



JUNEE SHIRE COUNCIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF JUNEE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BELMORE STREET, JUNEE ON TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2023.

PRESENT

Councillors N Smith, , M Austin, R Callow, D Carter, A Clinton, P Halliburton and M Knight.

STAFF

General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Acting Director Planning and Community Development and Executive Assistant.

The meeting opened at 4.30pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

01.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr R Callow seconded Cr M Knight that Councillor R Asmus and Cr M Cook be granted a leave of absence from the 16 May 2023 Ordinary Council meeting.

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02.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr D Carter that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 April 2023, copies of which had been supplied to each Councillor, be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were invited to disclose any Declarations of Interest related to the items of business in the report.

None were received.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

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MAYORAL MINUTE

1[MAYOR] DAMAGING INCREASE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY COSTS

03.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr N Smith seconded Cr R Callow that:

1. Council write to the Treasurer, the Minister for Emergency Services, the Minister for Local Government and local State Member(s):
 - a) Expressing Council's strong opposition to the NSW Government's last minute decision to impose an enormous Emergency Services Levy (ESL) cost increase on councils for 2023/24 by scrapping the ESL subsidy for Councils and at a time after Council has publicly advertised its Operational Plan and annual budget to the community.
 - b) Noting that as a consequence of the unannounced 73% increase in the State Emergency Service budget and an 18% increase in the Fire and Rescue NSW budget, means the annual rate peg increase for 2023/24 that is intended to maintain and provide for existing essential community services and infrastructure has been significantly eroded.
 - c) Advising that the Government's decision will lead to a reduction in important local services and the cancellation of necessary infrastructure projects.
 - d) Calling on the NSW Government to take immediate action to:
 - i. restore the ESL subsidy in 2023/24
 - ii. urgently introduce legislation to decouple the ESL from the rate peg to enable councils to recover the full cost
 - iii. develop a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding critically important emergency services in consultation with local government.
2. Council writes to the Chair of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) advising that Council's forced emergency services contribution is manifestly disproportionate to the 2023/24 rate cap, which has resulted in additional financial stress.
3. Council writes to the President of LGNSW seeking the Association's ongoing advocacy to bring about a relief in the burden of Councils' emergency services contribution.

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2[MAYOR] ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

04.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr A Clinton that Cr D Carter be nominated to be on the General Managers performance review panel.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager presented a report which dealt with Items 3 to 8.

3[CFO] DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

05.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr D Carter seconded Cr P Halliburton that:

1. The Draft Delivery Program 2023-27 and Operational Plan 2023-24 be advertised for public comment for 28 days from the 18 May 2023.

Councillor M Austin entered the meeting at 4.38pm.

06.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr R Callow seconded Cr M Knight that:

2. The Workforce Plan 2023-2027 be advertised for public comment for 28 days from the 18 May 2023.

4[MFBS] COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

07.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr M Austin that Council notes the Investment Report as of 30 April 2023, including the certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer.

5[CFO] THIRD QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

08.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr R Callow seconded Cr M Austin that:

1. The Quarterly Budget Review Report, as at 31 March 2023, be received and noted.
2. Council approve the variations in the capital and operating budgets as detailed in the attached Third Quarterly Budget Review Report for the 2023 financial year.

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6[TP] ADOPTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR COUNCIL-RELATED DEVELOPMENT

09.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr M Austin that Council adopt the Conflict of Interest for Council-Related Development policy attached to this report.

As required under Section 375A of the Local Government Act, the following is the record of voting for this planning matter.

FOR: Councillors M Austin, R Callow, D Carter, A Clinton, P Halliburton, M Knight and N Smith.

AGAINST: Nil

7[DES] JUNEE TRAFFIC STUDY REPORT

10.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr D Carter seconded Cr R Callow that:

1. Council receive this report on the Draft Traffic Study.
2. Note the submissions received on the Draft Traffic Study.
3. Adopt the Traffic Study Report, noting the amendments made to the document following the public exhibition period.
4. Note that the study will be regularly reviewed and updated in response to changes to the constraints and movement of light and heavy vehicles with in the Junee area along with the impacts of the Inland Rail Project.
5. Note that the implementation of potential mitigation strategies referred to in the study will be subject to further refinement and availability of funding.
6. Acknowledge submissions in writing, thanking them for their input and advising on the outcomes of their submission.

A MOTION was MOVED by Councillor D Carter that:

Approaches be made to the relevant government departments with reference to:

- North Junee Public School re the proposed car and bus park for the set down and pick up of students.
- Relocating of the bus stop at Junee Primary School to Stewart Street.
- Safety concerns raised, within the report, with regard to the Queen Street and Olympic Highway intersection.

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- Prioritise submissions/grants for the replacement of the HL Robertson Bridge.

The MOTION was WITHDRAWN.

8[GM] DRAFT JUNEE SHIRE COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEFERRED PAYMENT POLICY

11.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr A Clinton seconded Cr P Halliburton that the item be discussed.

12.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr R Callow seconded Cr M Austin that:

1. Council exhibit the Draft Junee Shire Infrastructure Deferred Payment Policy for public submissions for a period of 28 days commencing 18 May 2023.
2. Council receive a further report following the public exhibition period.

Councillor A Clinton and Councillor P Halliburton voted against the Motion and asked that this be recorded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

DELEGATES REPORTS

13.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr N Smith seconded Cr P Halliburton that the report of the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils Meeting held on 28 April 2023 be received.

14.05.23 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr M Knight that the report of the Riverina Joint Organisation meeting held on 28 April 2023 be received.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

LATE BUSINESS

Nil

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Councillor P Halliburton asked the following questions:

1. Has the condition of the Unnamed Lane between Pretoria Avenue to Vaughan Street, especially the state of the tarmac and the overgrown vegetation, been assessed, and, if so, what is the outcome, other than making it a one way lane?

Response:

The condition of surface in the laneway has been assessed as being in poor condition. However, rehabilitation is a low priority and not programmed at this stage.

A maintenance task has been raised to trim some of the trees along the northern end of laneway, noting that this is also a low priority task and will be undertaken as resources allow.

2. Has any further advice been received from TfNSW since 8 February 2023 regarding installation of 50 kph signs on Waterworks Road north of Benbow Court, and, if so, what is it?

Response:

TfNSW have confirmed that they are assessing the application made by Council Officers to install 50km/hr speed limit signage on Waterworks Road north of Cuttle Court.

Council Officers will continue to follow up with TfNSW on the status of the application.

3. Has Council received follow-up advice from TfNSW regarding the onsite inspection of the Main Street (Olympic Highway) underpass from the representative of TfNSW, and, if so, what is it?

Response:

TfNSW have advised that they will provide outcomes of the inspection and proposed mitigation strategies in due course.

4. Have resources and competing priorities allowed the review of disabled parking in Junee, including The Athenium, to be commenced, and, if so, what is the outcome?

Response:

At this stage the review is scheduled to be undertaken in August 2023.

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INFORMATION BOOKLET

The information booklet was received and noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.38pm.

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