



# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Tuesday, 17 APRIL 2023

1:00pm

in

NEWA Meeting Room, Rusden Street

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Tim Weeks (General Manager)  
Laurie Knight (Chief Financial Officer)  
Finance and Administration Officer – Emma Dunne

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Cr. Tim Bower advised that the Meeting was being live streamed, however, a video recording of the meeting will be available on the County Council's website.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager – Tim Weeks,  
Chief Financial Officer – Laurie Knight  
Finance and Administration Officer – Emma Dunne

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Kermode was absent for the meeting

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** NIL

**AUTHORISATION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
NEW OFFICES AND DEPOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED  
TENDER.**

**11/23 Resolved:**

1. That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Construction Contract with the successful Tenderer, Rice Construction Group, at the price set-out in their Tender Submission.
2. That a 5% contingency be authorised to meet any necessary Contract Variations, in accordance with the General Manager's established delegations.
3. That Armidale Regional Council (ARC) be appointed as certifier of the construction process and the issuing of a Construction Certificate.

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

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

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**AUTHORISATION OF FINANCING PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF  
NEW OFFICES AND DEPOT**

**12/23 Resolved:**

1. That Council proceed with the raising of loan funds as provided in the 2022-23 Operational Plan and Budget, for the financing of the construction of NEWA's new offices and depot.
2. That the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) be authorised to negotiate arrangements with an approved lender, in accordance with the recommendations of the Financial Options Report.
3. That the land purchased by Council and located at 21 Waller Avenue, Armidale be confirmed as *Operational Land*.

**Moved:** Councillor Gresham     **Seconded:** Councillor Robinson

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

**NEXT MEETING:TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 01:00pm**

**MEETING CLOSED:**     Meeting Closed at 02:30pm