

# **Snowy Valleys Council**



## **SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL MEETING**

### **LATE REPORTS**

**26 APRIL 2018**

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2.00PM  
IN THE SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BRIDGE STREET, TUMBARUMBA



## **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests at meetings**

- Item from Bluet Local Government Handbook

**[14.125]** A Councillor or a Council Committee member who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council or committee at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable. The person must not be present at, or in the sight of, the meeting either at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed or at any time during which a vote is being taken on any question relating to the matter (s 451). A Councillor who has declared a pecuniary interest in a matter before the council but has withdrawn from the meeting because of that declaration is not counted in considering whether the meeting is quorate for that matter.

## **Disclosure of Political Donations and Gifts**

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 places obligations on Councillors, staff, applicants and any person who makes a public submission, to disclose information relating to political donations and gifts during the environmental plan making or development assessment process.

Furthermore, for each planning decision made at a Council or Committee Meeting, the names of Councillors who supported the decision and those that oppose the decision must be recorded.

The fact that political donations or gifts have been made by applicants / proponents of a planning application should not affect whether an application is approved or refused. Political donations or gifts should not be relevant in making a determination. The matter should be determined on its merits. Nor do they provide grounds for challenging the determination of any applications.

For further information, visit [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations)

## **Public Recording of Meetings prohibited without Council authority**

A person may use any recording device, including audio and visual recording and any device capable of recording speech, to record the proceedings of a meeting of a council or a committee of a council only by the resolution of the council or committee.

A person may, be expelled from a meeting of a council or a committee of a council or using or having used a tape recorder without consent.

## **Photography**

Flash photography is not permitted at a meeting of the Council or a Committee of the council without the consent of the General Manager.

## **Public Forum (extract from the Code of Meeting Practice)**

a) All prospective public forum speakers must advise the General Manager of their wish to address Council by the Monday prior to a Council meeting.

They must also provide a verbal or written précis of the subject matter at that time.

b) The public forum section shall only operate for a period of thirty (30) minutes immediately after apologies have been formally received.

c) Preference shall be given to addressees who wish to speak to any item before Council at that particular meeting.

d) The maximum time allowed for each speaker will be 5 minutes.

e) Not more than two members of a group may speak.

f) All persons addressing the meeting shall speak to the Chair.

g) The Chairperson may curtail the public participation where the information being presented is considered repetitive or irrelevant.

h) Councillors may ask questions of the person/s addressing Council only if so approved by the Chair.

i) Councillors will not enter into general debate with the speakers.

j) The Mayor is to approve of variations to this procedure in urgent / compelling circumstances.

k) All people / organisations who wish to address Council be made aware of the above condition.



**Thursday 26 April 2018**  
**Snowy Valleys Council Chambers**  
**Bridge Street, Tumbarumba**  
**2.00pm**

## **LATE REPORTS**

### **L. MAYORAL MINUTE**

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### **1. CONFIDENTIAL**

**L. MAYOR MINUTE****L.1 COUNCILLORS REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCES**

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**Purpose**

To advise Council of Councillor Conference request and seek approval for attendance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council approve the attendance of Cr Geoff Pritchard at the LGNSW Regional Summit being held in Leeton NSW – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

**REPORT:**

Governance is an important issue for Councils and Council is committed to providing professional development/training opportunities to Councillors and staff.

The relevant Councillor policy is “Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to Mayors and Councillors”.

**8. Attendance at seminars and conferences**

Requests for attending conferences should generally be in writing outlining the benefits to Council. On the return from any seminar or conference a councillor or a member of staff accompanying the councillor should provide a written report to Council on the relevant aspects of the conference. No written report is required for the annual conferences of the Local Government and Shire Association.

All approvals for discretionary trips and attendances at conferences made under this policy shall be made by resolutions of the Council or jointly by the Mayor, and the General Manager. If the Mayor requires approval it should be given by the deputy mayor, or another Councillor and the General Manager.

All attendances approved by Mayor, and the General Manager must be notified to Council in a Mayoral Minute at the next Council meeting for confirmation.

The conferences to which this policy applies shall be confined to:-

- Local Government & Shires Association of NSW
- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and special one-off conferences called or sponsored by any one of these associations.
- Annual LGMA forum held in conjunction with the Local Government & Shires Association Conference.
- Regional Organisations of Councils conferences and meetings

- Conferences, meetings and sessions which further the training and development efforts of the Council and of Councillors, or which relate to or impact upon the Council's functions.
- Conferences or meetings of organisations or bodies to which a Councillor has been elected, or appointed as a delegate or member of the Council.
- Where an Elected member of Council, or a member of the public is appointed by a Minister of the Crown, Council, will upon request consider the level of assistance to be provided to the individual.

### LGNSW Regional Summit 2018

Councils and Members of LGNSW have continued to express a desire for engagement on a regional basis.

The LGNSW board decided to explore the issue as part of the member research that was completed in 2017. In response to a subsequent Board motion to the 2017 Conference, LGNSW is now coordinating a series of 12 Regional Summits in 2018 to be held in various centres across NSW.

These summits will provide members with the opportunity to raise matters important to them and their local communities with the President, Board members and senior staff. There is no current agenda for this meeting.

This will also give Councils the opportunity to discuss and share initiatives and experiences with neighbouring councils within their region.

Councillor Geoff Pritchard has requested the opportunity to attend this forum along with a fellow Councillor who could drive to the Summit Meeting. A Council vehicle would be arranged.

The Riverina Murray Summit is being hosted by Leeton Shire Council on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 9 am – 1 pm.

Admission is free however for catering purposes bookings for the event are essential. (Includes light lunch)

### **OPTIONS:**

Nil

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Council allocates \$22,000 for travel and Councillor expenses which includes conferences and training. Currently the costs are limited to the supply of a Council vehicle.

### **LEGAL/ STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK**

Nil

### **RISK MANAGEMENT – WHS AND PUBLIC RISK**

Nil

**COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED**

No

**Attachments**

Nil