
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 1 NOVEMBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 7.35PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr J Hamling (Mayor, Acting Chairperson), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor), Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell(*zoom*), Cr J Evans, Cr T Mileto, Cr G Floyd, Cr S Peterson, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr J Whitton

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Acting Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Development Assessment, Governance Officer

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Mayor chaired the meeting

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED - 22/458**Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That the apology be accepted from Cr K Duffy (Chairperson) for the Finance Policy Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 1 November 2022.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Duffy

RESOLVED - 22/459**Cr D Mallard/Cr G Floyd**

That Cr M McDonell be permitted to attend the Finance Policy Committee meeting of Orange City Council on 1 November 2022 via audio visual link (*zoom*).

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Duffy

1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cr Floyd declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.2 Small Donations and Grant Applications – part 1(a) and 1(b) as the applicant, Newcrest is his employer.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - QUARTER 1 OF 2022/2023

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1936

RESOLVED - 22/460

Cr F Kinghorne/Cr J Evans

That Council resolves:

- 1 That the information provided in the report on the quarterly budget and performance indicators review for July 2022 to September 2022 be acknowledged.
- 2 To adopt favourable variations in the consolidated overall cost to council arising from the September 2022 quarterly review amounting to \$65,286.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonnell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton,

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr K Duffy

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Cr T Greenhalgh

Cr Greenhalgh asked if there was enough communication to the community around rebates for pensioners and asked for an analysis on the percentage of those struggling to pay rates, fees and charges within the community.

Cr Mallard asked for information around the funding for fish stocking and the damage to the wetlands environment and fishing in sensitive areas.

The Director Development Services advised the main damage to wetlands areas is where people walk around edge. Temporary fencing installed 2 months ago will remain 6 months in total to encourage protection of area and allow recovery. Restrictions are working well in these areas. Signage is to be used to highlight the different areas of wetlands.

The Chief Executive Officer discussed the stocking of the areas and working with the Department Fisheries about what stocking is done across the LGA and to build on it.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Cr T Mileto

Cr Mileto asked in regards to funds required to repair potholes over previous 12 months, and asked how much money has been taken from other funds for this work.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Cr J Evans

Cr Evans asked whether the \$200k allocated for Lucknow kerb and guttering is inclusive of or in addition to the Lucknow Community fund.

Cr Floyd left the meeting with the time being 7:47pm

2.2 SMALL DONATIONS & GRANTS APPLICATIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1986

Cr Floyd declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.2 Small Donations and Grant Applications – part 1(a) and 1(b) as the applicant, Newcrest is his employer, left the chamber and did not participate in discussion or voting on part 1(a) or 1(b).

RESOLVED - 22/461**Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson**

That item 2.2 Small Donations & Grants applications be heard and voted on in seriatim.
 For: Cr J Hamling, Cr J Evans, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power , Cr J Whitton
 Against: Nil
 Absent: Cr Duffy, Cr G Floyd

RESOLVED - 22/462**Cr J Whitton/Cr J Evans**

That Council Donate \$4,000 (or a lesser amount) of ‘in-kind’ support to waive venue hire fees (Naylor Pavilion) for Newcrest Cadia Valley Operations’ Open Day 2023.
 For: Cr J Hamling, Cr J Evans, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power , Cr J Whitton
 Against: Nil
 Absent: Cr Duffy, Cr G Floyd

RESOLVED - 22/463**Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton**

That Council nominate a local charity to be the recipient of the ‘gold coin’ entry fee at Newcrest Cadia Valley Operations’ Open Day 2023, noting Councillors will vote on a Charity via email with the Chief Executive Officer.
 For: Cr J Hamling, Cr J Evans, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power , Cr J Whitton
 Against: Nil
 Absent: Cr Duffy, Cr G Floyd

Cr Floyd returned to the meeting with the time being 7:51pm

RESOLVED - 22/464**Cr D Mallard/Cr J Whitton**

That Council donate \$1,000 to Anglicare Orange for their Annual Christmas Party in December for foster children and their carers.
 For: Cr J Hamling, Cr J Evans, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power , Cr J Whitton, Cr G Floyd
 Against: Nil
 Absent: Cr Duffy

RESOLVED - 22/465**Cr S Peterson/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That Council donate \$500 to Canobolas Rural and Technology High School for their annual Presentation Night, recognising students who have excelled in the past year.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr K Duffy

Cr Peterson noted that \$500 was allocated for each school however Council was only approving funding for Canobolas Rural and Technology High School.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services stated that there was funding allocated to each of the schools however application was required separately from each school.

MATTER ARISING**Cr J Whitton**

Cr Whitton requested information be provided to Councillors on the Community Chest program previously managed by Council.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:53PM