

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BARUNGA WEST HELD AT THE BUTE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 8TH 2005 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Chairman) D. Dolling, I. Burgess, I. Young, J. Aitchison, H. Daniel, T. Schkabaryn, G. Simmons, G. O'Connor, B. Rooney, L. Kerley, N. Hand (District Manager), P. Ward (Manager-Finance & Admin).

APOLOGIES:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr moved, Cr seconded,

"that the Minutes of Meeting held on February 15th 2005 be confirmed as printed and supplied.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Contact has been made with the Australian Service Union to commence negotiation for the Administration staff Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. Further information should be available at the meeting.
2. Discussions with Transport SA on the Fisherman's Bay Bike path have been delayed due to illness of the Transport SA representatives. Agreements have been made for photographs to be emailed to Transport SA and discussions will be held on possible solutions to satisfy Transport SA's requirements.
3. The Council's rock buster has undertaken work on the road on North Fisherman's Bay to assist with the resident's effort to upgrade the road.
4. Arrangements have been made to meet with the volunteers of the Port Broughton Visitor Information Centre, on Tuesday 23rd March 2005.
5. A meeting was held with the Port Broughton Police regarding the problem currently being experienced on West Terrace with some younger people, in respect of vandalism and "hooning" with cars. Discussions were held on policing efforts, and it was generally agreed that support from residents in contacting the police at the time of the event was required. It was agreed there would be great difficulties in enforcing curfews. Advice was also given to the Police on issues recently raised to Council by some Tickera residents.

6. An application is currently in the process of being prepared to SA Water for exemptions for watering restrictions for the Bute Oval and the Port Broughton Caravan Park.

Cr moved, Cr seconded

"That the Council meeting be adjourned at pm for the Development Assessment Panel meeting".

CARRIED

The Council meeting resumed at pm.

MEMBERS REPORTS

Cr. DOLLING

- 1.
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Cr. DANIEL

- 1.
- 2.
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Cr. SCHKABARYN

- 1.
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Cr. BURGESS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Cr. G.SIMMONS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Cr O'CONNOR

- 1.
- 2.

Cr YOUNG

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Cr AITCHISON

- 1.

MEMBERS QUESTIONS

REPORTS

Cr moved, Cr seconded,

"All reports be received".

CARRIED

WORKS COMMITTEE

Cr Burgess moved, Cr Simmons seconded

"That Recommendations No's 1 – 3, of the Works Committee on the 23rd February 2005, be adopted

1. *That the Works Manager be authorized to agree to trim the trees on the road adjoining Block F and section 445 Hd Muntoora according to the Native Vegetation Act provisions.*
2. *Norfolk Island trees on the corner of First and Third Streets Bute be removed, and a contractor engaged to undertake the work.*
3. *That the upgrading of First Street Bute be reviewed as a priority for the 2005/06 budget and the Works Manager cost the project accordingly.*

CARRIED

Cr moved, Cr seconded,

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Cr moved, Cr seconded,

"That the District Manager's report be received."

CARRIED

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Resignation of Cynthia Price

I wish to advise that I have received a letter of resignation from Cynthia Price effective from 10th March 2005. This is certainly unfortunate for Council as Cynthia was able to cover several areas in the Council, including the Bank and Post Office duties.

At this stage I do not intend to replace Cynthia but look at utilizing some casual labor that we are currently employing. We have also taken the opportunity to readjust the duties of other staff (Georgina and Elise) to take over Cynthia's responsibilities.

- **Noted**

2. Replacement of the Development Officer

We are currently seeking the replacement of Marcus Stephens. Our attempt to secure the officer from Northern Council was unfortunately unsuccessful. Lyn Addison, at the recent Building Inspectors Conference has been discussing our vacancy with some interested people, and we are following up several interesting possibilities.

Discussions are now being held with these people.

- **Noted**

3. Strategic Plan

Following our workshop on 21st February 2005 to prepare the Council's new Strategic Plan, I have begun putting together the Plan for Council to consider at its April meeting, ready for public consultation. I felt that the workshop was useful, and was well done by our facilitator Warwick Welsh, and I hope that the Council will get some positives over the next few years.

- **Noted**

4. Long Term Road Plan

Further work is being undertaken by Kevin and myself on the Long Term Road Plan, which includes discussions with the Patrol Grader Operations as to the roads that require attention. I would appreciate comment from members on the road classifications that was discussed at the Works Committee, to allow Kevin and myself to prepare a Draft Plan for road construction in rural and urban areas for the next few years.

- **Noted**

5. **Port Broughton STED Irrigation Scheme**

As members are aware, we have been experiencing problems in having the new irrigation system from the Port Broughton STED scheme operating properly, and being available to the Port Broughton Oval and Golf Club.

Following discussions with Keith Daniel and Brian Harvey, I have forwarded an e-mail to the Engineer seeking urgent action to have the system implemented as a priority, and this has been forwarded to the contractor.

Attached to my report is a copy of the e-mail that I forwarded to the Engineer (with photographs) and a response from the Engineer.

I hope to have a response from the Contractor at the Council meeting.

- **Noted**

6. **Bute Stormwater Reclamation Study**

I have received the detail from Wallbridge and Gilbert for the Scope and Cost for the Bute Stormwater Study, and this has been forwarded to Transport SA for their final approval.

Once this approval is received I will arrange for Wallbridge and Gilbert to commence the work.

- **Noted**

7. **Revegetation Grant**

As members are aware I have applied for a fencing and revegetation grant for the cliff area south of Port Broughton. I can advise that a survey of the area has been undertaken by the Natural Resource Management people assessing the grant and a large number of native plants have been assessed. Further information has now been submitted for this grant, and it is hoped that this application will be successful.

- **Noted**

8. **“In Camera” Details**

At the last meeting Council received an address from Susie Slade (Norman Waterhouse) on a range of governance issues that were of importance to elected members and staff. Following that meeting Susie prepared some notes in the correct way to deal with “in camera” issues and these details are attached to my report.

- **Noted**

9. Port Broughton Boat Ramp

No further response on our application for funding from the Regional Partners Program has been received despite our approach to our local Member of Parliament. At this stage I have had to defer the sealing contractors from sealing the balance of the car park and this will possibly have to be completed next financial year.

Of concern has been the effectiveness of the new solar lights not remaining on for a lengthy period of time, and this has been addressed by the supplier, who have done testing and indicated that the cables used on the lights were not heavy enough and are supplying new cables.

Prices are being obtained for the installation of boom gates with the ticket box and it is hoped to have these by the next Works Committee meeting.

The other issue is the need for an Opening Ceremony and the details attached to the ceremony. These include the setting of a date, officials to be invited including the official to conduct the opening, the plaque and a function for invited guests.

- **Noted**

10. Fisherman's Bay Management Freeholding

Following Council's last meeting, where Mr. Peter Fisher addressed Council on the progress of the bonding agreement between Council and the Company, I can advise that a new draft of the proposed agreement has been forwarded for the Company's lawyer to look at, and it is proposed to have another meeting of all parties in the near future.

A copy of the advice I have received from Peter Fisher is attached to my report.

- **Noted**

11. Annual Leave

I wish to advise that I will be on Annual Leave between 14th and 18th March 2005 and that Peter Ward will be acting as District Manager for that week.

- **Noted**

12. Meeting

During the past month I have attended the following meetings

- 16th February - Transport SA regarding activities in our Council area
- Wakefield Regional Council on the Special Local Road application at Balaklava
- 17th February - Development Board at Maitland
- 18th February - Animal & Plant control board at Kadina

21st February - Strategic Plan Workshop
 23rd February - Audit & Works Committees
 - Native title meeting in Adelaide
 24th February - Port Broughton Police
 25th February - Transport SA (Mike Cooney) regarding new Boat Ramp
 28th February - Native Title meeting in Whyalla
 2nd March - Public meeting regarding Port Broughton Hospital
 4th March - Central Region Local Government meeting in Port Broughton

- **Noted**

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Cr moved, Cr seconded

CARRIED

FINANCE REPORT

1. BANK RECONCILIATION

The bank reconciliation for February 2005 was presented at the meeting.

Cr moved, Cr seconded

"That the Bank Reconciliation for February 2005 be accepted."

CARRIED

2. CHEQUE LISTING

Cr moved, Cr seconded

"That cheques numbered 10455-10570 totalling \$278,872.56, and payroll EFTs totalling \$44,868.25 be approved for payment."

CARRIED

3. LGFA INVESTMENTS

A listing of all LGFA reserves as at 28th February 2005 was presented to Council.

Summary of Movements:

- \$150,000 withdrawn for general expenditure
- \$96,487 credited to General Reserve from Grants Commission

- Noted

4. BUDGET COMPARISON

Cr moved, Cr seconded

"That the Budget comparison for the 8 months ended February 2005 be accepted."

CARRIED

5. TELSTRA FEBRUARY ACCOUNT

The telephone account for the 3 months ending January 2005 includes a spike for 'Internet Usage'. I am investigating this issue with Chigle Pty Ltd, who set up our email accounts and internet connection.

- Noted

6. RATES QUERY – MRS DOREEN O'BRIEN

We have received a letter from Mrs O'Brien. She is certain that she paid her second quarter rates by cash in December 2005, at a time when the receipting computer was off line. She does not have a manual receipt. Council needs to decide whether or not to write off the December rates instalment of Mrs O'Brien.

- Noted

7. LIBRARY EXTENSIONS

The committee for the library extensions met on Wednesday March 2, 2005. The overall sentiment of the meeting was one of disappointment with Council for not obtaining accurate costings of the proposed extensions, and that the delays for this project are due to Council staff. Lyn Addison said he could not attract a builder to provide costings without accurate plans and payment of a retainer. The committee has now elected to obtain the building costings themselves. The current estimate is \$320,000.

The committee has also requested a written report as to why grant funding for a community library is unavailable for a Department of Education site. They think that it is available. I will ask Keith Hope from Northern Areas Council to assist.

- Noted

8. OHS DEPOT AUDITS

Brian Shields and I carried out OH & S Audits of the depots. We will action the items he has highlighted on the audit summary sheet.

- Noted

ANIMAL & PLANT CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

1. NRM Reform

The newly appointed chair of the Northern & Yorke Natural Resource Management Board, Mr. Merv Lewis, attended the recent board meeting. He spoke to the board on the implementation of the new legislation and the phasing in of the new structure. Although the legislation will be in place on July 1st 2005, the actual handing over of operations and running of the board may take some time. The current board was asked to remain in place during this period.

2. State Conference

The last Animal and Plant state conference will be held on March 31st, and April 1st at Hahndorf. The board chair Cr Rooney and I will be attending this conference, which will include a celebration of the achievements reached over the past 27 years that the system has been operating.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cr moved, Cr seconded

"that the correspondence be received".

CARRIED

1. KESAB

Advising that they have called for Tidy Town entries (which closes on 16th March 2005) and that inspections have been arranged for March 29th (Kulpara and Fisherman's Bay), March 30th (Port Broughton and Tickera) and April 4th (Bute).

- **For Members Information**

2. Gadelata State Fabrication Pty Ltd

Seeking approval for the use of seven over dimensional excess mass area in roads within our Council area.

Recommendation:

That Council grants approval for Gadelata State Fabrication to operate the seven over dimensional excess mass area as submitted in their letter of 22nd February 2005.

3. J & P Anderson – Port Broughton

Drawing to Council's attention, and objection to the new Port Broughton boat ramp being used for exercising horses, which they believe is dangerous to boat users.

Recommendation:

That the District Manager ascertain who the person is responsible for having horses at the boat ramp, and advise the offender that the Council does not support the activity and if it does not stop that arrangements will be made to instigate a Bylaw.

4. Minister of Local Government

(a) Acknowledging our letter seeking an extension of time for the submissions to the proposed Local Government Election Bill amendment, but not being able to support our request.

(b) Acknowledging our submission for the proposed to the Local Government Act amendment bill.

- **For Members Information**

5. Mundoora/Wokurna Sporting Bodies

Seeking Council to consider mowing the Mundoora Oval as their mower is no longer working and they don't have the funds to replace the mower following the decision to allocate all their funds to resurfacing the Mundoora Netball Courts, and a new watering system for the oval.

- **For Members to consider the request**

6. Local government Association

(a) Copies were forwarded to members.

- **For Members Information**

(b) Advising of a half day forum to be held on 12th May 2005 on the STEDS reform program and asking nominations for representatives to attend.

- **For members to indicate their availability**

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

Cr moved, Cr seconded

ASSESS NO	ADDRESS	SELLER	BUYER
5280	47 FISHERMANS BAY RD PT BTN	HUTCHINS M	SIMPSON JC
18693	LOTS 83,84 WEST AVE ALFORD	RICHARDS GT	ATKINSON BJ & MJ
19433	SEC 228 HD NINNES	PATERSON KM	NURNOO LANDHOLDING P/L
23145	LOT 1 HD TICKERA	BOYLE SJ	BEST GOLDEN CO PTY LTD
16829	1 THIRD ST MELTON	FISHERS JS & V	MERCER AJ & SA
13710	48 SNAPPER RD FISHERMANS BAY	ANDELLA ENTERPRISES P/L	HAMANN BC & BC
5230	37 FISHERMANS BAY RD PT BTN	PARAFIELD A/C	ZERNA GW & SM
28474	LOT 4 FISHERMANS BAY RD PT BTN	LEGRAND GF	MARZINOTTO L & WHITE TS
2149	125 FISHERMAN BAY RD PT BTN	WEBER GJ & JC	MOTEN PD & JE
20216	HIGH ST ALFORD	BAKER RJ & L	MATTHEWS RP & CE
25757	7 KULPARA RD BUTE	RIGDEN WF & M	NETHERCOTT HG
21565	FOURTH ST ALFORD	PETER SJ & MJ	JUMP'N JACK NOMINEES P/L

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, NOTICES OF MOTION

TENDERS

GENERAL BUSINESS

DEPUTATION

CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at pm

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D.DOLLING
CHAIRMAN