

**THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
BRIDGE STREET, TUMBARUMBA , ON THURSDAY 16 MAY 2019 COMMENCING AT
2.00 PM.**

PRESENT: Mayor James Hayes (Chair), Councillor Cate Cross, Councillor Margaret Isselmann, Councillor John Larter, Councillor Geoff Pritchard and Councillor Cor Smit.

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Matthew Hyde, Director Assets and Infrastructure Matt Christensen, Director Internal Services Robyn Harvey, Director Strategy, Community and Development Gus Cox and Executive Assistant Susan Ivill.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2. APOLOGIES

Leave of Absence for the meeting was previously granted to Cr Benjamin, Cr Wright and Cr Ham.

M110/19 RESOLVED that Council note the leave of absences previously received and granted to Cr Benjamin, Cr Wright and Cr Ham from today's meeting 16th May 2019.

Cr J Larter/Cr C Cross

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

M111/19 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 April 2019 be received.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Cate Cross

5.1 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

Minutes of the Meeting of the Snowy Valleys Council held in the Council Chamber Bridge Street, Tumbarumba on Thursday 16 May 2019

Mayor

General Manager

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

Nil

7. NOTICE OF MOTION/NOTICE OF RESCISSION

Nil

M112/19 RESOLVED that Council receive the Mayoral Minute 8.1 Restoration of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGS) to Local Government for consideration at the 16th May 2019 meeting as a matter of urgency.

Cr James Hayes

8. MAYORAL MINUTE**8.1 RESTORATION OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS (FAGS) TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

M113/19 RESOLVED:
That Council

1. Acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) program for the continued delivery of council services and infrastructure;
2. Expresses its concern about the decline in the value of Financial Assistance Grants funding at the national level from an amount equal to around 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue in 1996 to a current figure of around 0.55%.; and
3. Calls on all political parties contesting the 2019 Federal Election and their local candidates to support the Australian Local Government Association's call to restore the national value of Financial Assistance Grants funding to an amount equal to at least 1 % of Commonwealth Taxation revenue and therefore to provide a Fairer Share of Federal funding for our local communities.

Cr John Larter/Cr Geoff Pritchard

8.2 COUNCIL BRING FORWARD 20TH JUNE 2019 COUNCIL MEETING TO 13TH JUNE 2019 IN TUMUT

M114/19 RESOLVED:

That Council resolve to bring forward the 20th June 2019 meeting of Council to the 13th June 2019 to facilitate attendance of the General Manager and Executive at the LG Awards Ceremony being held in Sydney 20th June 2019.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Margaret Isselmann

8.3 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY CHANGES

M115/19 RESOLVED:

That Council note:

1. That last December, the NSW Government enacted laws to provide better workers compensation coverage for firefighters who are diagnosed with one of twelve specific work-related cancers.
2. That in many areas of NSW, fire services are made up of elected and staff members of local government, and that local governments strongly support this expanded workers compensation scheme.
3. That as a result of these changes, the State Government has decided to implement the new scheme by charging local governments an increased Emergency Services Levy, without consultation.
4. That the expected increase in costs to local governments will be \$19m in the first year alone, and that there is little or no time to enshrine this charge in Council's 2019/2020 budgets.
5. That Local Government NSW has long advocated for the Emergency Services Levy to be significantly modified to ensure it is transparent, equitable and accountable.
6. That Snowy Valleys Council support Local Government NSW calls for:
 - a. the NSW Government to cover the initial additional \$19m increase to local governments for the first year and
 - b. the NSW Government to work with NSW local governments to redesign the funding mechanism for the scheme to ensure fairness into the future.
 - c. requests that the General Manager liaise with Local Government NSW to provide information on:
 - i. The impact on council budgets and
 - ii. Council advocacy actions undertaken.

That the Mayor:

1. write to the NSW Premier and NSW Interim Opposition Leader, NSW Minister for Customer Services, NSW Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Local Government and Shadow Minister for Local Government, and local state member/s to:
 - a. call upon the NSW Government to fund the 12 months of this extra cost rather than requiring councils to find the funds at short notice when budgets have already been allocated
 - b. explain how this sudden increase will impact council services / the local community
 - c. highlight that councils were not warned of the increased cost until May 2019, despite the new laws being passed in November 2018
 - d. explain that the poor planning and implementation of the increase is inconsistent with the Government's commitment to work in partnership with the sector
 - e. ask the Government to work with local governments to redesign the implementation of the scheme to ensure it is fairer for councils and communities into the future.

That Council copy the above letter to Local Government NSW.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Geoff Pritchard

9. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1 REGIONS RISING 2019 CONFERENCE - DELEGATES REPORT

M116/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the Regions Rising 2019 Conference 4th – 5th April 2019 at Canberra Summit Old Parliament House.

Cr Geoff Pritchard/Cr Cate Cross

9.2 CANBERRA REGION JOINT ORGANISATION - ADOPTED STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2021 AND STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

M117/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Strategic Plan 2019-2021 and CRJO Statement of Strategic Priorities adopted at the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Board Meeting held 15 February 2019 in Wagga Wagga NSW.

Cr John Larter/Cr Cor Smit

9.3 FEES FOR COUNCILLORS AND MAYOR 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR

M118/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Fees for Councillors and Mayor 2019/20 Financial Year from Director Internal Services.
2. Set the annual fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for the 2019/20 financial year at the maximum level for the Rural Council category based on the 2019 Determination of the Tribunal.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr John Larter

9.4 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE ADOPTION

M119/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Code of Meeting Practice Adoption from Director Internal Services.
2. Adopt the Code of Meeting Practice SVC-EXE-M-023-03
3. Rescind the Code of Meeting Practice SVC-EXE-M-023-02 as a superseded Manual.

Cr John Larter/Cr Cor Smit

9.5 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - APRIL 2019

M120/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the Statement of Investments as at 30 April 2019

Cr John Larter/Cr Margaret Isselmann

9.6 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

M121/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and adopt the 3rd Quarter Budget Review as at 31 March 2019;
2. The Revenue, Expenditure and Capital Budget adjustments as noted in the attached 3rd Quarter Budget Review be adopted and the budgets adjusted.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Cate Cross

9.7 COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

M122/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Community Grants Policy from the Director Strategy, Community and Development.
2. Adopt the Community Grants Policy as an interim policy for 12 months with an aim to review for consistency across the Snowy Valleys Council area.
3. Rescind the Community Strengthening Policy ComDev.06 v1.1 and the Public Arts Policy ComDev.01 v1.1

Cr John Larter/Cr Margaret Isselmann

10. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Nil

11. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**11.1 MINUTES - ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE - 17 APRIL 2019****M123/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on Aboriginal Liaison Committee from the Coordinator Community & Cultural Development.
2. Note the Minutes of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting held on 17th April 2019.
3. Adopt the following recommendation/s from the minutes:
 - a) That Council endorse the membership of Bernadette Radford, Rhonda Casey, John Casey, Lorna Casey, Sandra Casey and Craig Wilesmith to the Aboriginal Liaison Committee of Snowy Valleys Council.
 - b) That Council provide a letter of support for the application of dual naming of Mount Kosciuszko to incorporate Kunama Namadgi (Snow Mountain), subject to community consultation being undertaken as part of the process.

Cr Geoff Pritchard/Cr Margaret Isselmann

11.2 MINUTES - TUMUT YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 APRIL 2019**M124/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on the Tumut Youth Council from Coordinator of Community & Cultural Development.
2. Note the Minutes of the Tumut Youth Council meeting held on 3rd April 2019.
3. Support the concept of Tumut Youth Council creating and hosting a regional forum for Youth in 2020.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Cor Smit

11.3 MINUTES - CIDERFEST - 1 APRIL AND 15 APRIL 2019**M125/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on the Ciderfest Committee from Coordinator Community & Cultural Development.

2. Note the Minutes of the Ciderfest Committee meeting held on 1st and 15th of April 2019.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Margaret Isselmann

11.4 MINUTES - KHANCOBAN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 APRIL 2019

M126/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Khancoban Community Committee meeting from Director Internal Services.
2. Note the Minutes of the Khancoban Community Committee meeting held on 3 April 2019.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr John Larter

11.5 MINUTES - FESTIVAL OF THE FALLING LEAF COMMITTEE MEETING - 11 MARCH, 8 APRIL AND 23 APRIL 2019.

M127/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Festival of the Falling Leaf Committee from Coordinator Community & Cultural Development.
2. Note the Minutes of the Festival of the Falling Leaf Committee meeting held on 11 March, 8 April and 23 April 2019.
3. Issue a letter thanking the Committee and their volunteers for a successful festival.

Cr John Larter/Cr Cate Cross

M128/19 RESOLVED put that Council move into Committee of the Whole for discussion.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Cate Cross

M129/19 RESOLVED that Council move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Cate Cross

11.6 MINUTES - TALBINGO PROGRESS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 APRIL 2019

M130/19 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Talbingo Progress and Ratepayers Association committee from Director Internal Services.

2. Note the Minutes of the Talbingo Progress and Ratepayers Association meeting held on 3 April 2019.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Cate Cross

12. CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 2:55 pm.