



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 22 March 2023
4pm

at

Armidale Council Chambers

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Coupland (Mayor), Councillor Todd Redwood (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Paul Gaddes, Councillor Jon Galletly, Councillor Susan McMichael, Councillor Steven Mephram, Councillor Debra O'Brien, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Paul Packham, Councillor Dorothy Robinson and Councillor Bradley Widders.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr James Roncon (General Manager), Mr Darren Schaefer (Chief Officer Corporate and Community), Mr Daniel Boyce (Chief Officer Planning and Activation), Mr Alex Manners (Chief Officer Assets and Services), Ms Ann Newsome (Chief Financial Officer) and Ms Melissa Hault (Executive Officer).

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1. CIVIC AFFIRMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
 Cr Galletly delivered the Civic Affirmation and Cr O'Connor delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

2. STATEMENT IN RELATION TO LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS
 The General Manager delivered the statement.

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS
 Nil.

Cr Robinson joined the chamber at 4:02pm

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

| Name | Item | Nature of Interest | Reason/Intended Action |
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| Clr Packham | 6.1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary <input type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Significant Conflict <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Non Significant Conflict | <p>Reason: the Model Code of Conduct expects me to make fully informed decisions using my best judgement and due diligence. By policy design I have been precluded from assessing the nomination and have not received clarification that the award thresholds have been met. For that reason I declare a non-pecuniary interest and intend to leave the chamber during the discussion and abstain from voting.</p> <p>Intended action: Leave Chamber</p> |
| Clr Packham | 6.2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary <input type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Significant Conflict <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Non Significant Conflict | <p>Reason: insignificant non pecuniary inter by virtue of family connection and intend to participate in discussion and the vote.</p> <p>Intended action: Remain in the Chamber</p> |

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting held 22 February 2023

Ref: AINT/2023/04508 (ARC16/0001-8)

14/23

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 February 2023 be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved Cr Redwood Seconded Cr Mepham

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

Cr Paul Packham left the meeting, the time being 4:04 PM

6. MAYORAL MINUTE

6.1 Mayoral Minute - Recognising the Achievements of Antony (Tony) Deakin

OAM with Keys to the City

Ref: AINT/2023/02928 (ARC16/0025-7)

15/23

RESOLVED

That Council award the Keys to the City of Armidale to Antony (Tony) Deakin OAM in recognition of his connection to Armidale and the outstanding contribution he has made to the architecture of Armidale.

Moved Cr Coupland Seconded Cr Redwood

DIVISION The result being:-

FOR: Crs S Coupland, P Gaddes, J Galletly, S McMichael, S Mepham, D O'Brien, M O'Connor, T Redwood and D Robinson

AGAINST: Cr B Widders

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

Cr Paul Packham returned to the meeting, the time being 4:20 PM

6.2 Mayoral Minute - Australian Transport Museum *Ref: AINT/2023/04960 (ARC16/0342)*

16/23

RESOLVED

That Council resolve to:

- a) Cease membership in the Australian Transport Museum.
- b) Cease all directorships in the Australian Transport Museum.
- c) The General Manager write to the Australian Transport Museum to provide notice of Councils decision.

Moved Cr Coupland Seconded Cr McMichael

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

7. REPORTS - GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

7.1 Council Actions Report January 2022 - February 2023

Ref: AINT/2023/04510 (ARC16/0001-8)

17/23

RESOLVED

That Council notes the report summarising the actions taken on the resolutions of Council.

Moved Cr O'Connor

Seconded Cr Gaddes

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

8. REPORTS - FINANCE

Nil.

9. REPORTS - PLANNING AND ACTIVATION

9.1 Planning Proposal for 57 Newton Street, Armidale *Ref: AINT/2023/04815 (ARC23/5777)*

18/23

RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Endorse the Planning Proposal to amend the *Armidale Regional Local Environmental Plan* to regularise the permissibility of the light industry land uses that have historically and continually been carried out at 57 Newton Street, Armidale (Lot 4 DP 546075).
- b. Forward the endorsed Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment with a request for Gateway Determination and exhibit the proposal in accordance with that determination.
- c. Seek authorisation from the Department of Planning and Environment to be the local plan-making authority.

Moved Cr Packham

Seconded Cr Redwood

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

9.2 Draft Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program *Ref: AINT/2023/04816 (ARC23/5623)*

19/23

RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Endorse the Draft Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- b. Receive a further report once the submission period closes to consider any submissions received.

Moved Cr Packham

Seconded Cr Robinson

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

10. REPORTS - CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

Nil.

11. REPORTS - ASSETS AND SERVICES

Nil.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

**12.1 Enabling Council-run Public Libraries to continue to be Community Partners
with the Trove National Archive**

Ref: AINT/2023/04843 (ARC16/0025-7)

20/23

RESOLVED

That the Armidale Regional Council calls on the Federal Government to intervene to stop the National Library of Australia's plans to charge increased subscription fees to Council-run public libraries to enable contribution and provide access to Australia's national data-base and archive – Trove.

Moved Cr McMichael

Seconded Cr O'Brien

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

12.2 Support for the Murrumbidgee GP Scheme "Single Employer Model" as next Pilot in the NSW Hunter New England Health District

Ref: AINT/2023/04847 (ARC16/0025-7)

21/23

RESOLVED

That Armidale Regional Council write to the Federal Health Minister, the Prime Minister's Office, the NSW Minister for Health, the NSW Minister for Regional Health and the NSW Premier to note our strong endorsement and support for the running of the next pilot of the "Single Employer Model" (also known as the Murrumbidgee GP Scheme) in our LGA which is part of Hunter New England Health District to allay the current crisis of GP shortages (eight GP's leaving or relocating from Armidale Region and five more trainee GP's leaving the Armidale Regional Public Hospital) leaving about 6,000 people in our LGA without a GP.

Moved Cr O'Connor

Seconded Cr McMichael

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Traffic Advisory Committee - Minutes of meeting held 7 March 2023

Ref: AINT/2023/04702 (ARC16/0168-8)

22/23

RESOLVED

That in relation to the report "Armidale Regional Council Traffic Advisory Committee Minutes – 7 March 2023", that Council:

- a) Endorse the temporary road closures of Faulkner Street Armidale from Dumaresq Street to Beardy Street and the connecting intersections with Moore Street, East Mall and Rusden Street roundabout for the Armidale 2023 Anzac Day March and Commemoration Service to be held on Tuesday 25 April 2023.
- b) Endorse the rolling road closure of Bradley Street Guyra from MacKenzie Street to the Southern side of the Hall will allow the crowd to gather outside the Soldier's Memorial Hall at 163 Bradley Street for the service for the annual Anzac Day Dawn Service will occur on Tuesday, 25 April 2023 between 5.30 am and 7.00 am, in accordance with the provided traffic control plan.
- c) Endorse the rolling road closures of Bradley Street from MacKenzie Street to the Southern side of the Hall will allow the crowd to gather outside the Soldier's Memorial Hall at 163 Bradley Street for the annual Anzac Day March held on Tuesday, 25 April 2023 between 10.00am and 12.30pm, in accordance with the provided traffic control plan.
- d) That Council note the endorsement of the temporary road closure of Canambe Street between Dumaresq and Kirkwood Street for the Armidale & New England Show that was held from 6:30pm Thursday 2 March until 10pm on Sunday 5 March 2023.
- e) Endorse the requested road closures and route options for the 2023 Autumn Festival Parade Route of :
 - i. Dangar and Faulkner Street Armidale including Tingcombe Lane, from Barney Street to Rusden Street be closed from 7am for the staging of the Autumn Festival Parade.
 - ii. Faulkner Street between Dumaresq and Kirkwood Streets will be closed from 7am and remain closed for the duration of the Autumn Festival Parade.

iii. Route Option A –

The closure of Faulkner Street Armidale, from Barney Street to Kirkwood Street disassembling in Faulkner between Civic and Curtis Park.

iv. Route Option B –

The closure of Faulkner Street Armidale, from Barney to Rusden Street, turning left into Rusden Street, right into Dangar Street following into Moore Street, left into Faulkner disassembling in Faulkner between Civic and Curtis Park.

- f) Endorse the Special Event Transport Management Plan for the Armidale Cycling Club's 2023 Weekly Race and the use of the Armidale Regional local roads, of Boorolong Road, Dangarsleigh Road/Enmore Road, Bundarra Road and Long Swamp Road.

Moved Cr McMichael

Seconded Cr Robinson

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

13.2 KPWG - Minutes of meetings held November 2022 - March 2023

Ref: AINT/2023/04997 (ARC16/0001-8)

23/23

RESOLVED

That the following Minutes of the Key Pillar Working Group meetings held from November 2022 to March 2023 be noted;

- Enriched Region KPWG meeting held 4 November 2022
- Enriched Region KPWG meeting held 18 November 2022
- Future Region KPWG meeting held 30 November 2022
- Enriched Region KPWG meeting held 2 December 2022
- Growing Region KPWG meeting held 17 January 2023
- Growing Region KPWG meeting held 7 March 2023

Moved Cr Gaddes

Seconded Cr Galletly

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

14. QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

24/23

RESOLVED

a) That Council move into closed Session to receive and consider the following items:

15.1 Professional Services Contract - Kempsey Armidale Road Restoration Project.
(AINT/2023/04819) - ***(General Manager's Note: The report considers Tender Submissions and is deemed confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret).***

b) That Council exclude the press and public from the proceedings of the Council in Confidential Session pursuant to Section 10A, subsections 2 & 3 and section 10B of the Local Government Act 1993, on the basis that the items to be considered are of a confidential nature.

c) That Council make the resolutions made in Confidential Session public as soon as practicable.

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Brien

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

Council entered Closed Session at 4:57pm.

Council returned to Open Session at 5:01pm.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

25/23

RESOLVED

That Council move back into open Session and that the resolutions of the closed Session be made public.

Moved Cr O'Connor

Seconded Cr Redwood

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

15. CLOSED SESSION

15.1 Professional Services Contract - Kempsey Armidale Road Restoration Project

Ref: AINT/2023/04819 (ARC22/5361)

26/23

RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Accept the tenders submitted by for client-side Professional Services relating to the Kempsey-Armidale Road Recovery Project and engage the following contractors noting the proposed weekly rates and the current nominated individuals;
 - i. Bellwether Consulting Services Pty Ltd, for the roles of- Project Director, Senior Project manager, two Project engineers, two Surveillance Officers and an Administration Officer;
 - ii. Projence Pty Ltd, for the role of WH&S Manager; and
 - iii. Rob Ausling and Associates Pty Ltd, for the roles of- Commercial Manager and Communications Officer.
- b. Delegate authority to the General Manager to approve expenditure up to the upper funding limit of funding available for the project from grant funds.
- c. Delegate authority to the General Manager to execute all documents in relation to the Contracts.

Moved Cr Redwood

Seconded Cr McMichael

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:02pm.