 Queenbar Road, Karabar be granted conditional approval.
2. Those persons who lodged a submission(s) on the application be advised in writing of the determination of the application.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr Thompson returned to the meeting at 5.58pm.

9.2 DA.2020.1172 - Additions and Alterations to a Rural Supplies Premises - 121 Wallace Street, Braidwood

262/20

RESOLVED (Harrison/Taylor)

That consideration of DA.2020.1172 be deferred to the next Ordinary meeting on 16 December 2020.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.3 Sassafras Crescent Reserve

MOVED (Winchester/Biscotti)

That:

1. Council prepare high level concept options for potential upgrades to Sassafras Reserve and engage with the community on preferred options, noting that those options will not include subdivision of the land for subsequent sale.
2. Following the completion of the community engagement process, a report on submissions and recommendations come back to Council for consideration.

AMENDMENT (Hicks/Biscotti)

That:

1. Council prepare high level concept options for potential upgrades to Sassafras Reserve and engage with the community on preferred options.
2. Following the completion of the community engagement process, a report on submissions and recommendations come back to Council for consideration.

The amendment (of Crs Hicks and Biscotti) was PUT and CARRIED, and became the motion.

For: Crs Biscotti, Harrison, Hicks, Overall, Schweikert, Taylor and Winchester

Against: Cr Noveska

The motion (of Crs Hicks and Biscotti) was PUT and CARRIED.

263/20

RESOLVED (Hicks/Biscotti)

That:

1. Council prepare high level concept options for potential upgrades to Sassafras Reserve and engage with the community on preferred options.
2. Following the completion of the community engagement process, a report on submissions and recommendations come back to Council for consideration.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.4 Queanbeyan Sister City - Botanical Gardens

264/20

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Endorse the concept of the Botanical – Sister City Gardens project on the eastern bank of the Queanbeyan River, as Stage 8 of the CBD Masterplan.
2. Form a small working group to further develop the concept designs.
3. Nominate a Councillor to sit on the working group.
4. Consider inclusion of the initial stages of the project, as defined by the working group, in the Draft 2021-2024 Delivery Program.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Following the call for nominations, Cr Overall was appointed to the Botanical – Sister City Gardens project working group.

9.5 Naming of Freebody Oval Pavilion

265/20

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Winchester)

That:

1. Council endorse the naming of the Ian McNamee Pavilion and the Peter Solway Scoreboard at Freebody Oval for public exhibition.
2. In the event that no adverse submissions are received, Council proceed with the renaming proposal.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.6 Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade

266/20

RESOLVED (Harrison/Taylor)

That Council:

1. Endorse the concept design for the Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant.
2. Endorse the exhibition of the EIS.
3. Endorse early vendor engagement on components of the treatment plant.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.7 Majors Creek Road Pavement Rehabilitation

267/20

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Allocate \$600,000 of the 2020/21 Roads to Recovery funding for the immediate repair of 1.52km of Majors Creek Road.
2. Submit an application under Round 2 of the Fixing Local Roads grant funding for the rehabilitation of the remaining sections of Majors Creek Road between Araluen Road and Dargues Reef mine site.
3. Continue to work with Dargues Reef Mine management on options to mitigate damage and coordinate repairs to pavement.
4. Consider application for funding for Honeysuckle Bridge in future round of Fixing Country Bridges grants.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 268/20
- 9.8 Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund Program**
- RESOLVED (Overall/Hicks)**
- That Council nominate In order of priority the following projects to the BLERF Program:
1. Completion of Stage 4 of the Nerriga Road upgrade project - \$3,000,000.
 2. Rehabilitation of the Nerriga Road from Endrick River to Oallen Road (8.2km including Nerriga village improvements) - \$12,000,000. The application for this work to be itemised as follows:
 - a. Replace 2 low level causeways with flood free crossings - \$2,500,000.
 - b. Improve the Nerriga Road through the Nerriga Village - \$1,000,000.
 - c. Rehabilitate the Nerriga Road from Endrick River to Oallen Road - \$8,500,000.
 3. Rehabilitation of Majors Creek Road (6.5 km) from Araluen Road to Dargues Reef Mine site entrance - \$2,650,000.
 4. Upgrading of community halls (5) in fire affected areas - \$500,000
 5. Installation of public amenities at the Araluen campgrounds - \$250,000.
 6. Rehabilitation of the Nerriga Road from Euradux Lane to Tates Lane (7.2 km) - \$9,500,000.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 269/20
- 9.9 Bungendore Stormwater Trunk Infrastructure - Voluntary Planning Agreement**
- RESOLVED (Taylor/Harrison)**
- That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the Voluntary Planning Agreement after the minor amendments described in the report are completed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 270/20
- 9.10 Annual Report 2019-20**
- RESOLVED (Harrison/Biscotti)**
- That Council:
1. Endorse the Annual Report 2019-20 as amended.
 2. Provide a copy of the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 271/20
- 9.11 Presentation of 2019-20 Audited Financial Statements**
RESOLVED (Hicks/Biscotti)
- That Council:
1. Adopt the General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2020.
 2. Accept the Auditor's Reports, as submitted by the NSW Audit Office.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 272/20
- 9.12 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Quarter Ending 30 September 2020**
RESOLVED (Biscotti/Schweikert)
- That Council:
1. Accept the September 2020 Quarterly Budget Review Statement and adopt the recommended budget variations as outlined in the report.
 2. Note the estimated consolidated surplus of \$1,575,000, consisting of a deficit of \$1,160,000 in the General Fund and a surplus of \$2,735,000 in the combined Water and Sewer Funds.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 273/20
- 9.13 Investment Report - October 2020**
RESOLVED (Schweikert/Hicks)
- That Council:
1. Note the investment return for October 2020 was \$194,811.
 2. Note the investment portfolio has been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Investment Policy.
 3. Receive the Investment Report for the month of October 2020.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 274/20
- 10.1 Reduction of Parking Fines**
RESOLVED (Schweikert/Taylor)
- That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 275/20 **10.2 Local Government Elections 2021**
RESOLVED (Taylor/Harrison)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 276/20 **10.3 Organisation Structure - Modified**
RESOLVED (Hicks/Harrison)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 277/20 **11.1 Minutes of the Braidwood and Curtilage Heritage Advisory
Committee held 12 November 2020**
RESOLVED (Hicks/Taylor)
That Council note the Minutes of Braidwood and Curtilage Heritage
Advisory Committee held on 12 November 2020.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 278/20 **11.2 Minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Advisory
Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2020**
RESOLVED (Hicks/Biscotti)
That Council note the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability
Advisory Committee held on 4 November 2020.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 279/20 **11.3 Queanbeyan-Palerang Sports Council - Minutes of Meeting
held 9 November 2020**
RESOLVED (Biscotti/Winchester)
That Council note the minutes of Queanbeyan-Palerang Sports
Council held on 9 November 2020.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.4 Local Traffic Committee 20 October 2020

280/20

RESOLVED (Schweikert/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of Local Traffic Committee Meeting held via correspondence held 20 October 2020.
2. Adopt recommendations LTC 38/2020 to LTC 44/2020 from the meeting held on 20 October 2020.

LTC 38/2020: Under *Road Transport Act 2013* install centre line-marking on Hellmund Street between Glennie Place and Oldfield Road as per design.

LTC 39/2020: Under *Road Transport Act 2013* install additional 'Keep Clear' wording for the Keep Clear Zone on Lowe Street as per design.

LTC 40/2020: Under *Road Transport Act 2013* upgrade signage and line-marking on Mount Fairy Road and Sandhills Road to support an Active Level Crossing as per design.

LTC 41/2020: Under *Road Transport Act 2013* install centre line-marking, signage and yellow kerb lines as per design on Early St, Agnes St and Surveyor Street, pending final consultation with residents.

LTC 42/2020: Under *Road Transport Act 2013* install centre line-marking, signage and yellow kerb lines as per design on Isabella St and Symonds St, pending final consultation with School and P&C.

LTC 43/2020: Under *Road Transport Act 2013* upgrade signage for the Uriarra Pedestrian Crossing as per design.

LTC 44/2020: Under *Road Transport Act 2013*, implement changes on Lascelles Street, Braidwood between Wallace Street and Ryrie Street as per design.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.5 Fernleigh Park s.355 Committee Minutes

281/20

RESOLVED (Harrison/Hicks)

That Council note the minutes of Fernleigh Park s.355 Committee meetings held on 10 September and 15 October 2020.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.6 Bungendore War Memorial s.355 Committee minutes

282/20

RESOLVED (Schweikert/Winchester)

That Council note the minutes of Bungendore War Memorial s.355 Committee's Annual General Meeting held on 1 August 2019, and its Committee meetings held on 2 July, 6 August, 3 September and 1 October 2020.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.7 Wamboin Locality Committee Minutes

283/20

RESOLVED (Harrison/Winchester)

That Council note the minutes of the Wamboin Locality Committee meeting held on 26 October 2020.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

12.1 Naming of the Lake Jerrabomberra Pathway

284/20

RESOLVED (Overall/Taylor)

That Council:

1. Recognise Peter Bray's service and contribution to Australia, the former Queanbeyan City Council, the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and the communities of Queanbeyan-Palerang and Canberra with a plaque in the Queanbeyan Honour Walk, Crawford Street; and name the Lake Jerrabomberra pathway, and the planned pathway extension connecting to South Jerrabomberra/Environs Drive, the 'Peter Bray Walk'.
2. Accept the offer and contribution from Mr Paul Boschert, Weldcraft Engineering Queanbeyan, to work with Council staff to help create signage and an image or images depicting the late Peter Bray and his contribution.
3. Defer the naming of the proposed Community Park at 16 Agnes Avenue, Queanbeyan to a future Council.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12.2 Frogs Hollow Village Green - Bungendore

285/20

RESOLVED (Schweikert/Biscotti)

That Council:

1. Commence an online survey on transforming Frogs Hollow into a Village Green for Bungendore using the previous landscape concept designs provided to Palerang Council as a baseline.
2. Seek proposals to rename Frogs Hollow to represent its recreational and environmental nature as a Village Green.
3. Approve the NSW Department of Education's plan to move the existing Balladeer's Place from Mick Sherd Oval to Frogs Hollow.
4. Prepare a costed report on 'options' for the Frogs Hollow Village Green to be considered in the next budget/operational plan.
5. Provide a results and options briefing to a workshop, with an Ordinary meeting by 24 March 2021 for a decision on a way ahead.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12.3 Post-Merger Operational Expenditure

286/20

RESOLVED (Taylor/Harrison)

That Council receive a report on merger savings on operational expenditure since amalgamation.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

13.1 Delegates Reports

287/20

RESOLVED (Harrison/Hicks)

That Council note the Delegates' Report.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

14.1 Responses to Councillors' Questions

288/20

RESOLVED (Schweikert/Taylor)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

15. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

At this stage of the proceedings Cr Overall advised that there were items on the Agenda that should be dealt with in Closed Session.

16. REPORTS FOR CLOSED SESSION

289/20

RESOLVED (Overall/Taylor)

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 Property Sale - 10 Aurora Place Queanbeyan

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.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 7.00pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 Property Sale - 10 Aurora Place Queanbeyan

290/20

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Winchester)

That Council progress to settlement of the contract for the sale of 10 Aurora Place, Queanbeyan and finalise this matter, as outlined in the report.

For: Crs Biscotti, Harrison, Noveska, Overall, Taylor and Winchester

Against: Crs Hicks and Schweikert

291/20

RESOLVED (Overall/Taylor)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7.16pm.

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 7.16pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR TIM OVERALL
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**