



TWEED
SHIRE COUNCIL

Councillors: Michael Armstrong
Gary Bagnall
Carolyn Byrne
Barry Longland
Katie Milne
Warren Polglase
Phil Youngblutt

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday 20 September 2012

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 6.00pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr M Armstrong, Cr G Bagnall, Cr C Byrne, Cr B Longland, Cr K Milne, Cr W Polglase, Cr P Youngblutt.

Also present were Mr David Keenan (General Manager), Mr Troy Green (Director Technology and Corporate Services), Mr Patrick Knight (Director Engineering and Operations), Mr Vince Connell (Director Planning and Regulation), Mr David Oxenham (Director Community and Natural Resources), Mr Neil Baldwin (Manager Corporate Governance/Public Officer) and Mrs Meredith Smith (Minutes Secretary).

ABORIGINAL STATEMENT

The General Manager, Mr David Keenan, 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 read by the General Manager, Mr David Keenan.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

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

Nil.

ORDINARY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

1 [GM-ECM] Method of Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Period Ending September 2013

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**Cr B Longland
Cr G Bagnall**

RESOLVED that Council determines that the procedure for electing the Mayor/Deputy Mayor be by Ordinary Ballot by way of open voting (show of hands) which is in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005:

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

2 [GM-ECM] Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Period Ending September 2013

The General Manager requested advice from the Returning Officer, Mr Neil Baldwin, on nominations received.

The Returning Officer advised that Cr W Polglase and Cr B Longland had been nominated for the position of Mayor.

The results of the ballot by way of open voting (show of hands) was as follows:

Voting for Cr Polgase for the position of Mayor:

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

Voting for Cr Longland for the position of Mayor:

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

On the results of the voting the Returning Officer declared Cr B Longland as Mayor for the period ending September 2013.

The Returning Officer advised that Cr P Youngblutt and Cr M Armstrong had been nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor.

The results of the ballot by way of open voting (show of hands) was as follows:

Voting for Cr Youngblutt for the position of Deputy Mayor:

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

Voting for Cr Armstrong for the position of Deputy Mayor:

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

On the results of the voting the Returning Officer declared Cr M Armstrong as Deputy Mayor for the period ending September 2013.

CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING

The meeting continued under the Chairmanship of the Mayor, Cr B Longland.

REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL TERM

The Mayor highlighted the achievements of the Council during the previous council term.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR TECHNOLOGY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

3 [TCS-ECM] Election as a Member of the Far North Coast County Council

The Returning Officer advised that Cr K Milne and Cr P Youngblutt were nominated as Council's delegate member of the Far North Coast County Council.

According to Part 2 Schedule 9 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the ballot proceeded by way of preferential ballot to elect the Council's delegate member.

The results of the ballot by way of preferential ballot were as follows:

Voting for Cr Milne as Council's delegate member of the Far North Coast County Council:

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

Voting for Cr Youngblutt as Council's delegate member of the Far North Coast County Council:

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

On the results of the voting the Returning Officer declared Cr K Milne as Council's delegate member for the Far North Coast County Council for the term of Council.

The meeting agreed that the ballot papers would be destroyed.

4 [TCS-ECM] Council Committees - Delegates to September 2016

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Cr K Milne
Cr G Bagnall

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Affirms the existing committee structure with the exception of:
 - Banora Point Community Centre Advisory Committee - to be disbanded,
 - Beach Safety Liaison Committee - appointment of delegates be deferred but the operation of the Committee will continue, and
 - Community Cultural Development Advisory Committee - appointment of delegates and formation of committee be deferred.
2. The Council appointed Delegates to the Committees for the period ending September 2016 are:

Aboriginal Advisory	Cr Bagnall - Alternate Cr Milne
Arts Northern Rivers Board	Cr Longland - Alternate Cr Armstrong
Audit Committee	Cr Byrne, Cr Armstrong
Destination Tweed	Mayor
Equal Access Advisory	Cr Armstrong, Cr Youngblutt
Flood Plain Management	Cr Milne - Alternate Cr Bagnall
General Manager Review	All Councillors
Gold Coast Airport Community Aviation Consultative Group	Cr Byrne - alternate Cr Milne
Local Traffic	Cr Longland - Alternate Cr Armstrong
Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils	Mayor - Alternate Deputy Mayor
Richmond-Tweed Regional Library	Cr Byrne, Cr Milne - Alternate Cr Armstrong
Rural Fire Service Liaison	Cr Bagnall, Cr Youngblutt
Sports Advisory	Cr Bagnall - alternate Cr Polglase
Far North Coast Bush Fire Management	Cr Youngblutt - Alternate Cr Bagnall

Tweed Coastal	Cr Bagnall, Cr Longland - Alternate Cr Milne
Tweed Coast Koala Advisory Group	Cr Milne
Tweed River	Cr Bagnall, Cr Milne
Tweed River Regional Art Gallery Advisory	Cr Polglase, Cr Youngblutt
Tweed River Regional Museum Advisory	Cr Armstrong - Alternate Cr Longland
Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund	Mayor, Deputy Mayor

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

5 [TCS-ECM] Dates and Times of Future Council Meetings

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**Cr B Longland
Cr K Milne**

PROPOSED that

1. Following the meeting of 25 September 2012, Ordinary Council Meetings will occur monthly in accordance with the following schedule:
 - (a) Business Papers to be finalised and posted on Council's website by close of business on the second Monday of each month, commencing on 8 October 2012.
 - (b) The Index to the Agenda for the meeting will be notified in the Tweed Link on the Wednesday following the finalisation of the Business Paper.
 - (c) Community Access will occur on the Tuesday (4.30pm to 6.30pm) of the week following the release of the Business Paper.
 - (d) The Ordinary Council meeting will occur on the Thursday following Community Access, commencing at 5.15pm.
 - (e) When required, the Reserves Trust meeting will occur at 5pm on the day of the Ordinary Council meeting.
2. These arrangements shall operate for a trial period until March 2013.
3. Notices of Motion and Questions on Notice from Councillors are to be submitted by 2pm on the Wednesday preceding the release of the Business Paper.

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AMENDMENT

**Cr W Polglase
Cr P Youngblutt**

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the first Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 25 September 2012, commencing at 7.00pm, to allow for consideration of the tabled information on the meetings timetable.

The Amendment was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

The Amendment on becoming the Motion was **Carried** - (Minute No 550 refers)

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

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

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting were Confirmed by Council

at the

Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25 September 2012

Chairman

