MINUTES of the Wakefield Regional Council's Ordinary Meeting, held in the Council Chambers, Scotland Place, Balaklava on Wednesday, 24 October 2007, commencing at 6.31 pm.

OPENING

The Mayor welcomed Council Members and Staff and declared the meeting open.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Present: Mayor: J W Maitland


Staff: P J Barry – Chief Executive Officer
S J Jonas – Corporate Services Manager
E C M McCarthy – Environmental Services Manager
D J Hassett – Infrastructure Services Manager
T K Nicholls – Executive Assistant

Apologies: Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Ottens Seconded Cr Beare

77. That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 26 September 2007, be taken as read and a true and correct record.

Carried

Moved Cr Reid Seconded Cr Ottens

78. That the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 18 September 2007, be received and endorsed.

Carried

The meeting then considered agenda item 10 Deputations/Presentations.

DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6.33 pm Nathan Silby and Colin Hill (Wallbridge & Gilbert Consulting Engineers) and Richard Gayler (Local Government Association of SA) gave a presentation on Port Wakefield Community Wastewater Management System options – refer item 17.1.3

6.46 pm Environmental Services Manager left the meeting.
6.48 pm Environmental Services Manager returned to the meeting.
Port Wakefield Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS)

Moved Cr Kelly Seconded Cr Bickle

79. That Council accept, in principal, Wallbridge & Gilbert’s recommendation of a vacuum system for the township of Port Wakefield. Carried

7.22 pm Environmental Services Manager left the meeting.

Correspondence for Decision

Management Remuneration Levels – independent review

Moved Cr Ottens Seconded Cr Beare

80. In relation to consideration of the review of Council management remuneration levels:

(a) under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, as amended, an order be made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider in confidence this item;

(b) the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the basis of Section 90(3)(a) in which information, the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), and would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;

and accordingly, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the discussion confidential. Carried

7.23 pm Chief Executive Officer, Corporate Services Manager, Infrastructure Services Manager and Executive Assistant left the meeting.

7.23 pm Rob Wallace (Local Government Association of SA) gave a presentation on management remuneration level review – refer item 15.2.1

Moved Cr Beare Seconded Cr Ottens

81. That Council, in noting the report by Rob Wallace of Consulting Confidence, industrial relations consultant to the Local Government Association of SA, adopts the recommendations to enable authorisation for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to jointly negotiate a satisfactory outcome with Council’s Chief Executive Officer on the basis of establishing a fixed term contract of five years; and Carried
7.45 pm Chief Executive Officer and Executive Assistant returned to the meeting.

Moved Cr Bickle  Seconded Cr Reid

82. That in noting the report by Rob Wallace of Consulting Confidence, industrial relations consultant to the Local Government Association of SA, the Chief Executive Officer report back to Council on appropriate remuneration levels and arrangements for the three managers taking into consideration current industry situation.

Carried

8.04 pm Crs Beare and Bickle left the meeting.
8.05 pm Crs Beare and Bickle, Infrastructure Services Manager, Environmental Services Manager and Corporate Services Manager returned to the meeting.

8.05 pm The meeting then resumed at agenda item 4 Business Arising.

BUSINESS ARISING

Business from Previous Meetings

Economic Development Committee – ordinary meeting, 18 September 2007

Moved Cr Bickle  Seconded Cr Nottle

83. That Clause 3.1 of the Economic Development Committee’s Terms of Reference be altered to read “Nominations for Committee membership will be accepted from any interested person”.

Carried

Uncompleted or Ongoing Matters

Noted.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Moved Cr Ottens  Seconded Cr Wood

84. That the Mayor’s Report be received and noted by Council.

Carried

DELEGATES’ OR REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

Moved Cr Ottens  Seconded Cr Tiller

85. That the Delegates’ or Representatives’ Report be received and noted by Council.

Carried
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Noted.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

PETITIONS

Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

OPEN FORUM

Cr Bickle
  • unauthorised camping situation at Balaklava Parklands?

Cr Tiller
  • condition of footpath being reinstated in Christopher Street, Balaklava

Cr Lamond
  • concerns over possible unrestricted ingress/egress at Balaklava Caravan Park via off-street car park east of Balaklava Bowling Club

Cr Hudson
  • ongoing presence of bridal creeper at Balaklava cemetery and lack of effective eradication program

Cr Reid
  • reaffirming that the boning room at Primo Australia’s Port Wakefield facility will be back in operation soon

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’ S REPORT

Moved Cr Ottens  Seconded Cr Reid

86. That the Chief Executive Officer’s Report be received and noted by Council.

Carried
Update Council Member Appointments to External Organisations – vacancy in Southern ward

Moved  Cr Beare  Seconded  Cr Lamond

87. That Council, in noting the Council member vacancy in Southern ward, make the following appointments to the representative and liaison positions previously held by Councillor Don Dale:
   - CFS District Bushfire Prevention Committee – Cr John Wood
   - Council’s Economic Development Committee – Cr Barry Nottle
   - Council’s CEO Performance Appraisal Committee – Cr Kelly Bickle
   - Owen Community Centre Committee Inc – Cr Rodney Reid
   - Waste Management Pacific Landfill Community Consultative Committee (proxy position) – Cr Barry Nottle
   - Riverton School/Community Library Board – Cr Rodney Reid
   - Hamley Bridge & Districts Ambulance Service – Cr Rodney Reid

and upon the vacancy being filled, then these appointments be reviewed.

Carried

Council Meeting Dates – Forthcoming Christmas Period

Moved  Cr Lamond  Seconded  Cr Bickle

88. That, pursuant to Section 81 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council’s ordinary meeting for December 2007 be held on Wednesday, 19 December 2007 (3rd Wednesday) in lieu of Wednesday, 26 December 2007.

Carried

Other

Noted.

Meeting/Function Attendance Summary – Past Month

Noted.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Moved  Cr Ottens  Seconded  Cr Tiller

89. That the administration report be received and noted by Council.

Carried

Correspondence for Information

Noted.
Community Development Officer’s Report

Grant Applications Submitted/Project Summary

Noted.

Meeting/Function Attendance Summary – Past Month

Noted.

Information Update on Various Projects

Noted.

Yorke Regional Development Board Economic Development Officer’s Report

Grant Applications Submitted/Project Summary

Noted.

Meeting/Function Attendances Summary – Past Month

Noted.

Wakefield Regional Council Economic Development Committee - activities

Noted.

Draft Horticulture Blueprint for 2030

Moved  Cr Ottens  Seconded  Cr Wood

90. That agenda item 15.4.4 be deferred to the end of the meeting, as the item to be treated as confidential in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1999.

Carried

Risk Management Officer’s Report

OHSW&IM Audit and Rebates on Premiums Paid

Noted.

BUSINESS – CORPORATE SERVICES (INCLUDING FINANCE)

Moved  Cr Reid  Seconded  Cr Ottens

91. That the corporate services reports be received and noted by Council.

Carried
Bank Account Reconciliations
Noted.

Accounts Paid
Noted.

Investment and Bank Account Summary
Noted.

Outstanding Debtors (30 September 2007)
Noted.

Sale of land for non-payment of rates
Noted.

BUSINESS – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Moved  Cr Wood  Seconded  Cr Bickle

92. That the environmental services reports be received and noted by Council.
   Carried

Environmental Services Manager’s Report

Monthly Development Statistics for 2007 and Monthly Development Approvals; and Development Applications, Land Divisions and Section 49 Advice – approved under delegated authority

Noted.

Quarterly Building Inspections

Noted.

Environmental Health Report

Various Items

Noted.
Dog Management, Fire Prevention & General Inspectorial Report

Activities

Noted.

BUSINESS – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

Moved Cr Beare  Seconded Cr Reid

93. That the infrastructure services report be received and noted by the Council.

Carried


Noted.

Request for tree removal – 13 Harris Street, Balaklava

Moved Cr Tiller  Seconded Cr Ottens

94. That Council authorise and undertake the removal of the street tree abutting 13 Harris Street, Balaklava, and further that all costs to be borne by the applicant.

Carried

Lease Agreement – Everard Grazing Lease

Moved Cr Wood  Seconded Cr Beare

95. That Council pursuant to Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999, authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix the common seal to the Everard Grazing Lease Agreement with Adalis Pastoral Company to the value of $8,800 (GST inc) per year.

Carried

Bridge Assessments

Moved Cr Beare  Seconded Cr Kelly

96. That Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 and the Instrument of General Approval issued by The Minister dated 12 March 2001, the Infrastructure Services Manager impose from the effective date of 24 October 2007, until further notice, the following traffic control devices:

- 5 tonne gross load limit on Lookout Road Bridge, (Quinlans Bridge) Hundred of Blyth,
- 10 tonne gross load limit on Kybunga Top Road Bridge, Hundred of Blyth
5 tonne gross load limit on Longmire Road Bridge, (Graeme Chapman’s Bridge) Hundred of Blyth.

Carried

Heavy Vehicle Access Framework – Road Gazettal

Moved Cr Lamond Seconded Cr Beare

97. That the matter be deferred until a future Council meeting to allow further investigation.

Carried

Cr Reid, as a member of the Owen Community Centre Committee, declared an interest in the matter to be discussed.

Township – 50 kilometre per hour speed zones

Moved Cr Beare Seconded Cr Lamond

98. That Council liaise with the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure for an assessment of 50 kilometre per hour speed zones within the main feeder roads entering the townships of Balaklava, Blyth, Owen and Snowtown.

Carried

General

Noted.

8.52 pm Environmental Services Manager left the meeting.

Draft Horticulture Blueprint for 2030

Moved Cr Ottens Seconded Cr Bickle


(a) under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, as amended, an order be made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider in confidence this item;

(b) the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the basis of Section 90(3)(j) whereby information contained in the report would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by another public authority pending a ministerial public launch and, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;
and accordingly, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the discussion and information confidential.

Carried

Moved  Cr Ottens  Seconded  Cr Bickle

101. That orders be made under the provisions of Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, as amended, that this report and associated correspondence and documents including the minutes of the Council relating to discussion on the subject matters of that document, having been dealt with on a confidential basis under Section 90 of the Act, be kept confidential until the report has been publicly launched by the Minister of the Crown, in which case the order will cease to apply.

Carried

CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 8.53 pm.

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MAYOR