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Ordinary Council Meeting

9 April 2024

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**MINUTES OF GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, 184 - 194 BOURKE STREET,
GOULBURN
ON TUESDAY, 9 APRIL 2024 AT 6PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Walker, Deputy Mayor Steve Ruddell, Cr Andrew Banfield, Cr Carol James OAM, Cr Bob Kirk, Cr Michael Prevedello (Via Teams), Cr Daniel Strickland, Cr Jason Shepherd & Cr Andy Wood

IN ATTENDANCE:
Aaron Johansson (Chief Executive Officer), Scott Martin (Director Planning & Environment), Brendan Hollands (Director Corporate and Community Services), George Angelis (Director Operations), Marina Hollands (Director Utilities) & Shae Aliffi (Executive Support Officer)

1 OPENING MEETING

Mayor Peter Walker opened the meeting 6pm. The Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast live.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Peter Walker made the following acknowledgement.
“I would like to Acknowledge and pay our respects to the Aboriginal elders both past and present as well as emerging leaders, and Acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Land on which we meet today.”

3 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION AND/OR PRAYER

The declaration was read by Cr Bob Kirk.

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

6 ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

RESOLUTION 2024/47

Moved: Cr Jason Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Daniel Strickland

That Cr Michael Prevedello attend the Council meeting virtually due to health reasons.

CARRIED

7 LATE ITEMS / URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

8 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cr Andrew Banfield made a statement in relation to the Business Paper. He has assessed the Business Paper and does not perceive any declaration of interest is required to be declared in relation to his employment with Denrith Group of Companies.

Cr Steven Ruddell declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant conflict of interest in Item "16.7 Request for Financial Assistance - 100th Anniversary Goulburn Motorcycle Grand Prix" as Cr Steven Ruddell was a member on the committee however resigned effective 9 April 2024 . As the disclosure was not of a significant nature Cr Steven Ruddell remained in the meeting while discussion took place.

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

11.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 19 MARCH 2024

RESOLUTION 2024/48

Moved: Cr Jason Shepherd

Seconded:Cr Andy Wood

That Council moved to closed session to discuss a confidential matter noted in the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held 19 March 2024. The meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

Council moved into Closed Session at 6.07pm

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024/49

Moved: Cr Carol James OAM

Seconded:Cr Jason Shepherd

That Council move back into Open Council.

Council moved back into Open Council at 6:30pm.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024/50

Moved: Cr Jason Shepherd

Seconded:Cr Andy Wood

That the Council minutes from Tuesday 19 March 2024 and contained in Minutes Pages No 1 to 11 inclusive and in Minute Nos 2024/32 to 2024/46 inclusive be confirmed.

CARRIED

12 MATTERS ARISING

Nil

13 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

14 NOTICE OF MOTION(S)**14.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - HUMELINK PROJECT****RESOLUTION 2024/51****Moved: Cr Andy Wood****Seconded: Cr Steven Ruddell****That:**

- 1. Council advocates to the State Government via a Mayoral letter to the NSW Premier - The Hon Chris Minns MP & Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage - The Hon Penny Sharpe MP, voicing its opposition to the Humelink project on the following grounds:**
 - A. Whilst the project is not physically located within the Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area, impacts associated with the construction and operation of the associated infrastructure will be felt by the local community.**
 - i. The project will require the use of local roads that are currently under the care and control of Goulburn Mulwaree Council to transport construction equipment and materials to the numerous construction sites. Given the anticipated traffic volumes particularly heavy vehicles it is expected that Council's road assets will be subject to accelerated deterioration.**
 - ii. While the project will require the use of local trades and services, many additional specialised workers will be required to temporarily relocate to the region which is likely to result in an influx of demand for suitable housing to accommodate these workers. As is well documented there is a shortage of affordable rental accommodation within the region. This will place additional stress on an already stressed housing market in the likes of Goulburn, Marulan, Crookwell, Taralga and Gunning.**
 - B. The impact upon agriculture within the region particularly with regard to farmers facing restrictions on the use of their land.**
 - C. The impact upon biodiversity across the region as a result of its removal to facilitate the proposed transmission infrastructure.**
 - D. The potential biosecurity threat to affected properties as a result of the movement of construction vehicles and workers during the periods of and operational maintenance.**
 - E. The increased risk to community safety and private assets as a result of bushfire.**
 - F. The adverse effects of the transmission infrastructure upon the visual amenity across the Southern Tablelands landscape.**
 - G. The physical and emotional impact upon the wellbeing of nearby residents which include residents of the Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area.**
- 2. The Mayor write to affected Councils within the Canberra Region Joint Organisation to advise on its position to the proposed HumeLink project.**
- 3. If the project is forced upon land holders and residents of the region then it must be undergrounded and significant and appropriate compensation awarded to Council for Road Infrastructure maintenance.**

CARRIED

14.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - GUNDARY SOLAR PROJECT

At 7:07 pm, Cr Steven Ruddell left the meeting. At 7:08 pm, Cr Steven Ruddell returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2024/52

Moved: Cr Andy Wood

Seconded: Cr Steven Ruddell

That:

1. **Goulburn Mulwaree Council formally opposes the proposed Gundry Solar Project based on the following grounds:**
 - a. **Loss of prime agricultural land including a lack of evidence to support the concept of agrivoltaics.**
 - b. **Lack of proven data on its contribution to the energy grid.**
 - c. **Excessive impact on upon the physical and psychological wellbeing of nearby residents.**
 - d. **Significant environment including impact upon biodiversity, including fisheries and native flora and fauna.**
 - e. **Increase risk of bushfire due to access limitations and the presence of the proposed battery installations.**
 - f. **The potential impediment to Council in delivering its adopted Urban and Fringe Housing Strategy.**

CARRIED

Cr Shepherd called for a division.

In Favour: Crs Andrew Banfield, Carol James OAM, Bob Kirk, Michael Prevedello, Steven Ruddell, Daniel Strickland, Peter Walker and Andy Wood

Against: Cr Jason Shepherd

15 NOTICE OF RESCISSION(S)

Nil

16 REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DETERMINATION**16.1 TENDER 2324T0004 - ST CLAIR VILLA RISING DAMP AND SALT ATTACK REMEDIATION****RESOLUTION 2024/53****Moved: Cr Carol James OAM****Seconded: Cr Andrew Banfield****That**

- 1. The report from the Business Manager Marketing, Events and Culture on Tender 2324T0004 St Clair Villa Rising Damp and Salt Attack Remediation be received.**
- 2. The tender from Duratec Limited is accepted in accordance with the specification and documents for Tender 2324T0004 St Clair Villa Rising Damp and Salt Attack Remediation totalling \$394,509.56 (excl. GST), for the lump sum price, plus the optional additional work.**

CARRIED**16.2 TENDER 2324T0006 MAYFIELD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT****RESOLUTION 2024/54****Moved: Cr Steven Ruddell****Seconded: Cr Andrew Banfield****That:**

- 1. The report on Tender 2324T0006 Mayfield Bridge Replacement be received.**
- 2. The tender from Bridgeworks Australia is accepted in accordance with the specification and documents for Tender 2324T0006 Mayfield Bridge Replacement for the lump sum price of \$1,555,000 (GST Inclusive)**

CARRIED**16.3 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024 - 2025****RESOLUTION 2024/55****Moved: Cr Daniel Strickland****Seconded: Cr Steven Ruddell****That**

- 1. The report of the Director of Corporate & Community Services on the Draft Operational Plan 2024/25 be received.**
- 2. The Draft Operational Plan 2024/25 and budget be approved for public exhibition.**
- 3. The Draft Operational Plan 2024/25 budget placed on public exhibition from 10 April 2024 until 17 May 2024 for wider community comment.**
- 4. Any submissions received be reported to Council at its meeting on 18 June 2024.**

CARRIED

16.4 DRAFT BELMORE PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT**RESOLUTION 2024/56****Moved: Cr Jason Shepherd****Seconded: Cr Michael Prevedello****That;**

- 1. The report from the Business Manager Property & Community Services on the draft Belmore Park Plan of Management be noted.**
- 2. Council endorses the draft Belmore Park Plan of Management in accordance with Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**
- 3. Council endorses this Community Land in the categories of Park and Area of Cultural Significance in accordance with s36 (4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**
- 4. Council endorses the Native Title Managers Advice Report prepared by CGM Planning & Development Pty Ltd for the draft Belmore Park Plan of Management.**
- 5. Council submits the draft Belmore Park Plan of Management to DPE - Crown Lands for the Minister's consent in accordance with Division 3 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, for endorsement to exhibit.**
- 6. Upon receipt of the Minister Administering the Crown Land Management Act's concurrence, this draft PoM be offered for community consultation by way of public notice, public exhibition, and circulation to the following organisations:**
 - Heritage NSW**
 - History Goulburn (Goulburn and District Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc)**
 - NSW Aboriginal Land Council**
 - Pejar Local Aboriginal Land Council and;**
 - Mulwaree Aboriginal Community Inc.**
- 7. A further report be submitted to Council to consider any submissions received and to consider final endorsement of the draft Belmore Park Plan of Management.**

CARRIED

16.5 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS MOBILITY PLAN AND SHARED PATH STRATEGY**RESOLUTION 2024/57****Moved: Cr Steven Ruddell****Seconded: Cr Bob Kirk****That;**

- 1. The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan and Shared Path Strategy be received.**
- 2. The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan and Shared Path Strategy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 14 days.**
- 3. The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan and Shared Path Strategy be adopted at the conclusion of the public exhibition period subject to any submissions being considered and the document being amended accordingly.**

CARRIED**16.6 WOLLONDILLY WALKING TRACK - CEMETERY STREET PHASE 3****RESOLUTION 2024/58****Moved: Cr Michael Prevedello****Seconded: Cr Jason Shepherd****That:**

- 1. The report from the Business Manager Community Facilities and Business Manager Property & Community Services on the Wollondilly Walking Track Cemetery Street Phase 3 be received.**
- 2. Council approve the works at the Wollondilly Walking Track Cemetery Street Phase 3 as a variation to the current contract (VP273659):**
- 3. Council approves the transfer of \$457,618.69 (GST exclusive) from the following funds to Project 190307 Wollondilly Walking Track Cemetery Street Phase 3 to allow for completion of this project:**
 - (a) Project 190312 Copford Reach - \$123,710.00 (GST exclusive)**
 - (b) LICP Section 712 - \$333,908.69 (GST exclusive)**
- 4. The CEO authorised to expenditure up to the additional \$457,618.69 (GST exclusive) to complete project VP273659 - Wollondilly Walking Track Cemetery Street Phase 3.**

CARRIED

16.7 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - 100TH ANNIVERSARY GOULBURN MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX

RESOLUTION 2024/59

**Moved: Cr Andrew Banfield
Seconded: Cr Daniel Strickland**

That:

- 1. The report from the Director Corporate & Community Services regarding the request for Financial Assistance be received.**
- 2. Council provide support for the 100th Anniversary of Goulburn's Motorcycle Grand Prix to be funded from the Financial Assistance budget as follows:**
 - Hire of Veolia Arena and Montague Street closure \$504.00**
 - Portable stage hire, tables/chairs ,flooring, cleaning \$1,542.00**

CARRIED

16.8 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - TALLONG APPLE DAY FESTIVAL

RESOLUTION 2024/60

**Moved: Cr Andy Wood
Seconded: Cr Carol James OAM**

That:

- 1. The report from the Director Corporate & Community Services regarding the request for Financial Assistance be received.**
- 2. Council funds support to the Tallong Apple Day Festival with a cash donation to the value of \$5,000 funded from the Financial Assistance budget.**
- 3. Council also funds the traffic management control costs for the Tallong Apple Day Festival out of the Assets & Operations Directorate Events Support budget.**

CARRIED

16.9 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 2024/61

**Moved: Cr Andrew Banfield
Seconded: Cr Andy Wood**

That the report by the Director Corporate & Community Services on the Monthly Financial Report be received.

CARRIED

16.10 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS & BANK BALANCES**RESOLUTION 2024/62****Moved: Cr Bob Kirk****Seconded: Cr Steven Ruddell****That the report on the Statement of Investments and Bank Balances be noted.****CARRIED****16.11 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2024****RESOLUTION 2024/63****Moved: Cr Steven Ruddell****Seconded: Cr Peter Walker****That**

- 1. The report from Director Operations in regard to the Traffic Committee minutes from Thursday 21 March 2024 be received and approved.**
- 2. The Traffic Committee minutes from Thursday 21 March 2024 be confirmed.**
- 3. That the report on the Harness Racing NSW – Carnival of Cups be accepted for discussion as a late item and be endorsed via email outside of the session.**
- 4. The report from the Road Safety and Traffic Officer on the Ongoing Task List be received and the information noted. Items marked as completed will be removed from the task list.**
- 5. The report on the programs and activities of the Road Safety and Traffic Officer for December 2023 – March 2024 be received and noted.**
- 6. The Traffic Management Plan for the Motorcycle Grand Prix Street Cruise be received and endorsed.**
- 7. The Traffic Guidance Scheme for Motorcycle Grand Prix Street Cruise on Auburn Street be received and endorsed.**
- 8. The Traffic Guidance Scheme and Parking Plan for Cartwright Place be received and endorsed, and the temporary closure be noted.**
- 9. The Traffic Guidance Schemes for the Motorcycle Grand Prix Scheme and Route be received and endorsed.**
- 10. The updated Traffic Management Plan presented at the meeting be received and endorsed pending Road Occupancy Licence for Braidwood Road and 'Road Closed' signage for Sloane Street.**
- 11. The report on the local roads closure and traffic control for events be received.**
- 12. Road closures or traffic control for events that do not require Traffic Management Plans be endorsed.**
- 13. Road closures or traffic control for events that require Traffic Management Plans and Road Occupancy Licences be presented to a future Traffic Committee meeting when further details are confirmed.**
- 14. That all forthcoming events be submitted to the Traffic Committee for notation as they draw closer to their scheduled time.**
- 15. The Traffic Guidance Schemes and Traffic Management Plan for the Goulburn ANZAC Day event in 2024 be amended to show assembly at Verner Street and then circulated to**

committee members for an out of session endorsement via email.

- 16. The Traffic Guidance Scheme and Traffic Management Plan for Marulan ANZAC Day be amended to show bollards and barrier boards around marked cenotaph and then circulated to committee members for an out of session endorsement via email.
- 17. The Committee received and endorsed the amended Traffic Guidance Scheme out of session.
- 18. The Traffic Guidance Scheme and Traffic Management Plan for Bungonia ANZAC Day be received and endorsed.
- 19. The amended Traffic Guidance schemes for the Goulburn and Marulan ANZAC Day event be received and endorsed, pending Road Occupancy Licence approval.
- 20. The report on the Traffic Guidance Scheme for the Tallong Apple Festival to be held on Sunday 5 May 2024 be received and endorsed, pending Road Occupancy Licence approval.
- 21. The Traffic Guidance Schemes for the Rotary Swap meet to be held on Sunday, 7 April 2024 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Recreation Area be received and endorsed.
- 22. That the Traffic Guidance Scheme for the Goulburn Show held on 2 March and 3 March 2024 be noted.
- 23. That the request for 'No Stopping' sign at the northwestern end of Erith Street be deferred to the 23 May 2024 Traffic Committee meeting, pending request for further information.
- 24. That the request for Australia Post parking Sign at North Goulburn Post Office be deferred to the Traffic Committee meeting to be held on 23 May 2024, pending request for further information.
- 25. The report regarding the Harness Racing NSW - Carnival Cup is to be received and endorsed via email outside of the session, pending further clarification on finishing time of event.
- 26. The Committee received and endorsed the Harness Racing NSW - Carnival Cup amended scheme out of session.

CARRIED

17 CLOSED SESSION

Council must resolve to move into Closed Session to deal with any items under s10 *Local Government Act 1993*.

There were no closed session reports for determination.

18 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 8.38pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 May 2024.

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Cr Peter Walker
Mayor

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Aaron Johansson
Chief Executive Officer