



TWEED
SHIRE COUNCIL

Mayor: Cr K Milne (Mayor)

Councillors: P Allsop
R Byrnes
C Cherry (Deputy Mayor)
R Cooper
J Owen
W Polglase

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday 17 November 2016

held at **Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre,**
Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah commencing at 4.00pm

Principles for Local Government

The object of the principles for Tweed Shire Council, as set out in Section 8 of the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Bill 2016, is to provide guidance to enable council to carry out its functions in a way that facilitates a local community that is strong, healthy and prosperous.

Guiding Principles for Tweed Shire Council

(1) Exercise of functions generally

The following general principles apply to the exercise of functions by Tweed Shire Council:

- (a) Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning and decision-making.
- (b) Carry out functions in a way that provides the best possible value for residents and ratepayers.
- (c) Plan strategically, using the integrated planning and reporting framework, for the provision of effective and efficient services and regulation to meet the diverse needs of the local community.
- (d) Apply the integrated planning and reporting framework in carrying out their functions so as to achieve desired outcomes and continuous improvements.
- (e) Work co-operatively with other councils and the State government to achieve desired outcomes for the local community.
- (f) Manage lands and other assets so that current and future local community needs can be met in an affordable way.
- (g) Work with others to secure appropriate services for local community needs.
- (h) Act fairly, ethically and without bias in the interests of the local community.
- (i) Be responsible employers and provide a consultative and supportive working environment for staff.

(2) Decision-making

The following principles apply to decision-making by Tweed Shire Council (subject to any other applicable law):

- (a) Recognise diverse local community needs and interests.
- (b) Consider social justice principles.
- (c) Consider the long term and cumulative effects of actions on future generations.
- (d) Consider the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- (e) Decision-making should be transparent and decision-makers are to be accountable for decisions and omissions.

(3) Community participation

Council should actively engage with the local community, through the use of the integrated planning and reporting framework and other measures.

The Meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Katie Milne (Mayor), Cr Chris Cherry (Deputy Mayor), Cr Pryce Allsop, Cr Reece Byrnes, Cr Ron Cooper, Cr James Owen and Cr Warren Polglase

Also present were Mr Troy Green (General Manager), Ms Liz Collyer (Director Corporate Services), Mr Danny Rose (Acting 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 Maree Morgan (Minutes Secretary).

The Extraordinary Meeting commenced with the Australian National Anthem.

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, Pastor Phil Gibb from Murwillumbah Baptist Church.

"Mayor, Councillors, Council Staff, and members of the public, on behalf of the Murwillumbah Churches Together, may I firstly congratulate all the new councillors and assure you all, the church community supports you and prays for you regularly."

Let Us Pray

Almighty God, maker of all things, we acknowledge Your presence and goodness among us this day. We praise you for the wealth of beauty within this dynamic part of our great land, the Tweed Valley Shire.

Lord God, we acknowledge the immense diversity of people, ideas and needs across this shire and we pray that you would continue to build within this council and its community a deep sense of unity and trust that together, this region would grow in stability and vitality.

We thank you for the men and women who serve vigorously in many and various ways within this Shire Council, continuing to maintain and build upon the heritage set before. We thank you for the strategic planning and careful considerations given to matters which affect many, and we ask that you continue to give wisdom and guidance to all as they seek to fulfil their respect roles.

We know there is much for the council to discuss, so God would you guide the Mayor, the Councillors and staff in the very necessary deliberations, that even when dialogue is robust it would be carried out with all appropriateness and mutual respect.

In the understanding that you care deeply for all people and the endeavours of this world, we call out to you in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself to rescue and redeem us into your welcoming kingdom of goodness.

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] Oath or Affirmation of Office by Councillors

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Cr J Owen
Cr C Cherry

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, it is noted that:

1. Councillors C Cherry, R Cooper, K Milne and J Owen took the Affirmation of Office.
2. Councillors P Allsop, R Byrnes and W Polglase took the Oath of Office.
3. A signed statement acknowledging the taking of either the oath or affirmation by each Councillor is retained within Council's electronic records management system.

The Motion was Carried

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

2 [GM-EXT] Method of Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Period Ending September 2018

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**Cr K Milne
Cr W Polglase**

RESOLVED that:

1. Council determines to elect a Deputy Mayor and the term of this appointment to be 12 months until September 2017.
2. 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

3 [GM-EXT] Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Period Ending September 2018

The Manager Corporate Governance/Public Officer as Returning Officer advised that two nominations had been received for Mayor:

- Cr W Polglase duly nominated.
- Cr K Milne duly nominated.

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 J Owen, Cr W Polglase, Cr P Allsop

Voting for Cr K Milne for Mayor:

FOR VOTE - Cr R Byrnes, Cr C Cherry, Cr R Cooper, Cr K Milne

The Manager Corporate Governance/Public Officer as Returning Officer advised that two nominations had been received for Deputy Mayor for a one year term until September 2017:

- Cr P Allsop was duly nominated.
 - Cr C Cherry was duly nominated.
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The result of the Ordinary Ballot by way of open voting (show of hands) for Deputy Mayor was as follows:

Voting for Cr P Allsop for Deputy Mayor:

FOR VOTE - Cr J Owen, Cr W Polglase, Cr P Allsop

Voting for Cr C Cherry for Deputy Mayor:

FOR VOTE - Cr R Byrnes, Cr C Cherry, Cr R Cooper, Cr K Milne

Based on the above voting for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the Returning Officer declared the following:

1. Mayor for the period ending September 2018 - **Cr Katie Milne.**
 2. Deputy Mayor for the period ending September 2017 - **Cr Chris Cherry.**
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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

4 [CS-EXT] Council Committees - Delegates to September 2020

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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**Cr K Milne
Cr W Polglase**

RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended for discussion on this item on the Agenda.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

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Cr K Milne
Cr J Owen

RESOLVED that Standing Orders be resumed.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

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Cr P Allsop
Cr C Cherry

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Affirms the proposed Committee structure which includes the amalgamation of the Tweed River and Tweed Coastal Committees to form the "Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee".
2. Appoints the following Councillor Representatives to the Committees of Council for the period ending September 2020.

Committee	Delegate	Alternate
Aboriginal Advisory	Cr K Milne	Cr R Byrnes Cr C Cherry
Art Gallery Foundation	Cr P Allsop	
Arts Northern Rivers	Cr W Polglase Manager Community & Cultural Services	Cr R Byrnes
Audit Committee	Cr J Owen Cr W Polglase	
Australia Day	Mayor	
Community Halls Advisory	Cr W Polglase	Cr R Cooper
Destination Tweed	Mayor	Deputy Mayor
Equal Access Advisory	Cr R Byrnes	Cr W Polglase
Far North Coast Bush Fire Management	Cr W Polglase	Cr P Allsop
Floodplain Management	Cr J Owen	Cr C Cherry
General Manager's Review	All Councillors	
Gold Coast Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group	Cr C Cherry	Cr J Owen
Local Traffic Committee	Cr J Owen	Cr P Allsop
Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils Inc (NOROC)	Mayor	Deputy Mayor
Richmond-Tweed Regional Library Committee	Cr K Milne Cr R Cooper	Cr R Byrnes
Rural Fire Service Liaison	Cr W Polglase	Cr P Allsop

Sports Advisory	Cr P Allsop	Cr W Polglase
Tweed Coast Koala Management	Cr K Milne	Cr C Cherry
Tweed Coast and Waterways	Cr C Cherry Cr K Milne	Cr J Owen
Tweed Regional Gallery Advisory	Cr W Polglase Cr R Byrnes	
Tweed Regional Museum Advisory	Cr W Polglase	Cr P Allsop
Tweed Shire Council Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund	Mayor, Deputy Mayor	
Tweed Shire Demand Management & Water Efficiency Review - Community Reference Group	Cr R Cooper Cr K Milne	Cr J Owen

3. Adopts the following amended Terms of Reference:

- Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee
- Tweed Coast Koala Management Committee

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

5 [CS-EXT] Dates and Times for Future Council Meetings

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Cr W Polglase

Cr J Owen

RESOLVED that the meeting program remain the same (as follows) for the next three months at which time further review will be undertaken.

Meetings for 2016			
Planning Committee 1 st Thursday		Council 3 rd Thursday	
Date	Venue	Date	Venue
1 December 2016	Tweed Heads	15 December 2016	Tweed Heads
Meetings for 2017			
2 February 2017 Ø	Murwillumbah	16 February 2017	Murwillumbah
2 March 2017	Tweed Heads	16 March 2017	Tweed Heads

NOTE: Ø 2 February 2017 will be a combined Planning Committee and Council Meeting.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 4.46pm.



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

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