



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Tuesday, 6 August 2024
4:00 PM

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 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), Ms Simone Mooketsi (Manager Governance and Strategy), Ms Jessica Bower (Executive Officer) and Ms Melissa Hout (Executive Officer).

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- 1. CIVIC AFFIRMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
Cr O'Brien delivered the Civic Affirmation and Cr Mephram 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.
- 4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Name	Item	Nature of Interest	Reason/Intended Action
Clr O'Connor	8.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary <input type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Significant Conflict <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Non Significant Conflict	Reason: Councillor owns land within a proposed growth area under the housing strategy. Intended action: Remain in the Chamber

- 5. MAYORAL MINUTE**
Nil.
- 6. REPORTS - GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE**
 - 6.1 Council's success in the National Awards for Local Government**
Ref: AINT/2024/49082 (ARC16/0001-8)

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RESOLVED

That Council note

- a. That Armidale Regional Council won the Category Career Starter Category for the Girls in Civil Program, and
- b. Received a Honorable Mention in the Women in Local Government category for the Compass – Women in Leadership Program.

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr McMichael

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

7. REPORTS – FINANCE

7.1 2023-24 Draft Financial Statements - Refer to Audit *Ref: AINT/2024/49141 (ARC17/1711)*

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RESOLVED

- a. Council confirm it is not aware of any matter that would render the draft financial statements being prepared as being false or misleading in any way;
- b. Council endorse referring the Draft Financial Statements to audit following completion of quality review by Council's Executive Leadership Team and Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee;
- c. 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;
- d. 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;
- e. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to set the 'authorised for issue' date upon receipt of the auditor's report; and
- f. The Audited Financial Statements be presented to the November 2024 Ordinary Council meeting.

Moved Cr Packham

Seconded Cr O'Connor

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

7.2 2024-25 Operational Plan - Rollovers, Revotes, Additional Grants and Otherwise Approved

Ref: AINT/2024/49187 (ARC17/1711)

MOTION

That Council:

- a. Note the expenditure to be rolled over from 2023-24;
- b. Adopt the expenditure to be revoted from 2023-24;
- c. Adopt the additional revenue and expenditure from additional grants; and
- d. Note the additional revenue and expenditure from otherwise approved projects.

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr McMichael

AMENDMENT

- a. Note the expenditure to be rolled over from 2023-24;
- b. Adopt the expenditure to be revoked from 2023-24;
- c. Adopt the additional revenue and expenditure from additional grants; and
- d. Note the additional revenue and expenditure from otherwise approved projects.
- e. Not commit to the additional \$4,558,800 expenditure for a detailed business case to build the Oaky pipeline before raising Malpas until after the willingness-to-pay consultation allowing residents to see realistic estimates of future needs and the feasibility of raising Malpas before constructing Oaky.

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Connor

DIVISION The result being:-

FOR: Cr D Robinson.

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

The Amendment on being put to the vote was LOST.

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RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Note the expenditure to be rolled over from 2023-24;
- b. Adopt the expenditure to be revoked from 2023-24;
- c. Adopt the additional revenue and expenditure from additional grants; and
- d. Note the additional revenue and expenditure from otherwise approved projects.

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

8. REPORTS - PLANNING AND ACTIVATION

8.1 Adoption of Brilliant Region Strategy (Post Public Exhibition)

Ref: AINT/2024/49026 (ARC23/6199)

MOTION

That Council:

- a. Receive and note any submissions received on the Draft Brilliant Region Strategy;
- b. Adopt the Draft Brilliant Region Strategy.

Moved Cr Gaddes

Seconded Cr Galletly

AMENDMENT

- a. Receive and note any submissions received on the Draft Brilliant Region Strategy;
- b. Adopt the Draft Brilliant Region Strategy.
- c. Provide a brief report to the newly elected council before the end of 2024 on potential low-cost, easily implemented, extremely beneficial 'low hanging fruit' capabilities, such as tracking service requests, submissions on public consultations, real-time information on water use from our smart water meters, and information on active transport usage and potential hazards which will be essential in developing an effective strategy.

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr Widders

DIVISION The result being:-

FOR: Crs D Robinson, M O'Connor and B Widders.

AGAINST: Crs S Coupland, P Gaddes, J Galletly, S McMichael, S Mephram, D O'Brien, P Packham and T Redwood.

The Amendment on being put to the vote was LOST.

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RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Receive and note any submissions received on the Draft Brilliant Region Strategy;
- b. Adopt the Draft Brilliant Region Strategy.

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

8.2 Adoption of the Local Housing Strategy (Post Public Exhibition)

Ref: AINT/2024/49235 (ARC23/6411)

MOTION

That Council:

- a. Receive and note the submissions contained in the report on the Draft Local Housing Strategy;
- b. Delegate authority to the General Manager to make the amendments to Draft Local Housing Strategy outlined in this report or resulting from further NSW Government agency feedback;
- c. Adopt the amended Local Housing Strategy;
- d. Forward a copy to the amended Local Housing Strategy to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
- e. Identify and make available, suitable Council owned land for affordable and social housing pilot projects, and call for expressions of interest to undertake the development.

Moved Cr Gaddes

Seconded Cr Galletly

AMENDMENT

- a. Receive and note the submissions contained in the report on the Draft Local Housing Strategy;
- b. Delegate authority to the General Manager to make the amendments to Draft Local Housing Strategy outlined in this report or resulting from further NSW Government agency feedback;
- c. Adopt the amended Local Housing Strategy;
- d. Forward a copy to the amended Local Housing Strategy to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
- e. Identify and make available, suitable Council owned land for affordable and social housing pilot projects, and call for expressions of interest to undertake the development.
- f. That Council establish a Future Housing Reference Group to provide ongoing input to housing issues and help to resolve conflicting interest across the different stakeholder groups.

Moved Cr O'Connor

Seconded Cr Robinson

DIVISION The result being:-

FOR: Crs S McMichael, M O'Connor, D O'Brien and D Robinson.

AGAINST: Crs S Coupland, P Gaddes, J Galletly, S Mepham, P Packham, T Redwood and B Widders

The Amendment on being put to the vote was LOST.

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RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Receive and note the submissions contained in the report on the Draft Local Housing Strategy;
- b. Delegate authority to the General Manager to make the amendments to Draft Local Housing Strategy outlined in this report or resulting from further NSW Government agency feedback;
- c. Adopt the amended Local Housing Strategy;
- d. Forward a copy to the amended Local Housing Strategy to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
- e. Identify and make available, suitable Council owned land for affordable and social housing pilot projects, and call for expressions of interest to undertake the development.

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

9. REPORTS - CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

Nil.

10. REPORTS - ASSETS AND SERVICES

Nil.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

13. QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

165/24 **RESOLVED**

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

14.1 Boundary Realignment and Splay Corner Rectification. (AINT/2024/27516) - (***General Manager's Note***: *The report considers advice concerning potential litigation against Council. and is deemed confidential under Section 10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege*).

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 O'Connor

Seconded Cr McMichael

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

Council entered Closed Session at 6:09pm.

Council returned to Open Session at 6:11pm.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

166/24 **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.

14. CLOSED SESSION

14.1 Boundary Realignment and Splay Corner Rectification

Ref: AINT/2024/27516 (ARC24/6573)

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RESOLVED

That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate and enter into a Deed of Settlement with the registered proprietor of 174 Kentucky Street, Armidale for realignment of the boundary of that property.

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Brien

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

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:13pm.