



## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 23 August 2023  
4pm

at

Armidale Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sam Coupland (Mayor), Councillor Todd Redwood (Deputy Mayor) via Zoom, Councillor Paul Gaddes, Councillor Jon Galletly, Councillor Susan McMichael, Councillor Steven Mephram, Councillor Paul Packham and Councillor Dorothy Robinson.

**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), Ms Simone Mooketsi (Manager Governance and Strategy), Ms Michaella Giandomenico (Executive Officer) and Ms Melissa Hault (Executive Officer).

MINUTES

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**1. CIVIC AFFIRMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Cr Robinson delivered the Civic Affirmation and Cr Mepham 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**

Cr O'Brien, Cr O'Connor and Cr Widders apologies be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**5.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting held 26 July 2023** Ref: AINT/2023/18065 (ARC16/0001-8)

102/23

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 July 2023 be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**Moved Cr McMichael**

**Seconded Cr Mepham**

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

**6. MAYORAL MINUTE**

**6.1 Mayoral Minute - Retention of APVMA in Armidale** Ref: AINT/2023/22625 (ARC16/0001-8)

103/23

**RESOLVED**

That Council write to the Minister expressing councils' strong opposition to any proposed move and call upon the minister to provide certainty that jobs will be retained in Armidale regardless of the outcomes of any proposed management or cultural review.

**Moved Cr Coupland**

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

## **7. REPORTS - GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE**

### **7.1 LGNSW Annual Conference 2023**

*Ref: AINT/2023/17422 (ARC16/0001-8)*

104/23

#### **RESOLVED**

- a. That in addition to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager, Councillor McMichael be appointed as Council's third attendee and voting delegate for the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference, to be held Rosehill Gardens Racecourse from Sunday 12 November to Tuesday 14 November 2023.
- b. That the process for appointment be by show of hands.
- c. That council agree to more than one additional councillor to attend the LGNSW conference as a non-voting delegate.

**Moved Cr Gaddes**

**Seconded Cr McMichael**

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

### **7.2 Council Actions Report January 2022 - July 2023**

*Ref: AINT/2023/22456 (ARC16/0001-8)*

105/23

#### **RESOLVED**

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

**Moved Cr Robinson**

**Seconded Cr Packham**

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

## **8. REPORTS - FINANCE**

### **8.1 Cash and Investment Report 30 June 2023**

*Ref: AINT/2023/22344 (ARC23/6030)*

106/23

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council note the Cash and Investment Report for June 2023.

**Moved Cr Packham**

**Seconded Cr Gaddes**

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

### **8.2 Cash and Investment Report 31 May 2023**

*Ref: AINT/2023/22574 (ARC23/6030)*

107/23

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council note the Cash and Investment Report for May 2023.

**Moved Cr Packham**

**Seconded Cr Gaddes**

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

**8.3 2022-23 Draft Financial Statements - Refer to Audit** *Ref: AINT/2023/22576 (ARC23/6030)*

108/23

**RESOLVED**

- A. Council endorse the Draft Financial Statements be referred to audit following completion of quality review by Council's Executive Leadership Team and Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee;
- B. Council delegate authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the 'Statement by Council and Management' for inclusion within the draft financial report;
- C. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the date at which the auditor's report and financial statements are to be presented to the public;
- D. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to set the 'authorised for issue' date upon receipt of the auditor's report; and
- E. The Audited Financial Statements be presented to the November 2023 Ordinary Council meeting.

**Moved Cr Packham**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

**9. REPORTS - PLANNING AND ACTIVATION**

**9.1 Draft Renewable Energy Community Benefit Framework**

*Ref: AINT/2023/09819 (ARC23/5799)*

109/23

**RESOLVED**

That Council:

- a. Endorse the Draft Renewable Energy Community Benefit Framework for public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- b. Receive a further report once the submission period closes to consider any submissions received.

**Moved Cr Gaddes**

**Seconded Cr Robinson**

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

## 9.2 Finalisation of Planning Proposal for 57 Newton Street Armidale

Ref: AINT/2023/15897 (ARC23/5777)

110/23

### RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Endorse the Planning Proposal to amend the *Armidale Regional Local Environmental Plan 2012*, to regularise the permissibility of the light industry land uses that have historically and continually been carried out at 57 Newton, Armidale (Lot 4 DP 546075).
- b. Exercise the functions of the local plan-making authority under section 3.36(2) of the EP&A Act to make the Local Environmental Plan.
- c. Authorise the General Manager to sign all relevant documentation on behalf of Council in exercising the functions of the local plan-making authority.

Moved Cr Galletly

Seconded Cr McMichael

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

## 10. REPORTS - CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

### 10.1 Integrated Planning and Reporting - Delivery Program 2022 -2026 and Operational Plan 2022-2023 Progress Report - January to June 2023

Ref: AINT/2023/18481 (ARC22/5145)

111/23

### RESOLVED

That Council note the final Operational Plan 2022-2023 Progress Report, based on the period April to June 2023.

Moved Cr Galletly

Seconded Cr Gaddes

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

## 11. REPORTS - ASSETS AND SERVICES

### 11.1 Kempsey Road Status Report

Ref: AINT/2023/17584 (ARC23/6087)

112/23

### RESOLVED

That Council note information within the report regarding the Kempsey –Armidale Road Restoration Project following the Steering Committee held Thursday 10 August 2023.

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr Gaddes

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

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

**13. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**13.1 Sports Council Committee - Minutes of the meeting held 7 August 2023**

*Ref: AINT/2023/18441 (ARC16/0330-2)*

113/23

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Sports Council Committee meeting held on 7 August 2023 be noted and that Council:

- a. Note the Minutes of the Sports Council Committee meeting held on 7 August 2023;
- b. Endorse the committee's recommendation to support the Armidale District Cricket Associations (ADCA) application requesting \$10,000 from the Sports Development Fund to ADCA towards the outdoor cricket nets extension at the Armidale Sportsground
- c. Note the changes to the Sports Council Priority List

**Moved Cr Galletly**

**Seconded Cr McMichael**

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

**14. QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**14.1 PWA's Consultation on Water and Willingness to Pay**

*Ref: AINT/2023/22309 (ARC16/0025-7)*

114/23

**RESOLVED**

That Council note the response to the Questions for which Notice has been Given provided by Cr Robinson.

**Moved Cr Robinson**

**Seconded Cr Gaddes**

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

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:25pm.