

MINUTES of

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at 9:30am 29 September 2020

Present at Meeting:

Councillors:

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

Staff:

Mr S Paul, *Chief Financial Officer (Acting General Manager)*
Mr T Seymour, *Director Development & Infrastructure*
Ms C Valencius, *Interim Executive Manager Corporate Services*
Ms B White, *Coordinator Communication & Engagement*
Ms N Heaton, *Coordinator Governance & Risk*
Ms W Westbrook, *Minute Clerk*

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1. Opening & Welcome

The Chair declared the meeting opened at 9:35am

2. Prayer

The Chair recited the Uralla Shire Council Prayer: Almighty God we humbly ask you to grant your blessing upon this Council. Direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of your glory, and the true welfare of the people of our Shire and Australia. Amen!

3. Acknowledgement to 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. Webcast Information

This meeting is being audio recorded with the recording made available on Council's website after the meeting.

5. Apologies and Application for Leave of Absence by Councillors

The Chair advised receipt of an apology from General Manager Kate Jessep and Cr L Sampson

MOTION: Moved: Cr Dusting/ Seconded: Cr Crouch

That Council accept apologies from General Manager Kate Jessep and Cr L Sampson for the Extraordinary Meeting held 29 September 2020.

X01.09/20

CARRIED

The Chair advised there were no applications for leave of absence received.

6. Disclosures & Declaration of Interests

The Chair advised there were no disclosures or declarations made.

7. Reports

1. Late Report - Local Strategic Planning Statement Recommendation

PROCEDURAL MOTION: Moved: Cr O'Connor/ Seconded: Cr Crouch

To suspend standing orders

X02.09/20

CARRIED

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

Cr Ledger left the meeting 9.59am

Cr Ledger return to meeting 10:00am

PROCEDURAL MOTION: Moved: Cr O'Connor/ Seconded: Cr Crouch

To resume standing orders

X03.09/20

CARRIED

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION: Moved: Cr O'Connor/ Seconded: Cr Crouch

That Council

1. adopt the draft Uralla Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020, as amended, as a first step in the continuing process of community consultation and feedback to enhance the strategic plan;
2. by 30 January 2021 commence public consultation to revise the LSPS to reflect community views as required by the initial instruction from the NSW Government;
3. By 30 June 2021 submit a revised version of the LSPS.

The results of the Division Decision are as follows:

Councillors Pearce, Dusting, Crouch, Ledger, Toomey, Bell, O'Connor and Cr Strutt voted for the Motion.

Councillor Sampson was absent.

X04.09/20

CARRIED

1. Report to Council – 2019-20 Operational Plan Annual Performance

PROCEDURAL MOTION: Moved: Cr Bell/ Seconded: Cr Toomey

To suspend standing orders

X05.09/20

CARRIED

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

Break called 10:41 am

Return from Break 10:53 am

Break called 11:22am

Return from Break 11:30am

PROCEDURAL MOTION: Moved: Cr Dusting/ Seconded: Cr Crouch

To resume standing orders

X06.09/20

CARRIED

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION: Moved: Cr O'Connor/ Seconded: Cr Strutt

That Council receive and note the 2019-20 Operational Plan Annual Progress Report as at 30 June 2020, as amended, including the Councils' key activities, projects, programs and/or achievements for the 2019-20 year which will be reported in the Council's Annual Report.

X07.09/20

CARRIED

Councillor Ledger requested that her dissent be noted.

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved Cr Dusting / Seconded Cr Crouch

To move into Closed Session of Council

That Council move into closed session and close the meeting to members of the public and press for the following reasons:-

The matters referred to the Closed Session of the 29 September 2020 meeting are received by Council under Section 10A (2) (d)(i) of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993.

- (1) A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:
 - (a) the discussion of any of the matters listed in subclause (2), or
 - (b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.

- (2) The matters and information are the following:
 - (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

X08.09/20

CARRIED

CLOSED Session

8. Confidential Reports

1. Bundarra Sewerage Scheme – Award of Tender
Moved Cr Bell Seconded Cr Ledger

That the report for the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme - Award of Tender lay on the table and that Council engage a suitably qualified consultant to review the tender process.

X09.09/20 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Commonwealth Home Support Program – Proposed Auspice Change

MOTION: Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr O'Connor

That Council:

1. **Endorse the Department of Social Services intent to offer on behalf of the Department of Health to novate the remaining 50% of a local service provider's current 2020/21 Commonwealth Home Support Program grant to Uralla Shire Council from 1 Jan 2021, and**
2. **Delegates the General Manager to execute the resultant offer of a Deed of Funding Variation with the Department of Health.**

X10.09/20 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION: Moved: Cr Dusting/ Seconded: Cr Crouch

That Resolutions in Closed Session become the Recommendations in Open Session in Council.

X11.09/20 CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION: Moved: Cr Strutt/ Seconded: Cr Dusting

That Council return to Open Session in Council at 1:36pm.

X12.09/20 CARRIED

9. Closure of Meeting at 1:37pm

COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED BY:**RESOLUTION NUMBER:**

02.10/20

DATE:

30/11/20

MAYOR:

M. PEARCE

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CONFIRMED

