
Rous County Council

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

17 March 2021

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced at 1.04pm

In attendance:

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

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

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

Phillip Rudd (General Manager), Helen McNeil (Group Manager People and Performance), Guy Bezrouchko (Group Manager Corporate and Commercial), Andrew Logan (Group Manager Planning and Delivery), Adam Nesbitt (Group Manager Operations), Michael McKenzie (Future Water Strategy Project Manager), Luka Taylor (IT Support Officer) and Noeline Smith (minute taker).

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

The Chairperson acknowledged and thanked those that provided deputations during the Public Forum held prior to the Council meeting:

- Big Rob (speaking against Agenda item 5i.)
 - Richard Trevan (speaking against Agenda item 5i.)
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4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

i). Revised draft Future Water Project – Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy: public exhibition

MOVED (Ekins/Cook) that Council:

1. Receive and note this report and the attached revised draft 'Future Water Project 2060 Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy' in response to resolution 61/20 point 3 from its meeting of 16 December 2020.
 2. Approve the public exhibition of the draft 'Future Water Project 2060 Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy' from 1 April 2021 for a period of eight weeks.
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3. Receive a further written report on the draft 'Future Water Project 2060 Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy' for proposed adoption at an extraordinary meeting in July 2021, including an overview of the feedback received during the public exhibition period and how that feedback has been considered.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved (Cadwallader/Humphrys) that Council:

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4. Concurrently investigate the Dunoon Dam proposal in addition to the development of scenario 1 of the revised draft IWCM with these investigations to include the following studies:
 - Explore options to mitigate known impacts
 - Complete the geotechnical investigations and geological mapping
 - Undertake further cultural heritage surveys and investigations, including consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholder group.
 - Update the ecological surveys and investigations based on the current legislative requirements
5. Direct the General Manager to delay the report to Council into the orderly exit from Dunoon Dam as an option in the FWP, including disposal of land for a period of 3 years.
6. Direct the General Manager to include the necessary funding for these studies in year 5 of the Delivery program/Operational plan.

Councillor Mustow proposed a **FORESHADOWED MOTION** to be considered if the **AMENDMENT** was lost or withdrawn.

The **AMENDMENT** on being put to the meeting was **LOST**.

Voting against: Crs Williams, Cameron, Richardson, Cook, Ekins.

The following **MOTION** foreshadowed earlier in the meeting was moved (Mustow/Cadwallader) that:

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 4. The General Manager prepare a report for Council's April meeting outlining the process associated with a community poll at the upcoming Local Government Elections.
 5. That the content of the poll question being asked to be along the lines of..... *"should further investigations associated with the pervious preferred and lowest whole of life cost option for the Dunoon Dam, form part of the Rous Future Water 2060 Strategy"*.

MOTION TO BE NOW PUT

Moved (Richardson/Cook) that the **MOTION** be now put.

RESOLVED (Richardson/Cook) the Motion be now put.

Voting against: Crs Mustow, Cadwallader, Humphrys.

FORESHADOWED MOTION (Mustow/Cadwallader) that:

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The **FORESHADOWED MOTION** on being put to the meeting was **LOST**.

Voting against: Crs Williams, Cameron, Richardson, Cook, Ekins.

The original **MOTION** was then put and voted on.

RESOLVED (Ekins/Cook) that Council:

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6. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.22pm.