



MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Tuesday, 21 November 2023

1:00pm

in

NEWA Meeting Room, 2/129 Rusden Street, Armidale

PRESENT: Councillor Dorothy Robinson (Chair), Councillor Tim Bower (Deputy Chair),
Councillor Troy Arandale and Councillor Paul Packham

IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Weeks (General Manager) and
Laurie Knight (CFO)
Edna Mendes (by invitation)
Renee Irvine (Finance & Administration Manager)

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF NEW ENGLAND
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2023**

STATEMENT IN RELATION TO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cr. Dorothy Robinson advised that while the Meeting was not being live streamed, a video recording of the meeting will be available on the County Council's website.

PRESENT: Councillor Dorothy Robinson (Chair), Councillor Tim Bower (Deputy Chair),
Councillor Troy Arandale and Councillor Paul Packham.

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager – Tim Weeks, Chief Financial Officer – Laurie Knight, Edna Mendes and Renee Irvine – Finance and Administration Manager

APOLOGIES: Councillor Scott Kermodé and Councillor Margaret O'Connor

Resolved: 32/23 Approval of leave:

Moved: Councillor Robinson Seconded Councillor Arandale

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 15 AUGUST 2023**

Resolved: 33/23 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the New England County Council held on 15 August 2023, which have been distributed to all members, are taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

Moved: Councillor O'Connor 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 15 AUGUST 2023**

Resolved: 34/23 That that Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the New England County Council held on Tuesday 17 April 2023 and deferred by way of resolution 18/23, which have been distributed to all members, are taken as a true record.

Moved: Councillor Bower Seconded: Councillor Packham

The motion on being put to the Vote was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Resolved: 35/23 That that Minutes of the Special Meeting of the New England County Council held on Tuesday 19 September, which have been distributed to all members, are taken as a true record.

Moved: Councillor Dorothy Robinson from the Chair

The motion on being put to the Vote was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS:

QUARTERLY BUSINESS REVIEW - SEPTEMBER

Resolved: 36/23

- That Council endorse the changes detailed in the QBR reports, and
- That Council adopt the September 2023 Quarterly Budget Review

Moved: Councillor Arandale Seconded: Councillor Bower

The motion on being put to the Vote was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WEED CONTROL (WAP) PROGRAM

Resolved: 37/23

- That the Weeds Action Plan, summarising activities and outcomes to date including the 2022-2023 Weeds Action program (WAP), be *deferred* until Council's next meeting planned for 20 February 2024.

Moved: Councillor Arandale Seconded: Councillor Bower

The motion on being put to the Vote was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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UPDATE – NEW OFFICE AND DEPOT

Resolved: 38/23

- That the Report setting-out the progress and status of the Office and Depot construction be noted by Council.

Moved: Councillor Arandale Seconded: Councillor Bower

The motion on being put to the Vote was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WEED COUNTY COUNCIL NETWORK – COLLABORATIVE ASSOCIATION

Resolved: 39/23

- That the Report introducing the Weeds County Council Network (WCCN) be received and noted by Council.

Moved: Councillor Arandale Seconded: Councillor Robinson

The motion on being put to the Vote was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

**UPDATE ON AUDIT STATUS - ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

Resolved: 40/23

- That Council note the status of the current audit of the draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2023.

Moved: Councillor Arandale Seconded: Dorothy Robinson

The motion on being put to the Vote was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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NEW OFFICE AND DEPOT FINANCING (CBA)

Resolved: 41/23

- That Council note the current developments in relation to funding for the new office and depot facilities.

Moved: Councillor Arandale Seconded: Paul Packham

The motion on being put to the Vote was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORT ON COUNCIL INVESTMENTS HELD AT 31 OCTOBER
2023**

Resolved: 42/23

- That Council receive and note the report on Investments held at 31 October 2023, in accordance with Sec. 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, and clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.
- current developments in relation to funding for the new office and depot facilities.

Moved: Councillor Dorothy Robinson

The motion on being put to the Vote was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

Council entered into Closed Session to discuss two matters of a confidential nature.

Minutes will be provided summarising, by resolution, the outcome(s) of such discussions.

MATTERS OF URGENCY – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters of urgency.

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NEXT MEETING – 1:00PM, 20 February 2024

CLOSE: 2:20pm