



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN COMMUNITY HALL, GOLDEN HIGHWAY, SANDY HOLLOW ON TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER, 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM.

- PRESENT:** Cr S.M. Reynolds (Mayor), Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr J.A. Lecky, Cr G.T. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D.E. Marshall and Cr B.N. Woodruff.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr D. Finnigan (General Manager), Ms S. Welchman (Director - Community & Economy), Mr P. Chambers (Chief Engineer), Ms E. Lane (Manager – Governance & Risk), Mr J. Hogan (Acting Chief Financial Officer), Mr P. Ball (Manager - Works), Mr H. McTaggart (Development Co-Ordinator), Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (Governance Officer), Ms K. Hamm (EA to the Mayor & GM) and five (5) people in the public gallery.

1. Applications for Attendance via Audio Visual Link

Nil

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Cr D. Douglas.

3. Civic Prayer

The Civic Prayer was read by Cr L. Dunn.

4. Apologies and Applications for a Leave of Absence

- 140 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr G. McNeill and Cr R. Mahajan that:
- The apologies for inability to attend the meeting submitted by Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton and Cr R. Scholes be ACCEPTED and the necessary Leave of Absence be GRANTED.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

- 141 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr D. Douglas that:
- The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on **26 September 2023**, a copy of which has been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



6. Disclosure of any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cr G. McNeill - Declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10.1.4. Cr McNeill advised Council that he is a part owner of a heritage listed property in Muswellbrook Shire.

Cr G. McNeill - Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.5.2. Cr McNeill advised Council that he is employed by AGL.

Cr G. McNeill - Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 17.7. Cr McNeill advised Council that he is employed by AGL who are an energy provider.

Cr B. Woodruff - Declared a pecuniary interest in Item 17.2. Cr Woodruff advised Council that one of the landholders in the report are members of his immediate family.

Cr D. Douglas - Declared a pecuniary interest in Item 11.1. Cr Douglas advised Council that she is employed as CEO of the Local Aboriginal Land Council who is represented on the Committee.

Cr A. Barry - Declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10.5.2. Cr Barry advised Council that she is employed by AGL and has been involved in the project as part of her employment.

Cr A. Barry - Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 17.7. Cr Barry advised Council that she is employed by AGL who are an energy provider.

Cr S. Reynolds - Declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.3.1. Cr Reynolds advised Council that he undertakes videography in the vicinity on occasions.

7. Mayoral Minute

Nil

8. Public Participation

Ms Julie Thomas - in support of 10.1.1. DA 2022-80 - Remediation and Earthworks at Coal Road, Muswellbrook.

Mr Brett O'Kane - in support of 10.1.1. DA 2022-80 - Remediation and Earthworks at Coal Road, Muswellbrook.

Mr Joel Shepherdson - in opposition of 10.1.1. DA 2022-80 - Remediation and Earthworks at Coal Road, Muswellbrook.

9. Business Arising (From Previous Meetings)

Nil



10. Business (Specific Reports)

10.1. Planning and Environment

10.1.1. **DA 2022-80 - Remediation and Earthworks at Coal Road, Muswellbrook**

142 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff that:
Council grants development consent to DA 2022-80 for the decontamination and remediation of land at the corner of Clendenning Street and Coal Road (the full list of Lots and DP's is included in attachment B), subject to the conditions of development consent included in Attachment C.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.1.2. **DA 2023-26 - Alterations and Additions to existing commercial building (Campbells Corner), change of use for public administration building, demolition works**

143 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr G. McNeill and Cr D. Marshall that:
Council grants development consent to DA 2023/26 involving alterations and additions to an existing commercial building (Campbells Corner), change of use for public administration building, and demolition works at 60 – 82 Bridge Street, Muswellbrook (Lot 101 DP 606303), subject to the conditions of consent contained in Attachment C of the report.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.1.3. **DA 2023-79 - Camping Ground at 66 Palace Street, Denman**

144 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Marshall and Cr J. Lecky that:
Council grants development consent to DA 2023-79 for the development, subject to the recommended conditions of consent included in Attachment C.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



10.1.4. Heritage Strategy 2023-2026 for ADOPTION

Disclosure of Interest

Cr G. McNeill - Declared a pecuniary interest in this Item. Cr McNeill advised Council that he is a part owner of a heritage listed property in Muswellbrook Shire.

At 6:17pm Cr G. McNeill left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

145 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr L. Dunn that:

Council ADOPTS the attached *Heritage Strategy 2023-2026*.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

At 6.17pm Cr G. McNeill returned to Council Chambers and resumed his chair at the meeting table.

10.1.5. Monthly Report to Council - Planning, Environment and Regulatory Services

146 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr A. Barry and Cr J. Lecky that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.2. Community Infrastructure

10.2.1. FOGO Education & Communication status report

147 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr J. Lecky that:

Council NOTES the progress of Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) Communications and Education activities.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



10.3. Property and Place

10.3.1. Draft Plan of Management – Olympic Park Precinct (PoM)

Disclosure of Interest

Cr S. Reynolds - Declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.3.1. Cr Reynolds advised Council that he undertakes videography in the vicinity on occasions.

148 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr D. Marshall that:
Council APPROVES placing the draft Plan of Management – Olympic Park Precinct (PoM) on public exhibition for not less than 28 days.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.3.2. Major Projects Status Report

149 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr A. Barry and Cr J. Lecky that:
Council NOTES the information contained in the report.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.4. Corporate Services

10.4.1. Half-Day Public Holiday 2024

150 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr S. Reynolds and Cr G. McNeill that:

1. Council will make an application to the Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations for the declaration of a half-day public holiday for the Muswellbrook Cup Day from noon on Friday, 5 April, 2024.
2. Council engages in discussion with the Muswellbrook Race Club in regards to moving the half day public holiday back to the Melbourne Cup Day as an alternate.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



10.4.2. Employment of Relatives Policy and Procedure MSC11E for ADOPTION

151 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Douglas and Cr D. Marshall that:
Council ADOPTS the attached *Employment of Relatives Policy and Procedure*.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.4.3. Report on Investments held as at 30 September 2023

152 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Mahajan and Cr L. Dunn that:
Council NOTES Council's Investments as at 30 September 2023.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.4.4. Monthly Financial Report - September 2023

153 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Mahajan and Cr A. Barry that:
Council NOTES the Financial Reports for the month ending 30 September 2023.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.4.5. Sponsorship Request - 2024 Scholarship Program - Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music

154 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr D. Marshall that:

1. Determination of this matter be delegated to the General Manager;
2. Any sponsorship to be paid incrementally over the course of the 12 months;
3. Seek assurance that the recipients are residents of the Muswellbrook LGA.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



10.5. Community and Economy

10.5.1. Regional Visitor Economy Governance Model

155 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr S. Reynolds and Cr D. Marshall that:

Council ENDORSES:

1. A Tailored Alliance Model for the Upper Hunter Region to collectively grow and promote the visitor economy of Muswellbrook Shire and Upper Hunter Shire; and
2. The appointment of the Mayor and General Manager, or proxy for each should they be unavailable to attend, to the Alliance Board.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.5.2. Liddell Legacy Public Art Project

Disclosure of Interest

Cr G. McNeill - Declared a non-pecuniary interest in this Item. Cr McNeill advised Council that he is employed by AGL.

Cr A. Barry - Declared a pecuniary interest in this Item. Cr Barry advised Council that she is employed by AGL and has been involved in the project as part of her employment.

At 6:27pm Cr Barry and Cr McNeill left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

156 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr L. Dunn and Cr D. Douglas that:

1. Council supports the installation of the Liddell Legacy Art Project and the allocation of required funds through the September Budget Review.
2. Review the materials used for the seating so they are seasonally friendly.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

At 6:28pm Cr Barry and Cr McNeill returned to Council Chambers and resumed their chairs at the meeting table.



10.5.3. Community Services

157 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Douglas and Cr J. Lecky that:
The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.5.4. Economic Development Update October 2023

158 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr D. Marshall that:
Council NOTES the information contained in the report.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

11. Minutes of Committee Meetings

11.1. Aboriginal Cultural Inclusion Committee

Disclosure of Interest

Cr D. Douglas - Declared a pecuniary interest in this Item. Cr Douglas advised Council that she is employed as CEO of the Local Aboriginal Land Council who is represented on the Committee.

At 6:29pm Cr Douglas left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

159 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Marshall and Cr R. Mahajan that:
The minutes of the Aboriginal Cultural Inclusion Committee meeting held on 3 October 2023 be NOTED.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill,
Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

At 6:29pm Cr Douglas returned to Council Chambers and resumed her chair at the meeting table.

12. Notices of Motion

Nil



13. Councillors Reports

13.1 Joint Workshop with UHSC

Cr McNeill advised Council that he recently attended a joint workshop with Upper Hunter Shire Council which was extremely positive in an effort to work collaboratively with Upper Hunter Shire Council in relation to tourism in the region.

13.2 MATS Performance

Cr Reynolds advised Council that he recently attended the MATS performance that was held at the Conservatorium of Music and congratulated everyone involved in this fantastic show.

13.3 Energy Co Group Meeting

Cr Reynolds advised Council that he recently attended a meeting with representatives of Energy Co Group, together the General Manager, to discuss concerns regarding turbine movements through the Shire.

13.4 Meeting with Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Regional NSW

Cr Reynolds advised Council that he recently attended a meeting with Minister Moriarty's Chief of Staff, together with the General Manager, putting forward what Council would like to see happen for our Shire in regards to Water, the Pipeline, housing etc.

13.5 Meeting with Member of the Legislative Council

Cr Reynolds advised Council that he recently attended a meeting with The Hon. Emily Suvaal MLC, together with the General Manager, to discuss a range of issues.

13.6 Transport for NSW - Executive Safety Leadership Summit

Cr Reynolds advised Council that he recently attended the Executive Safety Leadership Summit delivered by Transport for NSW to establish a cohesive understanding of WHS due diligence obligations and embedding safety consistently across the board.

13.7 Meeting with Minister for Planning & Public Spaces

Cr Reynolds advised Council that he recently attended a meeting with Minister Scully, together with the General Manager, to discuss housing issues.

13.8 Minerals Council

Cr Reynolds advised Council that he recently attended the Mineral's Council Dinner. Cr Reynolds acknowledged the resignation of Richard Jones, who has undertaken a lot of work for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Cr Reynolds also advised Council that Chris Lawrence had received an Award for his services to mining.

14. Written Questions

Nil



15. Questions for Next Meeting

15.1 Development Application Dates

Cr Dunn noted that a number of development applications listed in one of the reports to Council were dated 2021, 2002 and inquired whether there were many others from this period that had not been assessed and the possible reasons why this would occur?

Mr Finnigan advised that this would be taken on notice and a report prepared for the next Council Meeting.

Cr Woodruff advised Council that one of the reasons why this occurs could be that staff are waiting on information to come back from the proponent before assessment can be made.

15.2 Management of Tree Assets

Cr McNeill thanked Ms Pope for the comprehensive report on the management of tree assets which indicated ongoing monitoring trigger points. Cr McNeill inquired what the trigger points mentioned in the report were at?

16. Adjournment into Closed Council

160 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Marshall and Cr D. Douglas that: Council adjourn into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the provisions outlined in Section 17 below.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

17. Closed Council

17.1. Review of Workplace Structure

161 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr D. Marshall that:

1. Council APPROVES the proposed organisational structure as provided in the report, subject to structural financial savings being identified through the Quarterly Budget Review process.
2. A further report be provided to Council confirming which positions can be structurally funded as a result of the September Quarterly Budget Review.
3. The Report includes details of the need of each position to be funded.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

**17.2. GLE Denman Sandy Hollow Pipeline Project - Land Acquisition****Disclosure of Interest**

Cr B. Woodruff - Declared a pecuniary interest in this Item2. Cr Woodruff advised Council that one of the landholders in the report are members of his immediate family.

At 6.42pm Cr Woodruff left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

162 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Lecky and Cr D. Marshall that:

Council APPROVES:

1. The commencement of negotiations with affected landowners 1, 2, and 3 to acquire the land identified for the construction of reservoirs and pumping stations as depicted on the water pipeline alignment plan;
2. The General Manager to negotiate the compensation for the land required for the construction of water pipeline infrastructure purposes; and
3. Agrees to pay compensation to the relevant property owners as outlined in the report.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan and Cr D. Marshall.

Against: Nil.

At 6.44pm Cr Woodruff returned to Council Chambers and resumed his chair at the meeting table.

17.3. Contract 2022-2023-0562 - Adventure Playground Wollombi Park Pump Track

163 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Douglas and Cr A. Barry that:

Council:

1. ACCEPTS the submission from Common Ground Trails Pty Ltd for \$399,900.00, excluding GST, for project 2022-2023-0562 Adventure Playground Wollombi Park Pump Track; and
2. Authorises the General Manager to enter into a Contract for the provision of works and services under the Contract.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



17.4. Contract 2022-2023-0570 - Sports Field Lighting and Solar - Highbrook Park and Weeraman Fields

164 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr G. McNeill and Cr D. Marshall that:

Council:

1. ACCEPTS the tender from Haydjack Pty Ltd T/As Obrien Electrical Dubbo for \$837,140.00 excl. GST;
2. Authorises the General Manager to enter into a Contract for the provision of services under the Contract; and
3. Ancillary items are included in the contract subject to the extent of the budget.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

17.5. Contract 2023-2024-0574 - Tender Assessment - Construction of a New Shared Path - Turtle Street, Denman

165 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr A. Barry that:

Council:

1. ACCEPTS the Tender submitted by Hunter Wide Civil Pty Ltd for Contract 2023-2024-0574 – Construction of a New Shared Path – Turtle Street, Denman, for the lump sum of \$244,682.00 exclusive of GST, subject to a satisfactory financial assessment; and
2. Delegates to the General Manager authority to sign Contract 2023-2024-0574 – Construction of a New Shared Path – Turtle Street, Denman.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

**17.6. Tender 2022-2023-0547 - Design, Construction and Installation of Bus Shelters Muswellbrook**

166 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Lecky and Cr B. Woodruff that:

Council:

1. NOTES the information contained in the report;
2. ENDORSES incorporation of a wedge tailed eagle motif into the rear panel of the bus shelters; and
3. AUTHORISES a Procurement Process Exemption for the manufacture and supply of the preferred Bus Shelter as outlined in Option 3 of the report.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

17.7. Participation in Hunter PPA Tender Process**Disclosure of Interest**

Cr G. McNeill - Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 17.2. Cr McNeill advised Council that he is employed by AGL who are an energy provider.

Cr A. Barry - Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 17.7. Cr Barry advised Council that she is employed by AGL who are an energy provider.

At 6:54pm Cr McNeill and Cr Barry left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

167 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr D. Marshall that:

Council:

1. RESOLVES to participate in the tender process for a long-term renewable power Purchase Agreement led by Regional Procurement;
2. AUTHORISES a budget of up to \$25,000 for consultant and legal fees to support the joint tendering process, and that these funds be allocated from the Renewable Energy Reserve (balance \$113k); and
3. REQUESTS that a further report be provided to Council at the close of the tender process, seeking delegation to the General Manager to accept or reject the outcome of the tender on Council's behalf.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

At 6:56pm Cr Barry and Cr McNeill returned to Council Chambers and resumed their chairs at the meeting table.



17.8. Denman Children's Centre Extension

168 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Lecky and Cr B. Woodruff that:
Council APPROVES calling for construction tenders for the Denman Children's Centre extension, and the funding implications as detailed in the report.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

18. Resumption of Open Council

169 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Marshall and Cr A. Barry that:

The meeting return to Open Council.

In Favour: Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D. Marshall and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

At 6.58pm Cr McNeill and Cr Lecky left the meeting.

The Mayor read out the resolutions from Closed Council.

19. Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 7.04pm.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING (PAGES 1 to 14) WERE CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER, 2023 AND ARE A FULL AND ACCURATE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023.

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Mr D. Finnigan
General Manager

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Cr S. Reynolds
Chairperson