

**THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO LINK ON THURSDAY
20 AUGUST 2020 COMMENCING AT 2.02pm**

PRESENT: Mayor James Hayes (Chair), Councillor Andrianna Benjamin, Councillor Cate Cross, Councillor Julia Ham, Councillor Margaret Isselmann, Councillor John Larter, Councillor Geoff Pritchard, Councillor Cor Smit, Councillor Bruce Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer Matthew Hyde, Executive Director Infrastructure Heinz Kausche, Executive Director Community and Corporate Paul Holton, Executive Chief of Staff Shelley Jones, Co-ordinator Communications and Engagement Nadine McNamara, Chief Financial Officer Susanne Andres and Executive Assistant Jeannie Moran-Fahey.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by the Mayor James Hayes.

2. APOLOGIES

Cr Bruce Wright was previously granted Leave of Absence for this meeting.

M164/20 RESOLVED:

That the previously requested Leave of Absence for Cr Bruce Wright be withdrawn.

Cr Bruce Wright/Cr John Larter

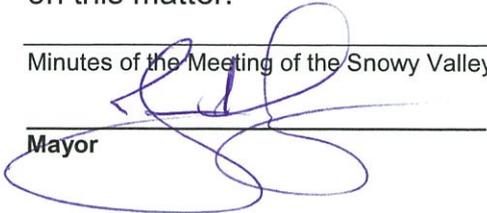
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3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

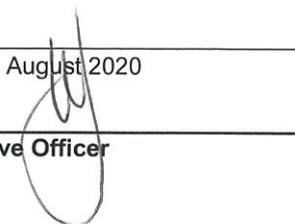
Cr James Hayes declared a pecuniary interest in relation to report # 11.1 SVC Community Strengthening Grants – 2020-2021 recommendation 2 i) due to the grant recommendation for AGT Financial Services of which Cr James Hayes is a Board member and he will leave the room during the discussion and voting on this matter.

Cr Margaret Isselmann declared a pecuniary interest in relation to report # 11.1 SVC Community Strengthening Grants – 2020-2021 recommendation 2 o) due to the grant recommendation for Rotary Club of Batlow and Cr Isselmann being a member of same who wrote the application. Cr Isselmann will leave the room during discussion and voting on this matter.

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Mayor



Chief Executive Officer

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**M165/20 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 July 2020 be received.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Bruce Wright

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M166/20 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Policy and Strategy meeting held on 30 July 2020 be received.

Cr Bruce Wright/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.1 BUSINESS ARISING

Updates were received on a number of matters from the previous minutes.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

Nil.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION/NOTICE OF RESCISSION

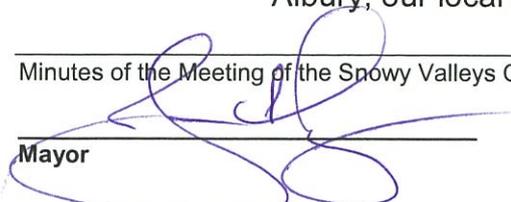
Nil.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE**8.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEAT ON NATIONAL CABINET****M167/20 RESOLVED:**

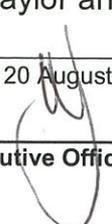
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Agrees to send a letter to the Premier and to Kristy McBain MP as the Federal Member for Eden-Monaro, to Dr Joe McGirr MP as the State Member for Wagga Wagga, Justin Clancy MP as the State Member for Albury, our local MLCs Wes Fang, Bronwyn Taylor and Matthew Mason-

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Cox and Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack and seeks their assistance in requesting that First Ministers review the decision to exclude Local Government.

2. Seeks a meeting with our local Federal and State Members to discuss in more detail the importance of having local government representation on National Cabinet and the value of partnerships with Councils in achieving the objectives of the National Cabinet and the national reform agenda.
3. Notes that the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), Local Government NSW and other state/territory local government associations will continue to advocate for local government representation on the National Cabinet and for Local Government's interests in all relevant forums.

Cr John Larter/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

10.1 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 2020

**M168/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on LGNSW Annual Conference – October 2020 from Executive Chief of Staff.
2. Consider attendance at the LGNSW Conference being held 22-24 November 2020 at the Hunter Valley or virtually, should that be an option in the current COVID environment.
3. Bring forward any proposed motions to the LGNSW Conference for consideration to the Chief Executive Officer before Thursday 3 September for inclusion in a report to the 17th September 2020 Council Meeting for review and adoption, ensuring that they also meet the deadline of 28 September for assessment by LGNSW.
4. Approve the attendance of Clr James Hayes, Clr John Larter, Clr Cor Smit, Clr Julia Ham and Clr Cate Cross at the LGNSW Conference.
5. Nominate two (2) voting delegates for voting on motions during the formal business sessions being Clr James Hayes and Clr John Larter and that these Councillors be authorised to delegate their vote to another Snowy

Valleys Council Councillor at their discretion during the meeting.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Bruce Wright

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 2019-2020 OPERATIONAL PLAN FOURTH QUARTER UPDATE

M169/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Operational Plan Fourth Quarter Update as at 30 June 2020 from the Executive Chief of Staff.
2. Acknowledges the impact of bushfire and COVID19 on the Operational Plan delivery for the current year 2019-2020 and the high completion rate of actions for this quarter and financial year

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M170/20 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Geoff Pritchard/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M171/20 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Bruce Wright/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 DISBANDING OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

M172/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on disbanding of Council Committees.
2. Remove the Economic Development Committee from the master 'List of Committees' as the committee was never established.
3. Remove the Snowy Valley Tourism Committee from the master 'List of Committees' as the committee was never established.
4. Remove the Planning Reform Committee from the master 'List of Committees' as the committee was never established.
5. Dissolve the Adelong Falls Gold Mill Ruins Committee and remove from the master 'List of Committees' as the committee is no longer active.

6. Dissolve the Tumut Region Sports Committee and remove from the master 'List of Committees' as the committee is no longer active.
7. Dissolve the Tumberumba Airfield Committee and remove from the master 'List of Committees' as the committee is no longer active.
8. Acknowledge the contribution made by the past members of the above listed Committees.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 DRAFT PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

M173/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Snowy Valleys Draft Privacy Management Plan from the Executive Chief of Staff
2. Approve the Draft Privacy Management Plan for public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
3. Note if submissions are received during the public exhibition period, a further report will be provided to Council on the submissions received and any proposed amendments to the plan.
4. Adopt the Privacy Management Plan if no submissions are received on the day after the completion of the public exhibition period and place the plan on Council's website.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 QUARTERLY NCIF / SCF GRANTS REPORT

M174/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the expenditure of the New Council Implementation Fund (Rounds 1 and 2), Stronger Communities Fund (Rounds 1 and 2) for period ending 31st July 2020 from the Executive Chief of Staff.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - JULY 2020

M175/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the Statement of Investments as at 31 July 2020 from the Chief Financial Officer.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.7 FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2020

M176/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on financial performance as at 31 July 2020 from the Chief Financial Officer.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Andrianna Benjamin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.8 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2019/2020 CARRY OVERS

M177/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on proposed 2019/20 carry overs and committed projects from the Chief Financial Officer;
2. Approve the 2019/20 carry overs and endorse for expenditure in 2020/21.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Cate Cross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.1 SVC COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS - 2020-2021**

M178/20 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Community Strengthening Grants from the Program Manager.
2. Endorse the projects recommended for funding by the Community Strengthening Grant Assessment Panel, being:
 - a) Batlow Story Group (Batlow RSL) - \$10,000

- b) Gilmore Progress Association - \$5,000
- c) Khancoban United Volunteers Association (KUVA) – \$2,225
- d) Tumut Regional Family Services - \$1,900
- e) Tumbarumba Endurance Riders Club - \$8,900
- f) Do It for Batlow - \$9,836
- g) Tumut Schools as Community Centres - \$3,500
- h) Tumorrumba Recreation Hall - \$9,398
- j) Batlow Apple Tree Learning Centre - \$10,000
- k) Tumbarumba Historical Society - \$2,223
- l) Tumut Golf Club - \$2,868
- m) Brungle Tumut Local Aboriginal Lands Council - \$5,000
- n) Rotary Club of Tumut - \$5,500
- p) Camp Hudson Management Committee - \$10,000

Cr Bruce Wright/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr James Hayes left the meeting at 3.00pm for the discussion and voting on item 11.1 recommendation 2 (i) relating to Adelong Community Enterprises due to his pecuniary interest.

M179/20 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Community Strengthening Grants from the Program Manager.
2. Endorse the project recommended for funding by the Community Strengthening Grant Assessment Panel, being:
 - i) Adelong Community Enterprises - \$6,150

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Cor Smit

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Margaret Isselmann left the meeting at 3.02pm for the discussion and voting on item 11.1 recommendation 2 (o) relating to the Rotary Club of Batlow due to her pecuniary interest.

Cr James Hayes returned to the meeting at 3.03pm.

M180/20 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Community Strengthening Grants from the Program Manager.
2. Endorse the project recommended for funding by the Community Strengthening Grant Assessment Panel, being:
 - o) Rotary Club of Batlow - \$5,000

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**M181/20 RESOLVED**

THAT COUNCIL:

Thank Snowy Hydro for their involvement and contribution to the Community Strengthening Grants.

Cr John Larter/Cr Cor Smit

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Margaret Isselmann returned to the meeting 3.10pm

11.2 CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**M182/20 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive this report on the Cities Power Partnership Program from the Executive Director Infrastructure
2. Endorse joining Cities Power Partnership Program
3. Authorise the Mayor to write to the Chief Executive Officer of the Cities Power Partnership Program, confirming Council's participation in the program, and acknowledging that Council will:
 - a. within 6 months, identify 5 items included in the Cities Power Partnership Pledge that Council will strive to achieve. (Noting that some projects already in the council pipeline could be included towards a council's pledge)
 - b. complete a 12 monthly online survey that provides the Climate Council with basic information on how Council are progressing on the 5 pledge items that Council selected

- c. nominate a point of contact within Council that the Climate Council can liaise with on Cities Power Partnership Program matters, including contact details
 - d. confirm that Council are willing to connect and collaborate with other local Councils to share knowledge
4. Receive a further report for the adoption of 5 action items selected from the Cities Power Partnership Pledge

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12.1 MINUTES - AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 05 AUGUST 2020

M183/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Minutes - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee – 05 August 2020
2. Note the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 05 August 2020

Cr Cate Cross/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 MINUTES - BATLOW DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE - 1 JULY 2020

M184/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Batlow Development League (BDL) from Executive Director Community & Corporate.
2. Note the Minutes of the Batlow Development League meeting held on 1 July 2020
3. Note the following recommendation/s from the minutes:
 - a) That Council seek urgent access to the Batlow Cannery Site for contamination using current resources that are available through the Laing O'Rourke clean up in consultation with State Member of Wagga Wagga Dr. Joe McGirr.
 - b) That Council meet with Laing O'Rourke and the owner of the Old Packhouse in Memorial Avenue, Batlow to discuss the future of the building.

4. Request that the CEO arrange for a letter to be sent to the Batlow Development League advising that:
 - a) Council has allocated funds to undertake an environmental assessment, spatial assessment and community engagement process in respect of the former Batlow Cannery site.
 - b) Matters relating to the "Old Packhouse" are matters for consideration by Laing O'Rourke and Public Works Advisory.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CONFIDENTIAL

M185/20 RESOLVED:

That Council move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the reasons specified.

- 13.1 **BATLOW CANNERY - VARIATION TO EXISTING LEASE**
Item 13.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A 2 (a) and (d)ii as it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At this stage, the time being 3.19pm Council went into Confidential.

Cr Cor Smit left the meeting at 3.20pm and returned at 3.24pm.

M186/20 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Margaret Isselmann / Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M187/20 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Cor Smit

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Margaret Isselmann declared a pecuniary interest due to her involvement with the Batlow Men's Shed and left the confidential session returning to the main meeting at 3.42pm. Due to connectivity issues outside her control Cr Margaret Isselmann then left the meeting at 3.52pm.

13.1 BATLOW CANNERY - VARIATION TO EXISTING LEASE

M188/20 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive this report on the proposal to vary the lease for part of the Batlow Cannery Site
2. Delegate the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a variation to the lease agreement for part of the Batlow Cannery Site within the following parameters:
 - a. extend the lease area by approximately 0.75 hectares to include most of the available existing concrete slab on the site
 - b. the extension to the lease area will adjoin the existing lease area of approximately 1 hectare, noting that the total area of the site is approximately 3.0 hectares
 - c. rental income for the additional area will be commensurate to the existing rental income
 - d. any site improvements such as fencing and access roads related to the additional area to be at the cost of the tenant subject to the approval of Council Officers
 - e. parties to meet own legal costs associated with varying the lease agreement
3. Delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to affix the Council seal and execute all documents relevant to the variation to the lease of the land as required.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Bruce Wright

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M189/20 RESOLVED to move out of Confidential into open session.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Margaret Isselmann returned to the meeting at 3.55pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 3.59pm.