

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CNR CHERRY & TAMAR STREETS, BALLINA,
ON 23/04/12 AT 4.05 PM**

Attendance

Crs Phillip Silver (Mayor - in the chair), Sharon Cadwallader, Ben Smith, Keith Johnson, Robyn Hordern, David Wright, Alan Brown and Susan Meehan.

Paul Hickey (General Manager), John Truman (Civil Services Group Manager), Rod Willis (Regulatory Services Group Manager), Steve Barnier (Strategic & Community Services Group Manager) and Peter Morgan (Manager Finance & Governance) and Graeme Flanagan (Accountant) were in attendance.

There were 3 people in the gallery at this time.

1. Apologies

Nil

Absent

Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cr Phillip Silver - declared an interest in Item 4.6 - Budget Requests - 2012/13 and in particular Item a) - Alstonville CBD - Car Parking. (Nature of Interest: significant non pecuniary - he is a property owner in the Alstonville CBD - he will be departing the meeting while the matter is discussed).

Cr Sharon Cadwallader - later in the meeting declared an interest in Item 4.2 - Fees and Charges - 2012/13 and in particular to the debate which occurred in relation to leases, licences and agreements held with Council for use of Council owned and controlled land for items such as signs and other ancillary items. (Nature of Interest: she is a tourism operator in the Shire). She departed the meeting while the matter was discussed.

3. Deputations

- **Ann Marchment** - spoke in relation to Item 4.3 - Swimming Pool - Fees and Charges.
- **Lorraine Leukel** - spoke in relation to Item 4.2 - Fees and Charges - 2012/13 and in particular to Ferry fees.

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4. Committee Reports

4.1 Ordinary Rate and Carbon Tax

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Susan Meehan/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council approves an application to IPART for the carbon tax advance to form part of Council's 2012/13 special rate variation.
2. That the rates shown in the draft Operational Plan include the carbon tax advance of 0.4% and that the plan provides commentary on the rationale for the advance.
3. That the rates advertised in the draft operational plan be as per the following tables.

Rating Category	6.1% Increase	
	Base Charge	Rate in Dollar
Residential	398	0.152206
Business	398	0.539356
Farmland	398	0.123163
Mining	398	0.539356

Rate Category	2012/2013		
	6.1% increase	% of total	Ave Rate
Residential	11,972,439	72.15	799
Business	3,318,583	20.00	2,632
Farmland	1,302,099	7.85	1,225
Mining	0	0	0
Total	16,593,121	100.0	958

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

4.2 Fees and Charges - 2012/13

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Susan Meehan/Cr Ben Smith)

That the previously endorsed draft fees and charges document be amended for exhibition purposes, as follows:

- Impounding fees for dogs (first time), livestock and abandoned articles - \$28

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- Pre development assessment panel meeting - \$350 up to one hour.
- Art gallery fees

Hire Charges for Gallery Spaces	2011/12	2012/13
- Gallery 1 (1 month)	Free	200.00
- Gallery 2 (1 month)	400.00	420.00
- Gallery 3 (1 month)	150.00	160.00
- Gallery 4 (1 month)	500.00	540.00
- Entire Gallery (1 month)	1,050.00	1,150.00

- Alstonville swimming pool - fee for out of hours whole pool - \$47.80
- Construction certificate - commercial / industrial where value exceeds \$5 million - by quotation
- Building inspection fees - commercial / industrial where value exceeds \$5 million - by quotation
- Niche wall removal of plaque - \$150
- \$1 charge for bicycles using the Ferry.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Susan Meehan/Cr Ben Smith)

That Council receive a report on leases, licences and agreements held with Council for use of Council owned and controlled land for items such as signs and other ancillary items.

Cr Cadwallader declared an interest in this item when discussions revolved around the Homestead Motel sign. (Nature of Interest: she is a tourism operator in the Shire).

Cr Sharon Cadwallader left the meeting at 4.30 pm.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

Cr Sharon Cadwallader returned to the meeting at 4.32 pm.

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4.3 Swimming Pool - Fees and Charges

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Ben Smith/Cr Susan Meehan

1. That Council endorses the same pricing for fees and charges at the Ballina and Alstonville swimming pools and that from 2012/13 onwards the Council season ticket is to be valid at either facility.
2. That Council receive a report on the introduction of a pool improvement levy, or any other appropriate funding mechanism, to assist in financing the redevelopment of the Ballina and Alstonville swimming pools.
3. That the validity of season tickets at both facilities commence immediately.

RESOLVED

(Cr Susan Meehan)

That the Motion be put.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Susan Meehan)

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2. That Council receive a report on the introduction of a pool improvement levy, or any other appropriate funding mechanism, to assist in financing the redevelopment of the Ballina and Alstonville swimming pools.
3. That the validity of season tickets at both facilities commence immediately.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

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4.4 Wastewater Charges - 2012/13

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr David Wright/Cr Keith Johnson)

1. That Council approves the inclusion of the draft wastewater budget, as attached to this report, in the 2012/13 Draft Operational Plan, for public comment.
2. That Council approves the amendments to the 2011/12 wastewater budget, as per the attachment to this report.
3. That Council approves the inclusion of the following wastewater charging structure in the Draft 2012/13 Operational Plan based on a 7% increase for all charges.

Charge Type	2011/12	2012/13	% Increase
Residential Annual Charge	630	674	7

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

4.5 Waste Charges - 2012/13

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Keith Johnson/Cr Susan Meehan)

That Council, based on the current financial information available, endorses the inclusion of the following waste charging structure in the draft 2012/13 Operational Plan.

Charge Type	2011/12 Charge \$	2012/13 Charge \$	Increase %
Business Mixed (Annual Charge)	268	292	9
Business Recycling (Annual Charge)	132	144	9
Business Green Waste (Annual Charge)	Not available	255	N/A
Council DWM Gate Fee - Recyclates	200 then 74 per tonne	185 per tonne	(7.5) or 150
Council DWM Gate Fee - Mixed Waste	222 then 174 per tonne	220 per tonne	(0.1) or 26
Remaining Gate Fees	Various	Various	Up to 9%
DWM - Rural (Excludes Green Waste)	321	350	9
DWM – Rural (No Collection)	263	287	9
DWM – Urban (All Three Collections)	360	392	9

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Additional Mixed Waste	Not available	146	N/A
Additional Domestic Recycling	130	141	9
Additional Green Waste Collection	234	255	9
DWM – Vacant Land	32	35	9

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

4.6 Budget Requests - 2012/13

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That Council receive a report to the May Ordinary meeting in respect to funding options for improvements at Missingham Park.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader

That Council receives a report to the May Ordinary meeting in respect to the funding needed for the Newrybar - Village Upgrade

The **Motion LAPSED**.

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Councillor Alan Brown)

That Council receives a report to the May Ordinary meeting in respect to the status of the implementation of the Shaws Bay Management Plan with particular emphasis on Task K being the \$60,000 in funding to stabilise the sandy beach area in the east arm.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Keith Johnson/Cr Ben Smith)

That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the status of the implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

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RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Keith Johnson/Cr David Wright)

That Council take no further action in respect to the Petanque Facility.

FOR VOTE - Cr Phillip Silver, Cr Ben Smith, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Robyn Hordern, Cr David Wright, Cr Alan Brown and Cr Susan Meehan

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader and seconded by Cr Ben Smith

That Council receive a report to the May Ordinary meeting in respect to the funding needed for the Killen Falls Walking Track and associated works.

The **Motion** was **LOST**.

FOR VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Phillip Silver, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Robyn Hordern, Cr David Wright, Cr Alan Brown and Cr Susan Meehan

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Robyn Hordern/Cr Susan Meehan)

That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the funding needed for the Killen Falls Walking Track and associated works.

FOR VOTE - Cr Phillip Silver, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Robyn Hordern, Cr David Wright, Cr Alan Brown and Cr Susan Meehan

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr David Wright/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council notes the need for future funding for an upgrade to the SES building.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

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RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That Council receive a report to the May Ordinary meeting on funding options to include \$13,000 for the provision of screening at Williams Reserve.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Susan Meehan/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That Council receive a report to the May Ordinary meeting on funding options to provide infrastructure improvements (ie BBQs) to Pop Denison Park.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

4.7 Delivery Program and Operational Plan - 2012/13 to 2015/16

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Susan Meehan/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council approves the exhibition of the Draft Delivery Program and Draft Operational Plan, as attached, inclusive of any amendments arising from this meeting and subject to the finalisation of both documents.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

Cr Phillip Silver declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 5.50 pm.

4.6 Budget Requests - 2012/13

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Susan Meehan/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the need for an expansion of the Alstonville CBD - Car Parking and agrees to defer any action until the current review of the Section 94 Car Parking Plan is completed.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Phillip Silver, Cr Peter Moore and Cr Jeff Johnson

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MEETING CLOSURE

5.55 pm