

Mayor: Cr G Bagnall

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

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday 17 September 2015

held at Murwillumbah Cultural and Civic Centre
commencing at 5.00pm

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 5.00pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

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 Shane Davidson (Executive Officer), Mr Neil Baldwin (Manager Corporate Governance) and Mrs Kerrie McConnell (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, Reverend Chris Lindsay:

"We humble ourselves before you, Creator God, our Father in heaven, for..."

Psalm 24

- 1. The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;*
- 2. for he founded it on the seas and established it on the water.*

We thank you gracious God for providing the breathe of life each day. You uphold a rich diversity of life. You give us the power to work, leisure to rest, and the capacity to know and love others and be known by them.

Help those appointed to represent us in this chamber govern with compassion and justice. To know all the work they do is only by your permission and power.

Protect our councillors from the temptation to seek wrongful personal gain. Grant them insight into this community and it's needs.

Give them and all who work for this council the skill needed to serve our community efficiently, effectively and equitably. Help decision-makers weigh up diverse interests and make decisions that benefit ALL in our community.

And help us as a community to grant respect and honour to those who give themselves to civic service on our behalf. To not only hold them accountable but also to thank them and encourage them in their service.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask these things, Amen."

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

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

Nil.

MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

- 1 **[GM-EXT] Method of Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Period Ending September 2016**

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Cr P Youngblutt

Cr C Byrne

RESOLVED that Council determines the procedure for electing the Mayor/Deputy Mayor to be Ordinary Ballot by way of open voting (show of hands).

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

- 2 **[GM-EXT] Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Period Ending September 2016**

The Public Officer/Returning Officer advised that two (2) nominations had been received for Mayor:

- **Cr W Polglase** nominated by Councillors Polglase and Youngblutt
- **Cr K Milne** nominated by Councillors Milne and Longland

The result of the Ordinary Ballot by way of open voting (show of hands) for Mayor was as follows:

Voting for Cr W Polglase for Mayor:

FOR VOTE - Cr C Byrne, Cr W Polglase, Cr P Youngblutt

Voting for Cr K Milne for Mayor:

FOR VOTE - Cr B Longland, Cr K Milne, Cr G Bagnall

In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 - Schedule 7, Part 2, Clause 6:

"(2) If there are only 2 candidates and they are tied, the one elected is to be chosen by lot."

The Councillors names for the position of Mayor were placed in a bucket and Cr Milne's name was drawn from the bucket.

The Public Officer/Returning Officer advised that two nominations had been received for Deputy Mayor:

- **Cr P Youngblutt** nominated by Councillors Youngblutt and Polglase
- **Cr G Bagnall** nominated by Councillors Milne and Longland

The result of the Ordinary Ballot by way of open voting (show of hands) for Deputy Mayor was as follows:

Voting for Cr P Youngblutt for Deputy Mayor:

FOR VOTE - Cr C Byrne, Cr W Polglase, Cr P Youngblutt

Voting for Cr G Bagnall for Deputy Mayor:

FOR VOTE - Cr B Longland, Cr K Milne, Cr G Bagnall

In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 - Schedule 7, Part 2, Clause 6:

"(2) If there are only 2 candidates and they are tied, the one elected is to be chosen by lot."

The Councillors names for the position of Deputy Mayor were placed in a bucket and Cr Bagnall's name was drawn from the bucket.

Based on the above voting, the Public Officer/Returning Officer declared the following:

1. Mayor for the period ending September 2016 - **Cr K Milne.**
 2. Deputy Mayor for the period ending September 2016 - **Cr G Bagnall.**
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REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND REGULATION

Nil.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Nil.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

Nil.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Nil.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 5.14pm.



**Minutes of Meeting Confirmed by Council
at the Meeting held on
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Chairman