



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

27 June 2024

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

ON THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2024

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

**ON THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2024
COMMENCING AT**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Hanna
Deputy Mayor Tanya Higgins – *via Audio-Visual Link*
Councillor Peter Beer
Councillor Narelle Davis
Councillor Louise Frolich
Councillor Tricia Hopkins
Councillor Karlee Johnson
Councillor Craig Mitchell
Councillor Bob Stewart
Councillor Lynda Summers
Councillor Luke Williamson

APOLOGIES: Nil

Staff: David Hogan, Chief Executive Officer
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer
John Gargett, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Simon Rennie, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Stephanie Sellar-Peam, Acting Chief Workforce Officer
Grace Mackay, Secretary Council and Committees

1. OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1:00 PM.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL

3.1 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

Record No: I24/409

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

177/24

That Council approve the remote attendance of Deputy Mayor Higgins at the meeting on 27 June 2024, via audio-visual link and accept her reason of travelling interstate.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Mitchell

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Nil.

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

6. OTHER REPORTS TO COUNCIL

6.1 FINANCE

6.1.1 MAKING OF THE 2024-2025 ANNUAL RATES AND CHARGES

Record No: I24/332

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

178/24

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 2024/2025, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00190899** 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 **\$550.30** per assessment being 49.03% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Business. This rate is to be named **Business**.
- B. For the year 2024/2025, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.004477248** 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 **\$1,375.30** per assessment being 4.41% 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 2024/2025, in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00190899** 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 **\$550.30** per assessment being 22.17% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Farmland. This rate is to be named **Farmland**.
- D. For the year 2024/2025, in accordance with Section 517 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.004477248** 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 **\$1,375.30** 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 2024/2025, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00190899** 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 **\$550.30** per assessment being 43.42% 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 2024/2025 year by service of a Rates and Charges Notice pursuant to section 546 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Interest

- G. In accordance with section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act*, it has been determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (inclusive) will be **10.5% per annum**.

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	\$140.00
Domestic Waste Collection Service	\$292.00
Domestic Waste Collection – Upsize to 240L Bin from 120L Bin	\$175.00
Domestic Recycling Collection Service	\$191.00
Domestic Food and Garden Organic Collection Charge (Cooma-Monaro Region ONLY)	\$71.00
Domestic Waste Vacant Land Charge	\$22.00
Change over Domestic Bin Charge (per event)	\$39.00
Bank of Bins Charge	\$288.00
Wheel Out/Wheel In Service	\$990.00
Commercial Waste Management	
Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/ Michelago Areas (If Kerbside Collection Services are provided)	
240L Bin	\$515.00
360L Bin	\$769.00
All other areas	Per fees & charges
Commercial Recycling Management	
Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/ Michelago Areas (If Kerbside Collection Services are provided)	\$345.00
All other areas	Per fees & charges
Commercial Food and Garden Organic Management	
Cooma-Monaro Region	\$162.00
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 Risk	\$261.00
Classification “B” Charging Category 1 – Low Risk	\$291.00
Classification “A” Charging Category 2 – Medium Risk	\$1,002.00
Classification “B” Charging Category 2 – Medium Risk	\$1,002.00
Classification “S” Charging Category 2 - Dischargers of Chemical Toilet Waste	\$114.00
Classification “B” Charging Category 1 – High Risk/Industrial	\$1,986.00

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 2024/2025 fee will be \$32.00.

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 \$306.00 per annum, connected or unconnected.

Water

Residential and Non-Residential Usage Charge of \$3.64 per Kilotitre, 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 \$1,068.00 per annum, connected or unconnected.

Water and Sewer

With reference to Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage, Council make an annual Water Access Charge for properties based on meter size.

Water Annual Access Charge					
Meter Size	Vacant	20mm	25mm	32mm	40mm
2024-25	\$306.00	\$306.00	\$477.00	\$780.00	\$1,218.00

Water Annual Access Charge – Continued					
50mm	65mm	75mm	80mm	100mm	150mm
\$1,902.00	\$3,219.00	\$4,287.00	\$4,872.00	\$7,620.00	\$17,160.00

With reference to Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage, Council make an annual Sewer Access Charge for properties based on meter size.

Sewer Annual Access Charge					
Meter Size	Vacant	20mm	25mm	32mm	40mm
2024-25	\$1,068.00	\$1,068.00	\$1,668.00	\$2,736.00	\$4,275.00

50mm	65mm	75mm	80mm	100mm	150mm
\$6,678.00	\$11,286.00	\$15,024.00	\$17,097.00	\$26,712.00	\$60,102.00

Sewer Usage Charge – Non Residential

Non-Residential Usage Charge of \$1.20 per kilolitre 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 2024-25 shall be:

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

Moved Councillor Davis	Seconded Councillor Summers	CARRIED
Record of Voting		
<i>Councillors For:</i>	<i>Councillor Beer, Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Higgins, Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Mitchell.</i>	
<i>Councillors Against:</i>	<i>Councillor Frolich and Councillor Williamson.</i>	

6.2 STRATEGY

6.2.1 POST-EXHIBITION REPORT - REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-2026, OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-2025, REVENUE POLICY 2024-2025, FEES AND CHARGES 2024-2025 AND REVISED LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024-2034

**Procedural Motion
 INTO COMMITTEE**

COUNCIL RESOLUTION		179/24
That Council move into committee.		
Moved Mayor Hanna	Seconded Councillor Williamson	CARRIED
Record of Voting		
<i>Councillors For:</i>	<i>Councillor Frolich, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Williamson and Councillor Mitchell.</i>	
<i>Councillors Against:</i>	<i>Councillor Beer, Councillor Davis, Deputy Mayor Higgins and Councillor Summers.</i>	

AMENDMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION		
That Council sell the Cooma Basketball Stadium in the coming financial year.		
Moved Councillor Williamson	Seconded Councillor Summers	LOST
Record of Voting		
<i>Councillors For:</i>	<i>Councillor Williamson.</i>	
<i>Councillors Against:</i>	<i>Councillor Beer, Councillor Davis, Councillor Frolich, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Higgins, Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Mitchell.</i>	

AMENDMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

180/24

That Council take a strategic approach to property portfolio to increase level of unrestricted cash.

Moved Councillor Williamson

Seconded Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Nil.

At 01:41 pm Deputy Mayor Higgins left the meeting.

At 01:42 pm Deputy Mayor Higgins returned to the meeting.

At 01:43 pm Deputy Mayor Higgins left the meeting.

At 01:45 pm Deputy Mayor Higgins returned to the meeting.

AMENDMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council remove "Allocate \$90,000 to add the service of Community Development Strategic Planning back into the service mix within the Delivery and Operational Plan" and reallocate the money to unrestricted cash.

Moved Councillor Williamson

Seconded Councillor Stewart

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Williamson.

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

At 02:00 pm Deputy Mayor Higgins left the meeting.

At 02:01 pm Deputy Mayor Higgins returned to the meeting.

AMENDMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

181/24

That Council;

- A. Allocate \$50,000 to the operation of the mobile library service (at a reduced frequency) until an outreach library service can be implemented.
- B. Remove “Allocate \$50,000 towards major event support in the region”.
- C. Allocate A and B, totalling \$70,000, to civic maintenance.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Frolich, Councillor Hopkins and Councillor Williamson.

AMENDMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Add a point that the repair of the defective sewage system servicing the Bredbo Public Toilet, be repaired to the Operational Plan.

Moved Councillor Williamson

LAPSED

At 02:34 pm Councillor Summers left the meeting.

At 02:37 pm Councillor Summers returned to the meeting.

Procedural Motion

OUT OF COMMITTEE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

182/24

That Council move out of committee.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Beer

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Nil.

Procedural Motion

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

183/24

That the recommendations from the committee be adopted.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Williamson.

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

184/24

That Council adopt the Revised Delivery Program 2022-2026, Operational Plan 2024-2025, Revenue Policy 2024-2025, Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024-2025 and Revised Long-Term Financial Plan 2024-2034, with the following amendments:

- A. Seek the Minister's concurrence to vary the timing of payments under the next round of Roads to Recovery to pay the amount in equal instalments over the five year period of the grant program. In expectation of that funding timing being approved:
 - a. Allocate the additional revenue of \$1.2million into the budget as grant revenue as follows:
 - i. \$360,000 to increase the allocation for preventative maintenance for gravel road maintenance to \$2.16million.
 - ii. \$420,000 to increase the allocation for unsealed road network maintenance to \$1.62million.
 - iii. \$420,000 to increase the allocation for sealed road network maintenance to \$2.92million.
 - b. Set the service levels for preventative maintenance for gravel roads as follows:
 - i. Annual maintenance grade for regional and collector roads
 - ii. Maintenance grade every two years for local roads
 - iii. Maintenance grade every three years or as required for minor access roads.
 - c. Set the service levels for unsealed and sealed road network maintenance as follows:
 - i. Failures across the road network that remove two-wheel drive access will be addressed.
 - ii. Safety risks assessed under the Council's risk management framework as extreme risks across the network will be addressed.
 - iii. Failures across the network other than as set out above will be prioritised based on risk and usage and be addressed only when it is considered funds will remain

available at the end of the financial year.

- B. Remove the budget allocation of \$500,000 being for the transition costs of residential aged care payment and reallocate those funds as follows:
- a. Increase the budget for biosecurity by \$150,000 to allow for more actions to be undertaken to stop the spread of weeds into high value agricultural land.
 - b. Allocate \$50,000 to the operation of the mobile library service (at a reduced frequency) until an outreach library service can be implemented.
 - c. Allocate \$60,000 towards the provision of an outreach library service.
 - d. Allocate \$40,000 towards restoring the Saturday opening at the Cooma Library.
 - e. Allocate \$40,000 towards the Arts and Culture Strategy.
 - f. Allocate \$90,000 to add the service of Community Development Strategic Planning back into the service mix within the Delivery and Operational Plan.
 - g. Allocate \$70,000 to Civic Maintenance.
- C. Reduce the originally proposed funding of \$600,000 for increased Civic Maintenance for open spaces, town entrances, parks and gardens and:
- a. Allocate \$275,000 to remove the proposal to sell the Cooma Basketball Stadium action from the Operational Plan. (note that this will be offset by an increased rental revenue of \$25,000).
- D. Undertake the corrections and amendments as outlined in Attachment 2 – Table 2.
- E. Undertake a comprehensive review of the Fees and Charges document within the next 6 months, with particular reference to Pools, Hall Hire, Sporting Fields and Community Services charges.
- F. Take a strategic approach to property portfolio to increase level of unrestricted cash.

Moved Councillor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Mitchell

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Williamson.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:52 PM.

CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 27 June 2024 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 18 July 2024 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.

Unconfirmed