



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

16 October 2025

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630
ON THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2025

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

**ON THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2025
COMMENCING AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Hanna
Deputy Mayor Tricia Hopkins
Councillor Narelle Davis
Councillor Nick Elliott
Councillor Tanya Higgins (In person 16 October / Audio Visual 29 October)
Councillor John Rooney
Councillor Reuben Rose
Councillor Bob Stewart
Councillor Lynda Summers
Councillor Luke Williamson (In person 16 October / Audio Visual 29 October)

APOLOGIES: Nil

Staff: Noreen Vu, Chief Executive Officer
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer
Simon Rennie, Chief Financial Officer (16 October meeting only)
Tony Lickiss, Chief Infrastructure & Projects Officer
Tony Murray, Chief of Community Services (29 October meeting only)
Angela Sommerville, Chief People & Organisational Performance Officer
Jennie Hall, EA to Chief Officers

1. OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1:00 PM

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL

Nil

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

Procedural Motion

ADJOURNMENT TO PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

341/25

That the Ordinary Council Meeting be adjourned at 1:02pm for public forum.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council meeting resumed at 2:25pm.

Procedural Motion

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

342/25

That Item 9.5.1 - Election of Deputy Mayor be moved to the top of the agenda.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Rose

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.5.1 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Record No: I25/713

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

343/25

That Council:

- A. In accordance with Section 231 of the Local Government Act elect a deputy mayor for a term ending 10 October 2026.
- B. Invite nominations for the election of deputy mayor.
- C. In the event of there being more than one candidate nominated for the position of deputy mayor, undertake an election in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and the method of voting be by ordinary ballot.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

344/25

That nominees for the position of Deputy Mayor provide a 3 minute speech on their nomination.

Moved Councillor Elliott

Seconded Councillor Rose

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose and Councillor Stewart.

Chair's Casting Vote

Upon the vote being put there was an equity of votes in favour and against the motion. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the Chair exercised his casting vote and voted **AGAINST** the motion.

Note 1: Nominations for Deputy Mayor

The Returning Officer (Chief Executive Officer) called for nominations for Deputy Mayor and advised that she had received 2 nominations, from the following councillors: Cr Tanya Higgins and Cr Tricia Hopkins. No further nominations were received. The Returning Officer advised the order of which the names will appear on the ballot paper will be determined by a draw out of the box and advised the order:

1. Cr Tanya Higgins
2. Cr Tricia Hopkins

Note 2: Ordinary Ballot

The Returning Officer advised the meeting the results of the vote were tied with Cr Higgins and Cr Hopkins having received five (5) votes each. The Returning Officer advised that in accordance with Local Government General Regulation 221, candidates' names would be written on similar pieces of paper, folder and placed in the container, with the candidate whose name was drawn out being named as Deputy Mayor.

The Returning Officer declared that Councillor Hopkins was elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for the term ending 10 October 2026.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

5.1 COUNCILLOR SUMMERS

Councillor Summers declared an interest in Item 8.1 as she has a conflict of interest in this item due to "being Chair of the Upper Snowy Landcare Network and the mention by the applicant of engagement of Landcare involvement in the DA process". Councillor Summers has "no knowledge of this proposal in the context of Landcare" and proposes to manage her interest by declaration of a non-pecuniary interest and will be voting.

5.2 CEO NOREEN VU

Ms Vu declared an interest in Item 14.2 as she has a pecuniary interest relating to performance agreement. Ms Vu will leave the room for discussion on this matter.

6. MATTERS DEALT WITH BY EXCEPTION

Items by Exception

The Mayor requested that councillors nominate any items listed in Corporate Business and Confidential Business that they wished to discuss.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

345/25

A. That all items listed in Corporate Business both Open and Confidential be dealt with separately other than the following items which are moved by exception:

- 7.1 Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 September 2025
- 7.2 Closed Session of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 September 2025
- 9.3.1 Performance Improvement Order - 7th Report (7 August to 6 September)
- 10.1 Minutes from Management and Advisory Committees

B. That the Officer's recommendations in the reports listed above are hereby adopted.

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

346/25

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 September 2025 are confirmed as a true.

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

7.2 CLOSED SESSION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

347/25

That the minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 September 2025 are confirmed as a true.

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MATTERS

8.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2024.230.1 - CONSTRUCTION OF A STAGED 6 CABIN ECO-TOURIST FACILITY

Record No: I25/66

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

348/25

That

1. Council notes the reason for the decision is that the proposal complies with Section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended).
2. Council pursuant to section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended) grants consent to 10.2024.230.1 for Eco Tourist Facility on Lots 25 and 26 DP 756672, Lot 1 DP 1250715, Lot 2 DP 1232872 at 92 Chongs Rd Jindabyne with conditions of consent attached to this report.
3. The CEO register this planning decision in line with s. 375A of the Local Government Act 1993 including the names of the Councillors who supported the decision and the names of any Councillors who opposed (or are taken to have opposed) the decision.

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Rooney

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Councillor Elliott, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

9. OTHER REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 OPERATIONS

9.1.1 MICALAGO ROAD PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT

Record No: I25/653

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

349/25

That Council note Micalago Road Pavement Improvement report.

Moved Councillor Rooney

Seconded Councillor Higgins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

Procedural Motion

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

350/25

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned at 3:34pm for a break.

Moved Mayor Hanna

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

That the Ordinary Council Meeting be resumed at 3:45pm.

At 03:45 pm Councillor Elliott left the meeting.

At 03:46 pm Councillor Elliott returned to the meeting.

9.2 FINANCE

9.2.1 2024/25 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Record No: I25/591

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

351/25

That Council:

- A. Receives and notes Snowy Monaro Regional Council's draft General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.
- B. Authorises the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- C. Refer the Financial Statements to the NSW Audit Office in accordance with Section 413(1).
- D. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to lodge the 2024/2025 Financial Statements upon receiving the external auditor's report, with the Office of Local Government.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

352/25

Councillor Williamson put the following questions which were taken on notice:

- Can councillors be provided with a list of roads and portions of roads that were removed from the asset register?
- In addition to councillors being advised as to what these road assets are, could that advice also contain whether these roads have been maintained in the last five (5) years?

9.2.2 MONTHLY FUNDS MANAGEMENT REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025

Record No: I25/711

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

353/25

That Council receive the report indicating Council's cash and investments position as at 30 September 2025; and the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.3 STRATEGY

9.3.1 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ORDER - 7TH REPORT (7 AUGUST TO 6 SEPTEMBER)

Record No: I25/664

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

354/25

That Council note the details on the report.

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.3.2 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE NEW CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Record No: I25/669

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

355/25

That Council place the draft code of meeting practice on public exhibition with the following amendments:

- That public forums be retained before every ordinary and extraordinary meeting of council
- That recordings of council meetings be retained and publicly accessible for a minimum of 5 years
- That Council agendas and business papers be published on Council's website at least 4 working days before each meeting

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Williamson

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers.

9.3.3 COUNCILLOR AND STAFF INTERACTION POLICY

Record No: I25/693

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

356/25

That a workshop be held within the next two weeks to discuss the Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy for consideration at the November meeting.

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Summers.

9.3.4 UPDATE ON FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW ACTIONS

Record No: I25/699

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

357/25

That the progress against the recommendations be noted.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Summers

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

358/25

Councillor Summers put the following question which was taken on notice:

What is the date that the financial sustainability review actions needs to be finalised by?

9.3.5 FEEDBACK ON THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Record No: I25/700

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

359/25

That Council adopt the policy payment of expenses and provision of facilities for mayor and councillors as placed on public exhibition.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Higgins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.3.6 MINUTES OF ARIC MEETING - SEPTEMBER 2025

Record No: I25/706

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

360/25

That the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee be noted and that councillors are advised of the dates of the ARIC meetings, with a link to attend.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Higgins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.4.1 DRAFT SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

Record No: I25/710

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

361/25

That the CEO organises a workshop related to the Social Media Policy to discuss possible amendments to the proposal, and be brought back to the November meeting.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Summers

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

At 05:13 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.

At 05:13 pm Councillor Summers left the meeting.

At 05:15 pm Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.

At 05:15 pm Councillor Rooney left the meeting.

At 05:15 pm Councillor Summers returned to the meeting.

At 05:24 pm Councillor Rooney returned to the meeting.

9.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

9.5.2 RESOLUTION ACTION SHEET UPDATES

Record No: I25/714

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

362/25

That Council note Resolution Action Sheet Updates and change the report to being presented quarterly.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

363/25

Councillor Stewart put the following question which was taken on notice:

What are the current hours of operation at the Delegate Transfer Station and has the change in hours of operation as per resolution 211/24 been implemented?

9.6 WORKFORCE

9.6.1 INTERNAL REVIEW OF TOWARDS EXCELLENCE

Record No: I25/695

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

364/25

That Council note the update on the Towards Excellence (TE) and Quality Service and Performance (QSP) programs and run a workshop on the QSP program.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Summers

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10.1 MINUTES FROM MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Record No: I25/686

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

365/25

That Council receive the minutes of the:

- i. Bombala Exhibition Ground Management Committee - Meeting held 13 August 2025
- ii. Cemetery Advisory Committee – Meeting held 16 June 2025
- iii. Michelago Hall and Tennis Courts Committee - Meeting held 18 June 2025

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

Procedural Motion

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

366/25

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned at 6:09pm to be resumed at 2pm, Wednesday 29 October 2025.

Moved Mayor Hanna

CARRIED

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – COOMA CHAMBERS & VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

PART 2 – WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2025 – 2.00pm

Procedural Motion

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

367/25

That Council, at Part 2 of the 16 October meeting, held on 29 October 2025, approve the remote attendance via audio visual of the following councillors and accept their reasons for being unable to attend in person:

- Councillor Luke Williamson due to work commitments, and
- Councillor Tanya Higgins due to caring responsibilities.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

Procedural Motion

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

368/25

That Council consider Item 14.5 Development Review Report – 298 Micalago Road, which is a late report to be received for Closed Council be accepted for consideration in accordance with Clause 9.3 of the Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Rose

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

Procedural Motion

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

369/25

That Lindsay Taylor Lawyers be accepted to attend the Closed Council session for Item 14.5 Development Review Report – 298 Micalago Road to provide Councillors information. If Council is in Open Council at 3:45pm, that we move into Closed Council to consider Item 14.5 Development Review Report – 298 Micalago Road to receive information from Lindsay Taylor Lawyers in the Closed Council session due to their availability.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Rose

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

At 02:32 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 02:33 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

At 02:33 pm Councillor Rose left the meeting.

At 02:35 pm Councillor Rose returned to the meeting.

At 02:44 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.

At 02:45 pm Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

11.1 POLL TO INVESTIGATE DEMERGER

Record No: I25/701

Councillor Bob Stewart has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 October 2025, he will move the following motion.

MOTION

That Council hold a poll concurrent with the next Local Government election asking the question:
“Should Snowy Monaro Regional Council investigate demerging?”

Procedural Motion

INTO COMMITTEE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

370/25

That Council move into committee.

Moved Councillor Williamson

Seconded Councillor Rose

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers.

Procedural Motion

OUT OF COMMITTEE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

371/25

That Council move out of committee.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Rose

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

AMENDMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

372/25

That before considering holding a poll, the question “Should Snowy Monaro Regional Council investigate demerging, knowing that the estimated cost for preparing the business case is approximately \$500,000” be added to the community satisfaction survey.

Moved Councillor Rooney

Seconded Councillor Rose

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

373/25

That:

- A. That before considering holding a poll, the question “Should Snowy Monaro Regional Council investigate demerging, knowing that the estimated cost for preparing the business case is approximately \$500,000” be added to the community satisfaction survey.
- B. Unless at least two thirds of respondents to the poll support the proposition that Council should investigate de-amalgamation, no further action should be taken to pursue or explore de-amalgamation of Snowy Monaro Regional Council.

Moved Councillor Stewart

Seconded Councillor Elliott

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis and Councillor Summers.

At 03:20 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 03:22 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.

At 03:24 pm Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.

11.2 COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICY EXCESS

Record No: I25/702

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 October 2025, he will move the following motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

374/25

That Council request the CEO to provide a report to the December 2025 Council meeting outlining the operation of Council's current insurance arrangements, including:

1. The level of excess payable under Council's insurance policies;
2. Whether the excess applies per claim, per event, or in another manner;
3. Any changes in the level of excess over the last five years;
4. Any changes in the level of excess related to changes in Council's insurance provider in 2020, and
5. The financial and risk management implications of the current excess levels for Council.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Williamson

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers.

Procedural Motion

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

375/25

That Council moved into closed session.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

Procedural Motion

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

376/25

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned at 3:37pm for a break.

Moved Mayor Hanna

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

That the Ordinary Council Meeting be resumed at 3:45pm.

Council considered items 14.5, 14.1, 14.2, 14.3 and 14.4 as per resolution 369/25.

At 3:46 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

At 06:32 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.

At 06:32 pm Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.

Procedural Motion

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

377/25

That the open session be resumed.

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

11.3 REVIEW OF CUSTOMER COMMUNICATION AND RESPONSIVENESS

Record No: I25/704

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 October 2025, he will move the following motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

378/25

That Council:

1. Notes the results of the 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey which indicate community dissatisfaction with Council's responsiveness to enquiries and requests.
2. Requests the CEO to report to Council on:
 - a) Current performance against the standards set out in the Customer Service Charter (e.g. 10 business days for correspondence, two business days for return phone calls);
 - b) Systems for logging, tracking, and reporting on phone calls, emails, and customer requests, including response times and follow-up processes.
 - c) Options for strengthening the Customer Service Charter, including possible revised standards and mechanisms for accountability and regular public reporting.
3. Resolves that the CEO bring forward recommendations for improvement at the June 2026 meeting.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Elliott

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Deputy Mayor Hopkins and Councillor Rooney.

At 06:41 pm Councillor Stewart left the meeting.

At 06:44 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.

11.4 REGULAR STAFFING UPDATE

Record No: I25/705

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 October 2025, he will move the following motion.

MOTION - WITHDRAWN

That Council receive a monthly report outlining:

1. The current total headcount of Council staff (full-time, part-time, and casual);
2. The number of vacant positions, by directorate;
3. The number of positions being temporarily back-filled through external consultancies or contractors; and
4. The number of staff on extended leave (including parental, long service, and medical/stress leave).

12. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT pursuant to Section 10A subsections 2 & 3 and Section 10B of the Local Government Act, 1993 (as amended) the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

14.1 Legal Action and Potential Claims Against SMRC

Item 14.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A)(2)(e) of the Local Government Act because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

14.2 CEO's Performance Agreement

Item 14.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

14.3 Snowy River Hostel Building Future Use

Item 14.3 is confidential in accordance with s10(A)(2)(c) of the Local Government Act because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and (di) of the Local

Government Act because it contains and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

14.4 Future of the Berridale Aged Care Facility

Item 14.4 is confidential in accordance with s10(A)(2)(c) of the Local Government Act because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

14.5 Development Review Report - 298 Micalago Road

Item 14.5 is confidential in accordance with s10(A)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

2. The press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Council in Closed Session on the basis that these items are considered to be of a confidential nature.
3. That the Minutes and Business Papers including any reports, correspondence, documentation or information relating to such matter be treated as confidential and be withheld from access by the press and public, until such time as the Council resolves that the reason for confidentiality has passed or become irrelevant.
4. That the resolutions made by the Council in Closed Session be recorded in the Minutes of the Council Meeting.
5. That upon this recommendation being moved and seconded, the Chairperson invite representations from the public as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed to consider the nominated item.

Note 1: Invitation to Public

Upon the above motion being moved and seconded, the Mayor invited representations from the public as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed to consider the nominated items. There were no requests by members of the public to make any representations.

Note 2: Confidential Session of Committee

At 3:36pm the meeting was closed to the press and public.

Note 3: Resumption of Open Committee Meeting

At 6:32pm the Closed Session ended and the Council meeting continued in Open Session.

15. REPORT FROM CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

14.1 LEGAL ACTION AND POTENTIAL CLAIMS AGAINST SMRC

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

379/25

That Council note the information in the legal actions and potential claims against SMRC report.

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

14.2 CEO'S PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

380/25

That the attached performance agreement of the CEO be adopted.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Elliott

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

14.3 SNOWY RIVER HOSTEL BUILDING FUTURE USE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

381/25

That:

- A. Council not proceed further with the expression of interest received in relation to the former Snowy River Hostel site.
- B. The community and interested residents be given the opportunity to form a community led working group (with partners) and develop a proposal to Council for repurposing Snowy River Hostel site by 31 May 2026.
- C. Council support the group's operations by providing a meeting space.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Elliott

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Rooney.

14.4 FUTURE OF THE BERRIDALE AGED CARE FACILITY

MOTION - WITHDRAWN

14.5 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW REPORT – 298 MICALAGO ROAD

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

382/25

That Council:

- A. note the legal advice provided regarding Council resolution 62/25.
- B. review and report back on the status of each condition of consent of the approval.
- C. implement the recommendations contained therein.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Councillor Williamson.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:44pm.

CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 16 October 2025 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 20 November 2025 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.