



# MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Monday, 29 April 2024

1:00pm

In

NEWA Meeting Room, 2/129 Rusden Street, Armidale

Present: Councillor Dorothy Robinson (Chair), Councillor Tim Bower (Deputy Chair),  
Councillor Troy Arandale, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Paul  
Packham

In Attendance: Tim Weeks – General Manager

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COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 29 APRIL 2024**

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*The Chair 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:** Cr. Dorothy Robinson (Chair), Cr Tim Bower (Deputy Chair),  
Cr. Troy Arandale, Cr. Scott Kermodé, Cr. Margaret O'Connor,  
Cr. Paul Packham  
Tim Weeks – General Manager

**APOLOGIES:** None

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

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There was no consideration of this item

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – HON ADAM MARSHALL MP**

There was no consideration of this item

**RECEIVE AND CONSIDER NEWA'S UPDATED LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

There was no consideration of this item

**MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolved: 10/24** That Council move into Closed Session as discussion potentially involve confidential and personal information, including:

1. Status of the Bank Loan
2. Minister Ron Hoenig MP letter of intended Council suspension and Council's response
3. Other matters including finances and the GM's contract

Moved: Councillor O'Connor

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

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**MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolved: 11/24** That Council move out of closed session.

Moved: Councillor Robinson

Seconded: Councillor Bower

**While Council was in Closed Session, the following resolution was passed:**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SUSPEND THE BOARD OF THE NEW ENGLAND COUNTY  
COUNCIL**

- Resolved: 12/24**
1. That the Board acknowledges the concerns raised by the Minister of Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig MP, and supports the appointment of an Administrator,
  2. That the member Councils acknowledge the critical nature of the services provided by NEWA and would be highly supportive of working with the Administrator to resolve the governance and financial issues to ensure the continuation of these services.

Moved: Councillor Robinson Seconded: Councillor Bower

The motion being put to the Vote was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

**MATTERS OF URGENCY – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no matters of urgency.

**NEXT MEETING – 1:00pm, 15 May 2024**

Please note future meetings:

15 May 2024  
18 June 2024

**CLOSE:** 2:30pm