



**TWEED**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**Mayor:** Cr G Bagnall

**Councillors:** P Youngblutt (Deputy Mayor)  
M Armstrong  
C Byrne  
B Longland  
K Milne  
W Polglase

# Minutes

## **Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday 30 October 2014**

held at Murwillumbah Cultural and Civic Centre  
commencing at **6.00pm**

## 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 6.00pm.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Cr G Bagnall (Mayor), Cr P Youngblutt (Deputy Mayor), Cr M Armstrong, Cr C Byrne, Cr B Longland, Cr K Milne, and Cr W Polglase.

Also present were Mr Troy Green (General Manager), Mr Neil Baldwin (Acting Director Corporate Services), Mr David Oxenham (Director Engineering), Mr Vince Connell (Director Planning and Regulation), Ms Tracey Stinson (Director Community and Natural Resources), Mr Michael Chorlton (Manager Financial Services).

### **ABORIGINAL STATEMENT**

Ms Jackie McDonald from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee gave a welcome to country at an earlier Councillor Workshop which commenced at 4.00pm today.

### **PRAYER**

The meeting opened with a Prayer lead by the Mayor.

### **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil.

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

Nil.

### **REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER**

#### **REPORTS FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES**

#### **1 [CS-EXT] 2013/2014 Statutory Financial Reports/Audit Report**

#### **NOTE:**

1. Mr Adam Bradfield - Partner of Thomas Noble & Russell (Auditors) provided a presentation on the 2013/2014 Statutory Financial Reports, Audit and Council Financial Result.
2. Audit Committee Chair, Mr Colin Wight and Independent Member, Mr Ross Bell, were also present.

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Cr W Polglase  
Cr P Youngblutt

**RESOLVED** that:

1. In accordance with Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 Council refers the General Purpose Financial and Special Purpose Financial Reports for audit.
2. The statement as to Council's opinion on the General Purpose Financial Reports as required by Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Special Purpose Financial Reports as required by the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting for the financial period 2013/2014, be executed.

The Motion was **Carried**

***FOR VOTE - Unanimous***

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**LATE ITEM**

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Cr B Longland  
Cr C Byrne

**RESOLVED** that as per Section 1.3.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice Version 2.4.1, Item 2 [CS-EXT] Audit Committee Annual Report for Period Ending 30 June 2014, being an Addendum item, be dealt with and it be ruled by the Chairman to be of great urgency.

The Motion was **Carried**

***FOR VOTE - Unanimous***

**2 [CS-EXT] Audit Committee Annual Report for Period Ending 30 June 2014**

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Cr C Byrne  
Cr W Polglase

**RESOLVED** that Council receives and notes the Audit Committee Annual Report highlighting its activities for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

The Motion was **Carried**

***FOR VOTE - Unanimous***

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## REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

### LATE ITEM

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**Cr M Armstrong**  
**Cr W Polglase**

**RESOLVED** that as per Section 1.3.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice Version 2.4.1, Item 3 [E-EXT] Murwillumbah Motorfest and Swap, being an Addendum item, be dealt with and it be ruled by the Chairman to be of great urgency.

The Motion was **Carried**

***FOR VOTE - Unanimous***

**3 [E-EXT] Murwillumbah Motorfest & Swap**

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**Cr G Bagnall**  
**Cr P Youngblutt**

**RESOLVED** that Council approves the road closures of Murwillumbah CBD for Friday 5 December 6pm to 7pm and Saturday 6 December 6pm to 7:30pm as requested by the event organiser of the Murwillumbah Motorfest & Swap.

The Motion was **Carried**

***FOR VOTE - Cr P Youngblutt, Cr W Polglase, Cr C Byrne, Cr M Armstrong, Cr B Longland, Cr G Bagnall***  
***AGAINST VOTE - Cr K Milne***

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## MAYORAL MINUTE

### LATE ITEM

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**Cr G Bagnall**  
**Cr M Armstrong**

**RESOLVED** that as per Section 1.3.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice Version 2.4.1, Item 4 [MM-EXT] Mayoral Minute - Gasfield Free, being an Addendum item, be dealt with and it be ruled by the Chairman to be of great urgency.

The Motion was **Carried**

**FOR VOTE - Cr M Armstrong, Cr K Milne, Cr B Longland, Cr G Bagnall**

**AGAINST VOTE - Cr P Youngblutt, Cr W Polglase, Cr C Byrne**

**4 [MM-EXT] Mayoral Minute - Gasfield Free**

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**Cr G Bagnall**

**Cr K Milne**

**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Notes that Council has previously declared that the Tweed Shire be off limits to the Coal Seam Gas and Unconventional Gas industries; and
2. Recognises and supports all those dedicated local community members and Northern Rivers Mayors who are participating in the public march in Lismore on 1 November 2014 calling for the Northern Rivers to be declared 'Gasfield Free'.

The Motion was **Carried**

**FOR VOTE - Cr M Armstrong, Cr K Milne, Cr B Longland, Cr G Bagnall**

**AGAINST VOTE - Cr P Youngblutt, Cr W Polglase, Cr C Byrne**

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## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 6.48pm



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting were confirmed by Council  
at the Meeting held on**

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**Chairman**