

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BARUNGA WEST HELD AT THE BUTE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER 8th 2005 AT 7:55PM

PRESENT:

Cr D Dolling (Chairman), Cr B. Rooney, Cr L. Kerley, Cr H. Daniel Cr I Burgess, Cr T Schkabaryn, Cr G Simmons, Cr G O'Connor, Cr I Young, N Hand (District Manager), P Ward (Manager-Finance & Admin), M Marziale (Manager – Environmental Services), R Linke (Works Manager)

APOLOGIES:

Cr J. Aitchison

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Simmons moved, Cr Daniel seconded,

“that the Minutes of Meeting held on October 11th 2005 be confirmed as printed and supplied.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. The new ticketing machines for the Boat Ramps have now arrived and will be installed shortly. The solar lights at the Port Broughton Boat Ramp are in the process of being repaired.
2. Approval has been received from our Insurance Brokers to replace the verandah at the Port Broughton Institute with a bull nose verandah, and for the foyer area to be replaced with a bull nose, to blend in with the rest of the verandah. The cost to Council will be approximately \$7000.
3. Letters have not been written to the Progress Association regarding the replacement of the fishing pegs in the Bay, as negotiations are occurring with PIRSA to help share the cost of replacing the poles.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

MEMBERS REPORTS

Cr. DOLLING

1. Library Combined Meeting
2. ERD Court Hearing for Fisherman's Bay Freeholding
3. Yorke Peninsula Tourist Award Dinner in Kadina
4. Central Region AGM in Kadina
5. Fire Control Meeting
6. Animal and Plant Control Board

7. Barunga Village AGM
8. Hospital AGM

Cr. YOUNG

1. 28th October – Library Extension meeting
2. 2nd November – Audit, Works and Waste meetings
3. 8th November – YP Transport Board Meeting

Cr. SCHKABARYN

1. 13th October – Yorke Peninsula Tourism Association meeting
2. 26th October – Yorke Peninsula Tourism Association Tourism Awards
3. 28th October – Library meeting
4. 2nd November – Works, Audit and Waste Committee meeting
5. 4th November – Fisherman’s Bay Progress Association meeting
6. 7th November – Port Broughton Progress Association meeting
7. 8th November – Occupational Health Safety and Welfare meeting

Cr. G.SIMMONS

1. 16th October – Volunteer App Day Luncheon
2. 17th October – Sports Club AGM
3. 24th October – Barunga Village Meeting and AGM
4. 28th October – Library meeting
5. 28th October – Barunga Village Lions Presentation
6. 2nd November – Works meeting

Cr O’CONNOR

1. 28th October – Library Extension meeting
2. 5th November – Official opening of MM&H McDonalds Shed extensions at Bute

Cr ROONEY

1. 2nd November – Waste, Works, Machinery, Audit and Animal and plant meetings

Cr DANIEL

1. 28th October – Library meeting
2. 2nd November – Audit, Waste, Works and Animal and Plant board meetings

Cr KERLEY

1. 28th October – Library Extension meeting
2. 2nd November – Audit and Works Committee meeting

MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Nil

REPORTS

Cr Daniel moved, Cr Burgess seconded

“All reports be received”.

CARRIED

WORKS COMMITTEE

Cr Daniel moved, Cr Simmons seconded

“That Recommendations No’s 1 – 4, of the Works Committee on the 2nd November 2005, be adopted

1. *That Council engages the service of YP Line Marking to line mark street parking as required in Bute and Port Broughton, for an estimated cost of \$2800 ex GST.*
2. *That Council installs an advanced warning sign advising of a give way sign ahead, on Park Terrace.*
3. *That Council confirm its decision to remove the garbage truck from Fisherman’s Bay on 30th November 2005.*
4. *That no action be taken to remove the trees in front of 10 Whelan Road.*

CARRIED

Cr O’Connor moved, Cr Young seconded

“That the District Manager ensure that angle parking is allowable and gazetted in the Council region.”

CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Cr Rooney moved, Cr Schkabaryn seconded

“That Recommendations No’s 1 – 5, of the Audit Committee on the 2nd November 2005, be adopted

1. *That Council advertise for a contractor to clean the Port Broughton foreshore toilets and empty the bins, with the District Manager and Deputy District Manager authorized to appoint a suitable person.*
2. *That the committee ratify the Deputy District Manager’s decision to pay for reconnection of the electricity supply to the old ANZ Building, Bute, and pay all arrears on the account, with all future accounts the responsibility of the Bute History Group.*
3. *That Council contribute \$1,000 toward the cost of renovations at the on-site residence at the Port Broughton Caravan Park.*
4. *That Council in its 2006-07 budget deliberations considers a potential contribution toward the cost of a new pergola at the rear of the on-site residence at the Port Broughton Caravan Park.*
5. *That all administration staff receive a 4% increase in salary as at January 1, 2006.*

CARRIED

WASTE COMMITTEE

Cr Daniel moved, Cr Burgess seconded

“That Recommendation No 1 of the Waste Committee on the 2nd November 2005, be adopted

- 1. That Council agree to investigate the possibility of a wheelie bin collection prior to any decision being made on the future of the Kulpara waste disposal site.*

CARRIED

OHS COMMITTEE

Cr Daniel moved, Cr Kerley seconded

“That Recommendations 1 & 2 of the OHS & W Committee on November 8, 2005 be adopted

- 1. That the District Council of Barunga West OH&S Committee Constitution, Rules & Operations be adopted with the changes as discussed.”*
- 2. That the following policies be readopted:-
OHS Responsibilities
Asbestos Policy
Mobile Phone & Two Way Radio Policy
OHS Consultation Policy
Emergency Procedures.”*

CARRIED

LIBRARY EXTENSIONS MEETING

Cr Rooney moved, Cr Simmons seconded

“That Council obtain a firm price for building of the proposed library extensions, investigate possible grant funding sources and negotiate the tenancy of the school library in relation to a transferring a lease on the property to Council.”

CARRIED

OFFICER’S REPORTS

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT

Cr Schkabaryn moved, Cr Burgess seconded

“that the District Manager’s report be received.”

- 1. Central Regions Annual General Meeting**

On Friday 14th October 2005 the Chairman and myself attended the Region’s AGM at Kadina. A copy of the minutes from that meeting, along with a report from the office of Local Government and the Local Government Association, is attached to my report. Council’s concerns at the financial sustainability of Local Government in respect of decreasing Grant Commissions allocation was discussed and the LGA is reviewing this issue, which affects nearly a

quarter of the Council's in the State. Jane Gascoigne from the Grants Commission is to be invited to attend the next Regional meeting.

- Noted

2. Bute Office Staff

Applications have been called for a six month contract for the replacement of Chantelle Axford whilst she is on maternity leave from 1st January – 30th June 2006.

Applications close on 4th November 2005 and to date there has been some interest in this position.

- Noted

3. Staff Performance Appraisals

During the past month the Performance appraisals have been undertaken, with the construction and maintenance staff being completed, along with the administration staff in the Bute office. The appraisals for the Port Broughton office staff have commenced and will be completed in the next week.

- Noted

4. Murray Darling Association

The Central Region has agreed to be involved in the establishment of a new Region (No 8), for which Cr Rodney Button of Yorke Peninsula Council has been appointed Chairperson. It is intended to have its inaugural meeting in Port Pirie in the near future and all Council's are being asked to appoint a representative.

Cr Schkabaryn moved, Cr Simmons seconded

“That Chairman Dolling be appointed Council's representative to Region No. 8 of the Murray Darling Association, and that Cr Burgess be appointed his deputy.”

CARRIED

5. Naming of Roads

I have been requested to seek Council support for the naming of a Government Road that runs on the eastern side of the Port Broughton oval. Currently it is known as Government Road.

Cr Daniel moved, Cr Kerley seconded

“That Council put an article in its next Newsletter seeking suggestions for a name of the road on the eastern side of the Port Broughton Oval.”

CARRIED

6. Meetings

A list of meeting attended to during the month was presented at the meeting.

- Noted

7. **Skate Park Area**

Cr Young moved, Cr Simmons seconded

“That the District Manager be authorized to spend up to \$750 to tidy up the toilets at the Port Broughton skate park, if approved by the Port Broughton Lions Club.”

CARRIED

8. **Bute Cleaning**

The District Manager gave a report on the concerns of the poor standard of cleaning of Council’s facilities in Bute and the action that he had taken to improve the standards, and he advised of several complaints received.

- Noted

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

1. Sunnyside Oysters and Council’s mosquito management program

A delegation representing Pt Broughton’s oyster farmers entered the meeting at 8.05pm. Mr Craig Ivey addressed Council about their concerns over high oyster mortality rates, and the possible link to the chemicals used in Council’s mosquito spraying program.

Purpose

To inform Council of alternative solutions to its Mosquito Management Program following investigations regarding allegations being made by Sunnyside Oysters, of related damages.

Background

As Part of its Mosquito Management Program in recent years, Council has utilised subsidies from the Dept Health, for the conduct of aerial spraying of mosquito breeding areas with Altosid liquid lavaecide. The spraying has typically been conducted in four treatments between December and March each year for the last decade, however the Altosid liquid lavaecide has only been used since the summer season 2001-02, and with increasing frequency of application per year since then.

The active ingredient in Altosid liquid lavaecide is Methoprene at 5%, which has been cleared for use by the *Australian Pharmaceuticals and Veterinary Medicines Authority* (APVMA), and which Council has applied in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations. The Department of Health, in discussions with the Manager – Env’tl Svs has advised Council that the Altosid products with Methoprene, are widely used and are still considered one of the least toxic alternatives for mosquito control

At the request of the proprietors of Sunnyside Oysters, Craig Ivey, Council’s District Manager and the Manager Env’tl.Svs. attended a meeting 21 October 2005, held in

the Pt Broughton Offices, to discuss the progress of investigations relating to Council's Mosquito Control Program and the reported pattern of abnormally high oyster mortalities at the Pt Broughton Bay lease sites. Sunnyside Oysters, Craig Ivey, reported that they were suffering ongoing financial losses due their having to abandon their Pt Broughton oyster lease sites because of the crippling oyster mortalities experienced there, allegedly caused by the applications of mosquito control chemicals. Mr Ivey called on Council to stop its mosquito spraying activities, particularly in the locality of the subject oyster leases.

Sunnyside Oysters sought, and have continued to be provided with the relevant information by Council, relating to the timing and chemicals used in Council's Mosquito Management Program since the summer season of 2001-02. Additionally, on 10 October 2005 Council authorised Aerotech PTY LTD to allow full discovery of its records in relation to Council's mosquito spraying activities to Sunnyside Oysters.

Discussion

In discussions with the Manager ES, the Department of Health has confirmed that Methylprene products are amongst the least toxic chemicals to non-target species, and it has been widely used without incident to date, therefore it may be premature to rule out its use altogether.

Council can rule out the possibility of future direct contamination of the oyster lease areas by ceasing to use the aerial spraying method of applying mosquito control chemicals, which is relatively arbitrary in terms of the difficulty in controlling the accuracy of chemical delivery compared to alternatives. Methoprene brickettes are available, and widely used, they require more labour initially to locate the brickettes, but once in situ they are active for 150 days.

Non-chemical biological controls are also available, in the form of species specific bacteria. These microbial bacteria controls have been reported to be effective in the field, however they do require more particular conditions.

The Dept Health recommended that the use of methoprene brickettes and microbial controls are best implemented as part of a designed control program. The University of SA Mosquito Research Lab is able to undertake an initial (rapid) assessment, taking one week, of mosquitos in the Pt Broughton Fishermans Bay area, and which includes species identification, the location of mosquito breeding areas and concluding with a designed control program, that can be provided within a fortnight after the assessment. The University of South Australia's Mosquito Research Laboratory has provided the following quotes for their assessments:

OPTION – Assessment Type	DURATION	ASSESSMENT & REPORTS	COST Incl. GST
Initial (Rapid)	1 Week 2 Persons x 2 Days.	Initial Assessment Identification of Species and source locations Short Report	\$3300
Season Long	5 Months Initial Assessment + 1 Persons x 1 day /month	Initial Assessment Steady monitoring Comprehensive Report	\$9200

Intensive Season Long	5 Months Initial Assessment + 1 Person x 1 day/ fortnight	Initial Assessment Comprehensive monitoring Comprehensive Report Training Council Staff	\$18000
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Cr Kerley moved, Cr Young seconded

“That council cease its aerial mosquito spraying programme immediately.”

Amendment to the motion

Cr Daniel moved, Cr Burgess seconded

“That Council council cease its aerial mosquito spraying programme immediately and authorizes the District Manager to engage the University of South Australia’s Mosquito Research Unit to undertake an initial (rapid) assessment of mosquitos in the Pt Broughton and Fishermans Bay area, and to provide a written report including a designed mosquito control program, which must have particular regard to potentially sensitive aquaculture and oyster growing uses in the area.”

The amendment was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**. The amendment then became the motion.

CARRIED

The delegation representing Pt Broughton’s oyster farmers left the meeting at 8.20pm

2. Land Division DA 344/D003/05 - Aitchison - Conditions for payment of Fees and Charges

Purpose

To inform the Councils of the correspondence regarding conditions for the payment of fees and charges relating to the recently approved Land Division DA 344/D003/05 by A. Aitchison, and recommend approval of the conditions for payment.

Background

DA 344/D003/05 for for the sub-division of 39 additional allotments was considered at the September 2005 meeting of the DAP, and was approved with 12 Conditions attached to the approval.

Mr Allan Aitchison in his correspondence dated 21 October 2005 has requested further clarification on the particular conditions regarding the timing of three charges relating to the Opens Space Contribution, STEDs fees, and Rates.

Regarding the required Open Space Contribution fees, \$1985- per allotment, Mr Aitchison is seeking Council’s consent to make payment at the point of sale for each new lot.

Secondly, Mr Aitchison seeks Council’s suspension of Rates charges on the new lots until their first point of sale.

Thirdly, Mr Aitchison seeks Council's suspension of STEDS charges on the new lots until their first point of sale.

Discussion

Council's District Manager and Manager Env't Svcs met and discussed the subject matters with Mr Aitchison on the 7 October 2005.

The proposed details and concessions, relating primarily to the timing of the charges and fees, for the required Open Space Contribution, STEDS fees and Rates, are considered to be in accordance with Council's policies and standard practices, and are of sufficient merit to warrant approval.

Cr Daniel moved, Cr Burgess seconded

"That, Council resolves to temporarily suspend the required payment of fees and charges, listed below, until the first point of sale for each new allotment within the approved land division DA 344/D003/05 by A. Aitchison:

1. *Open Space Contribution*
2. *STEDs Fees*
3. *Rates"*

CARRIED

Cr Young moved, Cr O'Connor seconded

"That Council waive the STED application fee for new connections for a further 12 months until 31 December 2006."

CARRIED

ANIMAL & PLANT CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

- Noted

FINANCE REPORT

1. BANK RECONCILIATION

The bank reconciliation for October 31 2005 was presented at the meeting.

Cr Simmons moved, Cr Young seconded

"that the Bank Reconciliation for October 2005 be accepted."

CARRIED

2. CHEQUE LISTING

A cheque listing for payments made in October 2005 was presented at the meeting.

Cr Daniel moved, Cr Schkabaryn seconded

"that cheques numbered 11316-11431 totalling \$144,401.05, and payroll EFTs totalling \$19,905.70 be approved for payment."

CARRIED

3. LGFA INVESTMENTS

A listing of all LGFA Reserves as at 31 October 2005 was presented at the meeting.

- **Noted**

4. END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

Bob Foster has completed his Audit for 2005-06, signed off his annual verification, and will report to Council shortly.

Cr Schkabaryn moved, Cr Burgess seconded

“that Council adopt the final Audited Financial Statements for the financial year 2004/05 and authorize the Chairman to sign them accordingly, and further acknowledge receipt of the Auditor’s report for the 2004/05 financial year.”

CARRIED

Cr O’Connor moved, Cr Daniel seconded

“That Council adopt the Annual Report for 2004/05 financial year.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Cr Daniel moved, Cr Kerley seconded

“that the correspondence be received”.

CARRIED

1. Port Broughton Sailing and Boat Club

Acknowledging receipt of Council’s financial assistance to the 10th Anniversary of the Gulf Cruise to be held on 11 – 13th March 2006.

- **Noted**

2. Mr. M Fridd – 7 Snook Road

Advising that he is looking to establish a taxi service in the area and is seeking Council approval to utilise the handicap parking zones for the collection and dropping off of passengers.

Cr Burgess moved, Cr Simmons seconded

“that Council grant approval to Mr. M Fridd to utilise the handicap zone in Port Broughton as part of his taxi service, for the collection and dropping off of passengers only, and for these zones not to be used as a taxi stand”

CARRIED

3. Yorke Peninsula Tourism Marketing

Forwarding a copy of the Marketing Managers October Report.

- **Noted**

4. Yorke Peninsula Transport Services

Forwarding a copy of the Services' Quarterly (October 2005) report.

- Noted

5. Department of Environment and Heritage

Advising of the intent to dispose of Section 237 Hundred Wiltunga, as it is surplus to Government requirements, and seeking any intents from Council to purchase the land (adjoin the railway line west of Bute – 8 hectares in area).

Cr Young moved, Cr Simmons seconded

“That Council further investigate the possibility of purchasing Section 237 Hundred Wiltunga from the Department of Environment and Heritage.”

CARRIED

6. Local Government Association

(a) Forwarding a report advising of the Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Amendment Bill 2005, that has now been passed in the Legislative Council.

(b) Advising of the establishment of a protocol for the recognition of Council Chairman.

(c) Forwarding copies of LGA report Nos 40-43

- For members information

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

Cr Schkabaryn moved, Cr Daniel seconded

“That the Assessment Record be altered to reflect the following change of ownership.”

CARRIED

ASSESS No	ADDRESS	SELLER	BUYER
A11293	9 Sole Road, Fisherman's Bay	RA. Cheetham	JD & BK Bailey
A22305	Lots 45, 46 third Street, Alford	WK & LK Nagel	KL Frost
A20496	Lot 425, Hundred Wiltunga	RJ Ward	DG Matthews
A2086	13 Schmitt Road, Port Broughton	AE & GM Wahlert	D & JF Rhodes
A13314	23 Mullett Road, Fisherman's Bay	SJ Napier, Schipanski, Full	RF Meaney & JM Rashliegh
A3399	23 John Lewis Drive, Port Broughton	RHS Brill	AD & NL Sideris

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

TENDERS - NIL

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Simmons had a query about transaction fees at the Bute Post Office when multiple transactions were issued with one receipt.

Cr Kerley complained about the dilapidated state of the Measday's building at Bute.

Cr Schkabaryn queried what was happening with the damaged playground equipment at the Port Broughton foreshore. The Deputy District Manager advised that an insurance claim had been submitted, but the insurer was loathe to replace the item for fear of similar damage arising from misuse.

Cr Schkabaryn reported signs of wear on the shadecloth at the western playground in Fishermans Bay, and Progress Association's inability to generate any response from the suppliers. The District Manager will write to the suppliers, attaching photographs of the damage, and request remedial action.

DEPUTATION

A deputation of Port Broughton Oyster Growers attended the meeting. Craig Ivey addressed Council about their concerns over high oyster mortality rates, and the possible link to the chemicals used in Council's mosquito spraying program.

CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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D.DOLLING
CHAIRMAN