



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at 12:30pm
13 August 2019

ROLL CALL

Councillors:

Cr M Pearce (Mayor)
Cr R Crouch (Deputy Mayor)
Cr R Bell
Cr M Dusting
Cr N Ledger
Cr T O'Connor
Cr L Sampson
Cr I Strutt
Cr T Toomey

Staff:

Mr David Aber, Acting General Manager
Mr T Seymour, Director Infrastructure & Development
Mr S Paul, Chief Financial Officer
Minute Clerk

MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE

Present were the Chairperson, Cr R Crouch (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors, R Bell, N Ledger, T O'Connor, L Sampson, I Strutt, and T Toomey, Acting General Manager (Mr David Aber), Director Infrastructure and Development (Mr T Seymour), Chief Financial Officer (Mr S Paul), and Minute Clerk (L Mascord).

1. OPENING OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting opened at 12:30pm.

2. PRAYER

The Chair recited the Uralla Shire Council prayer.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Uralla Shire Council recognises the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting is being held and acknowledge Aboriginal Elders past and present and we pay respect to them and their heritage.

4. APOLOGIES

The Chair advised receipt of an apology from Mayor Michael Pearce and Cr Mark Dusting.

MOTION (Crs I Strutt / T Toomey)

That Council accept the apology from Mayor Michael Pearce and Cr Mark Dusting for the Extraordinary Meeting held 13 August 2019.

X01.08/19 CARRIED

5. DISCLOSURES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chair advised there were no disclosures or declarations made.

6. PURPOSE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

To carry forward recommended motions to the Local Government NSW Conference meeting 14-16 October 2019.

Proposed Motions for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, October 2019

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. That LGNSW express the extreme dissatisfaction of the NSW Shires regarding the 2019/2020 Emergency Services Levy increase. That future increases be limited by the State Government's Rates Cap increase and consider the long term financial sustainability of local government in NSW and their ability to meet such demands within their current budgets.

Cr O'Connor commented that council recognise that the increase in the Emergency Services Levy will be deferred and accepted by the State government.

MOTION (Crs T O' Connor / R Bell)

1. That LGNSW express the extreme dissatisfaction of the NSW Shires regarding the 2019/2020 Emergency Services Levy increase. That future increases be limited by the State Government's Rates Cap increase and consider the long term financial sustainability of local government in NSW and their ability to meet such demands within their current budgets.

X02.08/19 CARRIED

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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

2. That the LGNSW lobby the State and Federal Government to provide funding to assist communities to deal with the effects of drought locally. That funding be also set aside to assist the community to recover from the drought after the immediate effects have diminished and that recovery coordinators be appointed through the JOs to facilitate recovery.

MOTION (Crs I Strutt / L Sampson)

2. That the LGNSW lobby the State and Federal Government to provide funding to assist communities to deal with the effects of drought locally. That funding be also set aside to assist the community to recover from the drought after the immediate effects have diminished and that recovery coordinators be appointed through the JOs to facilitate recovery.

X03.08/19 CARRIED

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

3. That NSWLGA lobby the State Government for additional funding for the implementation of the Biosecurity Act 2015 for land being transferred to Councils and a statement of Biosecurity Risks be provided to Councils prior to the handover.

MOTION (Crs N Ledger / T Toomey)

3. That LGNSW lobby the State Government for additional funding for the implementation of the Biosecurity Act 2015 for land being transferred to Councils and a statement of Biosecurity Risks be provided to Councils prior to the handover.

X04.08/19 CARRIED

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION:

4. That LGNSW lobby the NSW Government to fund further research into potential safe products that can be generated from recyclables by local or regional councils to reduce the need to send raw materials overseas.

MOTION (Crs L Sampson/N Ledger)

4. That LGNSW lobby the NSW Government to fund further research into potential safe products that can be generated from recyclables by local or regional councils to reduce the need to send raw materials overseas.

X05.08/19 CARRIED

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION:

5. That LGNSW discuss with the Minister for Planning the requirements for;
 - (i) the provision of regional plans that effectively integrate agricultural production and rural lifestyle with renewable power generation;
 - (ii) the inclusion of a Statement of Economic Effects on the community in the approval process, and
 - (iii) provisions to be included in the DA consent for rehabilitation of the sites.

MOTION (Crs L Sampson / N Ledger)

5. That LGNSW discuss with the Minister for Planning the requirements for;
 - (i) the provision of regional plans that effectively integrate agricultural production and rural lifestyle with renewable power generation;
 - (ii) the inclusion of a Statement of Economic Effects on the community in the approval process, and
 - (iii) provisions to be included in the DA consent for rehabilitation of the sites.

X06.08/19 CARRIED

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The Chair advised of the death of the former Councillor Leanne Doran's father and councillors expressed their condolences to her at the meeting.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at: 1:49pm

COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED BY:	
RESOLUTION NUMBER:	
DATE:	
MAYOR:	