



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

5 March 2020

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630
ON THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2020**

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

**ON THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2020
COMMENCING AT 5:00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Beer
Deputy Mayor Linley Miners
Councillor John Rooney
Councillor John Castellari
Councillor James Ewart
Councillor Rogan Corbett
Councillor Sue Haslingden
Councillor John Last
Councillor Anne Maslin *left the meeting at 5.03PM*
Councillor Brian Old
Councillor Bob Stewart

APOLOGIES:

Staff: Peter Bascomb, Chief Executive Officer
Peter Smith, Acting Director Operations & Infrastructure
Gina McConkey, Acting Director Environment & Sustainability
David Rawlings, Acting Director Corporate & Community Services
Amanda Shepherd, Secretary Council and Committees
Joyleen Mathias, Manager Corporate Governance

Notes: *The Mayor opened the meeting at 5.03PM. Cllr Maslin having declared a conflict of interest with this item (refer Item 5.1 - Notice of Motion to Rescind a Resolution - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program above), taking no part in discussion or voting on this item, left the meeting at 5.03PM for the duration of the meeting. Cllr Ewart having declared a conflict of interest with this item (refer Item 5.1 - Notice of Motion to Rescind a Resolution - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program), left the meeting and was absent from the meeting from 5.03PM for the duration of Item 5.1, returning at 5.24PM, taking no part in discussion or voting on this item. There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.25PM.*

1. OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 5.03PM.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

4.1 COUNCILLOR MASLIN

Councillor Maslin declared an interest in Item 5.1 – Notice of Motion to Rescind a Resolution – Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program, as he has a conflict of interest in this item due to “I am on the Committee of Go Fence Me, which currently has an affiliation to ACNC”.

4.2 COUNCILLOR EWART

Councillor Ewart declared an interest in Item 5.1 – Notice of Motion to Rescind a Resolution – Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program, as he has a conflict of interest in this item due to “Friends with a person who has lost home in bushfires at Peak View (Good Good Fire)”.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION

5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND A RESOLUTION - DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENT PROGRAM

Record No:

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Councillor Bob Stewart

Attachments: 1. Notice of Motion to Rescind a Resolution - Councillor Bob Stewart

Councillor Bob Stewart has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 5 March 2020, he will move the following motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

32/20

We hereby give notice of the following motion of rescission:

“That the Council resolution relating to

Minutes No. OC 20022020_MIN_1272

Item No. 9.4.5

Title Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program

Passed at the Council meeting held on 20 February 2020

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

[18/20]

That Council:

A. Based on the category of hardship waive:

- (a) Council fees associated with the lodgement of a development application, including any pre-lodgement advice, complying development certificate, other certificates and associated inspections for current owners to rebuild their lost or damaged buildings on the basis of hardship.
- (b) Council fees for replacement of development approvals, licenses, certificates of permits lost in the fires.

B. Support bushfire affected residents through the compassionate uses of Council’s hardship provisions to waive interest on rates and charges.

C. That the \$1million grant for disaster resilience be allocated as follows:

- (a) Employment of a recovery team and associated expenses to develop and co-ordinate recovery actions and support the community in gaining access to the available programs of support.
- (b) To provide grant of \$10,000 to the owners of each house destroyed by the recent bush fires.
- (c) Providing funding to support fire affected properties to erect boundary fencing destroyed by the bushfire, priority to be given fencing on roads not eligible for other funding.
- (d) Provide for a business advisory service to support businesses directly or indirectly impacted by the bushfires.
- (e) Provide funds to undertake works to improve the fire resilience of Council’s infrastructure and reduce identified fire risks.
- (f) Develop a strong understanding of the impacts of the bushfires covering the short, medium and long term to enable Council to invest in programs that will achieve positive outcomes for the community and support Council in seeking additional support to strengthen the economy of the Snowy Monaro area.
- (g) Provide funding to undertake identified projects and utilise as seed funding to maximise the potential funds that can be raised to support resilience activities.
- (h) Provide \$20,000 towards wildlife rescue services.

D. Council receives monthly reports of how money is being spent.

[Moved Councillor Maslin

Seconded Councillor Castellar]

[CARRIED]

Be and is hereby RESCINDED”.

Notice of Motion

Should the rescission motion be adopted we give notice that it our intention to move the following motion in lieu of which due notice is hereby given.

That Council:

A. Based on the category of hardship waive:

- (a) Council fees associated with the lodgement of a development application, including any pre-lodgement advice, complying development certificate, other certificates and associated inspections for current owners to rebuild their lost or damaged buildings on the basis of hardship.
- (b) Council fees for replacement of development approvals, licenses, certificates of permits lost in the fires.

B. Support bushfire affected residents through the compassionate uses of Council's hardship provisions to waive interest on rates and charges.

C. That the \$1.225million grant for disaster resilience be allocated as follows:

- (a) Employment of a recovery team and associated expenses to develop and co-ordinate recovery actions and support the community in gaining access to the available programs of support.
- (b) Council establish a Mayoral Bushfire Relief Fund of \$475,000.00. These funds to be administered by a committee comprised of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, (or a Councillor appointed by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer), and the Chief Executive Officer. The Committee applies best practice guidelines to determine the submissions for relief.
- (c) Provide for a business advisory service to support businesses directly or indirectly impacted by the bushfires.
- (d) Provide funds to undertake works to improve the fire resilience of Council's infrastructure and reduce identified fire risks.
- (e) Develop a strong understanding of the impacts of the bushfires covering the short, medium and long term to enable Council to invest in programs that will achieve positive outcomes for the community and support Council in seeking additional support to strengthen the economy of the Snowy Monaro area.
- (f) Provide funding to undertake identified projects and utilise as seed funding to maximise the potential funds that can be raised to support resilience activities.
- (g) Provide \$20,000 towards wildlife rescue services.

D. Council receives monthly reports of how money is being spent.

Moved Councillor Haslingden

Seconded Councillor Stewart

CARRIED

Note 1: Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Nil.

Note 2: Attendance of Councillor Maslin– Conflict of Interest

Clr Maslin having declared a conflict of interest with this item (refer Item 5.1 - Notice of Motion to Rescind a Resolution - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program above), taking no part in discussion or voting on this item, left the meeting at 5.03PM for the duration of the meeting.

Note 3: Attendance of Councillor Ewart– Conflict of Interest

Clr Ewart having declared a conflict of interest with this item (refer Item 5.1 - Notice of Motion to Rescind a Resolution - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program), left the meeting and was absent from the meeting from 5.03PM for the duration of Item 5.1, returning at 5.24PM, taking no part in discussion or voting on this item.

Note 4: Committee Discussion

Councillors agreed to go into Committee to discuss item 5.1 - Notice of Motion to Rescind a Resolution - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program at 5.08PM.

Note 5: Record of Voting – Into Committee

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

Councillors Against: Nil.

Councillors agreed to move out of Committee at 5.22PM.

Record of Voting – Out of Committee


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

Councillors Against: Nil.

6. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.25PM.



CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 5 March 2020 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 19 March 2020 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.