



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, 24 April 2024 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)
Cr Biscotti
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/Livermore)

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

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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- 156/24 **3.1 Application for Leave of Absence - Cr Michele Biscotti**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Taskovski)
- That Council approve the Leave of Absence application submitted by Councillor Michele Biscotti for the 22 May 2024 Council Meeting.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 157/24 **4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 April 2024**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)
- That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 10 April 2024 be confirmed.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

- 158/24 **RESOLVED (Winchester/Taskovski)**
- 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 less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.10: Proposal for Lease to Queanbeyan City Football Club - 25 High Street, Queanbeyan, stating he is involved in obtaining the grant for Queanbeyan City Football Club. He proposed to leave the Chambers when the matter is considered.
- Cr Preston declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 12.4: Notice of Motion - Council Submission Tuggeragong Valley Rugby Union and Sports Club Limited DA 2023.0635, stating he is a Council delegate to the Regional Planning Panel. He proposed to leave the Chambers when the matter is considered.
- Cr Wilson declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 12.4: Notice of Motion - Council Submission Tuggeragong Valley Rugby Union and Sports Club Limited DA 2023.0635, stating he is a close associate of a Board Member of Vikings Club. He proposed to leave the Chambers when the matter is considered.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.36pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

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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 5.36pm 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.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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RESOLVED (Grundy/Winchester)

That Items 12.4, 12.3, 9.10, 12.1 and 12.2 be brought forward for consideration at this juncture.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Having declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following Item, Crs Wilson and Preston left the Chambers at 6.10pm.

12.4 Notice of Motion - Council Submission Tuggeranong Valley Rugby Union and Sports Club Limited DA 2023.0635

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RESOLVED (Grundy/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the community interest received, in the matter of the Tuggeranong Valley Rugby Union and Sports Club Limited DA 2023.0635 to construct a registered club premises at 37 Tompsitt Drive, Jerrabomberra.
2. Makes a submission to Regional Planning Panel (RPP) on this proposal noting these community concerns.
3. Recommends to the Regional Planning Panel that they conduct a public determination meeting in person at Queanbeyan prior to their determination.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Crs Wilson and Preston returned to the Chambers at 6.20pm.

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12.3 Notice of Motion - Pedestrian Safety in Bungendore
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Preston)

That Council:

1. Notes the change.org petition developed by Bungendore community members petitioning for the installation of a pedestrian crossing in the school precinct on Kings Highway, Bungendore, and
2. Write to the Member for Monaro and the NSW Minister for Transport expressing Council's support for the priority investigation and any necessary work to increase pedestrian safety at the school precinct in Bungendore.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Having declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the following Item, Cr Taskovski left the Chambers at 6.26pm.

9.10 Proposal for Lease to Queanbeyan City Football Club - 25 High Street, Queanbeyan
MOVED (Biscotti/Macdonald)

That:

1. Council endorse the proposed lease agreement to Queanbeyan City Football Club (QCFC) over land at 25 High Street for a 25-year term.
2. When finances have been attained and a budget approved by QCFC, Council approval is sought to proceed to construction and delivery of the new clubhouse, change rooms and canteen facility project.
3. A reporting framework from QCFC to Council is implemented on a quarterly basis until project completion.

AMENDMENT (Livermore/Preston)

That Council endorse the proposed lease agreement to Queanbeyan City Football Club (QCFC) over land at 25 High Street for a 25-year term.

The amendment (of Crs Livermore and Preston) was PUT and CARRIED unanimously and became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Livermore/Preston)

That Council endorse the proposed lease agreement to Queanbeyan City Football Club (QCFC) over land at 25 High Street for a 25-year term.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Taskovski returned to the Chambers at 7.00pm.

164/24 **12.1 Notice of Motion - Captains Flat Lead Remediation and Related Matters Workshop**
RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Note:
 - a. The Captains Flat Lead Abatement Taskforce has disbanded following completion of a Lead Management Plan.
 - b. There is currently no coordinating group to oversee implementation of lead abatement plans and remediation of a number of public sites.
 - c. Residents have requested to be involved in the implementation of lead abatement actions in Captains Flat so that their particular concerns and interests are addressed.
 - d. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council requires additional funding to remediate public and Crown Land for which it is the manager.
 - e. Residents require a viable option to safely dispose of contaminated soil from their own properties.
2. Hold a Councillor workshop to discuss these and related matters concerning lead contamination and remediation in Captains Flat.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

165/24 **12.2 Notice of Motion - Lead Working Group**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Grundy)

That Council:

1. Establishes a lead management working group comprising representatives from Council and members of the Captains Flat community; and
2. Write to the NSW Premier to request the involvement in the working group of a representative from the Department of Premier to enable whole of government liaison and coordination.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**9.1 Draft South Jerrabomberra Regional Job Precinct Master Plan and Associated Amendments to the Queanbeyan-Palerang LEP 2022**

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RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council provide a letter of support for the finalisation of the Draft South Jerrabomberra Regional Job Precinct Master Plan and associated amendments to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Environmental Plan 2022.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.2 Scoping Proposal - Proposed Additional Uses for Housing - 138 Environa Drive, Environa

167/24

RESOLVED (Wilson/Biscotti)

That Council:

1. Support the progression of the Scoping Proposal on Lot 1 DP 1269436, located at 138 Environa Drive, Environa for initial agency consultation. The Proposal aims to amend the schedule 1, as well as accordingly Additional Permitted Uses Map and Height of Buildings Map, in the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022.
2. Note that no approval or endorsement of the Scoping Proposal forms part of this decision.
3. Consider at a future date whether to support or refuse progression of a Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for Gateway Determination, as per Section 3.34(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

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

Against: Cr Willis

9.3 Scoping Proposal - Rezoning and Consolidation - 3 Callum Street and 76 Tharwa Road, Queanbeyan

168/24

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Support progression of the Scoping Proposal for the rezoning of land located at 3 Callum Street and 76 Tharwa Road, Queanbeyan for initial agency consultation.
2. Note that no approval or endorsement of the Scoping Proposal forms part of this decision.
3. Will consider at a future date whether to support or refuse progression of a Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for Gateway Determination, as per Section 3.34(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 169/24 **9.4 Jerrabomberra Pump Track - Preferred Location**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Grundy)
- That Council endorse David Madew Oval as the location for the Jerrabomberra Pump Track and proceed to final design, with a report to be brought back to Council then construction.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 7.35pm and resumed at 7.46pm.
- 170/24 **9.5 Bungendore Place Plan 2024**
RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)
- That Council:
1. Endorse the Bungendore Place Plan for public exhibition for 28 days.
 2. Receive a further report on the feedback provided.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 171/24 **9.6 QPRC Sporting Gallery Policy**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Livermore)
- That Council endorse the QPRC Sporting Gallery Policy for public exhibition for 28 days.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 172/24 **9.7 Draft Submissions to Local Government Financial Sustainability and NSW RFS Assets Inquiries**
RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)
- That Council make submissions to the:
1. NSW Parliament Inquiry into the Ability of Local Governments to Fund Infrastructure and Services;
 2. Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability, and
 3. NSW Parliament Inquiry into the assets, premises and funding of the NSW Rural Fire Service.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

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9.8 Investment Report - March 2024**RESOLVED (Wilson/Taskovski)**

That Council:

1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of March 2024.
2. Note the investment return for March 2024 was \$1,469,128.
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.

9.9 Renewal of Lease and Proposed Donation - Headspace Queanbeyan**MOVED (Macdonald/Winchester)**

That Council:

1. Endorse renewal of the lease agreement to Marathon Health for the operation of headspace over 98/2 Monaro Street at a commercial rental rate for a six-year term.
2. Provide in the QPRC Donations Policy (Category C), a donation of \$22,596 that supports Marathon Health Ltd delivering of their Headspace Mental Health Counselling Services in Queanbeyan.

AMENDMENT (Wilson/Willis)

That Council endorse renewal of the lease agreement to Marathon Health for the operation of Headspace over 98/2 Monaro Street at the current rental agreement until 30 June 2025.

The amendment (of Crs Wilson and Willis) was PUT and CARRIED unanimously and became the motion.

MOTION (Wilson/Willis)

That Council endorse renewal of the lease agreement to Marathon Health for the operation of Headspace over 98/2 Monaro Street at the current rental agreement until 30 June 2025.

AMENDMENT (Grundy/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Endorse renewal of the lease agreement to Marathon Health for the operation of Headspace over 98/2 Monaro Street at the current rental agreement until 30 June 2025.
2. Write to the Minister for Health and Aged Care requesting assurance that mental health services in Queanbeyan will remain fully funded in the long term, and that government funding increases to match rising costs, so that Council will not be required to provide an ongoing subsidy to the market rent.

The amendment (of Crs Grundy and Macdonald) was PUT and CARRIED unanimously and became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Grundy/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Endorse renewal of the lease agreement to Marathon Health for the operation of Headspace over 98/2 Monaro Street at the current rental agreement until 30 June 2025.
2. Write to the Minister for Health and Aged Care requesting assurance that mental health services in Queanbeyan will remain fully funded in the long term, and that government funding increases to match rising costs, so that Council will not be required to provide an ongoing subsidy to the market rent.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.10 Proposal for Lease to Queanbeyan City Football Club - 25 High Street, Queanbeyan

This Item was dealt with in earlier business.

9.11 Post-Exhibition Report - Mobile Food Vending Policy

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RESOLVED (Macdonald/Winchester)

That Council adopt of the Mobile Food Vending Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**10.1 Frogs Hollow Landscape Embellishment**

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RESOLVED (Preston/Willis)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.2 WHS Quarterly Report

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RESOLVED (Preston/Wilson)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.3 Questions With Notice - Staff Salary Underspends

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RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That the report be received for information and noting the amendments to the report.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 179/24 **10.4 Questions With Notice - Former Mayors**
RESOLVED (Grundy/Macdonald)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 180/24 **10.5 Resolution Action Sheet**
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 181/24 **10.6 Councillor Workshops**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Preston)
That the report be received for information and noting the amendments to the report.
The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 182/24 **11.1 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 2 April 2024**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Livermore)
That Council:
1. Note the minutes of Local Traffic Committee held on 2 April 2024.
 2. Adopt recommendations LTC 2/2024 to LTC 9/2024 from the meeting held on 2 April 2024:
 - LTC 5/2024: The Bungendore ANZAC Day event is approved conditioned on amendments to the TGS as per LTC meeting minutes.
 - LTC 12/2024: Approve the parking signage changes as per the report reverting to the previous park on Rutledge St and within the Lowe Carpark.
 - LTC 13/2024: Endorse Traffic Control Devices Plan – with the traffic Signals at the Old Cooma Road & Bunyip Drive Intersection.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. Notices of Motions

- 12.1 Notice of Motion - Captains Flat Lead Remediation and Related Matters Workshop**

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

12.2 Notice of Motion - Lead Working Group

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

12.3 Notice of Motion - Pedestrian Safety in Bungendore

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

12.4 Notice of Motion - Council Submission Tuggeranong Valley Rugby Union and Sports Club Limited DA 2023.0635

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

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/Livermore)**

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 - 18 March 2024

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 Council Properties Market Analysis Report

Item 16.2 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 8.19pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 Minutes of the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery Meeting - 18 March 2024

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RESOLVED (Livermore/Macdonald)

That Council note the minutes of the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery held on 18 March 2024.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

16.2 Council Properties Market Analysis Report

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RESOLVED (Grundy/Livermore)

That Council:

1. Proceed to undertake the necessary actions (identified in this report) including a Councillor workshop to ensure the best return and development outcomes for the sites.
2. Authorise the General Manager to invite proposals from specialised commercial real-estate agents to market the sale of:
 - a. 98 Monaro Street, with lease agreements in place;
 - b. 256 Crawford Street as a vacant block, and
 - c. Rutledge Street Carpark.

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

Against: Cr Willis

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Biscotti)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8.57pm.

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 8.58pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**