



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

6 January 2022

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COOMA MULTIFUNCTION CENTRE, CROMWELL STREET, COOMA NSW 2630
ON THURSDAY 6 JANUARY 2022**

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COOMA MULTIFUNCTION CENTRE, CROMWELL STREET, COOMA NSW 2630**

**ON THURSDAY, 6 JANUARY 2022
COMMENCING AT 5:00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Narelle Davis
Deputy Mayor Tanya Higgins
Councillor Peter Beer – via audio-visual link
Councillor John Castellari – via audio-visual link
Councillor Louise Frolich
Councillor Christopher Hanna
Councillor Tricia Hopkins
Councillor John Last
Councillor Karlee Johnson
Councillor Bob Stewart
Councillor Lynda Summers – via audio-visual link

APOLOGIES:

Staff: Peter Bascomb, Chief Executive Officer
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer
Jeff Morgan, Chief Operating Officer
John Bingham, Chief Financial Officer
Gina Woodward, Chief Communications Officer
Beth Barratt-Browne, Chief Workforce Officer
Grace Harvey, Secretary Council and Committees

1. OPENING MEETING

The Chair (Councillor Stewart) opened the meeting at 5:05PM

Note 1:

Councillors Bob Stewart, Karlee Johnson, Tricia Hopkins, Tanya Higgins, Chris Hanna, and Narelle Davis took an oath of office for Snowy Monaro Regional Council.

Councillor Louise Frolich took an affirmation of office for Snowy Monaro Regional Council.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

4.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Record No: I21/429

Responsible Officer:	Chief Strategy Officer
Author:	Governance Officer
Key Theme:	4. Leadership Outcomes
CSP Community Strategy:	10.2 Sound governance practices direct Council business and decision making
Delivery Program Objectives:	10.2.2 Councillors are supported to make informed decisions in the best interest of the community and to advocate on behalf of the community
Attachments:	1. SMRC Mayor Nomination Form 2. SMRC Deputy Mayor Nomination Form 3. Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Schedule 7 Election of Mayor by Councillors

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

1/22

That Council

- A. Invite nominations for the election of Mayor to September 2023.
- B. Invite nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor to September 2023.
- C. In the event of there being more than one candidate nominated for either the position of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, an election be held in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the method of voting be by ordinary ballot.
- D. In accordance with Section 255 of the Local Government Act elect a Mayor for the term of

January 2022 to September 2023.

- E. In accordance with Section 231 of the Local Government Act elect a Deputy Mayor for the term January 2022 to September 2023, being the same term as the Mayor.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Frolich

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Beer, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Last, Councillor Davis, Councillor Frolich, Councillor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Johnson and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Nil.

Procedural Motion

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2/22

That the Ordinary Council Meeting be adjourned at 5:08pm for the purpose of conducting the elections for Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Moved Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Note 2: Nominations for Mayor

The Returning Officer (Chief Executive Officer) called for nominations for Mayor and advised that he had received 2 from the following Councillors; Cr Stewart and Cr Davis. Councillors having accepted the nominations, the Returning Officer asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were received. The Returning Officer advised the order in which the names will appear on the ballot paper will be determined by a draw out of the barrel and advised the order:

1. Cr Narelle Davis
2. Cr Bob Stewart

Note 3: Declaration of Mayor

The Returning Officer advised the meeting the results of the vote were: - Cr Narelle Davis eight (8) votes and Cr Stewart three (3) votes, and declared Cr Davis elected Mayor for the term January 2022 to September 2023.

Note 4: Nominations for Deputy Mayor

The Returning Officer (Chief Executive Officer) called for nominations for Mayor and advised that he had received from the following Councillors; Cr Hanna, Cr Frolich, Cr Higgins. Councillors having accepted the nominations, the Returning Officer asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were received. The Returning Officer advised the order in which the names will appear on the ballot paper will be determined by a draw out of the barrel and advised the order:

1. Cr Chris Hanna
2. Cr Louise Frolich

3. Cr Tanya Higgins

Note 5: Ordinary Ballot One

The Returning Officer advised the meeting that the results of the vote were: - Cr Hanna four (4) votes, Cr Frolich three (3) votes and Cr Higgins four (4) votes. Cr Frolich having the lowest number of votes was excluded. The Returning Officer advised the order for ballot number 2 for election of Deputy Mayor:

1. Cr Chris Hanna
2. Cr Tanya Higgins

Note 6: Declaration of Deputy Mayor

The Returning Officer advised the meeting the results of the vote were: - Cr Chris Hanna five (5) votes and Cr Tanya Higgins six (6) votes, and declared Tanya Higgins elected Deputy Mayor for the term January 2022 to September 2023.

The Council meeting resumed at 5:38 pm with Mayor Narelle Davis assuming the chair.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 18 NOVEMBER 2021

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

3/22

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 November 2021 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Moved Councillor Stewart

Seconded Councillor Last

CARRIED

KEY THEME 4. LEADERSHIP

4.2 MEETING DATES AND TIMES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS - MARCH 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 2024

Record No: I21/426

Responsible Officer:	Chief Strategy Officer
Author:	Governance Officer
Key Direction:	4. Leadership Outcomes
Delivery Plan Strategy:	10.2 Sound governance practices direct Council business and decision making
Operational Plan Action:	10.2.2 Councillors are supported to make informed decisions in the best interest of the community and to advocate on behalf of the community
Attachments:	1. Procedure - Attendance by Councillors at Meetings by Audio-Visual Link
Cost Centre	Not applicable

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

4/22

That

- A) Subject to the right to amend the schedule for any reason from time to time, schedule Council Meetings for the period March 2022 to September 2024 (the term of Council) to be held on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 1.00pm with the primary location being the Cooma Council Chambers.
- B) Council meetings are not held during the month of January each year for the term of Council.
- C) Pre meeting briefings are held from 11.00am to 12.30pm before each Council meeting.
- D) Councillor briefing sessions are held on the first Thursday of each month commencing at 1.00pm, with the exception of January.
- E) Meetings are scheduled in even months in Cooma Council Chambers and odd months to rotate between Bombala and Jindabyne.
- F) The requirements for attending Council meetings by audio-visual link are observed and maintained subject to current and changing conditions.

Moved Councillor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Last

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Beer, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Last, Mayor Davis, Councillor Frolich, Councillor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Higgins, Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Johnson and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Nil.

Procedural Motion

AMENDMENT

LOST AMENDMENT

That the motion is amended to include an additional point, being:

G. that Council consider relocating the venue with a minimum of 3 days' notice based on items in the business paper.

Moved Councillor Frolich

Seconded Deputy Mayor Higgins

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Frolich and Deputy Mayor Higgins.

Councillors Against: Councillor Beer, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Castellari, Councillor Last, Mayor Davis, Councillor Hanna, Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Johnson and Councillor Summers.

4.3 CASUAL VACANICES IN CIVIC OFFICES - COUNTBACK OPTION

Record No: I21/427

Responsible Officer:	Chief Strategy Officer
Author:	Governance Officer
Key Theme:	4. Leadership Outcomes
CSP Community Strategy:	10.2 Sound governance practices direct Council business and decision making
Delivery Program Objectives:	10.2.2 Councillors are supported to make informed decisions in the best interest of the community and to advocate on behalf of the community
Attachments:	1. Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Schedule 9A Countback Elections
Cost Centre	Not applicable

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

5/22

That pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 Snowy Monaro Regional Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of the Council on 4 December 2021 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act.

Moved Councillor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Beer

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Beer, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Last, Mayor Davis, Councillor Frolich, Councillor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Higgins, Councillor Hopkins and Councillor Johnson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Castellari and Councillor Summers.

4.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW SOUTH WALES SPECIAL CONFERENCE

Record No: I21/435

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Executive Assistant to CEO, Mayor, and Councillors
Key Theme:	4. Leadership Outcomes
CSP Community Strategy:	10.3 Advocate and work with other levels of government, community and industry to improve outcomes
Delivery Program Objectives:	10.3.1 Council connects, recognises, advocates and works in collaboration with all leaders across the community and beyond our

boundaries
Attachments: Nil
Cost Centre WO- 0442, 0570, 0571
Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

6/22

That

- A. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend the Local Government NSW Special Conference to be held 28 February to 2 March 2022.
- B. Nominate and authorise Cr Higgins and Cr Summers as the remaining voting members.
- C. Authorise expenditure capped at \$12,303.20 from the 2021/22 Financial Year budget with funding to be provided from the Mayor and Councillor conferences finance category.
- D. Determine whether Council wishes to submit any strategic motions that impact the broader local government sector.

Moved Councillor Summers

Seconded Councillor Hanna

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Beer, Councillor Castellari, Mayor Davis, Deputy Mayor Higgins, Councillor Johnson and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Councillor Stewart, Councillor Last, Councillor Frolich, Councillor Hanna and Councillor Hopkins.

Procedural Motion

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

7/22

That Council move into committee of the whole.

Moved Councillor Castellari

Seconded Councillor Summers

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Beer, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Castellari, Mayor Davis, Councillor Frolich, Councillor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Higgins, Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Johnson and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Councillor Last.

Procedural Motion

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

8/22

That Council move out of committee of the whole.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF SNOWY MONARO REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Moved Councillor Last

Seconded Councillor Stewart

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:29pm



CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 6 January 2022 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 17 February 2022 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.