



TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 15 September 2009

Mayor: Cr J van Lieshout

**Councillors: Cr B Longland, Deputy Mayor
Cr D Holdom
Cr K Milne
Cr W Polglase
Cr K Skinner
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.

The Meeting commenced at 4.30pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Joan van Lieshout (Mayor), Cr Barry Longland (Deputy Mayor), 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 Ian Kite (Acting Director Engineering & Operations), Mr Vince Connell (Director Planning & Regulation), Mr David Oxenham (Director Community & Natural Resources), Mr Neil Baldwin (Manager Corporate Governance/Public Officer) and Mrs Maree Morgan (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 Council's Chaplain, Father Colin Tett.

Most gracious God, we pray for the Tweed Shire Council, its members, officers and staff, and particularly for this important meeting today.

Direct their work and influence their decisions and actions for the safety, welfare and prosperity of this community.

We pray for the gifts of wisdom and insight, and that where opinions differ, respect might be accorded to the integrity of those with whom we disagree.

May peace and happiness, truth and justice, generosity and thanksgiving be the marks of this Council, and of our wider community.

We join with people of goodwill from many faith traditions and with those who profess none, but ask this today, through Jesus Christ,

Amen.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

ORDINARY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

1 [GM-ECM] Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Period to September 2010

Cr J van Lieshout addressed the meeting prior to the election.

"It is with sadness for the community that I regret that in order to uphold integrity and accountability for Council with no compromise - I am unable to vote for either nominated party and therefore will refrain from voting.

I thank the community for their support throughout the past year and assure them of my continued commitment to the provision of positive and sustainable outcomes for the Tweed.

It has been a privilege for me to serve you in the capacity of Mayor and will continue to work with the same zeal and commitment in my position of elected councillor.

I also thank the staff for their wonderful professional team effort and their respect and valued support."

Cr J van Lieshout left the meeting at 04.38 PM and took no part in the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elections.

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Election of Mayor

The General Manager advised nominations for Mayor as follows:

Cr B Longland;
Cr W Polglase;

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Cr B Longland
Cr D Holdom

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

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

Cr B Longland received three votes - Cr B Longland; Cr D Holdom; and Cr K Milne.

Cr W Polglase received three votes - Cr W Polglase; Cr K Skinner; and Cr P Youngblutt.

The General Manager advised the meeting that under Schedule 7 Clause 394(6)(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that due to a tied vote the position will be chosen by lot. **Cr W Polglase** was declared the Mayor of Tweed Shire Council for the period to September 2010.

Election of Deputy Mayor

The General Manager advised nominations for Deputy Mayor as follows:

Cr B Longland;
Cr P Youngblutt;

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Cr B Longland
Cr D Holdom

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

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

Cr B Longland received three votes - Cr B Longland; Cr D Holdom; and Cr K Milne.

Cr P Youngblutt received three votes - Cr W Polglase; Cr K Skinner; and Cr P Youngblutt.

The General Manager advised the meeting that under Schedule 7 Clause 394(6)(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that due to a tied vote the position will be chosen by lot. **Cr P Youngblutt** was declared the Deputy Mayor of Tweed Shire Council for the period to September 2010.

Cr J van Lieshout has returned from temporary absence at 04:45 PM

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 4.45pm



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting
Confirmed by Council at Meeting held**

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Chairman

