



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

13 November 2023

**MINUTES OF KYOGLE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE KYOGLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRATHEDEN STREET, KYOGLE
ON MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 2PM**

PRESENT: Cr Tom Cooper (Deputy Mayor), Cr John Burley, Cr Janet Wilson, Cr Maggie May, Cr James Murray

IN ATTENDANCE: The General Manager, Director Assets and Infrastructure Services, Acting Director Planning and Community Development, Executive Manager Corporate Services, Executive Assistant to the General Manager.

1 OPEN MEETING

The Deputy Mayor declared the meeting open at 2pm and advised those present that the meeting was being webcast – the meetings are recorded and the recording is then uploaded to Council's website. As such, anyone speaking at the meeting was advised to refrain from making defamatory statements or comments. The Deputy Mayor advised the meeting that Council accepted no liability for any damage that may result from defamatory statements made by anyone speaking at the meeting. All liability rests with the individual making the comments.

2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Apologies have been received from Councillors Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen and Hayden Doolan. Crs Thomas, Mulholland and Cullen are all attending the Local Government NSW Annual Conference in Sydney and Cr Doolan has work commitments.

2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED CO/1123/1

Moved by Cr Janet Wilson, seconded by Cr Maggie May

That Council accept the apologies from Councillors Thomas, Mulholland, Cullen and Doolan and grant each of them a leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Crs Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen, Hayden Doolan.

3 OPENING PRAYER

The Deputy Mayor read the opening prayer.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged the meeting was being held on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung people and acknowledged Elders past, present and emerging.

5 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cr Janet Wilson declared a non-pecuniary non-significant interest in Item 13.4 Community Assistance Grants 2023/2024 and associated projects.

- o Reason for declaration - A member of Kyogle Rotary

6 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**7.1 COUNCIL REPORT - 9 OCTOBER 2023****RESOLVED CO/1123/2**

Moved by Cr John Burley, seconded by Cr Janet Wilson

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council meeting of the 9 October 2023.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Crs Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen, Hayden Doolan.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE**8.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - LAW AND ORDER****RESOLVED CO/1123/3**

Moved by Cr Janet Wilson, seconded by Cr James Murray

That Council endorse the following recommendations listed in the Country Mayors' Association of NSW report into Crime, Law and Order and call on Janelle Saffin, Local Member of State Parliament, to support the establishment of a Parliamentary Inquiry with the suggested terms of reference in the document.

1. That, Kyogle Council call on all members of the NSW Parliament to commit to bipartisan support to establish a Parliamentary Inquiry into and report on the rate of crime in all categories reported on by the Bureau of Crime Statistical and Research (BOCSAR) in regional, rural and remote New South Wales, specifically focusing on the inequity between Metro and Regional Local Government areas.
2. That, Kyogle Council calls on all members of the NSW Parliament to commit to bipartisan support to increase spending on the NSW police force to increase front line policing numbers in Regional, Rural and Remote regions most at need.
3. That, Kyogle Council call on the NSW Government to commit to the minimum staffing agreements (known in the NSW Police Force as First Response Agreements) for non-24 hour police stations, all of which are located in Regional, Rural and Remote Local Government areas.
4. That, Kyogle Council calls on the NSW Government to review the current formula used to assess staffing levels including the universally agreed outdated current model for those Local Government areas that do have a First Response Agreement in place.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Crs Tom Cooper, John Burley, Maggie May and James Murray

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Janet Wilson

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Crs Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen, Hayden Doolan.

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR DANEILLE MULHOLLAND: FUNDING TO FIT OUT EVACUATION CENTRES

RESOLVED CO/1123/4

Moved by Cr Janet Wilson, seconded by Cr John Burley

That Council identify funding opportunities to provide evacuation centres in our Local Government Area (LGA) with camp beds/swags/sleeping bags and a storage facility for these items when not in use.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Crs Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen, Hayden Doolan.

10 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

11 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Nil

12 INFORMATION REPORTS

12.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - OCTOBER 2023

RESOLVED CO/1123/5

Moved by Cr Janet Wilson, seconded by Cr James Murray

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the report, *Monthly Finance Report – October 2023*.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Crs Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen, Hayden Doolan.

12.2 WORKS PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT - OCTOBER 2023

RESOLVED CO/1123/6

Moved by Cr John Burley, seconded by Cr Maggie May

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the report, *Works Program Progress Report – October 2023*.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Crs Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen, Hayden Doolan.

13 STAFF REPORTS**13.1 SEPTEMBER 2023 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW****RESOLVED CO/1123/7**

Moved by Cr Maggie May, seconded by Cr James Murray

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the September 2023 Quarterly Budget Review Statement;
2. Approves the variation of estimates contained in the table below:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES		
SEPTEMBER QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW		
DETAILS	QUARTERLY ADJUSTMENT	
	INCOME	EXPENSES
Administration - Office Expenses		12,500
Finance - Interest Income	500,000	
Finance - Revenue Sharing Grant	736,239	
Town Planning - Employment Costs		18,000
Environmental Health - Operating Costs		(2,104)
Building Control - Building Inspections		34,000
Other Waste - Waste Charges	177,000	
Other Waste - Grants	72,100	
Other Waste - Collection Costs		249,100
Strategic, Community & Cultural - Up for Adventure Revenue	69,400	
Strategic, Community & Cultural - Up for Adventure Expenses		69,400
Regional Roads - Capital Grants	(353,859)	
Regional Roads - Flood damage Grants	9,430,773	
Regional Roads - Capital Expenditure - MR 361		93,278
Regional Roads - Flood damage Works		9,411,796
Urban Roads - Operating Grants	(67,934)	
Rural Roads - Operating Grants	794,052	
Rural Roads - Capital Grants	34,612	
Rural Roads - Capital Expenditure		63,045

Bridges - Operating Grants	(507,017)	
Engineering Administration - Recoveries		(510,000)
State Highways - Revenue	3,060,479	
State Highways - Operating Costs		2,810,638
Quarries - Income	1,404,182	
Quarries - Operating Costs		1,317,047
Water - Capital Grants	6,230,000	
Water - Construction		6,230,000
Sewer - Capital Grants	3,939,000	
Sewer - Construction		3,939,000
Domestic Waste - Waste Charges	(254,300)	
Domestic Waste - Collection Costs		(254,300)
Totals	25,264,727	23,481,400
	Net Adjustment	1,783,327

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Crs Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen, Hayden Doolan.

13.2 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT**RESOLVED CO/1123/8**

Moved by Cr Janet Wilson, seconded by Cr John Burley

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report, *2022-2023 Annual Report*;
2. In accordance with s.428 of the Local Government Act, 1993, posts the finalised Annual Report on Council's website and provide a copy to the Minister.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Crs Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen, Hayden Doolan.

13.3 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE POLICY**RESOLVED CO/1123/9**

Moved by Cr Janet Wilson, seconded by Cr Maggie May

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report, *Public Interest Disclosure Policy*;
2. Adopts the attached Public Interest Disclosure Policy.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Crs Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen, Hayden Doolan.

13.4 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS 2023/2024 AND ASSOCIATED PROJECTS**MOTION**

Moved by Cr John Burley, seconded by Cr Janet Wilson

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report *Community Assistance Grants 2023/2024 and Associated Projects*;
2. Approves the allocation of \$34,712 to fund the projects listed under Community Assistance Grants Funding Program on Pages 1 and 2 of the attachment to this report;
3. Authorises a variation to the scope of projects to be funded under the Local Government Flood Recovery Grant program to accommodate the projects listed on Page 3 of the attachment to this report.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Crs Kylie Thomas, Danielle Mulholland, Rob Cullen, Hayden Doolan.

14 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

15 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER

Nil

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 2.50pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 December 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON