

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Held at 10:30 am, Wednesday 23 July 2025
Council Chamber, Corryong Council Office
76 Hanson Street, Corryong, Victoria

Our Community Vision

Towong Shire will be the ideal place to be: welcoming, vibrant and diverse communities with quality facilities and services.

This information is available in alternative formats on request.

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Commonly Used Acronyms

Abbreviation	Title
Council Officers	
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DIE	Director Infrastructure and Environment
DCP	Director Community and Planning
DCOD	Director Corporate and Organisational Development
MF	Manager Finance
SAE	Senior Asset Engineer
Government/Organisation	
CH	Corryong Health (formerly Upper Murray Health and Community Services)
DFFH	Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
DJSIR	Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions
DTP	Department of Transport and Planning
DEECA	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action
GMW	Goulburn Murray Water
HRGLN	Hume Region Local Government Network
MAV	Municipal Association of Victoria
NECMA	North East Catchment Management Authority
NERPEN	North East Regional Procurement Excellence Network
NEW	North East Water
NEWRRG	North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group
RCV	Rural Councils Victoria
RDA	Regional Development Australia
RDV	Regional Development Victoria
THS	Tallangatta Health Service
VGC	Victorian Grants Commission
WBNC	Walwa Bush Nursing Centre

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The Mayor declared the meeting open, the time being 10.32am.

1 Opening Prayer

"Almighty God, we ask that you be present at this meeting to assist us in our service to the Community through Local Government.

We pray that our decisions will be wise and taken with goodwill and clear conscience.

Amen."

2 Councillor and Officer Presence at the Meeting

Councillor Attendance

Crs Whitehead, Anderson, Wortmann, Tolsher and Pitman

Officer Attendance:	Title:
Ms Phelps	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Heritage	Director Infrastructure and Environment
Mr Florence	Director Community and Planning
Ms Taylor	Director Corporate and Organisational Development

3 Apologies and Granting of Leave of Absence

Nil.

4 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Section 130 of the Act requires that a 'Relevant person' (which means a person who is a Councillor, a member of a delegated committee who is not a Councillor or a member of Council staff) disclose any conflict of interest in the manner required by Council's Governance Rules and exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to the matter including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting.

Council's *Governance Rules* state as follows:

A2 Obligations with regards to conflict of interest

Councillors, members of delegated committee, and Council staff are required to:

- a. Avoid all situations which may give rise to conflicts of interest;*
- b. Identify any conflicts of interest; and*
- c. Disclose or declare all conflicts of interest.*

A3 Disclosure of a conflict of interest at a Council meeting

A Councillor who has a conflict of interest in a matter being considered at a Council meeting at which he or she:

A3.1 is present must disclose that conflict of interest by explaining the nature of the conflict of interest to those present at the Council meeting immediately before the matter is considered; or

A3.2 intends to be present must disclose that conflict of interest by providing to the Chief Executive Officer before the Council meeting commences a written notice:

A3.2.1 advising of the conflict of interest;

A3.2.2 explaining the nature of the conflict of interest; and

A3.2.3 detailing, if the nature of the conflict of interest involves a Councillor's relationship with or a gift from another person, the:

- a. name of the other person;*
- b. nature of the relationship with that other person or the date of receipt, value and type of gift received from the other person; and*
- c. nature of that other person's interest in the matter, and then immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting announcing to those present that he or she has a conflict of interest and that a written notice has been given to the Chief Executive Officer under this sub-Rule.*

The Councillor must, in either event, leave the Council meeting immediately after giving the explanation or making the announcement (as the case may be) and not return to the meeting until after the matter has been disposed of.

There were no disclosures of any conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings listed below were circulated to Councillors following each respective meeting. Confirmation of the minutes is now sought.

- Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2025

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2025 be confirmed.

Council Resolution:

**CR PITMAN
CR ANDERSON**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2025, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED

6 Petitions and Joint Letters

Nil

7 Public Question Time

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, all questions must be submitted to Council in writing by 2.00pm on the day prior to the Council meeting.

An online form is available on Council's website, and a hard copy of the form is available at both the Tallangatta and Corryong Council offices.

Public Notice of Public Question Time was included in the advertisement for the Council meeting.

The CEO will advise of any Public Question Time submissions at the meeting.

Nil.

8 Informal Meetings of Councillors

In accordance with Council's *Governance Rules*, a written summary of the matters discussed at each informal meeting of Councillors is to be tabled at the next convenient Council meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

The Meeting Records from the Informal Meeting of Councillors held on 11 June 2025, 20 June 2025 and 25 June 2025 are attached as follows:

1. Workshop Meeting Records- 11 June 2025 [**8.1.1** - 4 pages]
2. Plan Workshop Meeting Records - 20 June 2025 [**8.1.2** - 2 pages]
3. Workshop Meeting Records - 25 June 2025 [**8.1.3** - 3 pages]

Recommendation:

That the information be noted.

Council Resolution:

CR PITMAN
CR ANDERSON

THAT THE INFORMATION BE NOTED.

CARRIED

9 Organisational Improvement

9.1 Action Sheet Report (CEO-06/06/0010)

Disclosure of Interests (S.130):

This report was prepared by Mr Justin Troy, Coordinator Governance and Compliance.

At the time of preparation of this report, the officer did not have a general or material conflict of interest in any matter to which the report or advice relates.

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors of the status of the resolutions from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2025.

Summary:

The attached report summarises the progress made in relation to the resolutions from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 June 2025.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

Attachment:

1. Action Sheet from Ordinary Council Meeting 25 June 2025 [9.1.1 - 8 pages]

Background/History:

Not applicable.

Relevant Law (s.9(2)(a)):

Not applicable.

Options – Best Outcomes for the Community (s.9(2)(b)):

Not applicable.

Sustainability Implications (s.9(2)(c)):

Not applicable.

Community Engagement (s.9(2)(d)):

Not applicable.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement (s.9(2)(e)):

Not applicable.

Collaboration (s.9(2)(f)):

Not applicable.

Financial Viability/Budget Impact (s.9(2)(g)):

Not applicable.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies (s.9(2)(h)):

Not applicable.

Council Plans and Policies:

Not applicable.

Transparency of Decision (s.9(2)(i)) :

It is the officer's view that it is appropriate to consider this matter in a Council meeting that is open to the public.

Risk Assessment:

Not applicable.

Officer's View:

It is the officer's view that good progress has been made.

Council Resolution:

CR WORTMANN

CR ANDERSON

THAT THE REPORT BE NOTED.

CARRIED

9.2 Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Allowances (07/03/0012-DCOD)

Disclosure of Interests (S.130):

This report was prepared by Ms Narelle Taylor, Director Corporate and Organisational Development.

At the time of preparation of this report, the officer did not have a general or material conflict of interest in any matter to which the report or advice relates.

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of the report is to present the updated base and remote area travel allowances payable to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Councillors from 1 July 2025.

Summary:

Under the *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA 2020) the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors are to be paid allowances in accordance with a Determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal. In March 2022, the Tribunal made its first Determination which indicated an increase in allowance levels to be phased in over a number of years. Each increase noted in the Determination will not come into effect until it is resolved by Council.

Recommendation:

That:

1. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor allowances be set at the adjusted levels specified by the Determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal as follows for the period 1 July 2025 – 17 December 2025:
 - a. Mayor: \$89,323 per annum
 - b. Deputy Mayor: \$44,661 per annum
 - c. Councillors: \$28,110 per annum
2. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor allowances be set at the adjusted levels specified by the Determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal as follows for the period 18 December 2025 ongoing:

- a. Mayor: \$91,613 per annum
 - b. Deputy Mayor: \$45,807 per annum
 - c. Councillors: \$28,110 per annum
3. The Remote Area Travel Allowance be set at the adjusted level of \$48.90 as specified by the Determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal for the period 1 July 2025 ongoing;
 4. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors individually advise the Chief Executive Officer if they elect to receive a partial allowance or no allowance;
 5. Backdated allowance payments be made to reflect that the adjusted Determination took effect from 1 July 2025; and
 6. Future allowance payment adjustments from the Determination take effect automatically from 18 December 2025 ongoing.

Attachment:

1. Allowance-payable-to- Mayors,- Deputy- Mayors-and- Councillors - 1 July 2025 Determination [**9.2.1** - 25 pages]

Background/History:

The LGA 2020 provides for the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Councillors to be entitled to receive allowances. Under the LGA 2020, the responsibility for setting these allowances has moved from the Minister for Local Government to the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal.

The Tribunal made its first Determination on 7 March 2022 with initial allowance levels taking effect from 18 December 2021. The Determination sets a base allowance for each Council member depending on their role (Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor) and the Council allowance category allowance assigned to the Council. The allowance is a fixed amount and is inclusive of an equivalent superannuation guarantee contribution and is to be indexed annually. It also sets a remote area travel allowance for Council members and provides eligibility criteria for claiming it.

Council is a Category 1 council for the purpose of determining allowances, based on council revenue and population. Accordingly, the allowance levels as per the Determination are as follows for current and future periods:

7. Mayor:

Time	Amount
18 December 2024 – 30 June 2025	\$86,722
1 July 2025 – 17 December 2025	\$89,323
18 December 2025 onwards	\$91,613

8. Deputy Mayor:

Time	Amount
18 December 2024 – 30 June 2025	\$43,360
1 July 2025 – 17 December 2025	\$44,661
18 December 2025 onwards	\$45,807

9. Councillors:

Time	Amount
1 July 2024 onwards	\$27,291
1 July 2025 onwards	\$28,110

Councillors are also entitled to the reimbursement of any necessary out-of-pocket expenses they incur while performing their duties as a Councillor.

In addition, the remote area travel allowance has been adjusted from \$47.50 to \$48.90. The remote area travel allowance is paid to a Council member who normally resides more than 50 kilometres by the shortest possible practicable road distance from the location or locations specified for the conduct of ordinary, special or committee meetings of the Council, or any municipal or community functions which have been authorised by Council resolution for the Council member to attend, for each day on which one or meetings or authorised functions were attended, up to a maximum of \$6,112.50 per annum.

Relevant Law (s.9(2)(a)):

Section 39 of the *Local Government Act 2020* stipulates that Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors are entitled to receive allowances in accordance with a Determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal under the *Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019*.

Options – Best Outcomes for the Community (s.9(2)(b)):

The Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal has considered the ability to attract and retain quality candidates to the Council in the best interests of the community.

Sustainability Implications (s.9(2)(c)):

The increased allowance levels as set by the Determination help to provide for the sector's ability to attract and retain suitable Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors.

Community Engagement (s.9(2)(d)):

Not applicable.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement (s.9(2)(e)):

The allowance structure provided by the Determination simplifies the prior approach which involved Councils adopting allowance levels from a range.

Collaboration (s.9(2)(f)):

Not applicable.

Financial Viability/Budget Impact (s.9(2)(g)):

Councillor allowances have been factored into Council's annual budget.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies (s.9(2)(h)):

Not applicable.

Council Plans and Policies:

Council Plans:

This report supports the following *Council Plan 2021-2025* priorities.

6. Organisational Improvement - Maintain a high performing customer-centred organisation that works with the community to develop and deliver priorities.

6.14 Provide ongoing support and development of Councillors in fulfilling their roles

Council Policies:

Not applicable.

Transparency of Decision (s.9(2)(i)):

It is the officer's view that it is appropriate to consider this matter in a Council meeting that is open to the public.

Risk Assessment:

The allowance structure provided by the Determination sets fixed allowance levels, compared to the prior allowance structure whereby councils were required to adopt their own allowance levels from a range. This helps to mitigate reputational risk associated with councillors deciding on their own remuneration.

Officer's View:

It is the officer's view that The Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal has justified the reasoning for the mid-year increase in base allowances and remote area travel allowances, which is consistent with the increase to the basic salary for Members of Parliament from 1 July 2025.

Council Resolution:

CR ANDERSON

CR PITMAN

THAT:

- 1. THE MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES BE SET AT THE ADJUSTED LEVELS SPECIFIED BY THE DETERMINATION OF THE VICTORIAN INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL AS FOLLOWS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2025 – 17 DECEMBER 2025:**
 - a. MAYOR: \$89,323 PER ANNUM**
 - b. DEPUTY MAYOR: \$44,661 PER ANNUM**
 - c. COUNCILLORS: \$28,110 PER ANNUM**
- 2. THE MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES BE SET AT THE ADJUSTED LEVELS SPECIFIED BY THE DETERMINATION OF THE VICTORIAN INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL AS FOLLOWS FOR THE PERIOD 18 DECEMBER 2025 ONGOING:**
 - a. MAYOR: \$91,613 PER ANNUM**

b. DEPUTY MAYOR: \$45,807 PER ANNUM

c. COUNCILLORS: \$28,110 PER ANNUM

- 3. THE REMOTE AREA TRAVEL ALLOWANCE BE SET AT THE ADJUSTED LEVEL OF \$48.90 AS SPECIFIED BY THE DETERMINATION OF THE VICTORIAN INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2025 ONGOING;**
- 4. THE MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS INDIVIDUALLY ADVISE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IF THEY ELECT TO RECEIVE A PARTIAL ALLOWANCE OR NO ALLOWANCE;**
- 5. BACKDATED ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS ARE MADE TO REFLECT THAT THE ADJUSTED DETERMINATION TOOK EFFECT FROM 1 JULY 2025; AND**
- 6. FUTURE ALLOWANCE PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS FROM THE DETERMINATION TAKE EFFECT AUTOMATICALLY FROM 18 DECEMBER 2025 ONGOING.**

CARRIED

10 Community Wellbeing

There are no Community Wellbeing reports to present this meeting.

Nil.

11 Asset Management

11.1 Flood Damage Recovery Works (DIE)

Disclosure of Interests (S.130):

This report was prepared by Mr Jamie Heritage, Director of Infrastructure and Environment.

At the time of preparation of this report, the officer did not have a general or material conflict of interest in any matter to which the report or advice relates.

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a contract variation for flood damage repair works (for the western section of the municipality) to the current contractor Tallangatta Construction and Maintenance Pty Ltd (TCM).

This approval is being sought as TCM are the current contract undertaking flood repair works along Lake Road, with additional funding being obtained through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase-4 and Roads 2 Recovery for Lake Road upgrades, work efficiency and timeline gains are presented.

Summary:

At the 26 March 2025 Council Meeting officers presented a report seeking approval to award contracts for flood damage rectification works following the receipt of DRFA funding approval (DRFA – ARGN 1037).

Council resolved to award the Western Section Priority 1 and 2 works to Tallangatta Construction and Maintenance Pty Ltd for the sum of

2024/25-031	Towong Shire Western Section Priority 1 works	\$684,691 (ex. GST)	Tallangatta Construction and Maintenance
2023/24-041	Towong Shire Western Section Priority 2 works	\$600,996 (ex. GST)	Tallangatta Construction and Maintenance

With funding be obtained as follows;

Source Name	Source Acronym	Value (\$)
Local Road Council Infrastructure Program	LRCI	\$ 250,000
Roads to Recovery	R2R	\$ 200,000
Flood Funding Betterment	DRFA – ARGN 1037	\$ 298,200

As Tallangatta Construction and Maintenance are on Council's Prequalified Supplier Panel and the proposed works variation being above \$100,000 a Council decision is required.

Officers prepared a scope of works, schedule of quantities for the additional works not covered under the existing contract within the flood damage rectification works. A written quotation from TCM to the Scope of works was obtained, compared / vetted against other comparable works and found to be competitive.

Recommendation:

That:

1. Contract 2023/24-041 for Flood Damage Repair Works (Towong Shire Western Section – Priority 2 Works) be amended to include funding sources from Local Roads Council Infrastructure Program Phase 4, Roads to Recovery and Flood Funding Betterment to the total of \$748,000 ex. GST;
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and seal the contract documents in accordance with Local Law 1 – Common Seal and Miscellaneous Penalties; and
3. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to approve contract variations up to the total value of the allocated budget.

Attachment:

Confidential attachments have been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Background/History:

In January and October 2022, the Shire experienced severe storm events resulting in extensive damage to the municipal road network. Officers have applied for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) through Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) to undertake remedial works following these storm events. The events have been registered with Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) under Australian Government Reference Number AGRN 1004 and AGRN 1007 and AGRN 1037.

AGRN 1004 and 1009 have been completed as immediate emergency works while 1037 is a more extensive remedial works program for Council Road network. In line with delivering repair and maintenance caused by ARGN 1037 flood event, four tenders were advertised in March 2024 on www.tenders.net, local newspapers and Council's Facebook site in accordance with the Procurement Policy in March 2024.

These tenders were divided into the Eastern (2 tenders) and Western (2 tenders) ends of the Shire. Two submissions were received for each tender and contractor evaluation was done to determine the appropriate contractors for their respective works.

Funding from DRFA (ARGN 1037) has been approved by Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) to deliver flood remediation works.

Relevant Law (s.9(2)(a)):

The Local Government Act 2020

Options – Best Outcomes for the Community (s.9(2)(b)):

With Tallangatta Construction and Maintenance current undertaking flood repair works along Lake Road and other locations within Towong Shire, efficiency, cost and timeline gains are to be had.

Including being on Council's Prequalified Supplier Panel as local contractor economic benefits remain within the local communities.

Sustainability Implications (s.9(2)(c)):

Economic

Where possible, local suppliers are engaged, this provides for ongoing economic sustainability in our shire.

Social

Successful completion of the project will improve road safety conditions across the Shire.

Community Engagement (s.9(2)(d)):

Local community members will be notified of any impacts before work commences.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement (s.9(2)(e)):

Not applicable.

Collaboration (s.9(2)(f)):

Not applicable.

Financial Viability/Budget Impact (s.9(2)(g)):

Budget requirements and availability have been confirmed, grant funding has been sought through DRFA, and all expenditure is being monitored and managed within agreed budget allocations.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies (s.9(2)(h)):

Not applicable.

Council Plans and Policies:

Council Plans:

This report supports the following *Council Plan 2021-2025 priorities*.

1. Asset Management - Maintain and improve our Shire's infrastructure to meet the levels of service established in consultation with our communities.

Council Policies:
Procurement Policy

Transparency of Decision (s.9(2)(i)) :

It is the officer's view that it is appropriate to consider this matter in a Council meeting that is open to the public.

Risk Assessment:

The significant risk for this project is the limited time to spend the allocated grant funding and the possibility of weather delays. This risk will be mitigated where possible by active supervision and management of the contractor.

Officer's View:

It is the officer's recommendation that Council proceed with amending Contract No. 2023/24-041 to Tallangatta Construction and Maintenance Pty Ltd

Council Resolution:

CR WORTMANN

CR TOLSHER

THAT:

- 1. CONTRACT 2023/24-041 FOR FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR WORKS (TOWONG SHIRE WESTERN SECTION – PRIORITY 2 WORKS) BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE FUNDING SOURCES FROM LOCAL ROADS COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PHASE 4, ROADS TO RECOVERY AND FLOOD FUNDING BETTERMENT TO THE TOTAL OF \$748,000 EX. GST;**
- 2. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORISED TO SIGN AND SEAL THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL LAW 1 – COMMON SEAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PENALTIES; AND**
- 3. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORISED TO APPROVE CONTRACT VARIATIONS UP TO THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE ALLOCATED BUDGET.**

CARRIED

12 Land Use Planning

There are no Land Use Planning reports to present this meeting.

Nil.

13 Environmental Sustainability

There are no Environmental Sustainability reports to present this meeting.

Nil.

14 Economic and Tourism Development

There are no Economic and Tourism Development reports to present this meeting.

Nil.

15 Notice of Motion

Early Years Infrastructure Tallangatta

A *Schedule B - Notice of Motion* form was submitted by Cr Tolsher in accordance with Governance Rule F16.

F16 Notice of Motion

F16.1 A notice of motion must:

- a. identify two supporting Councillors who are not obliged to move, second or vote in favour of the motion but are of the opinion that the proposed motion relates to a matter sufficiently important that it warrants formal consideration by Council;*
- b. briefly explain the rationale for the proposed motion; and*
- c. be lodged in the format provided for this purpose as appearing in Schedule B of these Governance Rules, either electronically or in writing, with the Chief Executive Officer by 5pm on the seventh working day prior to the date of the meeting to allow sufficient time for the notice of motion to be included in the Agenda for the next Council meeting.*

F16.2 Any supporting documentation must be attached to the notice of motion for inclusion in the agenda, but must not be more than 500 words inclusive of the proposed motion.

F16.3 The Chief Executive Officer must cause all notices of motion to be numbered, dated and entered in the notice of motion register in the order in which they were received.

F16.4 The Chief Executive Officer may reject any notice of motion which:

- a. is the same as, or similar intent to, a notice of motion or other motion (including lost and lapsed motions) that has been considered by Council in the preceding six (6) months;*
- b. is vague or unclear in intention;*
- c. is defamatory;*
- d. may be prejudicial to any person or Council;*
- e. is objectionable in language or nature;*
- f. is outside the powers of Council;*
- g. is submitted during an Election Period; or*
- h. if passed would result in Council otherwise acting invalidly, but must give the Councillor who lodged it an opportunity to amend it prior to rejection, if it is practicable to do so.*

F16.5 Except by resolution of Council, notices of motion before any Council meeting must be considered in the order in which they were recorded in the notice of motion register.

F16.6 To assist Councillors to make an informed decision regarding a notice of motion, the Chief Executive Officer must provide a written report prior to the meeting at which the notice of motion is to be considered, however the report is not to contain a recommendation.

F16.7 If both Councillors who have given a notice of motion:

- a. are absent from the Council meeting; or*
 - b. fail to move the motion when called upon by the Chair;*
- any other Councillor may move the notice of motion.*

F16.8 If a notice of motion is not moved and seconded at the Council meeting for which it was included on the agenda, it lapses.

F16.9 Before the notice of motion is put to the vote, it may be withdrawn by the two supporting Councillors.

The Notice of Motion was received and accepted by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Governance Rules.

Purpose of Report:

This report is to present a Notice of Motion in relation to the Early Years services in Tallangatta.

Rationale:

We already have long waiting lists for the Early Year services in Tallangatta and this will be made worse with the development of 150 house lots in the Tallangatta Estate residential subdivision.

Proposed Motion:

The council continues to work with the relevant State and Commonwealth departments to secure any appropriate funding for new and enhanced Early Years infrastructure in Tallangatta, to address waiting lists and capacity issues in the current service, and to establish strong readiness for the growth in population expected from the new Tallangatta Estate residential subdivision.

Attachments:

Schedule B – Notice of Motion

Council Resolution:

That council as a matter of urgency continues to work with the relevant State and Commonwealth departments to secure any appropriate funding for new and enhanced Early Years infrastructure in Tallangatta, to address waiting lists and capacity issues in the current service, and to establish strong readiness for the growth in population expected from the new Tallangatta Estate residential subdivision.

Council Resolution:

CR TOLSHER

CR WORTMANN

THAT COUNCIL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY CONTINUES TO WORK WITH THE RELEVANT STATE AND COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO SECURE ANY APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR NEW AND ENHANCED EARLY YEARS INFRASTRUCTURE IN TALLANGATTA, TO ADDRESS WAITING LISTS AND CAPACITY ISSUES IN THE CURRENT SERVICE, AND TO ESTABLISH STRONG READINESS FOR THE GROWTH IN POPULATION EXPECTED FROM THE NEW TALLANGATTA ESTATE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION.

CARRIED

16 Councillor Reports

An opportunity is provided for Councillors to table or present a Delegate's report.

Nil.

17 Urgent Business

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, matters of urgent business can only be considered if:

- a) It relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the agenda; and
- b) It cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Council meeting; and
- c) The Council resolves to admit an item considered to be urgent business.

Nil.

18 Committee Minutes

There are no Committee Meeting minutes for review or confirmation this meeting.

Nil.

19 Council Policies

There are no policies for review or adoption.

Nil.

20 Sealing of Documents

Nil.

Nil.

21 Confidential

Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020* declares that meetings are to be open to the public unless the following specified circumstances apply:

1. *A Council or delegated committee must keep a meeting open to the public unless the Council or delegated committee considers it necessary to close the meeting to the public because a circumstance specified in subsection (2) applies.*
2. *The circumstances are –*
 - a) *the meeting is to consider confidential information; or*
 - b) *security reasons; or*
 - c) *it is necessary to do so to enable the meeting to proceed in an orderly manner.*
3. *If the circumstance specified in subsection (2)(b) or (2)(c) applies, the meeting can only be closed to the public if the Council or delegated committee has made arrangements to enable the proceedings of the meeting to be viewed by members of the public as the meeting is being held.*
4. *For the purposes of subsection (3), the arrangements may include provision to view the proceedings on the Internet or on closed circuit television.*
5. *If a Council or delegated committee determines that a meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential information, the Council or delegated committee must record in the minutes of the meeting that are available for public inspection –*

- a) *the ground or grounds for determining to close the meeting to the public by reference to the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1); and*
- b) *an explanation of why the specified ground or grounds applied.*

As defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 "confidential information" means the following information

- a. *Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;*
- b. *Security information, being information that if released is likely to endanger the security of Council property or the safety of any person;*
- c. *Land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values;*
- d. *Law enforcement information, being information which if released would be reasonably likely to prejudice the investigation in an alleged breach of the law or the fair trial or hearing of any person;*
- e. *Legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies;*
- f. *Personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;*
- g. *Private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that –*
 - (i) *relates to trade secrets; or*
 - (ii) *if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;*
- h. *Confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a);*
- i. *Internal arbitration information, being information specified in section 145;*
- j. *Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information, being information specified in section 169;*
- k. *Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition; and*

Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Nil.

22 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed, the time being 10:51 am.

Mayor