

**Mayor:** Cr K Milne

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

# Minutes

## Extraordinary Council Meeting Wednesday 27 September 2017

held at  
Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah  
commencing at 5.30pm

# 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 5.30pm.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

Also present were Mr Troy Green (General Manager), Mr Michael Chorlton (Acting Director Corporate Services), Mr Vince Connell (Director Planning and Regulation), Ms Tracey Stinson (Director Community and Natural Resources), Mr Shane Davidson (Executive Officer), Ms Fran Silk (Communications Officer - Social and Media) 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 by Council's General Manager, Troy Green.

### **APOLOGIES**

Attendee Cr P Allsop has informed the General Manager that his absence is due to a previous commitment.

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**Cr J Owen**  
**Cr C Cherry**

**RESOLVED** that the apology of **Cr P Allsop** be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

The Motion was **Carried**

**FOR VOTE - Unanimous**  
**ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr P Allsop**

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil.

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

Nil.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**1 [NOR] Support for Marriage Equality 'Yes' Vote**

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**Cr W Polglase  
Cr J Owen**

**PROPOSED** that the resolution from the meeting held on Thursday 21 September 2017 at Minute No 436 Item No 11 titled [NOM] Support for Marriage Equality 'Yes' Vote being:

*That:*

1. *Confirms support to amend the Marriage Act to include all members of the LGBTQIA community.*
2. *Erects a rainbow flag or banner outside the Tweed and Murwillumbah Council chambers for the duration of the Postal Survey.*
3. *Promotes Council's position of support through forums such as media and social media and holds at least one Councillor led public function to promote the 'Yes' vote.*

***be rescinded.***

The Rescission Motion was **Lost**

***FOR VOTE - Cr J Owen, Cr W Polglase***

***AGAINST VOTE - Cr R Byrnes, Cr C Cherry, Cr R Cooper, Cr K Milne***

***ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr P Allsop***

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There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 5.52pm.



**Minutes of Meeting Confirmed by Council  
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**Chairman**