



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

9 May 2023

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA
ON TUESDAY 9 MAY 2023

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**MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA
ON TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2023
COMMENCING AT 12.30PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Mathew Hatcher, Mayor (in the Chair)
Councillors Peter Diskon, Tubby Harrison, Anthony Mayne, Amber Schutz,
Rob Pollock OAM and Alison Worthington

Staff: Warwick Winn, General Manager
Mr L Usher, Director, Planning and Sustainability Services
Mr T Swallow, Acting Director, Infrastructure Services
Mrs K Arthur, Director, Community, Arts and Recreation
Mrs S Speedy, Acting Director, Finance and Corporate Services
Mr J Phillips, Corporate Manager, Governance and Administration
Miss L Evans, 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.

3. APOLOGIES

23/33 MOTION Councillor Diskon/Councillor Harrison

THAT apologies be received from Councillor Dannock and Councillor Grace and leave of absence be granted.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs P Diskon, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

23/34 MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Worthington

THAT Councillor Anthony Mayne be approved to attend the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 14 February 2023 via audio-visual link due to existing work commitments.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs P Diskon, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

23/35 MOTION Councillor Diskon/Councillor Harrison

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 March 2023 be confirmed.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs P Diskon, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

6. MAYORAL REPORTS

MR23/002 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

File Ref: S011-T00014

23/36 MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Worthington

THAT:

1. That Council advocate to the NSW Premier, relevant ministers and the Member for Bega to reinstate the Emergency Services Levy subsidy for 2023-24 to support local councils in meeting their contribution to the Emergency Services Levy.
2. That in its representations, Council lends its support to Local Government NSW, who are lobbying the government to:
 - (a) restore the subsidy for 2023-24
 - (b) unshackle this payment from council rates
 - (c) develop a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding the critically important emergency services that benefit us all.
3. That Council write to the Chair of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) advising that Council's forced emergency services contribution is manifestly disproportionate to the 2023-24 rate increase which has resulted in additional financial stress.
4. That Council advocate for the NSW Government to fund Local Emergency Management Officer roles across the state and seek the support of peak bodies including LGNSW and the Canberra Regional Joint Organisation in doing so.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs P Diskon, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

8. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

9. PETITIONS

Nil

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

Nil

11. PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTS

Nil

12. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

**FCS23/001 EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-26, OPERATIONAL
PLAN 2023-24 AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023-33**

File Ref: S004-T00028, S004-T00029

23/37 MOTION Councillor Schutz/Councillor Diskon

THAT

1. The draft 2023-24 Operational Plan, the draft 2023-24 Fees and Charges, and the draft 2023-33 Long-Term Financial Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
2. Following public exhibition, a further report be submitted to Council for the consideration of submissions from the community and adoption of the 2023-24 Operational Plan, 2023-24 Fees and Charges, and the 2023-33 Long-Term Financial Plan.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs P Diskon, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and
A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

FCS23/002 INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

File Ref: S011-T00006,S012-T00025

23/38 MOTION Councillor Harrison/Councillor Diskon

THAT the certification of investments as at 31 March 2023, 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 P Diskon, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

13. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

**IR23/007 ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING - IMPLEMENTATION OF COASTAL PROTECTION
WORKS, NORTH BATEMANS BAY**

File Ref: S017-T000013

23/39 MOTION Councillor Pollock OAM/Councillor Diskon

THAT:

1. Council endorse the actions taken to accept the offer of \$5,000,000 in grant funding under the NSW Government Election Commitment Program to support implementation of the Eurobodalla Open Coast Coastal Management Program's major infrastructure works in north Batemans Bay.
2. A letter of appreciation be sent to the Member for Bega and NSW Department of Planning and Environment for providing this funding for the benefit of the Eurobodalla community.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs P Diskon, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Cr T Harrison.

IR23/008 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE NO 8 FOR 2022-23

File Ref: S030-T00018

23/40 MOTION Councillor Schutz/Councillor Worthington

THAT:

1. The minutes of the Eurobodalla Local Traffic Committee Meeting No 8 for 2022-23 be received and noted.
2. That Corrigan Crescent pdf detailing No Stopping signage to be moved on Corrigan Crescent, Batehaven be approved.
3. That Council Plan 5463 Set A Sheet 1-6 detailing shared pathway on Hawkins Road and raised pedestrian crossing Tuross Boulevard and Hawkins Road, Tuross Head be approved.
4. That Council Plan 4211 Set C Sheet 1 detailing raised pedestrian crossing on Murray Street, Moruya be approved.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs P Diskon, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

IR23/009 REQUEST FOR TENDER NO. 10056051 – AKOLELE PRESSURE SEWERAGE SYSTEM

File Ref: S029-T00004

23/41 MOTION Councillor Pollock OAM/Councillor Diskon

THAT:

1. Council endorses the selection of the preferred tenderer listed for Request for Tender No. 10056051 - Construction of the Akolele Pressure Sewerage System, within the confidential attachment; and
2. Accordingly approves the entering into of a contractual arrangement with the preferred tenderer, subject to the terms specified in the Request for Tender.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs P Diskon, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

14. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS

CAR23/005 CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUNDING

File Ref: S003-T00005

23/42 MOTION Councillor Pollock OAM/Councillor Worthington

THAT Council accept the Department of Social Services funding of \$496,482.00 excluding GST for the continued provision of the 3B's Supported Playgroup project.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs P Diskon, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

CAR23/006 EUROBODALLA NAIDOC WEEK GRANTS 2023

File Ref: S003-T00040

23/43 MOTION Councillor Diskon/Councillor Worthington

THAT Council approve the recommendations detailed in the confidential attachment, awarding NAIDOC Week grants to the 10 organisations nominated.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs P Diskon, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

15. DELEGATE REPORT

Nil

16. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

Nil

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Mayor Mathew Hatcher wanted to make the community aware that he will be taking a leave of absence for a couple of weeks to visit family. Mayor Hatcher thanked Councillor Worthington, Deputy Mayor, who will step into his place for the next meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.48PM

CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 23 May 2023 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.