

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,
ON 8/04/13 AT 4.00 PM**

Attendance

Cr Susan Meehan (Deputy Mayor - in the chair), Jeff Johnson, Sharon Cadwallader, Keith Williams, Keith Johnson, Ken Johnston, Paul Worth, Ben Smith and Robyn Hordern.

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

There were six people in the gallery at this time.

1. Apologies

An apology was received from Cr David Wright.

Absent at this stage
Cr Sharon Cadwallader

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That such apology be accepted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr David Wright

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Deputations

Nil

(Cr Cadwallader arrived at the meeting at 4.03 pm)

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4. Committee Reports

4.1 Organisation Structure - Review

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Keith Johnson and seconded by Cr Ben Smith

1. That Council endorses the attached Organisation Structure Review report, as prepared by De Chastel and Associates, and authorises the General Manager to implement the recommendations identified within the report.
2. For the purposes of Section 333 of the Local Government Act Council adopts the updated organisation structure and associated functions as outlined in the options section of this report.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Ken Johnston and seconded by Cr Jeff Johnson

That Council endorses the attached Organisation Structure Review report, as prepared by De Chastel and Associates and places the report on public exhibition before the General Manager is authorised to implement the recommendations identified within the report.

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

FOR VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Ken Johnston

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

The **Motion** was **CARRIED**.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT DID NOT VOTE – Cr David Wright

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Keith Johnson/Cr Ben Smith)

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FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT DID NOT VOTE – Cr David Wright

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4.2 Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme and Asset Management Reviews

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council notes the contents of the reports from the NSW Treasury Corporation and Division of Local Government in respect to Council's long term financial plan and asset management practices.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT DID NOT VOTE – Cr David Wright

4.3 Waste Operations - Pricing for Recycled Waste

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Cr Jeff Johnson

That Council removes the charge for self-haul recycled materials.

The **Motion LAPSED**.

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That Council notes the contents of this report into the proposed charges for self haul recycled material and domestic waste management gate fee for recyclates.

FOR VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr David Wright

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4.4 Energy Reduction Projects

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Keith Williams/Cr Keith Johnson)

1. That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the status of the Customer Service Centre lighting retrofit
2. That Council approves funding in the 2012/13 and 2013/14 budgets for the following projects based on their relatively short pay back periods

Project	Total Cost	Net Cost	2012/13 Budget	2013/14 Budget
Works Depot Lighting	57,000	43,000	Solar Rebates - \$16,000 EAP Reserve - \$11,600 Water, Waste and Wastewater - \$27,600 Total of \$55,200	
Ballina Library Lighting	31,000	28,500		Environmental Actio Plan Allocation \$20,000
Public Amenity Lighting	16,200	14,400		Other Coun Properties Reserve \$27,200
Depot Wash-down bays	5,600	5,600		Depot Capit Expenditure Budget

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr David Wright

4.5 Christmas Decorations

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Ben Smith and seconded by Cr Susan Meehan

1. That Council apply the additional funding of \$10,000 in the draft 2013/14 budget to the decorating of the Norfolk Pine tree at the Visitor Information Centre.
2. That the Ballina Shire Band and the Ballina High School Band be invited to perform carols at this location closer to Christmas. That Council thank the other community groups who responded to the expression of interest process and inform them of how the funding will be allocated to determine whether they are still in a position to assist with the allocation and installation of any Christmas decorations across the shire.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader and seconded by Cr Jeff Johnson

1. That Council apply the additional funding of \$10,000 in the draft 2013/14 budget to the decorating of the Norfolk Pine tree at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery.

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2. That the Ballina Shire Band and the Ballina High School Band be invited to perform carols at this location closer to Christmas. That Council thank the other community groups who responded to the expression of interest process and inform them of how the funding will be allocated to determine whether they are still in a position to assist with the allocation and installation of any Christmas decorations across the shire.
3. That Council provide an extra \$4,000 for improved decorations in Alstonville and Lennox Head.

Cr David Wright arrived at the meeting at 05:34 pm. Cr Sue Meehan, Deputy Mayor remained in the Chair.

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

FOR VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Sharon Cadwallader
AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Keith Williams Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

Cr Jeff Johnson left the meeting at 05:39 pm.

The **Motion** was **CARRIED**.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith
AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Paul Worth
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Susan Meehan)

1. That Council apply the additional funding of \$10,000 in the draft 2013/14 budget to the decorating of the Norfolk Pine tree at the Visitor Information Centre.
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FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith
AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Paul Worth
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

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4.6 Ballina-Byron Gateway Airport - Long Term Financial Plan

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the Airport long term financial plan and approves the inclusion of the plan in the draft 2013/14 budget.

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

4.7 Rangers - Permanent Part Time Officer for Parking

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council approves the appointment of a 2.5 day per week Parking Officer position within the draft 2013/14 budget with the additional expense of this position to be offset by additional fine income.
2. That the General Manager continues to ensure that the entire Ranger's Team undertake enforcement of the Council's parking surveillance programs.

Cr Keith Johnson left the meeting at 06:22 pm.

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

4.8 Staff Resources - Additions

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That Council approves the extra position of Information Services Officer (Training and Support) as outlined in this report.
2. That Council approves the extra position of Strategic Procurement as outlined in this report.
3. That Council approves the extra position of the Depot Administration Assistant as outlined in this report.

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

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4.9 Draft Budget - 2013/14 to 2016/17

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council endorses the draft operating budget, as per the separate attachment to this report, for inclusion in the draft 2013/14 Operational Plan, including any adjustments resulting from this meeting and the March Ordinary meeting.
2. That Council's delegates to the Richmond River County Council seek urgent clarification as to whether or not the other member councils will be contributing to the Southern Cross University's research into blackwater in the Richmond River.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Keith Johnson

4.10 Delivery Program and Operational Plan - Exhibition

This item had been withdrawn from the meeting and will be considered at the April Ordinary meeting.

MEETING CLOSURE

6.51 pm