



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 24 November 2021  
4pm

at

Armidale Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ian Tiley (Mayor), Councillor Debra O'Brien (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Peter Bailey, Councillor Jon Galletly, Councillor Andrew Murat, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Dorothy Robinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr James Roncon (General Manager), Mr Damien Connor (Chief Officer Corporate and Strategy), Mr Daniel Boyce (Chief Officer Sustainable Development), Mr Alex Manners (Chief Officer Assets and Services), Ms Jessica Bower (Executive Officer) and Ms Melissa Hout (Executive Officer).

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**1. CIVIC AFFIRMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Cr Murat delivered the Civic Affirmation

Cr O'Brien delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

**2. STATEMENT IN RELATION TO LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The General Manager delivered the statement.

**3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS - Nil**

**4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST - Nil**

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**5.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 October 2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/37978 (ARC16/0001-6)*

397/21

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 October 2021 be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

**Moved Cr Robinson**

**Seconded Cr Bailey**

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

**6. MAYORAL MINUTE**

**6.1 Mayoral Minute: Valedictory Mayoral Minute**

*Ref: AINT/2021/42071 (ARC16/0025)*

398/21

**RESOLVED**

That the Valedictory Minute be received and noted and Council convey its appreciation to all staff for their commitment, support, advice, dedication and friendship during the term of the Council.

**Moved Cr Tiley**

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

## 7. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 7.1 World Health Organisation (WHO) Clean Air Guidelines

Ref: AINT/2021/41695 (ARC16/0025)

399/21

#### RESOLVED

- a. That Council endorses calls by Australian health advocates, including Asthma Australia, the Australian Lung Foundation and Doctors for the Environment Australia for the updated World Health Organization (WHO) Clean Air Guidelines to be adopted by all relevant authorities in Australia and
- b. That Council writes to the NSW and federal Ministers for health and the environment asking them to adopt the WHO Clean Air Guidelines as soon as practicable.
- c. That a similar motion is submitted to the LGNSW Conference, asking LGNSW to endorse the calls by Australian health advocates for the updated World Health Organization (WHO) Clean Air Guidelines to be adopted by all relevant authorities.

**Moved Cr Robinson**

**Seconded Cr O'Connor**

*DIVISION      The result being:-*

*FOR:            Crs A Murat, M O'Connor, D Robinson and I Tiley*

*AGAINST:      Crs P Bailey, J Galletly and D O'Brien*

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

### 7.2 Housing crises in Regional NSW and our region especially Guyra

Ref: AINT/2021/41776 (ARC16/0025)

400/21

#### RESOLVED

That Council write to our local member Hon. Adam Marshall MP, the Minister for Housing Hon Melinda Pavey MP, and the NSW Premier Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, and the Federal Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Karen Andrews MP, Federal Minister for Homelessness The Hon Michael Sukkar and copy to Homes North Armidale, to advise of and seek assistance in relation to the critical shortage of housing in Guyra and Armidale as the demand for accommodation for guest workers in local industries is outstripping supply, displacing long term residents from rental housing stock, causing a crisis of homelessness, escalating family violence and severely impacting the welfare of families, vulnerable children and young people.

**Moved Cr O'Connor**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

Cr O'Connor tabled two statements from residents in relation to this matter.

**7.3 Water Security Report**

*Ref: AINT/2021/41777 (ARC16/0025)*

401/21

**RESOLVED**

That the General Manager prepare an update report to Council on progress of work on water security for the region including the current status of the bores at Izzard Park and the Showground Guyra, the current position regarding upgrade and height extension of dam walls for Malpas and the Guyra reservoir, and negotiations with the NSW Government and its agents regarding maximum sustainable yields, population water requirement estimates.

**Moved Cr O'Connor                      Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**7.4 Hydrotherapy Pool Report**

*Ref: AINT/2021/41800 (ARC16/0025)*

402/21

**RESOLVED**

That item 7.4, the Hydrotherapy Pool Report, be withdrawn.

**Moved Cr Robinson                      Seconded Cr O'Brien**

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

**8. LEADERSHIP FOR THE REGION**

**8.1 End of Term Report 2020/2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/40370 (ARC20/4430)*

403/21

**RESOLVED**

- a. That Council note the Armidale Regional Council End of Term Report 2021.
- b. That a motion is submitted to the LGNSW conference urging the NSW Government to continue the practice of submitting the end of term report to the final meeting of the outgoing council.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved Cr Robinson                      Seconded Cr O'Connor**

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

**8.2 State of the Environment Report**

*Ref: AINT/2021/40541 (ARC20/4430)*

404/21

**RESOLVED**

- a. That Council note the Armidale Regional Council State of the Environment Report.

**Moved Cr Robinson                      Seconded Cr O'Connor**

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

### **8.3 Delegations of the ceremonial and civic functions of the office of the Mayor**

*Ref: AINT/2021/40744 (ARC21/4520)*

405/21

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council:

Delegate to General Manager Mr James Roncon the authority to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the Council / Mayoral office, between Election Day on 4 December 2021 and the holding of the Mayoral election on Wednesday 12 January 2022.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr O'Connor**

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

### **8.4 Public Exhibition Draft Community Engagement Strategy 2021-2024**

*Ref: AINT/2021/41408 (ARC18/2591)*

406/21

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council endorse the draft Community Engagement Strategy for placing on public exhibition for a period of 42 days from Friday 26 November to Thursday 6 January 2022. (Noting an extended public exhibition period due to the Christmas and New Year holiday period).

**Moved Cr Robinson**

**Seconded Cr O'Connor**

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

### **8.5 Annual Report 2020-2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/41640 (ARC20/4430)*

407/21

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council receive and note the Armidale Regional Council's Annual Report 2020-21.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Galletly**

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

## **9. GROWTH, PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **9.1 2021/22 First Quarter Budget Review**

*Ref: AINT/2021/38759 (ARC20/4361)*

408/21

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council:

- a. Note the 2021/22 First Quarter Budget Review.
- b. Resolve to amend the 2021/22 budget in accordance with the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021 tabled at the attachment.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

### **9.2 Cash and Investment Report 31 October 2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/39859 (ARC16/0001-6)*

409/21

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council note the Cash and Investment Report for October 2021.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

### **9.3 Updated Draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/40468 (ARC16/0001-6)*

410/21

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council:

- a) Note the extension to 24 December 2021 granted by the Office of Local Government for lodgement of the audited financial statements;
- b) Adopt the final draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021, as presented;
- c) Authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statements by Councillors and Management on the preparation of the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 as prescribed by Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
- d) Authorise the General Manager to issue the audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021 immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports subject to there being no material audit changes or audit issues.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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



**9.4 Stronger Communities Fund and New Council Implementation Fund – Status  
Update 30 June 2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/40651 (ARC16/0488-7)*

411/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council:

- a. Note the current status of projects funded by the Stronger Communities Fund and New Council Implementation Fund; and
- b. Endorse a request for an extension of time for the Stronger Communities Fund from 30 June 2022 to 30 June 2023.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**10. ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**10.1 EcoARC Implementation Plan**

*Ref: AINT/2021/38436 (ARC16/0864)*

412/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council:

Approve the following four items to be scoped for inclusion in next year's Operational Plan as part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting process:

- Biodiversity Strategy and Plan;
- Climate Change Risk Assessment, Mitigation and Adaptation Plan;
- Healthy Winter Air: Business case to attract Grant funding;
- Community Renewables Energy Project.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**10.2 Better Futures Australia**

*Ref: AINT/2021/39342 (ARC16/0864)*

413/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council:

- a. Note the request from the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee that Council sign the Better Futures Australia Declaration;
- b. Has committed to Project Zero30, actions and recommendations from both EcoARC Councils Green-print strategy and the Climate Emergency Working Group report *A framework for Climate Action*.

**Moved Cr O'Connor**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**10.3 Walking and Cycling Program**

*Ref: AINT/2021/39364 (ARC16/0864)*

414/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council:

Identify suitable projects that could encourage walking and cycling within the Armidale Region and consider applying for funding in the next round of the 2022-23 Walking and Cycling Program.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**10.4 Armidale Sports Council Committee - Expenditure of Sports Development Fund  
via Section 356 for Sports Council projects**

*Ref: AINT/2021/40835 (ARC16/0330)*

415/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council:

Endorse the payment of \$33,000 to the Armidale District Cricket Association to contribute to the funding of three projects as proposed by the Sports Council.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**10.5 Closure of Mills Road**

*Ref: AINT/2021/41041 (ARC17/2196)*

416/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council:

- a) Close the existing Mills Road connection point to the New England Highway; and
- b) Advise the Developer of their requirement to reconnect Mills Road to the eastern leg of the new airport roundabout.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**10.6 Employment Zones Reform Update**

*Ref: AINT/2021/41265 (ARC16/0030-3)*

417/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council note the current status of the Employment Zones Reform being undertaken by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**10.7 Summary of Public Submissions to the proposed closure of unnamed road off  
Kempsey Rd**

*Ref: AINT/2021/41312 (ARC21/4740)*

418/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council:

- a) Not proceed with closure of the unformed and unnamed council roads at 9823 Kempsey Rd Carrai NSW, adjoining Lots 18, 19, 37 of Deposited Plan 756471 and bordered by the Macleay River. Known informally as the Macleay River Trail.
- b) Inform the proponent for the Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Scheme of the objections to the proposed closure.
- c) Recover costs for professional consultancy services rendered as per Councils Fees & Charges.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**10.8 Roads to Recovery Own Source Expenditure Breach 2020-21**

*Ref: AINT/2021/41823 (ARC16/0094)*

419/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council:

- a. Note the information provided on the breach of Roads to Recovery own source expenditure requirements in the 2020-21 financial year; and
- b. Note the requirement to budget at least \$5,010,709 in own source expenditure on roads in the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 years (\$5,010,709 each year).

**Moved Cr Bailey**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**11. OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY**

**11.1 Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place - Proposed funding sources for  
unbudgeted Council grant.**

*Ref: AINT/2021/41374 (ARC16/0025)*

420/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council review and select from the following funding options, giving consideration to the economic and social impact this will have on alternative initiatives listed:

- a. \$10,000 from budget to support assist with local Aboriginal family expenses when traveling outside the region (such as representative commitments, accessing health services, etc) per the recommendations made by the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to Council.
- b. The remaining \$29,600 to be taken from:

- i. Economic Development - Revenue generated from Land Sales from Armidale Airside Business Park
- ii. Community Services – Alternative Aboriginal Development initiatives (NAIDOC) \$3,000
- iii. Community Services - Annual ARC Community Small Grants Programme. \$20,000

*DIVISION*      *The result being:-*

*FOR:*            *Crs D O'Brien, M O'Connor, D Robinson and I Tiley*

*AGAINST:*      *Crs P Bailey, J Galletly and A Murat*

**Moved Cr O'Connor      Seconded Cr O'Brien**

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.**

## **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **12.1 Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee - Minutes of meetings held March and June 2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/40866 (ARC16/0522-3)*

421/21

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meetings held on 23 March 2021 and 22 June 2021 be noted.

**Moved Cr Murat                      Seconded Cr O'Connor**

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

### **12.2 Economic Development Committee - Minutes of meeting held 12 October 2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/40788 (ARC19/3530)*

422/21

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 12 October 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved Cr Murat                      Seconded Cr O'Connor**

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

**12.3 Arts, Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee - Record of meeting held 21 October 2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/37912 (ARC16/0217)*

423/21

**RESOLVED**

That Council receive and note the Arts Cultural and Heritage Committee Record of Meeting from 21 October 2021.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr O'Connor**

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

**12.4 Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee - Minutes of meeting held 28 October 2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/38804 (ARC16/1052)*

424/21

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 October 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr O'Connor**

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

**12.5 Traffic Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held 9 November 2021**

*Ref: AINT/2021/41035 (ARC16/0168-6)*

425/21

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 9 November 2021, be noted and the following recommendations endorsed:

- a) Endorse the Special Event Transport Management Plan for the Armidale Cycling Club's 2022 Weekly Race Season.
- b) That Armidale Cycling Club's 2022 Weekly Race Season event organisers, notify residents along the proposed event routes, advising of the upcoming activities and the dates cyclists are expected to be on route.
- c) That Armidale Cycling Club's 2022 Weekly Race Season event organisers, abide by the current Public Health Orders.
- d) Approve the temporary road closures of Dangar Street and Faulkner Street between Rusden and Moore Street, along with the East and West Beardy Street Mall, for the 'Christmas in the Mall 2021', Thursday 2 December 2021.
- e) Approve the Special Event Transport Management Plan Guyra Christmas Party 2021 and associated road closures of Bradley Street between Mackenzie Street and Ollera Street between 12pm and 10pm on Friday 3 December 2021.
- f) That TfNSW investigate the installation of a 50km speed zone for the Lower Creek Village.
- g) That the concerns regarding caravans travelling Kempsey Road be noted and that the Project Officers further discuss the implications of denying access with the Community.
- h) Acknowledge the changes to the Interface agreement with the Guyra Historical Society for

the use of the Sandon Street Low Level Crossing, Guyra, for the operation of the Guyra Historical Society train/trike.

- i) Agree for the operation of the Guyra Historical Society train/trike, an annual Special Event Transport Management Plan act as part of review process as per the Interface agreement with the Guyra Historical Society for the use of the Sandon Street Low Level Crossing, Guyra.
- j) That Council note the Traffic Advisory Committee recommendation for the removal of the raised concrete roundabout at the intersection of Bradley Street and Mackenzie St in Guyra, and the intersection be reinstated to a standard tee intersection and TB1 and TB hold line are used as per NSW supplement.

AND

That Council place the recommendation from the Traffic Advisory Committee on public exhibition for 28 days and schedule appropriate intersection treatment following public consultation.

**Moved Cr Murat**

**Seconded Cr O'Connor**

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

**13. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE - Nil**

**14. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - Nil**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:34pm.