



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

28 June 2021

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630**

ON MONDAY 28 JUNE 2021

MINUTES

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630**

**ON MONDAY, 28 JUNE 2021
COMMENCING AT 5.00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Beer
Deputy Mayor Lynley Miners
Councillor John Rooney - via audio visual
Councillor John Castellari
Councillor Rogan Corbett
Councillor Sue Haslingden
Councillor Anne Maslin – via audio visual
Councillor Bob Stewart

APOLOGIES: Councillor James Ewart
Councillor John Last

Staff: Peter Bascomb, Chief Executive Officer
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer
Gina Woodward, Chief Communications Officer
Nick Byrne, Chief Financial Officer

1. OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 5.18PM

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

140/21

That Council, consistent with Council's adopted Procedures for attendance by councillors at meetings by audio-visual link:-

A: Note the requests to attend by remote audio-visual link from:

- Clr Maslin
- Clr Rooney

B: Approve the attendance of

- Clr Maslin
- Clr Rooney

Via remote audio-visual link.

Moved Councillor Stewart

Seconded Councillor Corbett

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Mayor Beer, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Corbett, Councillor Haslingden, Councillor Maslin, Deputy Mayor Miners, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Stewart.
Councillors Against: Nil.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

(Minutes of Deputations from the Public Gallery are a summary only and do not purport to be a complete transcript of the proceedings.)

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

141/21

- A. That the apology from Clr Ewart be accepted and leave of absence be granted.
- B. That the apology from Clr Last be accepted.

Moved Deputy Mayor Miners

Seconded Councillor Corbett

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Mayor Beer, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Corbett, Councillor Haslingden, Councillor Maslin, Deputy Mayor Miners, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Stewart.
Councillors Against: Nil.

4. CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

Nil.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

6. MATTERS DEALT WITH BY EXCEPTIONS

Nil.

7. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Nil.

8. OTHER REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Nil.

Procedural Motion

CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

142/21

That the order of business be changed to:

- A. A: Item 8.1.3 - Making of the 2021-22 annual rates and charges
- B. B: Item 8.1.2 - Adoption of 2021-22 operational plan
- C. C: Item 8.1.1 - Donations and sponsorship submissions for FY22 July to December 2021

Moved Mayor Beer

Seconded Councillor Castellari

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Mayor Beer, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Corbett, Councillor Haslingden, Councillor Maslin, Deputy Mayor Miners, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Stewart.

Councillors Against: Nil.

8.1 KEY THEME 4. LEADERSHIP

8.1.3 MAKING OF THE 2021-22 ANNUAL RATES AND CHARGES

Record No:

Responsible Officer: Chief Financial Officer

Author: Finance Accountant

Key Theme: 4. Leadership Outcomes

CSP Community Strategy: 11.1 Public services and processes are delivered reliably and efficiently in response to community needs

Delivery Program Objectives: 11.1.3 Rates, Fees and Charges are rationalised to support community needs and services

Attachments: Nil

Cost Centre W17 Financial Services

Project 2022 Annual Rates and Charges

Further Operational Plan Actions:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In making the rates and annual charges for 2021/22, Council is required to apply the NSW Valuer General's land values as a 1 July 2019.

The Local Government Act 1993 requires that general income (ordinary rates) must not exceed the percentage increase determined for the year by the Minister for Local Government under Section 506 of the Act unless approval is provided. Council is not seeking an increase in rates above the permissible rate peg level for the coming year. The Office of Local Government has advised that the rate peg for

2021/22 will be 2% and this will be the overall increase to be applied.

Annual Charges for Waste, Onsite Sewage Management and Liquid Trade Waste will be levied on the Rates Notice.

Annual Charges for Water Access and Sewer Access will be charged through the issue of Water/Sewer Notices on a Tri-annual basis to comply with best-practice management of water supply and sewerage guidelines.

The following officer's recommendation is submitted for Council's consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

143/21

That Council approves the making of the rates and charges separately for each category and sub-category as follows;

Making of the Levy of Ordinary Rates for Snowy Monaro Regional Council

- A. For the year 2021/22, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.0033568** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$475.00** per assessment being 6.5% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Business. This rate is to be named **Business**.
- B. For the year 2021/22, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.0083920** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **minimum amount** of **\$1,187.50** per assessment being 3% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Business Electricity Generation. This rate is to be named **Business Electricity Generation**.
- C. For the year 2021/22, in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.0033568** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$475.00** per assessment being 32.8% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Farmland. This rate is to be named **Farmland**.
- D. For the year 2021/22, in accordance with Section 517 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.0083920** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$1,187.50** per assessment being 0% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Mining. This rate is to be named **Mining**.
- E. For the year 2021/22, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.0033568** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$475.00** per assessment being 57.8% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Residential. This rate is to be named **Residential**.

Levy of Rates

F. That the rates as made be levied for the 2021/22 year by service of a Rates and Charges Notice pursuant to section 546 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ANNUAL CHARGES

Waste Management

That in accordance with Section 496, Section 501 and Section 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Annual Charge for Waste Management Services.

Waste Management Charge	\$125.00
Domestic Waste Collection Service	\$262.00
Domestic Waste Collection – Upsize to 240L Bin from 120L Bin	\$157.00
Domestic Recycling Collection Service	\$122.00
Domestic Food and Garden Organic Collection Charge (Cooma-Monaro Region ONLY)	\$58.00
Domestic Waste Vacant Land Charge	\$20.00
Change over Domestic Bin Charge (per event)	\$35.00
Bank of Bins Charge	\$250.00
Wheel Out/Wheel In Service	\$888.00
Commercial Waste Management	
Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/Michelago Areas (If Kerbside Collection Services are provided)	
240L Bin	\$462.00
360L Bin	\$690.00
All other areas	Per fees & charges
Commercial Recycling Management	
Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/Michelago Areas (If Kerbside Collection Services are provided)	\$260.00
All other areas	Per fees & charges
Commercial Food and Garden Organic Management	
Cooma-Monaro Region	\$145.00
All other areas	N/A

Liquid Trade Waste

That in accordance with Section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual Liquid

Trade Waste Charge per annum for where the program exists.

Classification "A" Charging Category 1 – Low	\$235.00
Classification "B" Charging Category 1 – Low	\$265.00
Classification "A" Charging Category 2 – Medium	\$926.00
Classification "B" Charging Category 2 – Medium	\$926.00
Classification "S" Charging Category 2 – Medium	\$103.00
Classification "B" Charging Category 1 – High	\$1,836.00

Stormwater management

In accordance with Section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council levy an annual Stormwater Management Charge of \$20 per annum for each parcel of rateable (occupied) land for which the service is available within the former Bombala Council area.

Onsite Sewer Management System

This renewal fee will apply to all onsite sewage management systems and will be charged on the annual rates notice. The 2021/22 fee will be \$25.00.

Residential Water and Sewer

That in accordance with section 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and annual Residential Water Access Charge of **\$269.30** per annum, connected or unconnected.

Water

Residential Usage Charge - \$3.20 per Kilolitre per annum

Sewer

That in accordance with Section 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual Residential Sewer Access Charge of **\$942.30** per annum, connected or unconnected.

Non-Residential Water and Sewer

That in accordance with Best Practice Guidelines for Water, Council make an annual Water Access Charge for non-residential properties based on meter size.

Water Annual Access Charge – Non Residential					
Meter Size	Vacant	20mm	25mm	32mm	40mm
2021-22	\$269.30	\$269.30	\$420.78	\$689.41	\$1,077.20

Water Annual Access Charge – Non Residential - Continued					
50mm	65mm	75mm	80mm	100mm	150mm
\$1,683.13	\$2,844.48	\$3,787.03	\$4,308.80	\$6,732.50	\$15,148.13

Water Usage Charge – Non Residential

Non-Residential Usage Charge - \$3.20 per Kilolitre per annum

That in accordance with Best Practice Guidelines for Water, Council make an annual Sewer Access Charge for Non-residential properties based on meter size.

Meter Size	Vacant	20mm	25mm	32mm	40mm
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2021-22	\$942.30	\$942.30	\$1,472.34	\$2,412.29	\$3,769.20
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50mm	65mm	75mm	80mm	100mm	150mm
\$5,889.38	\$9,953.04	\$13,251.09	\$15,076.80	\$23,557.50	\$53,004.38

Sewer Usage Charge – Non Residential

Non-Residential Usage Charge - \$1.05 with discharge factor of 0.6 based on water meter readings multiplied by the discharge factor. Where the reading is taken directly from a Sewer Flow Meter, the discharge factor shall not apply.

Pipes, Rails and Structures

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 611 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council may make an Annual Charge for any rail, pipe, wire, pole, cable, tunnel or structure laid, erected, suspended, constructed or placed on, under or over a public place.

The annual charge for 2021/22 shall be:

- A. Under a public place \$742 per kilometre
- B. On or over a public place \$154 per pole or structure.

Moved Councillor Stewart

Seconded Councillor Castellari

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Mayor Beer, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Corbett, Councillor Haslingden, Councillor Maslin, Deputy Mayor Miners, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Stewart.

Councillors Against: Nil.

8.1.2 ADOPTION OF 2021-22 OPERATIONAL PLAN

Record No:

Responsible Officer: Chief Strategy Officer

Author: Chief Strategy Officer

Key Theme: 4. Leadership Outcomes

CSP Community Strategy: 10.1 Planning and decision making is holistic and integrated and has due regard to the long term and cumulative effects

Delivery Program Objectives: 10.1.2 Integrated Planning and Reporting guides long term planning and organisational sustainability

Attachments: 1. Operational Plan 2021-2022 Submissions
2. Operational Plan 2021-2022 Submission Responses

Cost Centre

Project

Further Operational Plan Actions:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Operational Plan placed on public exhibition received 86 submissions during the public exhibition period.
 - Of these 68 were in favour of funds being allocated to the development of the Monaro Rail Trail. The submissions on the rail trail are covered by Council's resolution to include that project in the Operational Plan. This has been funded by increasing the number of positions removed from funding within the budget.
 - Three submissions were seeking the development of an arts and culture strategy. This project can be included by relying on South East Arts and the Arts and Culture Committee membership developing the strategy with the assistance of staff. The additional cost will be offset by reducing the time spent on activities undertaken by the staff members involved.
 - No changes are recommended for the other issues raised.
- Identifying budget reduction target of \$1.5million, these have been included by not filling vacant positions, reducing spending on materials and contracts and other expenses. These changes will limit the ability to provide an improved service.
- Provision has been included to fund previous grant funded and essential projects by taking out an internal loan. Council has utilised its cash to fund the ongoing deficit and there is seen to be greater benefit to the community in continuing to utilise the grants than returning the funds, as otherwise the community would need to fund the full cost of the infrastructure being improved.

The following officer's recommendation is submitted for Council's consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

144/21

That Council:

- A. Adopt the 2021-22 Operational Plan, including the annual budget, with the following amendments to the Draft:
- (a) Inclusion of a project to undertake detailed design of two sections of the Monaro Rail Trail, with a budget allocation of \$90,000.
 - (b) Inclusion of the development of an arts and culture strategy to be undertaken from within existing budgets.
 - (c) Inclusion of an additional \$23,000 .25 staff in biosecurity to return the resource level to its previous levels with a budget allocation of.
 - (d) Inclusion of \$30,000 for incentives to attract doctors to practice in the Bombala township.
 - (e) Inclusion of an amount of up to \$3.8million in loans to fund committed grant funded projects and essential projects that will carry over from the 2020-21 period.
 - (f) Reduction of the following budgets to achieve the required \$1.5million in savings and the increase costs of items added to the budgets:
 - (i) Reduce the expenditure allocations for the following services:
 - (1) Biosecurity - \$200,000
 - (2) Building Certification - \$67,000
 - (3) Civic Maintenance - \$170,000
 - (4) Community Support Programs - \$120,000
 - (5) Development Assessment - \$117,000
 - (6) Financial Services - \$274,000

- (7) Infrastructure Roads - \$560,000
- (8) Residential Aged Care - \$35,000
- (ii) Increase the infrastructure – Roads income and expenditure to reflect an additional \$100,000 in profit.

- B. Adopt the 2021-22 Revenue Policy as placed on public exhibition.
- C. Seek approval from the Minister for Local Government for an internal loan of up to \$3.8million for the projects included above.
- D. Adopt the 2021-22 Schedule of Fees and Charges, in accordance with section 608 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Moved Councillor Stewart

Seconded Councillor Maslin

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Mayor Beer, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Corbett, Councillor Haslingden, Councillor Maslin, Deputy Mayor Miners, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Stewart.

Councillors Against: Nil.

Procedural Motion

MOVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

145/21

That Council move into committee of the whole.

Moved Councillor Haslingden

Seconded Councillor Corbett

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Mayor Beer, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Corbett, Councillor Haslingden, Councillor Maslin, Deputy Mayor Miners, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Stewart.

Councillors Against: Nil.

Procedural Motion

MOVE OUT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

146/21

That Council move out of Committee of the Whole.

Moved Deputy Mayor Miners

Seconded Councillor Haslingden

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Mayor Beer, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Corbett, Councillor Haslingden, Councillor Maslin, Deputy Mayor Miners, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Stewart.

Councillors Against: Nil.

Note: Cllr Corbett left the meeting at 5.41pm

8.1.1 DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP SUBMISSIONS FOR FY22 JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Record No:

Responsible Officer: Chief Strategy Officer
Author: Governance Administration Support
Key Theme: 4. Leadership Outcomes
CSP Community Strategy: 12.3 Our community is empowered and supported in facilitating community outcomes
Delivery Program Objectives: 12.3.1 Community organisations and individuals have the capacity to apply for a range of grants funding opportunities
Attachments: Nil
Cost Centre 3120

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the last council meeting the determination of the donations was deferred to allow for further input from councillors.

The budget allocated for this round is \$50,000.00. The total value of submissions received for this round equates to \$108,629.93.

The process of administering the donations and sponsorships are administratively complex and expensive. As noted the rounds are well oversubscribed. For the level of funding available it is recommended that Council's policy be changed to only have one round of donation requests per annum. The amount available is set in the policy. This should be removed from the policy and set in the annual budget.

The following officer's recommendation is submitted for Council's consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

147A/21

That Council;

- A. That the following donations and sponsorships be provided
 - i. Berridale Lions - \$6,430
 - ii. Berridale Tennis Club - \$2,000

- iii. Delegate RSL Sub Branch - \$1,093.68
 - iv. The Community Chest Inc - \$3,000
 - v. Bredbo Community Progress Association - \$1,500
 - vi. Monaro Early Intervention Service - \$5,620
 - vii. Michelago Memorial Hall Committee - \$4,723
 - viii. Rotary Club of Cooma - \$2,500
 - ix. Delegate Presbyterian Church - \$900
 - x. Snowy Monaro Arts Council - \$1,000
 - xi. Bombala Exhibition Society - \$3,500
 - xii. Light Car Club of Canberra - \$1,000
 - xiii. Jindabyne Art Gallery - \$2,500
 - xiv. Monaro Community Access Services - \$2,000
 - xv. Snowy Mountains Care and Early Learning - \$4,733
 - xvi. Lake Eucumbene Community Association - \$2,500
 - xvii. Jindabyne Pony Club - \$3,000
 - xviii. The Shepard Centre - \$1,000
 - xix. Cooma and District Kennel and Obedience Club - \$1,000
- B. Continue the previously approved recurring donations and sponsorship for the remainder of the Council term.
- C. Change Council's policy to having one round each year and remove the set amounts.

Moved Councillor Haslingden

Seconded Councillor Corbett

CARRIED

Record of Voting

*Councillors For: Mayor Beer, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Haslingden, Councillor Maslin,
Deputy Mayor Miners, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Stewart.*

Councillors Against: Nil.

9. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.44pm

CHAIRPERSON



The above minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 28 June 2021 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 15 July 2021 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.