



TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 30 September 2008

Councillors: Cr D Holdom
Cr B Longland
Cr K Milne
Cr W Polglase
Cr K Skinner
Cr J van Lieshout
Cr P Youngblutt

COUNCIL'S CHARTER

Tweed Shire Council's charter comprises a set of principles that are to guide Council in the carrying out of its functions, in accordance with Section 8 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Tweed Shire Council has the following charter:

- to provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively;
- to exercise community leadership;
- to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and actively promotes the principles of multiculturalism;
- to promote and to provide and plan for the needs of children;
- to properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development;
- to have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions;
- to bear in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and to effectively account for and manage the assets for which it is responsible;
- to facilitate the involvement of councillors, members of the public, users of facilities and services and council staff in the development, improvement and co-ordination of local government;
- to raise funds for local purposes by the fair imposition of rates, charges and fees, by income earned from investments and, when appropriate, by borrowings and grants;
- to keep the local community and the State government (and through it, the wider community) informed about its activities;
- to ensure that, in the exercise of its regulatory functions, it acts consistently and without bias, particularly where an activity of the council is affected;
- to be a responsible employer.

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The Meeting commenced at 4.30pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Joan van Lieshout (elected Mayor during the course of the meeting), Cr Barry Longland (elected Deputy Mayor during the course of the meeting), Cr Dot Holdom, Cr Katie Milne, Cr Warren Polglase, Cr Kevin Skinner, Cr Phil Youngblutt

Also present were Mr Mike Rayner (General Manager), Mr Troy Green (Director Technology & Corporate Services), Mr Patrick Knight (Director Engineering & Operations), Mr Vince Connell (Director Planning & Regulation), Mr David Oxenham (Director Community & Natural Resources), Mr Neil Baldwin (Manager Risk and Human Resources/Public Officer) and Mrs Meredith Smith (Minutes Secretary).

ABORIGINAL STATEMENT

The General Manager acknowledged the Bundjalung Aboriginal Nation with the following statement:

"We wish to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional owners and custodians of these lands."

PRAYER

The meeting opened with a Prayer by the General Manager, Mr Mike Rayner.

*"We pray that You will guide the Councillors and Council staff
Of the Tweed Shire Council as they meet together today;
That they may think calmly and carefully,
Decide wisely and prayerfully
And may their decisions be in accordance with Your will
And for the welfare of Your people in the Tweed community
Through Jesus Christ our Lord".*

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

ITEMS TO BE MOVED FROM ORDINARY TO CONFIDENTIAL - CONFIDENTIAL TO ORDINARY

Nil.

ORDINARY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER****REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER****1 [TCS-ECM] Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Period to September 2009****Election of Mayor**

The General Manager confirmed that there were no further nominations for Mayor/Deputy Mayor and advised that Cr van Lieshout (nominated by Cr B Longland and Cr K Milne) as the only nomination for Mayor was therefore declared the Mayor of Tweed Shire Council for the period to September 2009.

Election of Deputy Mayor

The General Manager advised nominations for Deputy Mayor as follows:

Cr B Longland (nominated by Cr J van Lieshout and Cr K Milne);
Cr K Skinner (nominated by Cr J van Lieshout and Cr K Skinner);
Cr P Youngblutt (nominated by Cr W Polglase and Cr P Youngblutt).

1 COUNCIL DECISION:

Cr P Youngblutt
Cr J van Lieshout

RESOLVED that Council proceed with the election of Deputy Mayor by way of open voting (show of hands).

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

The General Manager called for votes for Cr B Longland as Deputy Mayor. Cr Longland received four votes for Deputy Mayor from Crs D Holdom, B Longland, K Milne and J van Lieshout. Cr Longland, having a majority of votes, was declared Deputy Mayor of Tweed Shire Council for the period to September 2009.

2 [TCS-CM] Meeting Dates October to December 2008**2 COUNCIL DECISION:**

Cr D Holdom
Cr P Youngblutt

RESOLVED that Council confirms the meeting dates for the period October 2008 to December 2008 as follows:

9 October
30 October
13 November
4 December
18 December

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

[AD HOC] 2008/2009 Rates Incentive Scheme - Draw

The Rates Incentive Scheme is a small but integral component of Council's overall rate recovery policy, approximately 7861 ratepayers paid their rates in full for 2008/2009 Rating year.

The early payment of rates in full provides Council with an increase in its cash flow, enabling Council to create additional revenue from investments, this additional Revenue is used to provide increased funding for services.

First prize for 2008/2009 rates Incentive scheme is a 7 night holiday for 2 at Norfolk Island, valued at \$2750.00.

Second prize for the 2008/2009 rates incentive scheme is a weekend cruise on Sydney Harbour for 2, valued at \$1050.00.

Draw

The Mayor, Cr J van Lieshout, conducted the Draw for the 2008/2009 Rates Incentive Scheme.

First prize for a 7 night holiday for 2 at Norfolk Island, valued at \$2750.00 is Mrs Mary Taylor.

Second prize for a weekend cruise on Sydney Harbour for 2, valued at \$1050.00 is Mr John and Ms Sue Cochrane.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 4.45pm.



Minutes of Meeting Confirmed by Council
at Meeting held

Chairman

