

Mayor: Cr K Milne

Councillors: G Bagnall (Deputy Mayor)

C Byrne B Longland W Polglase P Youngblutt

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday 29 October 2015

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 6.03pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr K Milne (Mayor), C Byrne, Cr B Longland, Cr W Polglase and Cr P Youngblutt.

Also present were Mr Troy Green (General Manager), Ms Liz Collyer (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), Mr Shane Davidson (Executive Officer), Mr Neil Baldwin (Manager Corporate Governance).

Cr G Bagnall was not present at the meeting.

ABORIGINAL STATEMENT

The Mayor 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 Mayor, Cr K Milne.

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 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

1 [CS-EXT] Audit Committee Annual Report for Year Ended 30 June 2015

The Mayor acknowledged Mr Colin Wight (Chair of the Audit Committee) was present in the public gallery.

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Cr P Youngblutt Cr B Longland

RESOLVED that Council receives and notes the Audit Committee Annual Report highlighting its activities for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

The Motion was Carried

FOR VOTE - Voting - Unanimous ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr G Bagnall

2 [CS-EXT] 2014/2015 Statutory Financial Reports/Audit Report

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Cr P Youngblutt Cr W Polglase

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 2014/2015, be executed.

The Motion was Carried

FOR VOTE - Voting - Unanimous ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr G Bagnall

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND REGULATION

3 [PR-EXT] Review of the Building Professionals Act and the Role of Private Certifiers for Subdivisions

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Cr W Polglase Cr P Youngblutt

RESOLVED that Council:

- Receives and notes this report on the review of the Building Professionals Act and the role of Private Certifiers for Subdivisions; and
- 2. Writes to the Minister for Planning outlining the concerns raised in this report.

The Motion was Carried

FOR VOTE - Voting - Unanimous ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr G Bagnall

REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

4 [GM-EXT] Major Town Centres - Christmas Display

LATE ITEM

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Cr C Byrne

Cr P Youngblutt

RESOLVED that Item 4 be admitted to the Agenda and dealt with as a matter of urgency.

The Motion was Carried

FOR VOTE - Voting - Unanimous ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr G Bagnall

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Cr C Byrne
Cr P Youngblutt

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Approves the purchase of three fully decorated and lit commercial external use Christmas Trees for installation in the appropriate locations within Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and Kingscliff in early December 2015; and

2. Acknowledges the financial contribution from each of the main contributors through either club grants and donations being:

Twin Towns Services Club
Tweed Business Chamber
Kingscliff Chamber of Commerce
Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club
Azure Kingscliff
Kingscliff Beach Hotel
Murwillumbah Chamber of Commerce

The Motion was Carried

FOR VOTE - Cr P Youngblutt, Cr W Polglase, Cr C Byrne, Cr B Longland AGAINST VOTE - Cr K Milne ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr G Bagnall

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 6.36pm.

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Minutes of Meeting Confirmed by Council at the Meeting held on xxx

Chairman