



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and at the Council Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 24 July 2024 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Livermore (Chairperson)
Cr Burton
Cr Grundy
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
M Duff, Director Infrastructure Services
M Corey, A/Director Development and Environment

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

It was noted that the application for leave of absence from Cr Biscotti was approved at the 26 June 2024 meeting and from Cr Winchester at the 10 July meeting.

There were no further apologies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 July 2024**

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RESOLVED (Livermore/Willis)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 10 July 2024 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

337/24

RESOLVED (Livermore/Wilson)

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 Ross Macdonald lodged a less than significant non-pecuniary interest for Item 12.2: Wildlife Signage, stating he is a member of the specified company or other body. Cr Macdonald proposed to disclose and vote.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

338/24

RESOLVED (Livermore/Preston)

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.32pm and resumed at 5.42pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions Rescission.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

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**9.1 15 Year Management Review of Braidwood and its Setting State Heritage Register Listing Milestone 3 Report
RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)**

That Council:

1. Prepare a draft submission to Heritage NSW noting general support for the goals identified in the Milestone 3 report, whilst identifying the need for resolution of funding and resourcing necessary to support these recommendations, particularly those inclusive of work to be performed by Council.
2. Provide a final draft submission to the 14 August meeting for Council endorsement prior to lodgement.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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**9.2 Captains Flat Pool Project Update
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Willis)**

That Council:

1. Approve the redirecting of the \$576,630 received under the NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round 5) to another local community infrastructure project, important to the Captains Flat Community, subject to meeting funding guidelines and obtaining formal approval by the NSW Department of Regional Development.
2. Consult with the community to determine an alternative community infrastructure project that meets SCCF funding guidelines.
3. Allocate the remaining Council funding of \$22,775 to engage a suitably qualified consultant to investigate the feasibility of remediation of the pool as proposed and prepare a new scope of works or a recommendation for replacement.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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**9.3 Grant Funding Agreements: Kangaroos Rugby League Club (Freebody Oval) and Blues Football Club (Seiffert Oval)
RESOLVED (Wilson/Macdonald)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the execution of the Funding Deed for \$1M under the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Investing in Our Communities program.
2. Endorse the execution of the Funding Deed for \$2.1M from NSW Government Regional Growth Initiative for the Sports Infrastructure Projects at Freebody Oval and Seiffert Oval.
3. Approve calling for tenders for both projects at Seiffert Oval and Freebody Oval.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 346/24 **10.2 Audit of QPRC Sports Courts**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 347/24 **9.7 New Fee - Electric Vehicle Charging Fee**
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)
That Council:
 1. Place the proposed fee for Electric Vehicle Charging of \$0.60 per kWh (inc. GST) on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with section 610F of the Local Government Act.
 2. If no submissions are received, adopt the fee.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 348/24 **9.8 Investment Report - June 2024**
RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)
That Council:
 1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of June 2024.
 2. Note the investment return for June 2024 was \$1,087,227.
 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.
- 10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
- 349/24 **10.1 Annual Review of QPRC Climate Change Action Plan: Council Operation, Plan Period 2020-2030**
RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 10.2 Audit of QPRC Sports Courts**

This item was dealt with in earlier business.
- 350/24 **10.3 Jerrabomberra Traffic Campaign**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Grundy)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 351/24 **10.4 Summary of Current Roads and Transport Capital Projects - 30 June 2024**
RESOLVED (Grundy/Macdonald)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 352/24 **10.5 Summary of Road Renewal and Maintenance Activities - 4th Quarter 2023/24**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Wilson)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 353/24 **10.6 Bi-Annual Compliance Reporting**
RESOLVED (Willis/Livermore)
That the report on Compliance and Reporting Activities for the six-month period from 1 January 2024 – 30 June 2024 be noted.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 354/24 **10.7 Councillor Workshops**
RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)
That the report be received for information.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**
- 355/24 **11.1 QPRC Access Committee Meeting Minutes - 7 May 2024**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Willis)
That Council note the minutes of QPRC Access Committee meeting held on 7 May 2024.
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 356/24 **11.2 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes - 17 June 2024**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Grundy)
That Council note the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on 17 June 2024.
The resolution was carried unanimously.

357/24 **11.3 QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes - 27 June 2024**
RESOLVED (Willis/Grundy)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) held on 27 June 2024.
2. Note recommendations from the meeting held on 27 June 2024:
 - a. QPRC HAC – DA.2023.0591 at 18 Hayes Street Queanbeyan

The Committee support the subdivision providing that the boundary alignment minimises impact on the oak tree. The committee also request that an arborist report be provided to address the proposal and impacts on the tree, potential future dwelling and any tree works required so it can continue to contribute positively to the Conservation Area.

- b. QPRC HAC – DA.2023.0632 at 31 Molonglo Street Bungendore

The committee recommended unanimously that the applicant be requested to:

- i. Address the character controls of the Development Control Plan including orientation, layout, colour and bulk.
 - ii. Provide a Heritage Impact Statement
 - iii. Work with QPRC officers and Heritage Advisor
 - c. QPRC HAC – DA.2023.0587 at 9 Malbon Street Bungendore

The Committee unanimously support the application subject to the picket fence being retained or reconstructed like for like.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

358/24 **12.1 Notice of Motion - Dumping of Waste in Urban Areas**
RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That Council notes the persistent problem of dumping in urban areas, in particular outside or adjacent to multi-dwelling unit complexes in Queanbeyan City and considers this and solutions in the upcoming review of the Waste Management Strategy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

It was noted that Cr Macdonald had declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item.

12.2 Notice of Motion - Wildlife Signage

359/24

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That Council:

1. Reinstates standard signage on Tompsitt and Environa Drives and on the corner of Old Cooma and Googong Roads alerting drivers to 'slow down for wildlife' and how to contact Wildcare Queanbeyan to report an injured native animal.
2. Reviews whether similar signage is needed in other areas where there is a high incidence of native animals being injured by vehicles including along Macs Reef Road, and the cost of installing signs.
3. Receives a report on options for community education to reduce the number of native animals being killed on roads in our Local Government Area.

For: Crs Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski,
Willis and Wilson

Against: Cr Burton

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were no Delegates reports.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

14.1 Questions With Notice - Fire Safety Checks of Vacant Buildings

360/24

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

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 Livermore advised that there were items on the Agenda that should be dealt with in Closed Session.

Cr Livermore 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

361/24

RESOLVED (Livermore/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 Land Sales and Acquisition Register Update

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.

Item 16.2 Tender Evaluation Report - Tender 2024/25 Assessment of Transport Infrastructure (Road Assets)

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 7.10pm to discuss the matters listed above.

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16.1 Land Sales and Acquisition Register Update**RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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16.2 Tender Evaluation Report - Tender 2024/25 Assessment of Transport Infrastructure (Road Assets)**RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)**

That Council award the tender for the assessment of Transport Infrastructure to Talis Consultants for the amount of \$298,850 (excluding GST).

The resolution was carried unanimously.

364/24

RESOLVED (Livermore/Preston)

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 Deputy Mayor then read out the decisions of Council made in Closed Session.

17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 7.28pm, the Deputy Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR ESMA LIVERMORE
DEPUTY MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**