



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and in the WB Freebody Council Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 26 February 2025 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)
Cr Broadbent
Cr Grundy
Cr Livermore
Cr Macdonald
Cr Preston
Cr Schweikert
Cr Taskovski
Cr Waterhouse
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
G Cunningham, 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 12 February 2025**

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Waterhouse)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Braidwood National Theatre on Wednesday 12 February 2025 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

650/25

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.

There were no disclosures.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.34pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

651/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.34pm and resumed at 5.56pm.

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 REV.2024.0001 for DA.2022.1658, Change of Use of Farm Shed to Rural Industry, Lot 3 DP 79065, 316 Sawyers Ridge Road Reidsdale****MOVED (Wilson/Waterhouse)**

That Council:

1. Receive the report under Section 8.2 Review of Determination REV.2024.0001 (DA.2022.1658) for change of use of a farm shed to rural industry at 316 Sawyers Ridge Road Reidsdale Lot 3 DP 79065.
2. Approve Section 8.2 Review of Determination REV.2024.0001 (DA.2022.1658) for change of use of a farm shed to rural industry at 316 Sawyers Ridge Road Reidsdale Lot 3 DP 79065, granting conditional development consent.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Preston)

That Council:

1. Receive the report under Section 8.2 Review of Determination REV.2024.0001 (DA.2022.1658) for change of use of a farm shed to rural industry at 316 Sawyers Ridge Road Reidsdale Lot 3 DP 79065.
2. Approve Section 8.2 Review of Determination REV.2024.0001 (DA.2022.1658) for change of use of a farm shed to rural industry at 316 Sawyers Ridge Road Reidsdale Lot 3 DP 79065, granting conditional development consent, including a change to the conditions of consent as follows:
 4. Hours of business operation
 - a. 7.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday
 - b. 8.00am to 5.00pm Saturday

All deliveries to and from the property are to occur during these hours of operation.

Reason: To ensure the amenity of the locality is protected.

The amendment (of Crs Willis and Preston) was put.

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

Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Macdonald and Schweikert

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That Council:

1. Receive the report under Section 8.2 Review of Determination REV.2024.0001 (DA.2022.1658) for change of use of a farm shed to rural industry at 316 Sawyers Ridge Road Reidsdale Lot 3 DP 79065.
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 - a. 7.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday
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All deliveries to and from the property are to occur during these hours of operation.

Reason: To ensure the amenity of the locality is protected.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That items 10.2 and 12.1 be brought forward for consideration at this juncture.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.2 Update on Clarke Gang Signage

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RESOLVED (Willis/Livermore)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12.1 Notice of Motion - Regional Digital Connectivity Program**MOVED (Macdonald/Schweikert)**

That Council calls on the State Government to reverse its decision and to restore funding to deliver fibre-to-the-premise (FTTP) network connections for the residents of Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton.

AMENDMENT (Preston/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Supports the residents of Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton in their ongoing campaign to have high speed internet available to their premises.

2. Calls on the State Government to provide the community with additional information about the cost blowout of the project and the reasons for de-scoping it.
3. Calls on the State Government to investigate alternative options to deliver and fund fibre-to-the-premise (FTTP) network connections for residents.

The amendment (of Crs Preston and Wilson) was put and lost.

For: Crs Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Wilson and Waterhouse

Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Macdonald, Schweikert, Willis and Winchester

The motion (of Crs Macdonald and Schweikert) was brought forward.

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RESOLVED (Macdonald/Schweikert)

That Council calls on the State Government to reverse its decision and to restore funding to deliver fibre-to-the-premise (FTTP) network connections for the residents of Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.2 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the Quarter Ending 31 December 2024

MOVED (Wilson/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Receive the December 2024 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.

AMENDMENT (Broadbent/Schweikert)

That Council:

1. Defer receipt of the December 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement to the first Council meeting following receipt of advice from the ARIC.
2. Defer adoption of any proposed budget variations until the first Council meeting following receipt of advice from the ARIC.
3. Refer the December 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, and the proposed budget variation, to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for independent review and advice on the robustness and financial integrity of the report.

The amendment (of Crs Broadbent and Schweikert) was put and lost.

For: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Macdonald and Schweikert
Against: Crs Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Willis, Wilson, Waterhouse and Winchester

The motion (of Crs Wilson and Winchester) was brought forward.

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RESOLVED (Wilson/Winchester)

That Council:

1. Receive the December 2024 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.

For: Crs Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Willis, Wilson, Waterhouse and Winchester
Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Macdonald and Schweikert

9.3 Application for a Council Cultural Grant from Braidwood Film Club Inc.

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RESOLVED (Willis/Waterhouse)

That Council approve a Cultural Grant of \$1,000 towards costs for a free public screening of classic Australian films at Braidwood National Theatre, during the Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Festival.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Broadbent, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Schweikert, Taskovski, Willis, Wilson, Waterhouse and Winchester
Against: Cr Grundy

9.4 Road Name Proposal - Tralee Stage 2

658/25

RESOLVED (Macdonald/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Adopt in principle the following proposed name Carnation Drive for a new road created within Estate 2 at the South Jerrabomberra Urban Release Area.
2. Exhibit the names for public comment for 28 days.
3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette if no objections are received.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Schweikert, Taskovski, Willis, Wilson, Waterhouse and Winchester
Against: Cr Preston

659/25 **9.5 Post Exhibition Report - Proposal to Name the Heritage Library**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Taskovski)

That Council proceed with naming the former Queanbeyan City Council Chambers the Frank Pangallo Heritage Library.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Willis, Wilson and Winchester
Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Macdonald, Schweikert and Waterhouse

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned for a short break at 7.37pm and resumed at 7.49pm.

9.6 Small Business Advisory Committee
MOVED (Waterhouse/Taskovski)

That Council not proceed with the establishment of a QPRC Small Business Advisory Committee.

Cr Schweikert foreshadowed a contrary motion:

That Council:

1. Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Small Business Advisory Committee.
2. Nominate one Councillor delegate and one alternate.

The motion (of Crs Waterhouse and Taskovski) was put.

MOVED (Waterhouse/Taskovski)

That Council not proceed with the establishment of a QPRC Small Business Advisory Committee.

The motion was lost.

For: Crs Willis and Waterhouse
Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Schweikert, Taskovski, Wilson and Winchester

The contrary motion (of Cr Schweikert) was brought forward, seconded by Cr Wilson, and became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Schweikert/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Small Business Advisory Committee.
2. Nominate one Councillor delegate and one alternate.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Macdonald was appointed as delegate to the Small Business Advisory Committee and Cr Broadbent as alternate.

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9.7 Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee**RESOLVED (Schweikert/Grundy)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee.
2. Appoint Cr Schweikert as delegate and Cr Grundy as alternate.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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9.8 Seniors Advisory Committee**RESOLVED (Macdonald/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Terms of Reference for the QPRC Seniors Advisory Committee.
2. Appoint Cr Macdonald as delegate and Cr Waterhouse as alternate.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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9.9 Investment Report - January 2025**RESOLVED (Wilson/Broadbent)**

That Council:

1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of January 2025.
2. Note the investment return for January 2025 was \$1,746,693.
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

- 664/25 **10.1 Bungendore PFAS Update**
RESOLVED (Schweikert/Macdonald)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 665/25 **10.2 Update on Clarke Gang Signage**
This item was dealt with in earlier business.
- 666/25 **10.3 Lease of 262 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Waterhouse)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 667/25 **10.4 Delivery Program Update December 2024**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Livermore)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 668/25 **10.5 Submission to OLG on New Model Code of Meeting Practice**
RESOLVED (Preston/Waterhouse)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 668/25 **10.6 Councillor Workshops**
RESOLVED (Preston/Winchester)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

There were no Reports of Committees.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- 12.1 Notice of Motion - Regional Digital Connectivity Program**
This item was dealt with in earlier business.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were no Delegates Reports.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

669/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Schweikert)

That Items 14.1 to 14.6 be moved as a block.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**14.1 Questions With Notice - Road from Hoskinstown to Reschs Creek**

670/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Schweikert)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

14.2 Questions With Notice - Foxlow Bridge

671/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Schweikert)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

14.3 Questions With Notice - Reschs Creek Bridge

672/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Schweikert)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

14.4 Questions With Notice - Blackberry Spraying and Signage

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Schweikert)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

14.5 Questions With Notice - Shade Sail Prioritisation

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Schweikert)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

14.6 Questions With Notice - Accessible Car Parking in Braidwood

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Schweikert)

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 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

676/25

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 Award of RFT-2002866 Braidwood Landfill Capping and Closure Plan

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10A(2)(d)(i) 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 8.38pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 Award of RFT-2002866 Braidwood Landfill Capping and Closure Plan

677/25

RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)

That Council award Contract 20002866 to SMEC Australia Pty Ltd (RFT-2002866) for Braidwood Landfill Capping and Closure Plans for the sum of \$236,580 (excluding GST).

The resolution was carried unanimously.

678/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8.40pm.

The doors of the Chambers were opened to allow the public to enter.

In accordance with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Section 14.22, the Chairperson provided a summary of the resolutions passes in Closed Session.

17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 8.40pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON