



## **ORDINARY MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**Thursday, 15 May 2025**

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT 4:00PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 76 CAPPER STREET TUMUT AND VIA  
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**PRESENT:** Mayor 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:** Acting General Manager Jessica Quilty, Acting Director Community, Corporate & Development Nick Wilton, Director Infrastructure & Works Duncan Mitchell, Chief Financial Officer Manna Doshii

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

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The following speakers addressed the meeting:

- John Williams representing the Downstream Users Group spoke for Item 11.3 Mannus Lake Blue Green Algae Management.
- Allan Tonkin, representing Richmond Park Action Group spoke against Item 11.4 Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management - Richmond Park & Stockwell Gardens - For Adoption.
- Kristin Twomey spoke for Item 11.4 Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management - Richmond Park & Stockwell Gardens - For Adoption.

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by Cr Ham.

## 3. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

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**M102/25 RESOLVED** that the request received from Cr Hugh Packard for remote attendance to today's meeting be received and granted.

Cr Thomson/Cr Wortes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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Nil.

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## 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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### 5.1. MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL - 17 APRIL 2025

#### **M103/25 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 April 2025 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Wortes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 6. CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

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Nil.

**M104/25 RESOLVED** to bring forward Item 11.1 Multipurpose and Evacuation Centre Project – Update – May 2025, 11.3 Mannus Lake Blue-Green Algae Management, and Item 11.4 Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management - Richmond Park & Stockwell Gardens - For Adoption.

Cr Thomson/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 11.1. MULTIPURPOSE AND EVACUATION CENTRE PROJECT - UPDATE - MAY 2025

#### **MOTION:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Multipurpose and Evacuation Centre Project - Update - May 2025 Report; and
2. Schedule an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 31 July 2025 to consider the Construction Tender Award for the project to minimise any delay in the delivery of the project.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Hayes

**M105/25 RESOLVED** to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hardwick

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**M106/25 RESOLVED** to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Hardwick/Cr Wortes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**M107/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Multipurpose and Evacuation Centre Project - Update - May 2025 Report; and
2. Schedule an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 31 July 2025 to consider the Construction Tender Award for the project to minimise any delay in the delivery of the project.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Hayes

For: Cr Hardwick, Cr Hayes, Cr Larter, Cr Packard, Cr Ham, Cr Wortes, Cr Sheldon

Against: Cr Inglis, Cr Thomson

**CARRIED****7/2****11.3. MANNUS LAKE BLUE-GREEN ALGAE MANAGEMENT****M108/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on Mannus Lake Blue-Green Algae Management; and
2. Investigate the feasibility of returning the dam to wetlands.

Cr Hayes/Cr Larter

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****11.4. COUNCIL MANAGED CROWN LAND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - RICHMOND PARK & STOCKWELL GARDENS - FOR ADOPTION****M109/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopt the updated Site-Specific Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management for Richmond Park and Stockwell Gardens (Reserves) pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in accordance with 3.23 (6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

Cr Hayes/Cr Packard

For: Cr Larter, Cr Hayes, Cr Packard, Cr Hardwick, Cr Wortes, Cr Ham

Against: Cr Sheldon, Cr Inglis, Cr Thomson

**CARRIED****6/3****M110/25 RESOLVED** to return to the order of business.

Cr Thomson/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 7. MAYORAL MINUTE

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### 7.1. MAYORAL MINUTE - HUMELINK HOST COUNCILS PUSH FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT-SHARING PAYMENTS

**M111/25 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the recent media release regarding Transgrid's HumeLink project and the associated host councils' push for community benefit-sharing payments.

Cr Julia Ham

### 7.2. MAYORAL MINUTE – CONGRATULATE MICHAEL MCCORMACK

**M112/25 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Congratulate Michael McCormack for his election as the Federal representative to the Riverina now incorporating Snowy Valleys Council.

Cr Julia Ham

### 7.3. MAYORAL MINUTE – CONGRATULATE KRISTY MCBAIN

**M113/25 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Congratulate Kristy McBain and Sussan Ley on their elections and for letters to be sent.

Cr Julia Ham

### 7.4. MAYORAL MINUTE – SUCCESS OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS BAIL OUT

**M114/25 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the success of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bail Out with Cr Wortes and Cr Hardwick at Gundagai Goal. A very worthwhile cause for an organisation supporting youth in Snowy Valleys region.

Cr Julia Ham

### 7.5. MAYORAL MINUTE – NSW GOVERNMENT IMPROVING CAMPING IN NSW NATIONAL PARKS SURVEY

**M115/25 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Have the NSW Government Improving Camping in NSW National Parks consultation survey added to the Council newsletter and on a social media post, noting that 62% of Snowy Valleys Council is National Park or State Forest.

Cr Julia Ham

## **7.6. MAYORAL MINUTE – THANK YOU TO THE FALLING LEAF FESTIVAL EVENT ORGANISERS**

### **M116/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the letter tabled by the Mayor thanking the Falling Leaf Festival event organisers for their outstanding efforts in putting on a spectacular festival.

Cr Julia Ham

## **8. NOTICE OF MOTION/NOTICE OF RESCISSION**

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Nil.

## **9. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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Nil.

*Cr Hayes left the Council Chambers at 5.25pm and returned at 5.26pm.*

## **10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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### **10.1. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ACTION REPORT - MAY 2025**

#### **M117/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the Council resolution actions as at May 2025.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hardwick

For: Cr Ham, Cr Thomson, Cr Packard, Cr Hayes, Cr Inglis, Cr Hardwick, Cr Wortes, Cr Sheldon

Against: Cr Larter

**CARRIED**

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### **10.2. DE-AMALGAMATION UPDATE**

#### **M118/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:



1. Note the report on the De-amalgamation Update as at May 2025; and
2. Only provide future monthly updates when there are progress updates to be reported.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Thomson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **10.3. REVISED COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN - TOWARDS 2042 - FOR ENDORSEMENT**

#### **M119/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the Draft Community Strategic Plan - Towards 2042 - feedback from public exhibition;
2. Note the submission received for the Draft Community Strategic Plan - Towards 2042;
3. Endorse the Community Strategic Plan - Towards 2042; and
4. Write to the submitter, thanking them for their input and advising them of the outcome of their submission.

Cr Thomson/Cr Sheldon

*Cr Packard left the meeting 5.33pm and returned at 5.33pm.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **10.4. COUNCILLORS AND MAYORAL FEES FOR 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR**

#### **M120/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal's determination for a 3% increase in mayoral and councillor fees for the 2025/2026 financial year;
2. Set the annual Councillor Fee for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 at the amount \$18,890 under the 'Rural Large' Category rate in accordance with the provisions of section 248 of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
3. Set the annual addition Mayoral Fee for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 at the amount of \$40,530 under the 'Rural Large' Category rate in accordance with the provisions of section 249 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
4. Approve to pay the Deputy Mayor the proportion of the additional mayoral fee for such time as the Deputy Mayor acts in the Office of the Mayor, which is to be deducted from the Mayor's annual fee.

Cr Hayes/Cr Packard

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr Sheldon left the meeting at 5.36pm and returned at 5.37pm.*

**10.5. COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY DIRECTORS TO THE HYNE COMMUNITY TRUST****M121/25 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the appointment of a Councillor and community representation to the non-Hyne Director positions to the Hyne Community Trust Board;
2. Write to the Hyne Community Trust to:
  - a. Advise of the 17 October 2024 resolution M198/24 that Mayor Julia Ham has been approved as the Councillor non-Hyne Director, in accordance with the requirements of the Deed (2007) and amendment (2016); and
  - b. Advise that Mr Ian Chaffey, Ms Bernadette Alleyn and Ms Janet Anderson have been approved as community non-Hyne Directors.
3. Request that the Hyne Community Trust review its deed to remove the need for Council to approve community members on the Trust.

Cr Thomson/ Cr Packard

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****10.6. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - APRIL 2025****M122/25 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on Statement of Investments - April 2025.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Hardwick

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****10.7. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS OF 31 MARCH 2025****M123/25 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and adopt the Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 March 2025; and
2. Adopt the Revenue, Expenditure and Capital Budget adjustments as noted in the 31 March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Thomson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***Cr Larter left the meeting at 5.43pm and returned at 5.44pm.*

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## 11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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### 11.1. MULTIPURPOSE AND EVACUATION CENTRE PROJECT - UPDATE - MAY 2025

This item was brought forward see Minute No.M104/25.

### 11.2. VISITOR INFORMATION HUBS - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OUTCOMES

#### M124/25 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the Visitor Information Hubs Expressions of Interest;
2. Agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the following fifteen (15) local businesses and community groups to operate Snowy Valleys Visitor Information Hubs within their establishments:
  - a. Adelong Alive Museum
  - b. Adelong Country Creations
  - c. The Middle Adelong
  - d. Apple Thief Cider House, Batlow
  - e. Inconvenience Store, Batlow
  - f. Talbingo Trading Post
  - g. Ladbrooken Distilling and Brewhouse, Tumbarumba
  - h. Twisted Willow, Tumbarumba
  - i. My Fruit and Veg Shop, Tumut
  - j. Oriental Hotel, Tumut
  - k. Tumut River Brewing Co, Tumut
  - l. Ground Up Tumut
  - m. Tumut Valley Holiday Park
  - n. The Cotton Merchants, Tumut
  - o. Local at Learmonts, Tumut;
3. Write to the submitters, thanking them for their application and advising them of the outcome; and
4. Endorse the provision of Visit Snowy Valleys branded collateral and visitor information materials to the successful candidates.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hardwick

For: Cr Packard, Cr Hayes, Cr Larter, Cr Inglis, Cr Hardwick, Cr Wortes, Cr Thomson, Cr Ham

Against: Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED**

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**11.3. MANNUS LAKE BLUE-GREEN ALGAE MANAGEMENT**

This item was brought forward see Minute No.M104/25.

**11.4. COUNCIL MANAGED CROWN LAND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - RICHMOND PARK & STOCKWELL GARDENS - FOR ADOPTION**

This item was brought forward see Minute No.M104/25.

**11.5. CROWN LAND TRANSFER REQUEST - PADDYS RIVER FLATS RESERVE****M125/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Write to Crown Lands requesting the transfer and merger of the following Reserves (R) and Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR) that are currently managed by Local Land Services to Council with Council then taking over as Crown Land Manager. These Reserves are as follows:
  - a. Lot 7015 DP 96835- Part of TSR 2921 - Gazetted: 06 March 1882,
  - b. Lot 7014 DP 96858 - Part of TSR 2921 - Gazetted: 06 March 1882,
  - c. Lot 7013 DP 96858 - Part of TSR 2921 - Gazetted: 06 March 1882,
  - d. Part of Reserve 1760 (Duplicate No: R1002815) - Gazetted: 8 August 1877,
  - e. Lot 7012 DP 96858 - Reserve 64321 - Gazetted: 22 Dec 1933,
  - f. Lot 7011 DP 96858 - Part of Reserve 64320 - Gazetted: 22 December 1933.
2. Write to Crown Lands and request the creation of a single Reserve for Camping and Public Recreation be created over all six lots listed above.

Cr Packard/Cr Hardwick

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.6. GOCUP FIRE SHED - DRAFT HEADS OF AGREEMENT****M126/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Enter into a new lease arrangement with the landowner of Lot 8 DP880381 on a minimum 20 year (5 x 4) lease;
2. Authorise the Acting General Manager or delegate to enter into direct negotiation and finalise the draft Heads of Agreement with the land owner;
3. Authorise the Acting General Manager at the end of successful negotiations to enter into a new lease arrangement with the landowner;
4. Authorise the Acting General Manager and Mayor to affix the Council Seal and execute all associated documentation to the lease agreement; and
5. Note that the funding provided by Rural Fire Service will cover legal costs associated with the preparation and execution of the lease.

Cr Larter/Cr Thomson

For: Cr Larter, Cr Hayes, Cr Packard, Cr Ham, Cr Thomson, Cr Inglis, Cr Hardwick, Cr Wortes

Against: Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED**

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## **11.7. TUMBARUMBA CARAVAN PARK - BUSINESS PLAN AND MASTER PLAN**

### **MOTION:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopts the Tumbarumba Caravan Park Business Plan and Master Plan; and
2. Forward copies of the Tumbarumba Caravan Park Business Plan and Master Plan to Crown Lands for their information.

Cr Wortes/Cr Thomson

**M127/25 RESOLVED** to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Thomson/Cr Sheldon

For: Cr Ham, Cr Thomson, Cr Inglis, Cr Packard, Cr Hardwick, Cr Sheldon

Against: Cr Hayes, Cr Larter, Cr Wortes

**CARRIED**

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**M128/25 RESOLVED** to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Hardwick/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **M129/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopts the Tumbarumba Caravan Park Business Plan and Master Plan; and
2. Forward copies of the Tumbarumba Caravan Park Business Plan and Master Plan to Crown Lands for their information.

Cr Wortes/Cr Thomson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **11.8. SECTION 7.11 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS ALLOCATION OF PROJECTS**

### **M130/25 RESOLVED:**

**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Note that the current Section 7.11 Development Contribution Plans (Open Space) and (Roads), and Development Contributions - Management, remain in force until close of business Thursday 29 May 2025 at which time the plans will be repealed in accordance with clause 215 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*;
2. Allocate the following restricted funds from the Developer Contributions (General) to the following projects:
  - a. \$30,000 to the General Fund as a reimbursement for the Batlow Pool Accessibility Upgrades;
  - b. \$150,000 to the Bottlebrush Drive Tumut Recreational Space embellishment works and park upgrades and accessibility;
  - c. \$150,000 to the Rotary Pioneer Park, Tumut Recreational Space - Increased Shade Landscaping Embellishment and potential bank reshaping;
  - d. \$60,000 to the Tumut Riverwalk accessibility and directional signage in accordance with the Tracks and Trails Master Plan outcomes (excluding the sections relating to Crown Land);
  - e. \$25,000 to the Tumut Town Centre Traffic Study 2023 Recommendations (Accessibility - Safety);
  - f. \$7,500 to General Fund for Plan Administration of the Section 7.12 Contributions Plan;
  - g. \$142,541 to the General Fund following completion of road projects identified under the Roads Contributions Plans for reimbursement of East Street, Tumut upgrade civil works;
  - h. \$8,804.33 or the residual amount (whichever is greater at the time of transfer) be transferred from the Section 7.11 Development Contributions Reserve to a Section 7.12 Development Contributions Reserve for allocation to projects identified in the plan. Any outstanding section 7.11 contributions payable on any active development consent shall be paid into the section 7.12 Development Contributions Reserve from the nominated date of the repeal of the plans;
3. Note that the repeal of the plans does not negate the requirement for payment of any contribution(s) previously applied and levied on any active development consent in accordance with any notice of determination issued; and
4. Note that the design plans for the capital works items listed above are to be reported to Council for design approval before being implemented.

Cr Hayes/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **12.1. MINUTES - BRUNGLE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 8 APRIL 2025**

#### **M131/25 RESOLVED:**

**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Note the Minutes of the Brungle Floodplain Risk Management Committee held on 8 April 2025.

2. Adopt the following recommendation/s from the minutes; and
  - 2a. Adopt the Brungle Flood Risk Management Committee Terms of Reference.
  - 2b. Change the name of the Committee to the Brungle Flood Risk Management Committee, to be consistent with the Flood Risk Management Manual (2023).

Cr Thomson/Cr Hardwick

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **12.2. MINUTES - TUMUT FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 8 APRIL 2025**

### **M132/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Minutes of the Tumut Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting held on 8 April 2025; and
2. Adopt the following recommendation/s from the minutes:
  - a. Amend the Title of the Committee to 'Tumut Flood Risk Management Committee', to be consistent with the Flood Risk Management Manual (2023).

Cr Wortes/Cr Hayes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **12.3. MINUTES - YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE - 10 APRIL 2025**

### **M133/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Minutes of the Youth Council Committee held on 10 April 2025; and
2. Adopt the following recommendation/s from the minutes:
  - a. Acknowledge re-election of chairperson - Aiyana Ironside.
  - b. Acknowledge the resignation of Youth Council member Harry Foster.

Cr Wortes/Cr Hardwick

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **13. CONFIDENTIAL**

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**M134/25 RESOLVED** that Council move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the reasons specified:

### **13.1 CONFIDENTIAL - ABORIGINAL LANDS CLAIM NOTIFICATION TO COUNCIL**

Item 13.1 is confidential under the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 10A (2)(h) as it relates to information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on

community land and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Cr Hayes/Cr Hardwick

For: Cr Ham, Cr Hardwick, Cr Wortes, Cr Hayes, Cr Packard, Cr Thomson

Against: Cr Larter, Cr Inglis, Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 6.15pm.

### **13.1. CONFIDENTIAL - ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS NOTIFICATION TO COUNCIL**

**M135/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on Aboriginal land claims notification to Council.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hardwick

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**M136/25 RESOLVED** to move back into open session.

Cr Ham/Cr Thomson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

At this point, the time being 6.21pm the meeting moved back into open session.

The Mayor provided a verbal report of the resolutions made during confidential session.

## **14. MEETING CLOSURE**

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 6.21pm.