

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREETS, BALLINA,
ON 6/12/16 AT 5.00 PM**

Attendance

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

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

There were three staff members in the gallery at this time.

1. Apologies

An apology was received from Cr Sharon Parry.

RECOMMENDATION

(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 Sharon Parry

2. Declarations of Interest

Cr Nathan Willis – declared an interest in Item 4.3 – Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects – and in particular to parking in the Alstonville CBD. (Nature of Interest: non significant, non pecuniary – he has an office in the Alstonville CBD). He will be remaining in the meeting while the matter is discussed and voting on the matter.

Cr Stephen McCarthy – later in the meeting declared an interest in Item 4.3 – Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects – and in particular to the proposed indoor sports stadium. (Nature of Interest: non significant, non pecuniary – he is a Committee member of the Ballina Basketball Association). He will be remaining in the meeting while the matter is discussed and voting on the matter.

3. Deputations

Nil

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4. Committee Reports

4.1 Operational Land - 26 Endeavour Close, Ballina

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Phillip Meehan)

That Council authorises the General Manager to commence negotiations with the Naval Cadets to determine what options are available for the eventual sale and transfer of this land to the Cadets, or an associated body. These discussions are also to canvas an increase in the current rental to recognise the significant value of this land to the Ballina Shire community.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Keith Williams and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Sharon Cadwallader

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

4.2 Property Development Reserve and Airport Boulevard

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Phillip Meehan)

1. That Council approves a revised budget of \$7 million for the construction of Airport Boulevard based on a \$3m Federal Government grant and a \$4m dividend from the Property Development Reserve in 2017/18.
2. That Council approves the inclusion of the revised cash flows for the Property Development Reserve, as per attachment four to this report, in Council's Long Term Financial Plan. In approving these cash flows Council acknowledges that major expenditures in future years (i.e. 2017/18 onwards) will be subject to further reporting to Council prior to commencement.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

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4.3 Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the community infrastructure projects under consideration as part of our Long Term Financial Plan and the forecast movements in the Community Infrastructure Reserve.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Nathan Willis, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

4.3 Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects - Lake Ainsworth Southern Precinct Works

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Keith Williams)

2. That in respect to resolution 280416/3 to fast track the construction of the southern precinct works for Lake Ainsworth, Council approves a total budget of \$900,000 in the 2016/17 Operational Plan, funded as follows:

- a) Increased contribution of \$500,000 from the Community Infrastructure Reserve
- b) Net proceeds from the sale of Lot 20, DP 1047320, Russellton Industrial Estate, estimated at \$225,000
- c) Transfer of funds from the following stormwater related works:

- Coogee Street - \$80,000
- Data Collection - \$59,000
- Stormwater Management Plan Actions - \$21,000
- Urban Lanes Improvements - \$15,000

3. That Council authorises the General Manager to seek a contribution from the Lake Ainsworth Holiday Park to the southern precinct works in recognition that the works will significant benefit the amenity at the Holiday Park.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Nathan Willis, Cr Keith Williams and Cr Sharon Cadwallader

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Stephen McCarthy and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

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4.3 Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects - Skennars Head Sports Fields

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Keith Williams)

4. That in respect to resolution 280716/13 to examine options to finance the expansion of the Skennars Head Sports Fields in 2017/18, Council approves a budget of \$1.3m, funded as follows for the project in 2017/18:
 - a) Contribution of \$950,000 from the Community Infrastructure Reserve
 - b) Increase of \$200,000 to the Section 94 contributions recouped in that reserve for 2017/18 to help finance the \$950,000
 - c) Transfer from the Flat Rock Tent Park reserve of \$150,000

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

4.3 Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects - Indoor Sports Stadium

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

5. That Council approves an amendment to the Long Term Financial Plan to include dividends of \$2m per annum from the Landfill and Resource Management Reserve for the period 2016/17 to 2019/20 to finance Council's contribution to the Ballina Indoor Sports Stadium. This does not exclude Council from applying for grant applications to assist with financing this project.

Cr Stephen McCarthy at this point declared a non significant, non pecuniary interest in this matter. He is a Committee member of the Ballina Basketball Association.

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

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4.3 Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects - Carparking Alstonville CBD

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

6. That in respect to 9 Commercial Road, Alstonville, Council approves a transfer from the Civil Works Contingency Reserve of \$30,000 to finance the demolition and removal of the existing residence. As part of the formulation of the 2017/18 Operational Plan Council is to receive a report on options to finance the construction of the car park in 2017/18 based on a current estimated cost of approximately \$170,000.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

4.3 Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects - Building Better Regions Program

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Eoin Johnston)

7. That in respect to the Building Better Regions Program Council confirms its priority projects are Hutley Drive and the Ballina Indoor Sports Stadium.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

4.3 Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects - Community Infrastructure and Property Development Reserves

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Eoin Johnston/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

8. That Council endorses the inclusion of the revised forecasts for the Community Infrastructure Reserve as per attachment nine to this report, along with approving a further adjustment to the Property Development Reserve forecasts, with the \$225,000 sale proceeds from Lot 20, DP 1047320 to be transferred from the Property Development Reserve to the Community Infrastructure Reserve.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

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4.3 Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects - Coastal Shared Path Project

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

That Council reallocates \$850,000 held in an Internal Reserve from the Coastal Walk project to the Coastal Shared Path project.

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

FOR VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Keith Williams

AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

4.3 Community Infrastructure Reserve and Priority Projects - Ocean Pool

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Jeff Johnson and seconded by Cr Keith Williams

That Council allocate \$50,000 from the Community Infrastructure Reserve in 2016/17 to undertake the necessary studies and reports to advance the planning application for the Ocean Pool.

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

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Keith Williams

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Nathan Willis, Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

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4.4 Ocean Pool and Shaws Bay - Outstanding Resolution

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

1. That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to resolution 290916/28.
2. That the implementation of the Shaws Bay Coastal Zone Management Plan, Ballina Town Entry Statements and the Captain Cook Park works remain Council's priority.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Jeff Johnson and seconded by Cr Keith Williams

That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to resolution 290916/28.

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

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Keith Williams

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

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

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Keith Williams

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Jeff Johnson/Cr Keith Williams)

That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to resolution 290916/28.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Keith Williams

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry

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4.5 Long Term Financial Plan and Fit for the Future

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

That Council notes the contents of this report and defers any proposal to apply for a special rate variation for a period of 12 months, to better allow the newly elected Council to assess the overall level of services provided to the community.

Cr Jeff Johnson left the meeting at 06:46 pm.

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

FOR VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan

AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Nathan Willis, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry and Cr Jeff Johnson

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Keith Williams and seconded by Cr Nathan Willis

1. That Council commence a consultation process with the community to seek an additional 1.5% rate pegging increase, on top of the 1.5% rate pegging increase, for the year 2017/18. The additional revenue raised from this increase is to finance increased expenditure on actions to improve our waterways.
2. That Council advise IPART of our intention to apply for a one year permanent special rate variation for 2017/18.

The **Motion** was **LOST** on the casting vote of the Mayor.

FOR VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Stephen McCarthy and the casting vote of the Mayor

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry and Cr Jeff Johnson

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Eoin Johnston)

That Council commence a consultation process with the community to seek an additional 2.9% rate pegging increase, on top of an estimated 2.0% increase (1.5% for 2017/18), for the three year period from 2017/18 to 2019/20. The additional revenue raised from this increase is to finance increased expenditure on asset renewal for core infrastructure, largely consistent with Table 11 of this report; i.e.

Item	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	%
Additional Income	593,200	1,233,300	1,923,200	100
Road and Stormwater	593,200	813,300	1,163,200	60
Community Buildings	0	150,000	280,000	15
Open Spaces and Sports Fields	0	270,000	480,000	25

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FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy and
Cr Ben Smith and the casting vote of the Mayor

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Nathan Willis, Cr Keith Williams and
Cr Sharon Cadwallader

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry and Cr Jeff Johnson

MEETING CLOSURE

7.12 pm