



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

11 February 2020

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA
ON TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020

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**MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA
ON TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2020
COMMENCING AT 11.00AM**

PRESENT: Councillor Liz Innes, Mayor (in the Chair)
Councillors Anthony Mayne, Jack Tait, Lindsay Brown, Maureen Nathan,
Patrick McGinlay, and Rob Pollock OAM

Staff: Dr Catherine Dale, General Manager
Mr L Usher, Director, Planning and Sustainability Services
Mr W Sharpe OAM, Director, Infrastructure Services
Mrs K Arthur, Director, Community, Arts and Recreation
Mr J Phillips, Divisional Manager, Governance and Administration
Mrs K Green, Minute Secretary

1. WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land, of Elders past and present, whose land we are gathered here today.

A minute silence was observed in recognition of the three lives lost in Eurobodalla as a result of the bushfire disaster.

3. EVACUATION MESSAGE

The Mayor advised of the Evacuation Procedures.

4. APOLOGIES

20/1 MOTION COUNCILLOR TAIT/COUNCILLOR MAYNE

THAT APOLOGIES BE RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES THOMSON AND COUNCILLOR PHIL CONSTABLE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE BE GRANTED.

(THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS DECLARED **CARRIED**)

DIVISION

FOR THE MOTION: CLRS L BROWN, L INNES, A MAYNE, P MCGINLAY, M NATHAN, R POLLOCK
AND J TAIT.

AGAINST THE MOTION: NIL.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

20/2 MOTION Councillor Pollock/Councillor Tait

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 2019 be confirmed.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Clrs L Brown, L Innes, A Mayne, P McGinlay, M Nathan, R Pollock and J Tait.

Against the Motion: Nil.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

7. MAYORAL REPORTS

MR20/001 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

File Ref: S012-T00025

20/3 MOTION Councillor Innes

THAT

1. Acknowledge the tragedy of the three fatalities that occurred as a result of the fires in Eurobodalla and all fatalities around the country that were a result of this bushfire disaster.
2. Council thank and acknowledge all those members of our community and emergency teams who have worked so hard to keep our community safe and have looked after their welfare.
3. Council express its sincere gratitude to the generosity of spirit that has been shown to Eurobodalla Shire Council in the provision of donated goods, services, facilities and resources.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Clrs L Brown, L Innes, A Mayne, P McGinlay, M Nathan, R Pollock and J Tait.

Against the Motion: Nil.

MR20/002 NON-COMPULSORY SCHOOL BREAK

File Ref: S012-T00025

20/4 MOTION Councillor Innes

THAT Council:

1. Write to the NSW Department of Education, in consultation with the private education sector, NSW Teachers Federation and NSW Parents and Citizens Association requesting consideration of a non-compulsory extra week's holiday in April 2020 to coincide with the Easter break.
2. Write to the NSW Department of Education requesting consideration for students attending school, a week of fun activities be programmed instead of the usual school curriculum.
3. Write to the Australian Business Council to encourage corporations and big businesses outside of impacted areas to offer extra paid leave and encourage their staff to visit the regions affected by bushfires.
4. Invite the Minister for Education, the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC, to a meeting in Eurobodalla and request advice on the strategy the Department of Education are putting in place to assist teachers and students impacted by the fire.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Clrs L Brown, L Innes, M Nathan, R Pollock and J Tait.

Against the Motion: Clrs A Mayne and P McGinlay.

MR20/003 USE OF MAYORAL EXECUTIVE INSTRUMENT

File Ref: S012-T00025

20/5 MOTION Councillor Innes

THAT Council note the use of the policy-making functions under Section 226(d) of the Local Government Act by the Mayor between Council meetings.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Clrs L Brown, L Innes, A Mayne, P McGinlay, M Nathan, R Pollock and J Tait.

Against the Motion: Nil.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

**NOM20/001 INVESTIGATION INTO THE EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR THE 2019-2020
FINANCIAL YEAR**

File Ref: S011-T00003, S012-T00025, S012-T00026

20/6 MOTION Councillor Brown/Councillor Mayne

THAT Council:

1. Investigate which items of expenditure budgeted for 2019/20 financial year can be brought forward and a briefing be provided to Councillors for their consideration.
2. Revisit opportunities to bring forward expenditure in the 2020/21 Financial Year once that budget has been approved.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Clrs L Brown, L Innes, A Mayne, P McGinlay, M Nathan, R Pollock and J Tait.

Against the Motion: Nil.

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

**GMR20/001 EUROBODALLA BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY -
OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**

File Ref: S012-T00025; S008-T00025

20/7 MOTION Councillor Brown/Councillor Pollock

THAT Council:

1. Acknowledge the social, physical, environmental and economic impact the bushfires have had on our community including businesses.
2. Acknowledge the tireless work of the:
 - (a) Incident Management Team (NSW Rural Fire Service, Forestry and NPWS) assisted by volunteers, local contractors, visiting firefighters and Council staff.
 - (b) Emergency Operations Centre (NSW Police, Eurobodalla Shire Council, Essential Energy, NSW SES, NSW Ambulance, NSW Disaster Welfare, NSW Local Health District, Transport for NSW, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Agriculture and Animal Services and NSW Local Lands Services.
 - (c) People who worked or volunteers at the three evacuation centres, which assisted over 9,000 people during this period and the Clubs, Health and Aged care facilities and local households who also provided welcome assistance to people who were evacuated.
3. Note the actions and advocacy taken to date during the Emergency Response and Recovery phases.
4. Receive a supplementary report on the further support and ongoing advocacy that Council can implement for our community and businesses.
5. Continue its advocacy for an Integrated Emergency Services Precinct with a purpose build Emergency Operations Centre, further financial support for businesses, additional resources for our community and processes to assist people to regain control over their lives.
6. Accept the Commonwealth funding of \$1 million made available under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Category C (severe impact event funding) in response to the recent bushfires.
7. Receive a further report identifying a priority list of projects and programs for consideration in allocating this \$1 million in funding assistance.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Clrs L Brown, L Innes, A Mayne, P McGinlay, M Nathan, R Pollock and J Tait.

Against the Motion: Nil.

GMR20/002 2020 CONFERENCES

File Ref: S004-T00019, S012-T00025

20/8 MOTION Councillor Tait/Councillor Nathan

THAT:

1. Council determines the following Conferences be attended in 2020 by:
 - a. LGNSW Tourism Conference on 16-18 March 2020 not be attended.
 - b. Australia Local Government Women's Association NSW Conference on 26-28 March 2020 not be attended.
 - c. Floodplain Management Australia National Conference on 19-22 May 2020 be attended by Clr James Thomson
 - d. NSW Local Roads Congress on 1 June 2020 be attended by Clr Rob Pollock OAM and Clr Phil Constable
 - e. National General Assembly (NGA) on 14-17 June 2020 be attended by Clr Patrick McGinlay and Clr Anthony Mayne.
2. Council representatives be reimbursed out of pocket expenses in accordance with the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Clrs L Brown, L Innes, A Mayne, P McGinlay, M Nathan, R Pollock and J Tait.
Against the Motion: Nil.

12. PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTS

Nil

33. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

Nil

14. CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES REPORTS

CCS20/001 INVESTMENTS MADE AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2019

File Ref: S011-T00006, S012-T00025

20/9 MOTION Councillor Tait/Councillor Brown

THAT the certification that the investments as at 30 November 2019, made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council's Investment Policy and the provision of Clause 1 (Reg. 212) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, be received.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Clrs L Brown, L Innes, A Mayne, P McGinlay, M Nathan, R Pollock and J Tait.

Against the Motion: Nil.

CCS20/002 INVESTMENTS MADE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

File Ref: S011-T00006, S012-T00025

20/10 MOTION Councillor Tait/Councillor Brown

THAT the certification that the investments as at 31 December 2019, made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council's Investment Policy and the provision of Clause 1 (Reg. 212) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, be received.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Brown, L Innes, A Mayne, P McGinlay, M Nathan, R Pollock and J Tait.

Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Rob Pollock OAM took the opportunity to congratulate Council's Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Mr Anthony O'Reilly, on his recent appointment as General Manager at Hilltops Council. Councillor Pollock wished to express thanks, on behalf of Council, for his professionalism and equanimity of Council's finances.

15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS

Nil

16. DELEGATE REPORT

Nil

17. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

18. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

Nil

19. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.16pm

CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 25 February 2020 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.