



## **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council**

**Thursday 30 January 2025**

4.00pm

Yass High School

Grampian Street, YASS

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## **Open Forum**

### **Presentations to Council – Items on the Meeting Agenda**

- Item 5.1 Financial Sustainability
  - Peter Walker

**The Mayor declared the meeting open at 4.26pm.**

## **Present**

Councillors Jasmin Jones, Mayor, in the chair, Cecil Burgess, Kristin Butler (Teams), Adrian Cameron, David Carter, Alvaro Charry, Allan McGrath and David Rothwell.

Staff present - Acting Chief Executive Officer – Julie Costa, Acting Director of Planning & Environment – Kate Baker, Director of Infrastructure & Assets – Nathan Cooke, Chief Executive Officer – Jason McGuire, Governance & Risk Officer – Tanya Whitmarsh, UHY Chartered Accountant – William Pavia and Executive Support Officer – Katie Yeo.

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

### **1. Prayer**

A minutes silence was observed to acknowledge the recent passing of the former Yass Shire Council General Manager Ian Lumsden.

### **2. Councillor Request for Attendance via Audio-Visual**

The request for remote attendance by the following councillor be approved for the council meeting via audio-visual link and accept their reason listed:

- Cr Butler: Elective surgery performed today

**RESOLVED that Councillor Butler attend the Council meeting via audio-visual link.**

**(McGrath/Carter) 93**

### **3. Apologies**

Cr Fleur Flanery – Leave of Absence

**(Cameron/Carter) 94**

### **4. Declaration of Interest/Disclosures**

Nil

## **5. Reports to Council**

### **5.1 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**

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#### **SUMMARY**

Agreement by Council of the scope of requirements to proceed with sourcing a suitable consultant/contractor to undertake a review of Council's long term financial sustainability.

#### **RESOLVED that :**

- 1. The original motion passed by council on 28 November 2024 concerning the Financial Statement Review concerning conducting an 'on-the-ground assessment into Council's financial information which informs the financial statements to verify Council's true financial situation' be set aside.***
- 2. That the Council seek advice on the appropriate methodologies to ensure correct internal allocation of costs between various services and funds (such as Water, Waste and Sewer)***
- 3. That the Council seek advice on how to improve its handling of grant revenue to reduce errors in its internal financial accounting processes.***
- 4. That council executive seek agreement from our contracted CFO services to release the report from December 18 financial presentation.***

***(Carter/Charry) 95***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Councillor A Cameron

The meeting closed at 5.08pm.