

**THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO LINK ON THURSDAY
16 JULY 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, Chief Financial Officer Susanne Andres, Acting Executive Chief of Staff Nadine Crowley 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

Nil.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Cate Cross declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to report # 13.1 Riverglade Caravan Park Lease Extension due to being a personal friend of Peter Linnegar who has put in the proposal, will remain in the room during discussion and participate in voting.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

M145/20 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 June 2020 be received.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Bruce Wright

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Snowy Valleys Council held via video link on Thursday 16 July 2020

Mayor

Chief Executive Officer

5.1 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

Nil.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION/NOTICE OF RESCISSION

Nil.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

9. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE**9.1 PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE – COVID-19****M146/20 RESOLVED:**

A motion was moved and seconded that Snowy Valleys Council establish a small public health committee which focuses on rapid local responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cr Geoff Pritchard/Cr James Hayes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 PROPOSED TRANSGRID HUMELINK**M147/20 RESOLVED:**

A motion was moved and seconded that Council write to Transgrid and as a matter of urgency request that they present to Council on the options for the geographic location and further advice on the consultation process with the Snowy Valleys community.

Cr John Larter/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**M148/20 RESOLVED** to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Cate Cross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M149/20 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.1 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING SUITE - FOR ADOPTION

M150/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Integrated Planning and Reporting Suite – For Adoption.
2. Following the public exhibition period, Council adopts the attached Integrated Planning and Reporting Plans and Strategies with suggested amendments as per attached feedback submission summary:
 - Operational Plan 2020-21 with the following amendments included:
 - 1.2.2 to include “exceed”
 - 2.5.1 for the progress measure to be “a community committee formed”
 - 3.5.2 include in addition under action “in particular blackberry”
 - Revenue Policy 2020-21;
 - Fees and Charges 2020-21;
 - Operational Budget 2020-21;
 - Long-term Financial Plan 2020-30.
3. Respond to community members who made submissions advising of the Council Resolution.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 FEES FOR COUNCILLORS AND MAYOR 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR

M151/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Fees for Councillors and Mayor 2020/21 Financial Year.
2. Note the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal’s determination that there will be no increase in mayoral and councillor fees for the 2020/21 financial year
3. Set the annual Councillor Fee for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 at \$12,160 in accordance with the provisions of section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993 and

4. Set the annual Mayoral Fee for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 at \$26,530 in accordance with the provisions of section 249 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Andrianna Benjamin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 MAKING OF THE 2020/21 RATES AND CHARGES

**M152/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on Making of the 2020/21 Rates and Charges.
2. Approves the making of the rates and charges and make and levy the following Rates and Annual Charges for the year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 pursuant to section 535 of the Act.
3. In accordance with section 494 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby make the ordinary rates for the year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as follows:
 - a. An ad valorem rate on all rateable land within Former Tumut LGA categorised as FARMLAND in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act 1993 of 0.36199 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate land parcel shall be the sum of \$554.00 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named Ordinary Farmland Rate.

- b. An ad valorem rate on all rateable land within Former Tumut LGA categorised as RESIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act 1993 of 0.70191 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate land parcel shall be the sum of \$554.00 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named Ordinary Residential Rate.

- c. An ad valorem rate on all rateable land within Former Tumut LGA sub -categorised as RURAL RESIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act 1993 of 0.64784 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate land parcel shall be the sum of \$554.00 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named Ordinary Rural Residential Rate.

- d. An ad valorem rate on all rateable land within Former Tumut LGA categorised as BUSINESS in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993 of 1.18414 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate land parcel shall be the sum of \$554.00 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named Ordinary Business Rate.

- e. An ad valorem rate on all rateable land within Former Tumut LGA sub - categorised as BUSINESS-INUNDATED in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993 of 0.63364 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate land parcel shall be the sum of \$554.00 in accordance with Section 548(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named Ordinary Business Inundated Rate.

- f. An ordinary rate on all rateable land categorised as FARMLAND in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act 1993 within Former Tumbarumba LGA comprising of a base amount of \$100.67 in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993 and estimated to realise 5% of the total yield of this rate which is in conformity with section 500, and an ad valorem rate of 0.3030 cents in the dollar.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this ad valorem rate be named Ordinary Farmland Rate and base be named Farm Base.

- g. An ordinary rate on all rateable land categorised as RESIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act 1993 within Former Tumbarumba LGA comprising of a base amount of \$238.60 in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993 and estimated to realise 50% of the total yield of this rate which is in conformity with section 500, and an ad valorem rate of 0.5247 cents in the dollar.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this ad valorem rate be named Ordinary Residential Rate and base be named Residential Base.

- h. An ordinary rate on all rateable land sub-categorised as RURAL RESIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act 1993 within Former Tumbarumba LGA comprising of a base amount of \$261.24 in accordance with Section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993 and estimated to realise 40% of the total yield of this rate which is in conformity with section 500, and an ad valorem rate of 0.3505 cents in the dollar.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this ad valorem rate be named Ordinary Rural Residential Rate and base be named Rural Residential Base.

- i. An ad valorem rate on all rateable land categorised as BUSINESS in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993 within Former Tumbarumba LGA of 1.0889 cents in the dollar.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named Ordinary Business Rate.

- j. An ad valorem rate on all rateable land sub-categorised as BUSINESS RURAL CLUBS in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993 within Former Tumbarumba LGA of 0.4854 cents in the dollar.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named Ordinary Business Rural Clubs.

- k. An ad valorem rate on all rateable land sub-categorised as BUSINESS INUNDATED in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993 within Former Tumbarumba LGA of 0.6670 cents in the dollar.

In accordance with Section 543 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named Ordinary Business Inundated Rate.

4. Pursuant to sections 496 and 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby make the following waste charges for the year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021:

- a. A domestic waste management annual charge of \$460.00 per annum be made for the provision of domestic waste removal services for each rateable parcel of land for which the service can be supplied and contains a dwelling, whether occupied or vacant.

In accordance with Section 543 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named Domestic Waste Service.

- b. A business waste management annual charge of \$515.00 per annum be made for the provision of business waste and recycling waste removal services for each rateable parcel of land for which the service can be supplied and requested.

In accordance with Section 543 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named Business Waste Service.

- c. A school waste management annual charge of \$460.00 per annum be made for the provision of business waste and recycling waste removal services for each parcel of land for which the service can be supplied and requested.

In accordance with Section 543 (3) of the Local Government Act

1993 this charge be named School Waste Service.

- d. A waste access management annual charge of \$55.00 per annum be made for each rateable parcel of land within the LGA, other than Brindabella and vacant farmland.

In accordance with Section 543 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named Waste access charge and Waste access vacant land.

- e. A Special Recycling Only – Commercial charge of \$165.00 per annum be made for the provision of additional recycling waste removal services for which the service can be supplied and requested.

In accordance with Section 543 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named Waste Commercial Recycling Only.

- f. A Special Recycling Only – Domestic charge of \$105.00 per annum be made for the provision of additional recycling waste removal services for which the service can be supplied and requested.

In accordance with Section 543 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named Waste Domestic Recycling Only.

- g. A Waste only – Domestic charge of \$175.00 per annum be made for the provision of additional domestic waste removal services for which the service can be supplied and requested.

In accordance with Section 543 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named Domestic Waste Only.

- 5. In accordance with section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby make the following annual Liquid Trade Waste Charges for where the program exists:

Category 1 Charge	\$165.00
Category 2 Charge	\$350.00
Category 3 Charge	\$650.00

- 6. In accordance with section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993 and the LG Circular 05/69, Council levy an annual Stormwater Management Charge of \$25.00 for each residential property excluding vacant land in the Tumbarumba area and a maximum of \$75.00 for commercial properties excluding vacant land in the Tumbarumba area.

- 7. Council pursuant to section 501, 552 and 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby make the following sewer charges for the year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021:

Residential access charge	\$730.00
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Unoccupied Sewerage Charge	\$730.00
Commercial access charge - 20mm	\$515.00
Commercial access charge - 25mm	\$805.00
Commercial access charge - 32mm	\$1,320.00
Commercial access charge - 40mm	\$2,060.00
Commercial access charge - 50mm	\$3,220.00
Commercial access charge - 65mm	\$5,440.00
Commercial access charge - 80mm	\$8,240.00
Commercial access charge - 100mm	\$12,880.00
Sewer Access Charge – 50mm + 100mm	\$16,100.00

8. Council pursuant to section 501, 552 and 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby make the following water charges for the year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021:

Water Access Charge – 20mm	\$144.00
Water Access Charge – 25mm	\$225.00
Water Access Charge – 32mm	\$370.00
Water Access Charge – 40mm	\$575.00
Water Access Charge – 50mm	\$900.00
Water Access Charge – 65mm	\$1520.00
Water Access Charge – 80mm	\$2,300.00
Water Access Charge – 100mm	\$3,600.00
Water Access Charge – 150mm	\$8,100.00
Unmetered Annual Charge	\$690.00
Raw Water Access Charge – 20mm	\$144.00
Raw Water Access Charge – 25mm	\$225.00
Raw Water Access Charge – 32mm	\$370.00
Raw Water Access Charge – 40mm	\$575.00
Raw Water Access Charge – 50mm	\$900.00
Raw Water Access Charge – 80mm	\$2,300.00
Raw Water Access Charge – 100mm	\$3,600.00

9. That the rates as made be levied for the 2020/21 year by service of a Rates and Charges Notice pursuant to section 546 of the Local Government Act 1993.
10. Adopts an interest of 0.0% on overdue rates and charges for period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 and 7.0% from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 as determined as the maximum interest rate in accordance with section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993. Noting 0.0% for the first half of the year is in response to the financial impacts faced by the community as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 2020

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Mayor

Chief Executive Officer

M153/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the Statement of Investments as at 30 June 2020.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 ENDORSEMENT OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES FRAMEWORK - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

M154/20 RESOLVED:
COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Endorsement of the Council Committees Framework for Public Exhibition from the Executive Chief of Staff
2. Endorse the Council Committees Policy SVC-GOV-PO-109-01 for public exhibition for a minimum period of 56 days;
3. Endorse the Council Committees Operations Manual SVC-GOV-GdI-028-01 for public exhibition for a minimum period of 56 days.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Cate Cross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

11.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - COUNCIL ASSISTANCE DURING FIRE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

M155/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the acknowledgement of council assistance provided during the 2019-2020 fire response and recovery.
2. Acknowledges the extraordinary effort by Snowy Valleys Council staff across the organisation in both the fire response, initial and ongoing recovery work.
3. Acknowledges both the assistance provided as detailed in Table 1 and the offers of assistance received from various councils as detailed in Table 2 during the fire event and the initial phase of recovery.
4. Send a letter of appreciation from the Mayor to those Councils who offered and/or provided support.
5. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the coordination of any other recognition that Council deems appropriate.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Bruce Wright

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 TALBINGO CYCLING TRACKS - LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SNOWY HYDRO

M156/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Talbingo Cycling Tracks – License Agreement with Snowy Hydro from the Executive Director Community and Corporate
2. Determine to enter into a Licence Agreement with Snowy Hydro in respect of
 - A. the land owned by Snow Hydro upon which a “Cycling Skills Track” has been constructed
 - B. the land owned by Snowy Hydro upon which it is proposed to construct a Foreshore Cycle Trail
3. Authorise the CEO to sign and execute the Licence Agreement in respect of the subject land
4. Authorise Council Officers to develop and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Talbingo MTB Club Inc. setting out the roles and responsibilities of Council and the Club in respect of the ongoing operations associated with the subject cycling facilities.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Bruce Wright

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 REGIONAL TRAIL MASTERPLAN

M157/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Regional Trail Masterplan from Executive Director Community & Corporate.
2. Note the report on Regional Trail Masterplan and include the white water park and bridle trails.

Cr John Larter/Cr Andrianna Benjamin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12.1 MINUTES – RRL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 2020

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Mayor



Chief Executive Officer

M158/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 2020
2. Note the Minutes of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22 April 2020.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Margaret Isselmann

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L.1 STREETLIGHT LED REPLACEMENT

M159/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive this report on the streetlight LED upgrade from the Executive Director Infrastructure
2. Approve proceeding with the upgrade of streetlights across the Local Government Area to light-emitting diodes
3. Approve the loan funded up-front option for the upgrade of the street lights and associated budget variations as detailed in the financial implications section of this report
4. Utilise a commercial loan arrangement to fund the upfront investment and amortise the loan from the resulting operational savings depending on best value loan offers at time of taking out the loan
5. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate to execute any necessary agreements with Essential Energy for the upgrade of the streetlights
6. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate to upgrade the streetlights managed directly by Council through the relevant maintenance agreements
7. Receive a further report on the loan arrangements for the upfront funding of the street light upgrades
8. Mandate the use of LED street lighting for all greenfield developments

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Cate Cross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CONFIDENTIAL

M160/20 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.

Riverglade Caravan Park Lease extension

Item is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A 2 (c) as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Cr Bruce Wright/Cr Cor Smit

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At this stage, the time being 3.08pm Council went into Confidential.

13.1 RIVERGLADE CARAVAN PARK LEASE EXTENSION**M161/20 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on the Riverglade Caravan Park Lease Extension
2. Determine to grant a lease extension to the current lessee for a period of three years from the expiration date of the current lease
3. Put the leasehold to the market through an Expression of Interest process twelve months prior to the expiration of the proposed lease extension
4. Authorise the CEO to sign the lease extension

Cr Bruce Wright/Cr Cor Smit

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M162/20 RESOLVED to come out of Confidential session.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Cate Cross

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 3.28pm.

