

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET BALLINA,
ON 4/07/18 AT 4.00 PM**

Attendance

Crs David Wright (Mayor - in the chair), Phillip Meehan, Sharon Parry, Jeff Johnson, Eoin Johnston, Stephen McCarthy, Keith Williams, Sharon Cadwallader and Ben Smith.

Paul Hickey (General Manager), John Truman (Group Manager Civil Services), Matthew Wood (Group Manager Development and Environmental Health), Steve Barnier (Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities), Linda Coulter (Manager Financial Services) and Sandra Bailey (Secretary) were in attendance.

There were seven people in the gallery at this time, including four staff members.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

In opening the meeting the Mayor provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Apologies

An apology was received from Cr Nathan Willis.

040718/1 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Keith Williams)

That such apology be accepted and leave of absence granted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

3. Declarations of Interest and Reportable Political Donations

- **Cr Sharon Cadwallader** – declared an interest in Item 5.1 – Rescission Motion – Water Access Charges. (Nature of Interest: non pecuniary, significant conflict of interest – she is a ratepayer affected by the water access charges). She will be departing the meeting while the matter is discussed.

Cr Sharon Cadwallader left the meeting at 04:04 pm.

- **Cr Phillip Meehan** – declared an interest in Item 5.1 – Rescission Motion – Water Access Charges. (Nature of Interest: non pecuniary, non significant – his sister-in-law owns a property affected by the water access charges). He will be remaining in the meeting while the matter is discussed and voting on the matter.

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4. Deputations

Nil

5. Notices of Motion

5.1 Rescission Motion - Water Access Charges

040718/2 RESOLVED

(Cr Phillip Meehan/Cr Jeff Johnson)

That Council rescind the following motion from the June 2018 Ordinary meeting:

That Council does not support the proposed change to the water access charges. All water access charges are to be increased by CPI. That Council review the methodology during the next Delivery Program process.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Sharon Parry, Cr Jeff Johnson and the casting vote of the Mayor

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Keith Williams and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Sharon Cadwallader

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Phillip Meehan and seconded by Cr Jeff Johnson

1. That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the submissions received for the proposed change to the water access charges.
2. That Council confirms that it will proceed with the proposed change as it provides consistency with our wastewater and domestic waste charging structures and based on the access charges as per the Structure Change Column in Table 5 of the report.
3. That Council makes the water access charge as per the Structure Change Column in Table 5 of the report.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Keith Williams and seconded by Cr Ben Smith

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3. That Council makes the water access charge as per the Structure Change Column in Table 5 of the report.
4. That Council provide a 50% rebate for the water access charge for pensioner/concession holders in granny flats and dual occupancies where the other premises is occupied by a family member or carer.

The **Amendment** was **LOST**.

FOR VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Keith Williams and Cr Ben Smith
AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Sharon Parry, Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Stephen McCarthy
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Sharon Cadwallader

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Ben Smith and seconded by Cr Keith Williams

1. That Council implement a phased implementation of the new access charge starting at \$204 for the first tenement and \$102 thereafter for all properties impacted as per Attachment 2 to this report.
2. That Council maintains and makes the water access charges as per the 2017/18 access charges, subject to point one above.
3. That, in principle, the objective of Council is to get to 100% in 2019/20.

Adjournment

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5.00 pm to enable staff to consider whether the proposed motion could be implemented.

The General Manager and staff in attendance in the Gallery left the meeting at this stage.

The meeting resumed at 5.03 pm.

The **Amendment** was **CARRIED**.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Sharon Parry and Cr Jeff Johnson and the casting vote of the Mayor
AGAINST VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Keith Williams and Cr Ben Smith
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Sharon Cadwallader

The **Amendment** then became the **Motion** and was **CARRIED**.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Sharon Cadwallader

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040718/3 RESOLVED

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3. That, in principle, the objective of Council is to get to 100% in 2019/20.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Sharon Cadwallader

MEETING CLOSURE

5.04 pm

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 4/07/18 were submitted for confirmation by council on 26 July 2018 and amendments (if any) are contained in the confirming resolution. Such Minutes were signed by the Mayor at the meeting on 26 July 2018.