



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, 10 October 2024

THE MEETING WAS HELD FROM 2:17PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS 76 CAPPER STREET TUMUT AND
VIA VIDEO LINK



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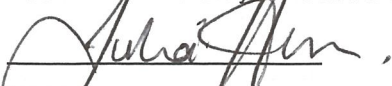
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Minutes of the Snowy Valleys Council Extraordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 76 Capper Street, Tumut and via video link on Thursday, 10 October 2024.



 Mayor



 Interim General Manager

PRESENT: Mayor, Cr Julia Ham, Cr Grant Hardwick, Cr James Hayes, Cr Michael Inglis, Cr John Larter, Cr Hugh Packard, Cr David Sheldon, Cr Trina Thomson, Cr Andrew Wortes

IN ATTENDANCE: Interim General Manager Steven Pinnuck, Director Community & Corporate Jessica Quilty, Director Infrastructure & Works Duncan Mitchell, Executive Manager Growth & Development Nick Wilton, Chief Financial Officer, Manna Doshii

Interim General Manager Steven Pinnuck assumed the Chair to open the Council meeting and conduct the elections for Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was provided prior to the Oath and Affirmation undertaken by Councillors.

2. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

Nil.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

4. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1. OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE BY COUNCILLORS

M185/24 RESOLVED:

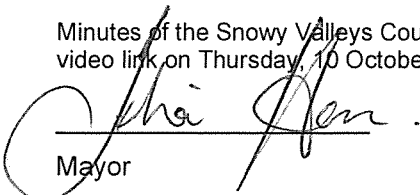
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Confirm that the Councillors took an oath or affirmation of office on 10 October 2024; and
2. Request the Interim General Manager record by name the taking of oath or affirmation by each Councillor in the minutes of this meeting, that being:

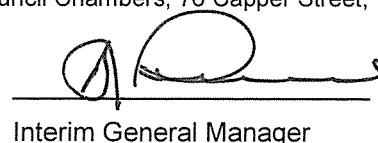
Cr Julia Ham, Cr Grant Hardwick, Cr James Hayes, Cr Michael Inglis, Cr John Larter, Cr Hugh Packard, Cr David Sheldon, Cr Trina Thomson, Cr Andrew Wortes

Cr David Sheldon / Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Mayor



Interim General Manager

4.2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2026

The Interim General Manager as Returning Officer called for a mover and seconder for Item 9.2 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the period ending September 2026.

M186/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and invite nominations for the election of mayor and deputy mayor for the period ending September 2026;
2. Proceed with the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, in the event of there being more than one candidate, by ordinary ballot;
3. Conduct the election for Mayor and Deputy Mayor in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021;
4. Elect a Mayor in accordance with Sections 225, 226, 227 and 230 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for a period ending September 2026;
5. Elect a Deputy Mayor in accordance with Section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for a period ending September 2026;
6. Following the election, approve for all nomination documents (and ballot papers if used) used in connection with the election of the mayor and deputy mayor to be destroyed;
7. Task the Interim General Manager to advise the NSW Office of Local Government and Local Government NSW of the result of the election.

Cr Michael Inglis / Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Interim General Manager as Returning Officer advised that 2 nominations have been received and submitted correctly for the position of Mayor, those being:

- Cr Julia Ham
- Cr James Hayes

There were no further nominations from the floor.

M187/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Allow the two nominees for the position of Mayor to speak for up to five minutes.

Cr John Larter/Cr Michael Inglis

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following the meeting being addressed by the two nominees, ballot papers were circulated, completed and returned to the Returning Officer.

The Returning Officer declared Cr Julia Ham as Mayor for the period of 10 October 2024 to September 2026.

The Interim General Manager as Returning Officer advised that 2 nominations have been received and submitted correctly for the position of Deputy Mayor, those being:

- Cr Hugh Packard
- Cr David Sheldon

There were no further nominations from the floor.

The Returning Officer called for voting for the position of Deputy Mayor, agreed to be for the same amount of time as for the position of Mayor. Ballot papers were circulated, completed and returned to the Returning Officer.

The Returning Officer declared Cr Hugh Packard as Deputy Mayor for the period 10 October 2024 to September 2026.

M188/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Break for 5 minutes to allow for media photography.

Cr David Sheldon/Cr Trina Thomson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Prior to adjourning the meeting, as the newly elected Mayor, Cr Julia Ham addressed the meeting. Council adjourned from the meeting at 2.44pm.

M189/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Resume the meeting.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting resumed at 2.52pm.

4.3. COUNTBACK ELECTION TO FILL COUNCILLOR VACANCIES IN THE FIRST 18 MONTHS FOLLOWING THE 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

M190/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

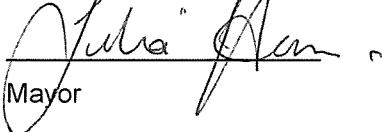
1. Pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Snowy Valleys Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act; and
2. Directs the Interim General Manager to notify the NSW Electoral Commissioner of the Council's decision within 7 days of this resolution being made.

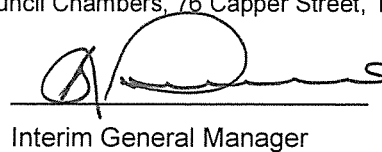
Cr Hugh Packard/Cr David Sheldon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.05pm.


Mayor


Interim General Manager