



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Tuesday, 27 JUNE 2023

1:00pm

in

NEWA Meeting Room, Rusden Street

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Tim Weeks (General Manager)
Laurie Knight (Chief Financial Officer)

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COUNCIL HELD 27 JUNE 2023 IN NEWA OFFICES

STATEMENT IN RELATION TO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cr. Kermode 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 (Deputy Chair), Councillor Margaret O'Connor (01:15pm), Councillor Paul Packham and Councillor Dorothy Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager – Tim Weeks
Chief Financial Officer – Laurie Knight

APOLOGIES Councillor Lara Gresham

16/23

Approval of leave:

Moved: Councillor Robinson Seconded Councillor Bower

The motion put to the **Vote** was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - NIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2023**

17/23

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the New England County Council held on 7 March 2023 commencing at 1:00pm, copies of which have been distributed to all members, are taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

Moved Councillor Robinson **Seconded:** Councillor Bower

The **Motion** on being put to the **Vote** was CARRIED unanimously.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
NEW ENGLAND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 7 MARCH 2023**

There were no matters arising.

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2023**

18/23 Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the New England County Council held on Tuesday 17 April 2023, be deferred to the next meeting.

Moved Councillor Robinson **Seconded:** Councillor Packham

The **Motion** on being put to the **Vote** was CARRIED unanimously.

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2 MAY 2023**

19/23 Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the New England County Council held on Tuesday 2 May 2023, copies of which have been distributed to all members, are taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

Moved Councillor Packham **Seconded:** Councillor Robinson

The **Motion** on being put to the **Vote** was CARRIED unanimously.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF NEW
ENGLAND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 2 MAY 2023**

There were no matters arising.

ADOPTION OF OPERATIONAL PLAN AND ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

20/23 Resolved:

That the Annual Operational Plan and Budget, 10-year Financial Plan and Revenue Policy for the 2023-2024 Financial Year, as previously advertised for public exhibition, be now formally adopted.

Moved Councillor O'Connor **Seconded:** Councillor Robinson

The **Motion** on being put to the **Vote** was CARRIED unanimously.

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**SETTING OF REVISED COUNCILLOR FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2023-24
FINANCIAL YEAR.**

21/23 Resolved:

1. That Councillors note the contents of the Office of Local Government Circular No 23-03 in relation to the setting of fees for elected members, as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal for 2023-24 financial year, and
2. That in accordance with Sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act. 1993, the annual fees payable to the Chair and Councillors for the 2023-2024 financial year, be increased by 3%, with effect from 1 July 2023.

Moved Councillor O'Connor **Seconded:** Councillor Packham

The **Motion** on being put to the **Vote** was CARRIED unanimously.

**CONFIRMATION OF EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASE FOR THE 2023-2024 to 2025-2026
FINANCIAL YEARS.**

22/23 Resolved:

That Councillors note the in-principal details of the Local Government State Award increases as determined for the financial years 2023-2024 to 2025-2026 inclusive, noting that these increases are generally in line with the forecast wage increases outlined in Council's Annual Budget and 10-year Financial Plan.

Moved Councillor Packham **Seconded:** Councillor Robinson

The **Motion** on being put to the **Vote** was CARRIED unanimously.

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR THE 2023-24 FINANCIAL YEAR.

23/23 Resolved:

That the schedule of proposed meeting dates for the 2023-24 financial year, be endorsed and advertised for public information.

Moved Councillor Bower **Seconded:** Councillor Robinson

The **Motion** on being put to the **Vote** was CARRIED unanimously.

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**REPORT ON CASH POSITION (TERM DEPOSITS) AND CONSTRUCTION CASH FLOW
(T-CORP)**

24/23 Resolved:

That the report on the current cash flow position and projected cash flow for financing of building construction be noted.

Moved Councillor Robinson **Seconded:** Councillor Packham

The **Motion** on being put to the **Vote** was CARRIED in the MAJORITY by 4 votes to 1.

Councillor Bower voted against the motion.

**UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF OFFICE, WASH-DOWN BAY AND DEPOT
CONSTRUCTION**

The report to Council was noted.

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Councillor Bower requested that a more detailed, month by month, cash forecast be made available to Councillors as part of the Financial Reporting process.

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023 at 1:00pm (Resolution 22/23 Meeting
dates, above)**

MEETING CLOSED – 01:55pm