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PRESENT

Clrs K Beatty (in the Chair), J Jones, M Nash, P Mullins, G Treavors, C Newsom, L Oldham, P Batten, J Weaver and I Davison.

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager - Cabonne Services, Deputy General Manager - Cabonne Infrastructure, Department Leader - Governance & Corporate Performance and Governance Officer.

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

Apologies were tender behalf of CIrs Walker and Durkin for their absence from the meeting.

MOTION (Oldham/Nash)

THAT the apologies tendered on behalf of Clrs Walker and Durkin be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

21/04/01

Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MOTION (Weaver/Treavors)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of interest.

21/04/02

Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS FOR POLITICAL DONATIONS

MOTION (Oldham/Newsom)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations for political donations.

21/04/03

Carried

ITEM - 4 MAYORAL MINUTE - APPOINTMENTS

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Beatty

- 23/03/21 Attended a meeting with The Hon. Bradley Hazzard, MP regarding Canowindra Health Centre. Business paper review with the Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Deputy General Managers. Ordinary Council Meeting.
- 24/03/21 Attended Orange 360 Board Meeting. Meeting with the General Manager and Canowindra Community members in Canowindra.
- 25/03/21 Interview with Triple M regarding the Wind Farm.
- 31/03/21 Interview with Neil Gill radio program. Molong Central School Wellness House opening.
- 01/04/21 Attended Borenore with Andrew Gee for a Federal funding announcement for the Borenore Road Upgrade.
- 05/04/21 Attended the Molong Markets for an interview regarding sponsorship.
- 06/04/21 Attended Yeoval Progress Association meeting.
- 07/04/21 Attended the office for a meeting with Ted Ryan regarding road issues. Meeting with the General Manager.
- 08/04/21 Attended a meeting with Bendigo Bank management. Meeting with Cherie Miller regarding Manildra Mill future development. BCO Alliance meeting at Orange City Council. Molong Acquisitive Art Prize presentation at the Molong RSL. Molong Advancement Group meeting.
- 13/04/21 Attended the councillor tour of shire projects and Councillor Workshop.
- 19/04/21 Attended a meeting with the General Manager. Meeting with Commonwealth CEO Matt Comyn regarding the bank closure. Interview with ABC regarding Commonwealth Bank closure.
- 21/04/21 Attended Canowindra Perennial Plants opening.
- 22/04/21 Attended an interview with B Rock FM Bathurst.
- 25/04/21 Attended Molong ANZAC Day Ceremony.
- 26/04/21 Attended Canowindra Cemetery for a meeting with the General Manager and locals, Tommy Jeffs, Pauline Carrol, Bernadette Watson and Verity Middleton.

CIr Jones

- 23/03/21 Attended the business paper review and Council meeting.
- 28/03/21 Attended the Friends of the Molong & District Servicemen & Servicewomen's Portrait Gallery event with Clr Mullins. Cudal March Music Month event.
- 31/03/21 Attended the official opening of the Molong Central School Wellness House with the Mayor.
- 08/04/21 Attended the Cabonne Acquisitive Art Prize awards ceremony. Molong Advancement Group Meeting.
- 13/04/21 Attended the Councillor Workshop.
- 15/04/21 Attended the Cumnock Progress Association meeting.

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22/04/21 – Attended the official opening of the Perennial Plants Nursery and Emporium with the Mayor and General Manager.

25/04/21 – Attended the Toogong ANZAC Day Dawn Service with Clr Treavors. Molong ANZAC Day service with the Mayor and Clr Mullins.

MOTION (Beatty/-)

THAT the information contained in the Mayoral Minute be noted.

21/04/04 Carried

<u>ITEM - 5 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u>

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted Clr Batten called item 12 to be debated in Committee of the Whole.

MOTION (Oldham/Treavors)

THAT item 12 be debated in Committee of the Whole.

21/04/05 Carried

ITEM - 6 GROUPING OF REPORT ADOPTION

MOTION (Batten/Davison)

THAT:

- 1. Item 9 be further considered; and
- 2. Items 7, 8 and 10 be moved and seconded.

21/04/06 Carried

ITEM - 7 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION (Batten/Davison)

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 23 March 2021 be adopted.

21/04/07 Carried

ITEM - 8 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION (Batten/Davison)

THAT Council adopt the minutes from the meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on 10 March 2021.

21/04/08 Carried

ITEM - 9 INLAND RAIL CONFERENCE ALBURY WODONGA

MOTION (Jones/Weaver)

THAT CIr Nash attend the Inland Rail Conference to be held in Albury Wodonga 25-27 May 2021.

21/04/09 Carried

ITEM - 10 POLICY REGISTER - DRAFT SEWER POLICY

MOTION (Batten/Davison)

THAT Council adopt the draft Sewer Policy.

21/04/10 Carried

ITEM - 11 AGE OF FISHES MUSEUM TRANSITION

MOTION (Weaver/Nash)

THAT Council:

- Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to draft and finalise a Deed of Variation and Terms of Reference for the Age of Fishes Advisory Committee with the Age of Fishes Board.
- 2. In principle agrees that funds verified as donated and bequeathed by community are to be retained by Age of Fishes Association.

21/04/11 Carried

It was noted item 12 was moved to Committee of the Whole.

<u>ITEM - 13 BORENORE DAM WATER SUPPLY FACILITY - UNAUTHORISED DWELLING</u>

Proceedings in Brief

The Mayor advised that he was seeking to have this matter deferred to a future council meeting following a request from the owner of the dwelling.

MOTION (Treavors/Oldham)

THAT item 13 be deferred to a future council meeting.

21/04/12 Carried

ITEM - 14 REQUESTS FOR DONATION

MOTION (Davison/Treavors)

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THAT Council donate:

- 1. \$500 to the Molong Hospital Auxiliary, and
- 2. \$250 to Koori Kids for NAIDOC Week School Initiatives.

21/04/13 Carried

ITEM - 15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOURISM CONFERENCE 2021

MOTION (Oldham/Weaver)

THAT CIr Davison attend the NSW Local Government Tourism Conference in Port Macquarie from 26-28 May 2021.

21/04/14 Carried

ITEM - 16 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Davison suggested Council consider putting an additional condition in the application; that recipients of Sponsorship Program funding liaise with Orange360 to coordinate and market their events.

MOTION (Jones/Davison)

THAT Council approves the Sponsorship Program funding of \$10,000 for the 2021 Eugowra Most Wanted Mural Weekend.

21/04/15 Carried

ITEM - 17 EVENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MOTION (Nash/Newsom)

THAT Council approves funding under the Event Assistance Program (EAP) of:

- 1. \$500 for the Eugowra Community Children's Centre High Tea; and
- 2. \$1,500 for the Canowindra Old Time and New Vogue Dance Group Downton Abbey Ball.

21/04/16 Carried

MOTION (Jones/Davison)

THAT Council hereby resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss item 18.

21/04/17 Carried

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ITEM - 18 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2020-2021 - ROUND TWO

Proceedings in Brief

Following considerable discussion it was agreed that a decision regarding application 4 would be deferred to allow a request for further information from the applicant detailing costs associated with printing the community telephone book.

RECOMMENDATION (Batten/Nash)

THAT Council:

- 1. Aprove applications 1 through 3 and 5 through 9 of the listed projects.
- 2. Defer application 4 to allow a request for further information from the applicant.

Carried

MOTION (Weaver/Jones)

THAT Council resume the Ordinary meeting.

21/04/18 Carried

ITEM - 19 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PHASE 2 - APPROVED PROGRAM

MOTION (Jones/Treavors)

THAT Council accepts the funding of \$1,220,908 under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 2, and endorses the program of works for bridge and culvert maintenance and replacements.

21/04/19 Carried

ITEM - 20 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Batten requested a report on the workforce profile including a baseline on diversity. He also requested a report on Farm Stays and short term accommodation on farms regarding NSW Government changing planning requirements and the implications for Cabonne.

MOTION (Oldham/Davison)

THAT Council receive a report in relation to the following:

- 1. Workforce profile; and
- 2. Farm stays and short term accommodation on farms implications on Cabonne after NSW Government changing planning requirements.

21/04/20 Carried

<u>ITEM - 21 BUSINESS PAPER ITEMS FOR NOTING</u>

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted Clr Jones called items 11 and 15 to be further considered.

MOTION (Nash/Jones)

THAT:

- 1. Items 11 and 15 be further considered.
- 2. The remaining notation items be noted.

21/04/21 Carried

ITEM - 11 EUGOWRA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT - COMPLETION OF PUZZLE FLAT CREEK LEVEE

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Jones provided information and detailed his support regarding this matter.

MOTION (Nash/Jones)

THAT the information be noted.

21/04/22 Carried

ITEM - 15 MOLONG CARAVAN PARK AMENITIES BLOCK ASSESSMENT

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Jones noted that he would encourage the future Council to put aside money in the 2022/2023 budget for a new amenities block at the Molong Caravan Park.

MOTION (Nash/Jones)

THAT the information be noted.

21/04/23 Carried

ITEM - 22 MATTERS OF URGENCY

MOTION (Weaver/Oldham)

THAT it be noted there were nil matters of urgency.

21/04/24 Carried

ITEM - 23 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SECTION OF THE MEETING

MOTION (Nash/Newsom)

THAT Council hereby resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss matters called earlier in the meeting.

21/04/25 Carried

ITEM - 12 2021/2022 INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Batten queried if Council will be moving to purchase Hybrid vehicles. The General Manager commented that Council is looking into green fleet as part of the Renewable Energy Action Plan.

Clr Batten queried the meaning of 'balanced' in point 4.5.6 of the Operational Plan Activities. The General Manager provided clarification. Clr Batten proposed changing point 4.5.6 to "Develop, maintain and retain a balanced, diverse and skilled workforce".

Clr Davison suggested Council consider borrowing money through the NSW Government now that the interest rates are so low to ensure Council have a buffer. The General Manager noted the budget includes \$2.3M in loans, and under the NSW Treasury Corporation's Loan Facilities Guidelines Council's must have a purpose for borrowing.

Clr Jones requested, for the benefit of the community, that the General Manager provide clarification in regards to the proposed increase in charges for water in Molong, and how it aligns with the other Cabonne communities. The General Manager provided clarification.

RECOMMENDATION (Batten/Nash)

THAT Council:

- 1. Adopt the Draft Operational Plan 2021/2022,
- 2. Adopt the 2021/2022 Draft Budget including Fees and Charges,
- 3. Adopt the 2021/2022 Draft Statement of Revenue Policy,
- 4. Publicly exhibit the Draft Budget and Operational Plan 2021/2022 for a period of 28 days from Monday 3 May 2021,
- 5. Adopt an interest rate equivalent to the maximum allowable percentage allowed by the Office of Local Government for the 2021/2022 financial year to be charged on arrears of Rates and Charges,
- 6. Hold an Extraordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 8 June 2021 to consider any submissions received.

2. Carried

It was noted the time being 3.17pm the Chair announced that the Council would now be resolving into a Closed Committee of the Whole.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM - 1 CARRYING OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTION INTO CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION (Davison/Treavors)

THAT the committee now hereby resolve into Closed Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing matters of a confidential nature relating to personnel or industrial matters, personal finances and matters which the publicity of which the Committee considers would be prejudicial to the Council or the individual concerned and that the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the conditions of Council's Confidentiality Policy AND FURTHER that as reports to the Closed Committee of the Whole are likely to be confidential and their release prejudicial to the public interest and the provisions of Council's confidentiality policy, that copies of these reports not be made available to the press and public.

Carried

It was noted the time being 3.18pm the General Manager declared an interest in the following item and left the Chamber.

ITEM - 2 GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION (Oldham/Weaver)

THAT Council:

- Note the convening of the General Manager Performance Review Panel and conduct of the General Manager's annual performance review.
- 2. Provide any feedback on the General Manager's performance to the Mayor.

4. Carried

It was noted the time being 3.21 the General Manager returned to the Chamber.

ITEM - 3 REQUEST TO WAIVE WATER ACCOUNT CHARGES, YARN MARKET UNITS, BELLS LANE, MOLONG.

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Oldham)

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THAT fifty percent (50%) of water consumption costs of \$1,040.18 for account 4180000004 be written off and allow a further three (3) months to finalise payment of the residual account, with accrued interest to be written off after payment of fifty percent of the water consumption costs and access charges.

5. Carried

It was noted the time being 3.22pm the Mayor resumed the Ordinary Meeting.

REPORT & RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION (Oldham/Newsom)

THAT the Report and Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday 27 April, 2021 be adopted.

21/04/26 Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.23pm.

CHAIRMAN.

Chairman of the Ordinary Meeting of Cabonne Council held on the 25 May, 2021 at which meeting the listed minutes were confirmed and the signature hereon was subscribed.