



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Tuesday, 1 NOVEMBER 2022

04:00pm

in

NEWA Meeting Room, Rusden Street

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Bower (Chair), Councillor Lara Gresham
Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Paul Packham and
Councillor Dorothy Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Tim Weeks (General Manager)

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TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2022 IN NEWA OFFICES AT 12:30pm

STATEMENT IN RELATION TO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cr. Bower advised that the Meeting was *not* being live-streamed, however, a video recording of the meeting will be available on the County Council's website.

PRESENT: Councillor Scott Kermode (Chair), Councillor Tim Bower, Councillor Lara Gresham, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Paul Packham and Councillor Dorothy Robinson

APOLOGIES – NIL, Councillor Kermode did not attend the Meeting

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - NIL

35/22 Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 4 October 2022 in NEWA's Offices at 12:00- noon be adopted as a true record.

Moved: Councillor O'Connor

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

The motion being put to the vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2022

36/22 Resolved:

That adoption of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the New England County Council held on 4 October 2022, be deferred until the next Ordinary Meeting, pending receipt of details of the Closed Session.

Moved: Councillor O'Connor

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

The motion being put to the vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE OPERATION PLAN AND ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2022-2023 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

37/22 Resolved:

1. That the draft New England Weeds Authority Operational Plan for 2022-2023 be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

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2. That following the conclusion of the public exhibition period any public submissions will be included in a further report to Council prior to adoption of the Draft Annual Operational Plan 2022-2023.
3. That the constituent Councils of Armidale Regional, Glenn Innes Severn, Walcha and Uralla be provided with a copy of the Draft New England Weeds Authority Annual Operational Plan 2022-2023 for comment during the exhibition period.

Moved: Councillor O'Connor

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

The motion being put to the vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022

38/22 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the draft general purpose financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2022, that the Chair or the Deputy Chair be authorised to sign the Councillors' certificate, and that the statements be referred to Council's auditor for audit review.

Moved: Councillor Gresham

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

The motion being put to the vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF ORDINARY MEETING DATES AND TIME FOR THE 2022-2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

39/22 Resolved:

- a) That council adopt the meeting dates as follows:
 1. Tuesday 29th November 2022
 2. Tuesday 7th February 2023
 3. Tuesday 2nd May 2023
 4. Tuesday 18th July 2023
 5. Tuesday 17th October 2023
- b) That Council Meetings should be held commencing at 1:00pm, unless agreed otherwise.

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Moved: Councillor Gresham

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

The motion being put to the vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION

40/22 Resolved:

- a) That Councillors' remuneration be increased to an amount of \$6,300.00 per annum with effect from 1 July 2022.
- b) That the consideration of the chairperson's additional fee be deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting.

Moved: Councillor O'Connor

Seconded: Councillor Packham

The motion being put to the vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF MODEL POLICIES

41/22 Resolved:

That Council endorse the 'Model' Policy Documents, as provided by the Office of Local Government, and other policy documents subject to the change proposed to the Model Code of Meeting Practice.

Moved: Councillor Robinson

Seconded: Councillor Gresham

The motion being put to the vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

NOTICE OF MOTION - CLOSED SESSION

42/22 Resolved:

That council should enter a Closed Session in order that discussion may take place concerning staff.

Moved: Councillor Robinson

Seconded: Councillor Packham

The motion being put to the vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

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43/22 Resolved:

That council should leave the Closed Session.

Moved: Councillor Robinson

Seconded: Councillor Packham

The motion being put to the vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

During the Closed Session, the following resolution was moved:

44/22 Resolved:

1. That the GM's Performance Review Panel be convened by the Deputy Chair as a matter of urgency and that the Panel consist of Councillors Bower, Gresham, O'Connor, Packham and Robinson. Also on the panel will be a representative from Local Government New South Wales, Christian Morris.
2. In accordance with Clause 7.5 of the GM's contract of employment, the panel will convene to review performance based on the established criteria and job description for an annual performance review,

Moved: Councillor Gresham

Seconded: Councillor Packham

The motion being put to the vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

MATTERS OF URGENCY

The GM reminded Councillors of the planned Field Day to be held on Tuesday 22 November at 12:00 noon.

MEETING CLOSED AT 6:10pm