

**THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE TUMBARUMBA COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BRIDGE STREET TUMBARUMBA, ON TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 2.00pm.**

**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 & Corporate Paul Holton, Executive Chief of Staff Shelley Jones, Chief Financial Officer Susanne Andres and Executive Assistant Jeannie Moran-Fahey.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

**2. APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Cr Andrianna Benjamin and Cr Geoff Pritchard for this meeting.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Bruce Wright

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS**

Nil

**5. NOTICE OF MOTION/NOTICE OF RESCISSION**

**5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CLIMATE CHANGE - CR GEOFF PRITCHARD**

1. Takes action on Climate Change.

Cr G Pritchard

**Motion put and carried therefore it was:**

**M01/20**

**RESOLVED:  
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Accept the Notice of Motion to 'Continue to take action on Climate Change'.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Cate Cross

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mayor

Chief Executive Officer

**6. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS****6.1 ADOPTION OF A SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL 2020 BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PLAN****MOTION PUT THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Facilitate a community lead recovery process across the Snowy Valleys Council area;
2. Adopt the Snowy Valleys Council Bushfire Recovery Action Plan as a basis for moving forward noting that the plan will be in constant renewal as the information and situation evolves;
3. Facilitate a Recovery Committee to be Chaired by the Snowy Valleys Council CEO;
4. Facilitate the following recovery committees with Community, Councillor and staff representation
  - a. Health and Wellbeing
  - b. Infrastructure Waste and Environment
  - c. Forest Industries
  - d. Agriculture and Livestock
  - e. Business and Tourism
  - f. Communications and Community Engagement
  - g. Council Business
  - h. Donations and Disaster Relief; and
  - i. Community Advisory

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Julia Ham

**M02/20 RESOLVED:** that Council move into Committee of the Whole

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Margaret Isselmann

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**M03/20 RESOLVED** that Council move out of the Whole

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Margaret Isselmann

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion put and carried therefore it was:**

**M04/20 RESOLVED:  
THAT COUNCIL:**

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  - g. Council Business
  - h. Donations and Disaster Relief; and
  - i. Community Advisory
5. Acknowledge the efforts and support of Council staff, other councils, the joint organisation, the RFS, emergency services, community volunteers and contractors throughout the emergency and recovery effort to date.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Julia Ham

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****6.2 BUSHFIRE RECOVERY - WAIVING OF FEES AND CHARGES****Motion Put That Council:**

1. Support the waiving of the following fees and charges as outlined in this report for the properties destroyed and/or damaged in the recent fire events:
  - Water and Sewer charges;
  - Waste fees;
  - Development Application, Complying Development and associated fees; and
  - Interest on Water charges and General rates instalments.
2. Amend the delegations from Council to the Chief Executive Officer in relation to waiving of the above fees to reflect this change.

3. Note that the Chief Executive Officer will be utilising his authority under the Local Government Act to issue Fire Works Authorisation Certificates for demolition works.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Bruce Wright

**Motion Put and Carried therefore it was:**

**M05/20 RESOLVED:  
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Support the waiving of the following fees and charges as outlined in this report for the properties destroyed and/or damaged in the recent fire events:
  - Water and Sewer charges;
  - Waste fees;
  - Development Application, Complying Development and associated fees for a maximum period of three years; and
  - Interest on Water charges and General rates instalments.
2. Amend the delegations from Council to the Chief Executive Officer in relation to waiving of the above fees to reflect this change.
3. Note that the Chief Executive Officer will be utilising his authority under the Local Government Act to issue Fire Works Authorisation Certificates for demolition works.
4. Approach the State and Federal Government and the Insurance Council of Australia for assistance in covering the costs borne by Council through this initiative.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Bruce Wright

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.3 ROAD TO SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN**

**M06/20 RESOLVED:  
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Note the financial sustainability challenges and options to improve the situation as outlined in the report.
2. Receive a further report at its meeting of 20 February 2020, informed by the recent workshop on financial sustainability, including the following documents for approval:
  - updated Council Improvement Plan (now known as the 'Road to Sustainability Project Plan') identifying actions to improve Council's financial sustainability

- Community Engagement Strategy to guide activities relating to a conversation about its 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget, its rating structure and its financial sustainability generally ahead of the 2020 local government elections
- Rates Options Study to assist the current Council to make decisions about a new rating structure following the expiry of the Special Rate Variation from the former Tumut Shire in July 2020, and the newly elected Council to make decisions about a new rating system for the entire local government area from July 2021 and also about its financial sustainability generally.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Margaret Isselmann

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.4 PROPOSAL TO CREATE A NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AFFECTING THE AREA OF SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL**

**M07/20 RESOLVED:**  
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Proposal to Create a New Local Government Area affecting the Area of Snowy Valleys Council from the Chief Executive Officer.
2. For the decision of the Elected body.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Julia Ham

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**M08/20 RESOLVED** that Council move into Committee of the Whole for discussion

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Bruce Wright

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**M09/20 RESOLVED** that Council move out of Committee of the Whole

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr John Larter

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**M10/20 RESOLVED:**  
THAT COUNCIL:

2. Lodge a submission to the NSW Minister for Local Government on the Proposal to create a new local government area affecting the area of Snowy Valleys Council in support of referring the matter to the Boundaries Commission to provide an independent report to the Minister under the

factors listed in the Local Government Act to resolve the issues as soon as possible, at no additional cost to Snowy Valleys Council and to be resolved prior to the next Council election.

**Division**

**For**

Cr Cross  
Cr Hayes  
Cr Isselmann  
Cr Larter  
Cr Smit  
Cr Wright

**Against**

Cr Ham

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**6.5 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**M11/20 RESOLVED:  
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on the Appointment of Independent Member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee from the Executive Chief of Staff.
2. Appoint Melissa Tooke as an independent member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee until January 2023.
3. Place Carolyn Rosetta-Walsh on an eligibility list for a period of 12 months.

Cr John Larter/Cr Cate Cross

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.6 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER AND RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER**

**M12/20 RESOLVED:  
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on Appointment of Public Officer and Responsible Accounting Officer from the Chief Executive Officer
2. Approve the Executive Chief of Staff, Shelley Jones appointment as Council's Public Officer
3. Approve the Chief Financial Officer, Susanne Andres appointment as the Responsible Accounting Officer.

Cr John Larter/Cr Cate Cross

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mayor

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Chief Executive Officer

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

### **7.1 FOOD ORGANICS GARDEN ORGANICS (FOGO) OPTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION**

#### **M13/20 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive this report on the proposed implementation of a food and garden organics (FOGO) collection service and construction of an organics processing facility from the Executive Director Infrastructure.
2. Note the outcomes of the two business cases and multi criteria analysis prepared by consultants JustWaste supporting the implementation of the weekly FOGO collection service and the construction of an organics processing facility.
3. Endorse proceeding to the next stage of delivery for the FOGO collection service and organics processing facility inclusive of the following for further consideration of Council:
  - a. Project Management Plan
  - b. Tender/Design Documentation
  - c. Procurement Plan
  - d. Updated Cost Plan
  - e. Risk Assessment for delivery
  - f. Delivery Program/Confirmation of Milestones
4. Accept the grant funding opportunity offered by NSW Environmental Trust funded through the waste less, recycle more initiative of up to \$405,242 for the rollout of the FOGO collection service, noting that the funding arrangements require a contribution from Council of \$888,601
5. Accept the grant funding opportunity offered by NSW Environmental Trust funded through the waste less, recycle more initiative of up to \$946,924 for the construction of an organics processing facility, noting that the funding arrangements require a contribution from Council of \$996,364
6. Authorise the General Manager and Mayor to execute the Deed of Agreements for the grant funding as described in items 4 and 5 above
7. Receive a further report on the implementation of the FOGO collection service and organics processing facility prior to proceeding to the tender and construction stages

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Cate Cross

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 2.48pm.

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