



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom at the Braidwood Community Centre, 4 Park Lane, Braidwood on Wednesday, 28 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 14 February 2024**

062/24

RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 14 February 2024 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

063/24

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.

Cr Taskovski declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 9.3: Amendment to Jumping Creek Voluntary Planning Agreement 2021, stating he is employed by Ian McNamee & Partners. He proposed to leave the Chambers when the Item is considered.

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.

064/24

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 5.33pm and resumed at 5.46pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE**7.1 Retrospective Conflict of Interest Declaration**

The Mayor made the following statement:

I wish to put forward a Mayoral Minute which is not included in the Business Paper. My Mayoral Minute relates to an oversight on my part to not declare a non-pecuniary, less than significant conflict of interest in relation to Item 12.1 in the 22 November 2023 Business Paper.

The Item was a Notice of Motion in relation to the allocation of funds towards the Riverside Oval canteen which is of benefit to the Monaro Panthers Football Club, who are the primary users of said

canteen. The Riverside Oval facility is a Council-owned facility.

My involvement with the Club is as a registered player for the 2023 Masters' team, and my son also plays in a junior Monaro Panthers team, and has done for several seasons.

I apologise for not formally declaring this at the time and will ensure extra vigilance with such matters going forward.

065/24

RESOLVED (From the Chair)

That the Mayoral Minute be noted.

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

9.1 Dunns Creek Road - Western Alignment Corridor

066/24

RESOLVED (Wilson/Taskovski)

That Council:

1. Note the memorandum addressing the proposed corridor for the western alignment of the proposed Dunns Creek Road.
2. Acknowledge that the existing road corridor over Lot 1 DP 1269436 can now be relinquished.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Cr Grundy

9.2 Planning Proposal - Relocate Arterial Road Corridor Dunns Creek Road Queanbeyan Palerang Regional LEP 2022

067/24

RESOLVED (Wilson/Taskovski)

That Council:

1. Authorise staff to progress a planning proposal to relocate the current reserved corridor for Dunns Creek Road within the Tralee Urban Release Area.
2. Note that the progression of any planning proposal is to be in respect of the information obtained from Council commissioned studies on this matter, and to the extent that the alignment needs to be located within the Tralee Urban Release Area.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Cr Grundy

Having declared a pecuniary interest in the following Item, Cr Taskovski left the Chambers at 6.13pm.

9.3 Amendment to Jumping Creek Voluntary Planning Agreement 2021

068/24

RESOLVED (Wilson/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Authorise the General Manager to review and endorse, for public notification, a deed of variation to the Jumping Creek Voluntary Local Planning Agreement 2021 to clarify that the Agreement applies to Development Application DA.2022.1605 in addition to DA 109-2019.
2. Authorise the General Manager to execute the draft deed of amendment at the completion of the 28 day public notification period.

The resolution was carried

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

Against: Cr Willis

Cr Taskovski returned to the Chambers at 6.15pm.

9.4 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the Quarter Ending 31 December 2023

069/24

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Receive the December 2023 Quarterly Budget Review Statement.
2. Adopt the budget variations outlined in the report.
3. Note the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer in relation to Council's financial performance and projected year result is satisfactory.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.5 Investment Report - January 2024

070/24

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That Council:

1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of January 2024.
2. Note the investment return for January 2024 was \$1,233,988.
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.

- 071/24 **9.6 NSW Treasury Corp Loan Agreements Update**
RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)
That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign and affix the common seal of amended loan contracts with NSW Treasury Corporation.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 072/24 **9.7 Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy**
RESOLVED (Biscotti/Livermore)
That Council place the draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy on exhibition for 28 days.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 073/24 **9.8 Post-Exhibition Report - Data Breach Policy**
RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)
That Council adopt the Data Breach Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 074/24 **9.9 Post-Exhibition Report - Agricultural Chemical Use in Public Places Policy**
RESOLVED (Preston/Livermore)
That Council adopt the Agricultural Chemical Use in Public Places Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
- 075/24 **10.1 Feedback on Public Exhibition of 2022/23 Financial Statements**
RESOLVED (Preston/Wilson)
For Council information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 076/24 **10.2 Councillor Workshops**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**11.1 QPRC Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes - October 2023 and December 2023**

077/24

RESOLVED (Willis/Winchester)

That Council note the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee held on 16 October 2023 and 4 December 2023.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.2 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 6 February 2024

078/24

RESOLVED (Livermore/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of Local Traffic Committee held on 6 February 2024.
2. Adopt recommendations LTC 2/2024 to LTC 9/2024 from the meeting held on 6 February 2024:

LTC 2/2024: Proposed Solution: Event supported. Under roads Act 1993 approve the temporary traffic control plan with minor amendments for the Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival.

LTC 3/2024: Proposed Solution: Event supported. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plan for Queanbeyan Rodeo.

LTC 4/2024: Proposed Solution: Event supported. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plan for Queanbeyan ANZAC Day event.

LTC 5/2024: Proposed Solution: Event not supported in current form. Resubmit at next LTC Meeting.

LTC 6/2024: Proposed Solution: Event supported. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plan for Braidwood ANZAC Day event.

LTC 7/2024: Proposed Solution: Event supported. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plan for Captains Flat ANZAC Day event.

LTC 8/2024: Proposed Solution: Event supported. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plan for Majors Creek ANZAC Day event.

LTC 9/2024: Proposed Solution: Event supported. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the traffic control plan for Jerrabomberra ANZAC Day event.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11.3 Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

079/24

RESOLVED (Grundy/Wilson)

That Council notes:

1. The Minutes of Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee meetings held on 20 November 2023 and 18 December 2023.
2. Resolution 6.2: That Council prioritises upgrading the Bungendore Road Halfway Creek access bridge and approaches to the Molonglo Street/Gibraltar Street junction.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

12.1 Notice of Motion - Mount Jerrabomberra Plan of Management

080/24

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council receive a report on progress implementing the Mount Jerrabomberra Plan of Management following the 2023-2024 budget allocation to commence this work.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12.2 Notice of Motion - Budget Items

081/24

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council consider allocating funding in the 2024-2025 Operational Plan for the following purposes:

- a. Providing additional bicycle parking in city and town centres.
- b. Installing shade cloth for the Queanbeyan outdoor swimming pool.
- c. Reviewing the concept plan for the proposed Agnes Avenue Park in Queanbeyan, and revising cost estimates to complete the project.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

082/24 **12.3 Notice of Motion - Improved Vehicle Wildlife Road Collision Mitigation Measures**
RESOLVED (Grundy/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Receive a report on the options available for, and the costs of, improved vehicle-wildlife road collision mitigation measures on rural high traffic roads, such as Macs Reef Road Bywong. This should include acoustic, and visual measures, including but not limited to active signage as well as improved roadside vegetation containment practises.
2. Consider operational funding in the 2024-2025 financial year for the installation of such measures.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

083/24 **12.4 Notice of Motion - Wamboin Welcome Wall**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Burton)

That Council:

1. Notes:
 - a. the fantastic job that the community did in repairing the stone Wamboin sign on the corner of Norton Road and Sutton Road, and
 - b. that the repair project was entirely undertaken by the community.
2. Hold a workshop to discuss options for lighting at the intersection to enhance safety and visual aspects including:
 - a. technology options, with a preference for solar;
 - b. cost estimates, and
 - c. funding options.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

084/24 **12.5 Notice of Motion - Clean Up Australia Day**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Burton)

That Council:

1. Notes:
 - a. the annual Clean Up Australia Day event will be held on 3 March 2024 and this activity provides people right across Australia the opportunity to make a positive impact to their local area, and
 - b. that the Wamboin Community Association held Clean Up Australia Day events for 27 years but this has ceased in recent years following advice from Council.

2. Refers the matter to the Local Traffic Committee for consideration with a view as to how to mitigate risk sufficiently to enable this activity to be undertaken including along roadsides in non-urban areas.
3. Develops options to enable all members of our community to get involved in Clean Up Australia Day appropriate to their local area.

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

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 Appointment of Heritage Advisor

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (a) (di) (dii) 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 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council 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 7.18pm to discuss the matters listed above.

085/24

- 086/24 **16.1 Appointment of Heritage Advisor**
RESOLVED (Biscotti/Grundy)
- That Council:
1. Appoint Philip Leeson Architects and Associates as the QPRC Heritage Advisor for the period 2024-2026.
 2. In the event that Philip Leeson Architects and Associates decline, appoint Can Ercan.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 087/24 **RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)**
- That the meeting now return to Open Session.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- The meeting returned to Open Session at 7.34pm.
- 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 7.34pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON