

UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 18 NOVEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Mayor J Stafford (Chairperson), Cr P Culhane, Cr J Searl, Cr D O'Brien, Cr B McCormack, Ms P Kensit, Ms C Worthy (General Manager, Mr A Croke (Director Finance and Administration), Ms A Waldron (Director of Environment & Planning), Mr G Lacey (Director of Infrastructure) and Miss K Dewar (Executive Assistant)

VIDEO: Mr C Gordon (Media Officer)

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 9:02am

SECTION 1: NOTICE OF WEBCASTING/AUDIO RECORDING OF MEETING

Mayor Stafford advised that the meeting is being webcast live and audio recorded in accordance with Council Code of Meeting Practice.

The Mayor also advised in-person Council meetings had resumed advising Councillors and staff in these forums are double vaccinated in line with requirements by NSW Public Health Order for COVID-19.

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An apology was received by Cr J Wheelwright.

190/21 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Kensit that the apology be received and a leave of absence granted.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, P Kensit, D O'Brien, B McCormack, J Searl, and J Stafford

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 3: CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Nil

SECTION 4: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

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SECTION 5: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM 5.1 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr McCormack
191/21

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 October 2021 be adopted.

It was noted the minutes reflecting declaration of interest for Cllr Brian McCormack be amended.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, P Kensit, D O'Brien, B McCormack, J Searl and J Stafford

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

The Mayor acknowledged the retirement of Upper Lachlan Shire Councillors Brian McCormack and James Wheelwright.

SECTION 6: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 6.1 **MAYORAL MINUTE**
192/21 **RESOLVED** by Mayor Stafford and Cr Searl

That Council move this item to the end of the meeting.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, P Kensit, D O'Brien, B McCormack, J Searl and J Stafford

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

that receive and note the activities attended by the Mayor for September and October 2021.

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SECTION 7: PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL/PUBLIC

Nil

SECTION 8: CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM 8.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021

193/21 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Culhane

That Item 8.1 - [Correspondence/Information] listed below be received:

1. Office of Local Government - Circular 21-28 - Updated Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines and Handbook - 7 September 2021.
2. Office of Local Government - Integrated Planning and Reporting FAQ - 29 October 2021.
3. Office of Local Government – Circular 21-33 – Compliance with records management provision and transfer of local government records to the State Archives Collection – 21 October 2021.
4. Office of Local Government – Circular 21-34 – Updated guidance on COVID-19 restrictions and Council Meetings – 27 October 2021.
5. Office of Local Government Pet Registry – Companion Animal Newsletter October 2021 – 28 October 2021.
6. Office of Local Government – Circular 21-35 2021 Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW – 29 October 2021.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, P Kensit, D O'Brien, B McCormack, J Searl and J Stafford

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 9: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

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SECTION 10: INFORMATION ONLY

ITEM 10.1-10.7 INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

194/21 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr O'Brien

1. Council receives and notes the report as information.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, P Kensit, D O'Brien, B McCormack, J Searl and J Stafford

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

REPORTS FROM STAFF AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 11: ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

ITEM 11.1 2021-2022 LOCAL HERITAGE PLACES GRANTS

195/21 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr McCormack

1. Council notes the content of the report and endorses the proposed allocation of the 2021/2022 Local Heritage Places Grant Program to:
 - a. Ms. Jeanette Power, Royal Hotel, DALTON – be granted \$7,000 for HA 2 & 3/2122
 - b. Ms. Lucy Stevens, Murray Street COLLECTOR (Some Café) – be granted \$4,000 for HA 1/2122
 - c. Ms Wilma, 24 Walsh's Road, Dalton (Eshcol) – be placed on the reserve list for HA 4/2122, should either application be unable to complete the project by the required date.
2. Letters of Offer be sent to the successful applicants and letter of offer for reserve list and advice of future potential assistance be sent to the unsuccessful applicant.

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Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 12: INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

Nil

Director of Infrastructure tabled an updated summary of the Infrastructure Department for information only and addressed the Councillors.

SECTION 13: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

ITEM 13.1 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN - END OF TERM REPORT 2021
196/21 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr O'Brien

1. Council resolves to receive and endorse the End of Term Report on implementation of the Tablelands Regional Community Strategic Plan 2016-2036 for the five year council term of office.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, P Kensit, D O'Brien, B McCormack, J Searl and J Stafford

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

ITEM 13.2 PRESENTATION OF THE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
197/21 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr McCormack

1. Council receive and note the NSW Audit Office external Independent Auditor's Reports for the 2020/2021 Financial Statements.

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Councillors who voted against:- Nil

ITEM 13.3 **QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENTS - 1ST QUARTER 2021/2022**

198/21 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Culhane

1. Council endorse the 1st Quarter Budget Review Statements for 2021/2022 including revotes of income and expenditure to the Operational Plan; and
2. Council endorses the Operational Plan Performance Summary Report.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, P Kensit, D O'Brien, B McCormack, J Searl and J Stafford

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 14: GENERAL MANAGER

ITEM 14.1 **MULTIPURPOSE AQUATIC AND ACTIVITY CENTRE - UPDATE**

199/21 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr O'Brien

1. Council receives and notes this report as information.

- CARRIED

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Councillors who voted against:- Nil

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SECTION 15: LATE REPORTS

Nil

COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES

ITEM 16.1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021

200/21 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr O'Brien

That Item 16.1 - Minutes of Committee/Information listed below be received:

1. Collector Oval Committee - Nomination for Mr John Gorman to join Committee - 11 October 2021
2. Collector Oval Committee - Nomination for Mr Dean Horne to join Committee - 20 October 2021
3. Minutes - Biala Community Fund S355 Committee - 25 October 2021

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, P Kensit, D O'Brien, B McCormack, J Searl and J Stafford

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

201/21 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Kensit that –

1. Council write to Collector Oval s355 Committee members advising them these nominations will need to be conducted at the AGM.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, P Kensit, D O'Brien, B McCormack, J Searl and J Stafford

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 17: NOTICES OF MOTION

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Nil

SECTION 18: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

SECTION 6: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE

202/21 **RESOLVED** by Mayor Stafford and Cr Searl

That receive and note the activities attended by the Mayor for September and October 2021.

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, P Kensit, D O'Brien, B McCormack, J Searl and J Stafford

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

CLOSED COUNCIL ITEMS

Nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:10am

Minutes confirmed 13 JANUARY 2022

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Mayor

NOTICE: Australia Day Awards Workshop was held directly after the meeting