



**TWEED**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**Mayor:** Cr K Milne

**Councillors:** G Bagnall (Deputy Mayor)  
C Byrne  
B Longland  
W Polglase  
P Youngblutt

# Minutes

## **Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday 17 December 2015**

held at Murwillumbah Cultural and Civic Centre  
commencing at 10.00am

## 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 10.00am.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cr K Milne (Mayor), Cr G Bagnall (Deputy Mayor), Cr 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 Lindsay McGavin (Acting Director Planning and Regulation), Ms Tracey Stinson (Director Community and Natural Resources), Mr Neil Baldwin (Manager Corporate Governance) and Mrs Meredith Smith (Minutes Secretary).

**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 from the General Manager.

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] Councillors - Payment of Expenses - Dispute Resolution

721

Cr B Longland  
Cr W Polglase

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The review of the disputed Councillor Expense Claims by the Chair of the Audit Committee be received and noted and the disputed claims be reimbursed in accordance with past practice.
2. Council notes the current review of the "Councillors – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy" being undertaken by Prevention Partners NSW.

The Motion was **Carried**

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

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#### 2 [CS-EXT] Councillors - Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy Version 1.9

LATE ITEM

722

Cr P Youngblutt  
Cr B Longland

**RESOLVED** that Item 2 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***

723

**Cr B Longland**  
**Cr P Youngblutt**

**RESOLVED** that expense claims lodged under the Councillors – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy, Version 1.9, continue to be paid as they have in the past until the adoption of a revised Councillors – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy.

The Motion was **Carried**

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

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## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 10.11 am.



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

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