



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRIFFITH ON 22 JULY 2014 COMMENCING AT 7.04 PM

PRESENT

The Mayor, John Dal Broi in the Chair; Councillors, Alison Balind, Pat Cox, Simon Croce, Doug Curran, Bill Lancaster, Anne Napoli, Mike Neville, Paul Rossetto, Christine Stead, Leon Thorpe and Dino Zappacosta.

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet; Director Infrastructure and Operations, Dallas Bibby; Director Sustainable Development, Neil Southorn; Acting Director Utilities, Steve Oosthuysen; Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services, Max Turner; Manager Executive Services, Shireen Donaldson and Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin.

MEDIA

Jack Morphett, Area News

The Meeting opened with Councillor Napoli reading the Council prayer and the Acknowledgment of Country.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 8 JULY 2014

0231

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Stead that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Griffith on 8 July 2014, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 8 JULY 2014

Staff Responsibility and Report Author Codes

Councillor Rossetto advised that Mr David Tull's name is still appearing on the Staff Responsibility and Report Author Codes as Director Utilities on page three of the

business paper.

Mr Stonestreet noted that Mr Tull is still currently employed by Griffith City Council and is currently on long service leave however the Staff Responsibility and Report Author Codes page will be updated as required.

SMMR Pty Ltd ATF SMMR Unit Trust Sub-Licence to Dom's Motors Pty Ltd - Part Drainage Reserve 159011

Councillor Lancaster requested an update on the question that was on notice in relation to Council not charging a licence fee for the road reserve.

Mr Southorn advised that a draft response is being prepared and will be circulated to Councillors.

National General Assembly of Local Government

Councillor Napoli enquired why the objectives and arguments are not included in the resolution.

The Mayor advised that with regards to the National General Assembly of Local Government report that the resolution was that the report be noted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following Councillors declared less than significant non-pecuniary interests in the following clauses:

Councillor Alison Balind

Minutes of the Transport Committee meeting held 7 July 2014

Reason - Councillor Balind's husband is employed as Road Safety Officer at Griffith City Council.

Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

Councillor Anne Napoli

CL01 - Sports Marketing Australia Report

Reason - Councillor Napoli is a Committee member of the Griffith Sports Council.

Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Rescission Motion and Notice of Motion in relation to Council's On-Site Detention Policy

Reason - Councillor Zappacosta has had a DA approved in 2012 with detention basin required.

Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following Councillors declared significant non-pecuniary interests in the following clauses:

Councillor Anne Napoli

Outstanding Action Report

Review of Motor Vehicle Policies, LEP 2014, Dog Pound, P.S.O

Reason - Councillor Napoli has connections to the mentioned items.

Make a declaration, do not participate and leave the Chamber upon making the declaration. Do not return until the matter is resolved.

Councillor Anne Napoli

Minutes of the General Facilities Committee meeting held 1 July 2014

Reason - A member of Councillor Napoli's family works in Compliance.

Make a declaration, do not participate and leave the Chamber upon making the declaration. Do not return until the matter is resolved.

PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following Councillors declared pecuniary interests in the following clauses:

Councillor Anne Napoli

CL02 - Update on Amendments to the Local Environmental Plan 2014

Reason - Some members of Councillor Napoli's family as well as herself have properties that may be affected by the Local Environmental Plan 2014.

Make a declaration, do not participate and leave the Chamber upon making the declaration. Do not return until the matter is resolved.

Councillor Leon Thorpe

CL02 - Update on Amendments to the Local Environmental Plan 2014

Reason - Matters relating to LEP Zoning and property ownership.

Make a declaration, do not participate and leave the Chamber upon making the declaration. Do not return until the matter is resolved.

SPECIAL DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The following Councillors declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in relation to CL02 - Update on Amendments to the Local Environmental Plan 2014:

Councillor Alison Balind

Councillor Pat Cox

Councillor Simon Croce

Councillor Doug Curran

Councillor John Dal Broi

Councillor Bill Lancaster

Councillor Paul Rossetto

Councillor Christine Stead

Councillor Mike Neville

Councillor Dino Zappacosta

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 SPORTS MARKETING AUSTRALIA REPORT (MTED)

0232

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Neville and Thorpe that Mr Laurence Testoni be permitted to address Council.

0233

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Neville and Curran that:

- (a) The report from Sports Marketing Australia be received.
- (b) Council's Tourism & Economic Development Unit work with Griffith Sports Council and Sports Marketing Australia to secure sporting events for Griffith.

Councillors Napoli and Thorpe left the Chamber the time being 7:29 pm.

CL02 UPDATE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2014

(LPC)

0234

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Neville and Balind that:

- (a) Council acknowledge this report meets the requirement to advise Councillors before 30 July of the status of Planning Proposals.
- (b) Council provide in principle support for the preparation of three Planning Proposals to carry out three rounds of amendments to the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014.

In accordance with the Local Government Act (section 375A - Recording of voting on planning matters) Council must record the Councillor's vote in relation to this matter.

Councillor	For	Against
Cr Dal Broi		X
Cr Napoli		Vacated the Chamber - Conflict of Interest
Cr Lancaster	X	
Cr Thorpe		Vacated the Chamber - Conflict of Interest
Cr Balind	X	
Cr Zappacosta	X	
Cr Neville	X	
Cr Croce	X	
Cr Curran	X	
Cr Cox	X	
Cr Rossetto		X
Cr Stead		X

Councillors Napoli and Thorpe returned to the Chamber the time being 7:40 pm.

CL03 COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE RISK BASED DRINKING WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

(SWSE)

0235

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Napoli and Thorpe that the Risk Based Drinking Water Management System as attached, be adopted by Council to comply with Part 5, clause 34 (2) of the Public Health Regulation, 2012.

CL04 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014

(GM)

0236

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Curran and Croce that:

(a) Council be represented at the 2014 Local Government NSW Conference to be held in Coffs Harbour from 19 - 21 October 2014.

(b) The Mayor and General Manager (or their delegates) attend the Conference.

(c) Expenses to attend the Conference be paid by Council in accordance with the Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.

Councillor Napoli requested that in relation to the previously resolved motion to be submitted to the State Conference of Local Government NSW, regarding Coal Seam Gas, that the objectives and arguments listed in the report be included in the motion.

Mr Stonestreet advised that the supporting objectives and arguments would be included in the online submission of the motion.

MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF THE GRIFFITH COMMUNITY PRIVATE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2014

0237

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Neville and Napoli that the minutes of the Griffith Community Private Hospital Committee meeting held on 24 June 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 JULY 2014

Councillor Napoli left the Chamber the time being 7:46 pm.

0238

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Curran and Stead that the minutes of the General Facilities Committee meeting held on 1 July 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.

Councillor Napoli returned to the Chamber the time being 7:46 pm.

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2014

0239

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Curran and Cox that the minutes of the Transport Committee meeting held on 7 July 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.

Councillor Stead tabled a copy of a survey (attached) currently being conducted at the East Griffith Shopping precinct in relation to parking issues and requested more survey forms be distributed.

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE

RESCISSION MOTION - AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL'S ON-SITE DETENTION POLICY (C)

Councillors Thorpe and Zappacosta **MOVED** the following **MOTION** that Council rescind Minute Number 0219 from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 8 July 2014.

Councillor Rossetto raised a Point of Order in relation to Councillor Lancaster's reference to the Griffith Business Chamber putting forward the amendment to the On-Site Detention Policy.

The Mayor advised that the original recommendation had come from a member of the Business Development and Major Projects Committee, not the Griffith Business Chamber.

0240

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Zappacosta that Council rescind Minute Number 0219 from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 8 July 2014 as follows:

CL01 AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL'S ON-SITE DETENTION POLICY

0219

RESOLVED *on the motion of Councillors Lancaster and Thorpe that Council decline the proposed amendments to the Council's on site detention policy (CS-CP-404) and rescind its decision to prepare a draft amendment as resolved at the Council Meeting of 11 February 2014.*

NOTICE OF MOTION - DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO ON-SITE DETENTION POLICY

(C)

0241

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Balind that:

(a) The draft amendments to the On-site Detention Policy - CS-CP-404 as per attachment (a) of the report be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

(b) Following the 28 days exhibition period the amendments be reported back to Council inclusive of any submissions for final adoption.

QUESTION TIME

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(Council note: questions as recorded in the Minutes are exact copies of the material provided by the member of public asking the question).

The following question was received from Mr Peter Grant:

"In the past 6 months I have written to Mr Stonestreet regarding a blocked drainage culvert across Allen St at the cnr of Leaver St twice. When might I receive a reply."

Mr Stonestreet advised this would be taken on notice and a response would be provided.

The following question was received from Mr Paul Rossetto:

"Location: Yenda EMR decommissioned flood gates.

Question: May Cr Rossetto read a press release formulated by Yenda Flood Victims Association Committee meeting last Wednesday evening. 16/7/2014."

Councillor Rossetto read the press release to Council.

The following question was received from Mr Paul Rossetto, Secretary Yenda Progress Association:

"Would Councillors undertake a site visit to the Yenda EMR before the Griffith Main Drain J and Mirrool Creek Flood Study is completed and Councillors are asked to approve the final document."

Mr Stonestreet advised that a site visit would be arranged.

The following question was received from Mr R Green:

"Outside Council office regarding flags".

Councillor Croce left the Chamber the time being 8:04 pm and returned at 8:05pm.

The Mayor advised Council would acknowledge and respect the lives that were lost in the recent aircraft disaster and the Council flags would be lowered to half mast.

COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

The following question was received from Councillor Napoli:

"Mr Mayor you may have read in the Area News about the closure of the Griffith Red Cross branch. After 77 years of service and fundraising for very worthy causes. Through you, Mr Mayor could a letter of thanks and acknowledgment go out to head office recognising those ladies that contributed to the local branch over the last 77 years."

The Mayor advised a letter of appreciation would be sent to the Red Cross and

members would be invited to the Local Government Week morning tea.

The following question was received from Councillor Thorpe:

"As regards our community/cultural excursion to Italy for around July 2015: What has been the response from our possible hosts in Italy? When shall we know dates for a Griffith meeting of local interested parties? Could we have a general update please? Let us not lose the momentum for this excursion so that we would have to go through another start up procedure. Those of the community who have shown interest should be kept informed (hopefully on a regular basis). Thank you."

Mr Stonestreet advised Councillors will be provided an update on this item.

Councillor Napoli left the Chamber the time being 8:10 pm.

OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Review of Motor Vehicle Policies Internal Audit Report

Mr Stonestreet advised the Senior Management Team has referred this item to the Fleet and Depot Manager. Consideration will also need to be given to the new Local Government State Award 2014 to ensure compliance. A preliminary draft is to be prepared by early August.

0242

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Neville and Thorpe that the Outstanding Action report be noted.

Councillor Napoli returned to the Chamber the time being 8:12 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:12 pm.

Confirmed:
CHAIRPERSON

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Survey tabled by Councillor Stead

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Survey

East Griffith Shops Parking Area July 2014

1. Please circle your current interest in this parking area
 - A. I am the owner of a property adjacent to the car park
 - B. I am a business owner that is serviced by the car park
 - C. I am an employee of a business serviced by the car park
 - D. I am a customer of a business serviced by the car park

2. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the implementation of time limited car parking at the East Griffith shops.
 - A. Satisfied with the current parking restrictions
 - B. Unsatisfied

Reasons:

3. Please provide any additional comments in relation to this issue (Please attach a sketch if preferred)

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