



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday 22 July 2020

4.00pm

Council Chambers

209 Comur Street, Yass

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Open Forum

Presentations to Council – Items on the Meeting Agenda

- **Item 6.3 - 2020/21 Local Heritage Grant Program**
Bec Duncan
- **Item 10.1 - Notice of Motion – Safety Barriers, Burley Griffin Way, Binalong**
Jeremy Maher
Nigel Wong

Council Meeting - The Mayor declared the meeting open at 4.25 pm.

Present

Councillors Rowena Abbey, Mayor, in the chair, Cecil Burgess, Geoff Frost, Nathan Furry, Allison Harker, Jasmin Jones, Michael McManus, Mike Reid (via Zoom) and Kim Turner.

Also present were the General Manager – Chris Berry, Director of Planning & Environment – Julie Rogers, Interim Director of Infrastructure & Assets – Steven Beasley, and Corporate Planning & Executive Support Officer – Shirree Garland.

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Prayer

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Declaration of Interest/Disclosures

Councillor McManus declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 5.1 – Mayoral Minute – Upgrade of Electricity Transmission Lines and stated that he believed his interest would preclude him from voting.

Reason: Councillor McManus declared an interest as he is an employee of Transgrid.

Councillor Turner declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 5.1 – Mayoral Minute – Upgrade of Electricity Transmission Lines and stated that he did not believe his interest would preclude him from voting.

Reason: Councillor Turner declared an interest as one of the proposed easements may impact on his property.

Councillor Abbey declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 7.1 – Fixing Local Roads Grant Program and stated that she believed her interest would preclude her from voting.

Reason: Councillor Abbey declared an interest as a portion of the proposed road resealing is proposed near her property.

Councillor Burgess declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 6.1 – 2020/21 Local Heritage Grant Program and stated that he did not believe his interest would preclude him from voting.

Reason: Councillor Burgess declared an interest as he was a previous member of the Gundaroo Literacy Institute.

Councillor Jones declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 6.1 – 2020/21 Local Heritage Grant Program and stated that she did not believe her interest would preclude her from voting.

Reason: Councillor Jones declared an interest acknowledging an association with Ms Rebecca Duncan, an unsuccessful applicant. They are both volunteers on a working group. She did not consider the association could sway her vote.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 June 2020 resolution numbers 89-102 inclusive be taken as read.

(Turner/Burgess) 103

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

5. Mayoral Minute

At 04:28 pm Councillor McManus left the Chambers.

5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - UPGRADE OF ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LINES

SUMMARY

To bring to the attention of Council concerns raised in relation to the upgrade of electricity transmission lines associated with Snowy Hydro 2.

RESOLVED that as a matter of urgency Council write to Transgrid requesting a presentation on the route option(s) for the electricity transmission line upgrades associated with Snowy Hydro 2 and details on the consultation process with the Yass Valley community

(Furry/Harker) 104

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

At 04:29 pm Councillor McManus returned to the Chambers.

6. Director of Planning & Environment Reports

6.1 2020/21 LOCAL HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM

SUMMARY

To present a report on the completion of the 2019/20 Local Heritage Grants and the recommendations from the 2020/21 Local Heritage Grants Assessment Panel.

RESOLVED that :

1. *The expenditure and reimbursement for the 2019/20 Local Heritage Grants Program be noted.*
2. *The following funding be provided under the 2020/21 Local Heritage Grant Program:*

<i>The Binalong Court House</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>
<i>The Binalong Mechanics Institute</i>	<i>\$2,900</i>
<i>The Royal Hotel Binalong</i>	<i>\$3,200</i>
<i>St Patricks Church Binalong</i>	<i>\$3,500</i>
<i>Uniting Church Yass</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>
<i>Sutton Public School</i>	<i>\$1,400</i>

3. *In the event that a project listed above does not proceed, funding to a maximum of \$4,000 be provided to 46 Orion Street Yass.*
4. *Discussion with the Heritage Advisor be included in the selection criteria as a matter for consideration in determining funding and in exceptional circumstances payment in arrears may be considered for priorities not awarded in the first round.*

(Frost/Turner) 105

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

7. Director of Infrastructure & Assets Reports

At 04:55 pm Councillor Abbey left the Chambers.

Councillor Furry, Deputy Mayor, took the Chair.

7.1 FIXING LOCAL ROADS GRANT PROGRAM

SUMMARY

Grant funding has been received to value of \$5,540,000 under the NSW Fixing Local Roads Grant Program Round 1 for resealing of 56km and rehabilitation of 8km of local roads.

MOTION

That:

- 1. The grant for \$2,395,000 under the NSW Fixing Local Road Grant Program Round 1 be accepted for the resealing of 56km of Council's local road network.*
- 2. The priority resealing program be revised by substituting Segment 3, Black Range Road, Yass for Segment 1, Shingle Hill Way.*
- 3. A \$350,000 Council contribution, as required by the grant approval, be allocated from the Development Contributions Reserve.*
- 4. The grant for \$3,145,000 under the NSW Fixing Local Road Grant Program Round 1 be accepted for the rehabilitation of 8kms of Council's local road network.*
- 5. A \$450,000 Council contribution, as required by the grant approval, be allocated from the Development Contributions Reserve.*
- 6. The projects be included in the 2020/21 Operational Plan at the 1st quarter review.*

(McManus/Jones)

FOR: Councillors N Furry, J Jones and M McManus

AGAINST: Councillors C Burgess, G Frost, A Harker, M Reid and K Turner

MOTION LOST

FORESHADOWED MOTION

RESOLVED that:

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- 2. A \$350,000 Council contribution, as required by the grant approval, be allocated from the Development Contributions Reserve.***
- 3. The grant for \$3,145,000 under the NSW Fixing Local Road Grant Program Round 1 be accepted for the rehabilitation of 8kms of Council's local road network.***
- 4. A \$450,000 Council contribution, as required by the grant approval, be allocated from the Development Contributions Reserve.***
- 5. The projects be included in the 2020/21 Operational Plan at the 1st quarter review.***

(Frost/Turner) 106

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

At 05:13 pm Councillor Abbey returned to the Chambers.

7.2 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

SUMMARY

To determine the allocation of funds of \$857,227 provided by Australian Government under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

RESOLVED that :

- 1. The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program grant for the amount of \$857,227 be accepted.***
- 2. The projects listed in this report be delivered utilising this grant fund.***
- 3. The LED upgrade of street lighting be funded using a portion of the funding under the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program and the savings be placed in an appropriate reserve for the provision of future community facilities.***
- 4. A Councillor Workshop be organised to the status and purpose of internally restricted reserves.***

(Jones/Harker) 107

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

7.3 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST YVC/IA/04.2020 - OPERATION OF REUSE/RECYCLE FACILITY

SUMMARY

Reporting on outcomes from the Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the operation of a Recycle/Reuse Facility to be located adjacent to but operated independently of the Yass Transfer Station located at Faulder Avenue, Yass.

RESOLVED that the operation of a reuse/recycling facility at the Yass Transfer Station be further considered at a Councillor Workshop.

(Furry/Jones) 108

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

7.4 GUNDAROO CEMETERY FENCE

SUMMARY

Providing a report on the Gundaroo cemetery boundary fence adjoining the Gundaroo Common for further consideration in determining funding of replacement of approximately 200 metres of boundary fence on the northern side of the cemetery as requested by the Gundaroo Common Trust.

RESOLVED that :

- 1. Approximately 20 metres of tree damaged fence located at the eastern end of the northern boundary fence adjoining the Gundaroo Common be repaired by Council to assist with preventing damage to headstones by livestock from the adjoining land.***
- 2. The two gate entry points providing access between the Gundaroo Cemetery and the Gundaroo Common be removed and the void fenced with a similar material to prevent access to assist with preventing damage to headstones by livestock from the adjoining land.***
- 3. The Gundaroo Common Trust be advised of grants available from the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund for fencing and other improvements.***

(Burgess/Furry) 109

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

8. Director of Corporate & Community Reports

8.1 INVESTMENT AND BORROWINGS REPORT

SUMMARY

In accordance with the Clause 212 *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report provides a summary of Council's investments as at 30 April 2020. In accordance with paragraph (1)(b), it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

RESOLVED that Investment Report as at 30 June 2020 be received and it be noted that the summary has been prepared in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

(Turner/Furry) 110

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

8.2 COUNCILLOR FEES 2020/21

SUMMARY

To detail the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal regarding Councillor fees for the 2020/21 year.

RESOLVED that :

- 1. The decision of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal that there will be no increase in Councillor Fees and Mayoral Allowance for 2020/21 be adopted;**
- 2. The annual payment for Councillors will remain at \$12,160, and \$26,530 for the Mayor to be paid in arrears in equal monthly instalments; and**
- 3. In accordance with clause 4.1.2 Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy, an amount of \$1,500 to be paid in arrears in equal monthly instalments to the Deputy Mayor from the Mayoral Allowance.**

(Jones/Harker) 111

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

8.3 WRITE OFF DEBT

SUMMARY

In accordance with the clause 213 *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report provides details of a debt currently owed by Mr Mark Olsen for an amount of \$5,280.35. This debt relates to an amount owed for 2,250L of emulsion and subsequent legal fees.

After reasonable attempts to recover this debt by Council staff and Council's debt recovery agent, Recoveries & Reconstructions (Aust) Pty Ltd, it is believed that it is unlikely we are able to recover this debt and continued attempts to recover would not be cost effective.

RESOLVED that a debt of \$5,280.35 owed by Seal Right Dust Control be written off.

(Frost/Jones) 112

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

9. General Manager Reports

Nil

10. Notice of Motion

10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - SAFETY BARRIERS, BURLEY GRIFFIN WAY, BINALONG

Councillor Jasmin Jones has given notice that at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 July 2020, she will move the following motion.

RESOLVED that a report be presented to the August 2020 Council Meeting on the options for the installation of safety barriers in the vicinity of Fitzroy Street and Burley Griffin Way, Binalong and the potential sources of funding.

(Jones/Furry) 113

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

11. Questions with Notice

11.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - CR GEOFF FROST

The following Questions on Notice were received from Councillor Frost:

1. Have any senior Council staff met with the proponents of the renovation and refurbishment of the Liberty Theatre? What was the outcome of the discussions?
2. What is the current status of the proposals to renovate and repurpose the Commercial Hotel? What has been Council involvement so far?
3. How does Council and its staff propose to assist in the development of these two sites and so restore the integrity of Comur Street?
4. What is the current average time taken to process and standard Development Application? Are there enough qualified staff to meet the demand? What is the anticipated demand over the next two to five years?
5. What Yass Valley Council specific measures have been taken to ease the impact of COVID 19 restrictions on Yass Valley residents? What further measures are under consideration?

RESOLVED that the responses provided to Councillor Frost's Questions With Notice be noted.

(Frost/Furry) 114

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

12. Minutes and Recommendations of Council Committees

12.1 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee and Rescue Committee meetings held on 7 July 2020 be noted.

(Harker/Furry) 115

FOR: Councillors R Abbey, C Burgess, G Frost, N Furry, A Harker, J Jones, M McManus, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

13. Confidential Matters

Nil

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.