



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 24 July 2019
4pm

at

Armidale Council Chambers

PRESENT: Councillor Simon Murray (Mayor), Councillor Dorothy Robinson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Peter Bailey, Councillor Diane Gray, Councillor Jon Galletly, Councillor Andrew Murat, Councillor Debra O'Brien, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Ian Tiley, Councillor Bradley Widders.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Susan Law (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Kim Bryan (General Manager Organisational Development), Mr Mark Piorkowski (General Manager Operations), Ms Kelly Stidworthy (Service Leader Finance), Mr Mark Burgess (Acting Service Leader Roads and Parks), Mr Ambrose Hallman (Service Leader Sustainability and Development), and Mrs Jessica Bower (Executive Officer).

MINUTES

1. CIVIC AFFIRMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
2. STATEMENT IN RELATION TO LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETING
3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS
Cr Martin is an apology.

MOTION

146/19

Moved Cr Gray

Seconded Cr Robinson

That Cr Martin's apology be accepted.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS – N/A
5. PUBLIC FORUM (HAVE YOUR SAY) – N/A
6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

The motion was not moved or seconded or put to the vote.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE – N/A
8. NOTICES OF MOTION – N/A

9. REPORTS FOR DECISION - LEADERSHIP FOR THE REGION

The Mayor requested that the items be considered in seriatim.

9.1 FOR DECISION: Local Government NSW Annual Conference 14-16 October 2019

Ref: AINT/2019/17133 (ARC16/0144)

147/19

Moved Cr Widders

Seconded Cr Murat

(a) That Council notes that Cr Martin has declined the nomination to attend the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference, Warwick Farm, from Monday 14 October to Wednesday 16 October 2019;

The motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

(b) That Cr Widders be endorsed as the second voting delegate to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, as Cr Widders received the next highest number of votes at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 June 2019;

AMENDMENT

Cr O'Brien

(b) That Cr Widders be endorsed as the second voting delegate to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, as Cr Widders received the next highest number of votes at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 June 2019 and that a third delegate with full voting rights also be nominated.

The amendment was withdrawn.

(b) That Cr Widders be endorsed as the second voting delegate to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, as Cr Widders received the next highest number of votes at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 June 2019;

Cr O'Connor requested to nominate to be the second voting delegate. Open voting resulted in Councillors Widders being appointed as the voting delegate.

The motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

(c) That the following Motion submitted by Councillor Bailey on 'Establishment of Regional Marketing Fund' be endorsed for submission to LG NSW:

- i. **That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government for the immediate creation of a \$5 million per annum Regional Marketing Fund for 5 years to promote living, working and investing in regional NSW; and**
- ii. **That the Fund be administered by a representative body of Councils with membership to be made up of 2 from regional cities (population over 25,001), 2 from coastal cities (population over 25,001), 2 from provincial centres (population from 10,000 to 25,000) and 2 from smaller country communities (population up to 10,000).**

The motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

(d) That the following Motion submitted by Councillor Robinson and Councillor O'Brien on 'Emergency Services Levy' be endorsed for submission to LG NSW:

- i. That LGNSW lobbies the State Government to reverse the increases in the Emergency Services Levy imposed on councils.**

The motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

(e) That the following Motion submitted by Councillor Robinson and Councillor O'Brien on 'Council Amalgamations' be endorsed for submission to LG NSW:

- i. That LGNSW notes the financial information in the March 2019 report: "*Council Amalgamations, a sea of red ink*" and lobbies the NSW Government for financial assistance to enable councils whose finances have suffered since forced amalgamation to meet important commitments in their Delivery Programs.**

The Motion on being put was LOST on the casting vote of the Chairperson.

(f) That the following Motion submitted by Councillor Robinson and Councillor O'Brien on 'BASIX Standards' be endorsed for submission to LG NSW:

- i. That LGNSW supports the NSW Government Inquiry into building regulation and uses the opportunity to lobby for effective BASIX standards to improve energy and water efficiency, and the impact of new buildings on the climate, especially in colder areas which suffer from unhealthy particulate pollution in winter and for which current BASIX standards are inadequate.**
- ii. That LGNSW also lobbies for the provision of funds to upgrade existing buildings to a satisfactory standard when the benefits greatly exceed the cost of upgrading.**

The motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

(g) That the following Motion submitted by Councillor Robinson and Councillor O'Brien on 'Breaches of National Standards' be endorsed for submission to LG NSW:

- i. That when official monitoring shows serious breaches of National Standards (e.g. the 31 exceedances of National Air Quality standards in Armidale), LGNSW lobbies the NSW Government to provide the necessary resources and assistance to councils to enable them to meet national standards as soon as practicable**

The motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

10. REPORTS FOR DECISION - GROWTH, PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – N/A

11. REPORTS FOR DECISION - ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

11.1 FOR DECISION: Proposal of walking track/wildlife corridor - Kellys Plains

Ref: AINT/2019/16724 (ARC16/0864)

148/19

Moved Cr Widders

Seconded Cr Robinson

- (a) That Council support the proposal for a walking track and future wildlife corridor in southern Armidale between Ross Street and Imbandja Lane.
- (b) That Council applies to Crown Lands to convert the current Crown Road reserves to be gazetted as unformed council road.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

12. REPORTS FOR DECISION - OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

12.1 FOR DECISION: Home Support Services Policy

Ref: AINT/2019/16312 (ARC18/2501)

149/19

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr Tiley

- (a) That the Draft Home Support Services Policy be endorsed for public exhibition;
- (b) That the Draft Home Support Services Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days, from Wednesday 31st July 2019 to Wednesday 28th August 2019;
- (c) That a further report be provided to the 25th September 2019 Council meeting for consideration of any submissions received; and
- (d) That if no submissions are made within the submission period, then the Home Support Services Policy be adopted retrospectively.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

PROCEDURAL MOTION

150/19

Moved Cr Gray

Seconded Cr Widders

That items 13.2 to 13.6 be considered in globo.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.1 FOR INFORMATION: Review of Council Committees *Ref: AINT/2019/16117 (ARC16/0759)*

151/19

Moved Cr Widders

Seconded Cr Bailey

AMENDMENT

Cr Robinson

(a) That Council notes that the report on the Review of Council Committees is being re-examined and will be provided to a future Ordinary Council meeting for consideration.

(b) That Councillors and Council Committees are involved in the review.

The amendment lapsed as there was no seconder.

Moved Cr Widders

Seconded Cr Bailey

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The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.2 FOR INFORMATION: Cash & Investment Report for June 2019

Ref: AINT/2019/16269 (ARC16/0001-4)

152/19

Moved Cr Gray

Seconded Cr Widders

That Council note the Cash and Investment Report, as at 30 June 2019, reporting investments held of \$68,128,072.53 and cash of \$13,446.91 excluding the Trust Fund.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.3 FOR INFORMATION: Monthly Financial Report June 2019

Ref: AINT/2019/16871 (ARC16/0001-4)

153/19

Moved Cr Gray

Seconded Cr Widders

That Council note the Monthly Financial Report for June 2019.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.4 FOR INFORMATION: Procurement - Acceptance of Tenders under CEO

Delegated Authority as at 30 June 2019

Ref: AINT/2019/16330 (ARC17/2016)

154/19

Moved Cr Gray

Seconded Cr Widders

That Council note the report on the acceptance of tenders, under the CEO delegated authority to accept tenders with a contract value of up to \$500,000, up to 30 June 2019

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.5 FOR INFORMATION: Summary of Resolutions of Council January 2019 - June

2019

Ref: AINT/2019/16854 (ARC16/0001-4)

155/19

Moved Cr Gray

Seconded Cr Widders

That the report outlining resolutions of Council from January 2019 to June 2019 and actions carried out, be noted.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

13.6 FOR INFORMATION: Quarterly Water Adjustment Report

Ref: AINT/2019/16883 (ARC16/0193)

156/19

Moved Cr Gray

Seconded Cr Widders

That Council note the report detailing water adjustments, made under the provisions of the Water Account Adjustment Management Policy, for the March/June quarters, totalling \$25123.14.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

14. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE – N/A

15. AUTHORITY TO AFFIX COUNCIL SEAL – N/A

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1 FOR DECISION: Minutes - Regional Growth Advisory Committee - 19 June 2019

Ref: AINT/2019/16445 (ARC16/0169)

157/19

Moved Cr Widders

Seconded Cr Murat

- a) That the Minutes of the Regional Growth Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 June 2019 be noted.**

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

16.2 FOR DECISION: Minutes - Traffic Advisory Committee - 2 July 2019

Ref: AINT/2019/16444 (ARC16/0168)

158/19

Moved Cr Gray

Seconded Cr Widders

- a) That the Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 2 July 2019 be noted and following recommendations endorsed.**

- i. That approval be provided for the temporary road closures of Dangar Street between Rusden and Moore Street for the 'Christmas in the Mall 2019', Thursday, 21 November from 12noon until 9pm.**
- ii. That approval be provided for the requested road closures of Taylor Street from Dumaresq Street to Donnelly Street and Kirkwood Street between Taylor Street and Douglas Street from 7.30am until 6pm on Sunday 11th August, for the 2019 Armidale and District Football Carnival.**
- iii. That the regularity "No Stopping" zones be highlighted by pavement marking in Taylor Street at the Oliver Ave and Beardy Street intersections.**
- iv. That Council hatch the driveway at 158 Miller Street at the cost of the business owner.**
- v. That line marking be installed from Fosters Road for the length of 1.5km, east towards the Blue Hole.**
- vi. That the Traffic Advisory Committee give conceptual approval for the continued investigations into the Traffic Management Plan for stage two of the Autonomous Bus.**
- vii. That the Transport NSW Centre of Road Safety be requested to provide the signage designs for stage two of the Autonomous Bus.**

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

17. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE – N/A

18. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:47pm.