
Rous County Council

MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

17 June 2020

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced at 1.06pm

In attendance:

Councillors (at Molesworth Street, Administration Office, Lismore, NSW)

Keith Williams (Chair), Sharon Cadwallader (Deputy Chair), Darlene Cook, Vanessa Ekins, Sandra Humphrys, Robert Mustow and Simon Richardson.

Councillors (via video conferencing)

Cr Basil Cameron.

Staff (at Molesworth Street, Administration Office, Lismore, NSW)

Phillip Rudd (General Manager) and Noeline Smith (minute taker).

Staff (via video conferencing)

Guy Bezrouchko (Group Manager Corporate and Commercial), Andrew Logan (Planning Manager), Helen McNeil (Group Manager People and Performance), Phil Courtney (Group Manager Operations) and Anthony Acret (NRM Planning Coordinator).

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council showed its respect and acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land, of all Elders, on which this meeting took place.

3. PUBLIC ACCESS

Nil.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

i). Ordinary Council meeting 15 April 2020 (182)

RESOLVED [23/20] (Cadwallader/Humphrys) that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held 15 April 2020 be confirmed as presented subject to alteration to Cr Cook's meeting attendance as attending at the Administration Office not via video conferencing.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

7. GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

i). Adoption of the draft Future Water Project 2060 Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan for public exhibition

RESOLVED [24/20] (Cadwallader/Humphrys) that Council

1. Receive and note this report and the attached draft *Future Water Project 2060 Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan*.
2. Approve the public exhibition of the draft *Future Water Project 2060 Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan* from 1 July 2020 for a period of six weeks.
3. Receive a further written report on the adoption of the *Future Water Project 2060 Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan* at its October 2020 meeting, including feedback received during the exhibition period.
4. Authorise the General Manager, as the first key action, to progress discussions with Ballina Shire Council, in relation to the Marom Creek Water Treatment Plant and associated groundwater infrastructure, including the approval of the associated budget as outlined in the report.
5. Authorise the General Manager to commence the development of the Woodburn coastal sands groundwater scheme as an alternative to Recommendation 4, if Council is unable to secure the Marom Creek Water Treatment Plant and associated groundwater infrastructure before 31 December 2020.
6. Authorise the General Manager, concurrent with Recommendation 4, to progress preliminary investigations in relation to the Dunoon Dam, including the approval for the allocation of a \$100,000 operating budget.
7. Authorise the General Manager to progress discussions with the NSW Government and Southern Cross University in relation to the pilot recycled water supply scheme for Perradenya estate.
8. Amend Council's adopted 2020/21 Delivery Program / Operational Plan to reflect the specific actions identified in this report.
9. That ongoing water demand management and education programs remain an integral part of this strategy.

8. GROUP MANAGER CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL REPORTS

i). Draft Delivery program / Operational plan and 2020/21 Budget

RESOLVED [25/20] (Cameron/Cadwallader) that Council:

1. Receive and note that no submissions were lodged during the public consultation process outlined in the report.
2. Note the maximum interest rate on overdue rates and charges contained in NSW Office of Local Government Circular 20-19.
3. Adopt the final draft Delivery program/Operational plan (incorporating the 2020/21 Budget estimates and 'Revenue' policy), subject to:
 - a) Inclusion of columns showing last completed year and projected end of current year for comparison.
 - b) Commentary on expenditure estimates, projected operating result for future years and the significant reserve movements for year 2021/22 and 2023/24.
 - c) Inclusion of photograph(s) of Councillors and RCC staff at "Who we are".

ii). Water usage charges write-off

RESOLVED [26/20] (Mustow/Cook) that Council approve the write-off of \$1,564.92 in water charges from R and G Lock's water account in relation to a property at 191 Mason Road, Tucki, due to reasons outlined in the report.

iii). Retail water customer account assistance

RESOLVED [27/20] (Cadwallader/Humphrys) that Council in accordance with section 356 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and its 'Retail Water Customer Account Assistance' policy, approve financial assistance as listed in Table 1 of the report.

9. GROUP MANAGER PLANNING REPORTS

i). Rous County Council's draft Catchment Management Plan 2021-2025

RESOLVED [28/20] (Richardson/Cadwallader) that Council:

1. Receive and note this report which provides an overview of the staged development of the Rous County Council *Catchment Management Plan 2021–2025*.
2. Receive and note the submissions report outlining the public exhibition process and outcomes.
3. Adopt the Rous County Council *Catchment Management Plan 2021–2025*, allowing incorporation of the activities into the Operational plan for 2020/21 and the Long-Term Financial Plan.

ii). Deferral and refund of developer contributions – Byron Preschool

RESOLVED [29/20] (Richardson/Mustow) that Council, under clause 2.5 of Council's Development Servicing Plan 2016, approve the deferral and refund of the Rous County Council developer contributions, levied to Byron Bay Preschool in relation to DA10.2019.146.1.

9. POLICIES

i). Public Interest Disclosures (amendment) (172/19)

RESOLVED [30/20] (Humphrys/Cook) that Council:

1. Revoke the Public Interest Disclosures policy, being Attachment 2 to the report, and any policy revived as a result of that revocation.
2. Adopt the draft Public Interest Disclosures policy at Attachment 1 to the report.

10. INFORMATION REPORTS

i). Information reports (1181)

RESOLVED [31/20] (Mustow/Cameron) that Council receive and note the following information reports:

1. Investments – May 2020
2. Water production and usage – April 2020 and May 2020
3. Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee: meeting update
4. Reports/actions pending.

11. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

13. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.31pm.