

# MINUTES

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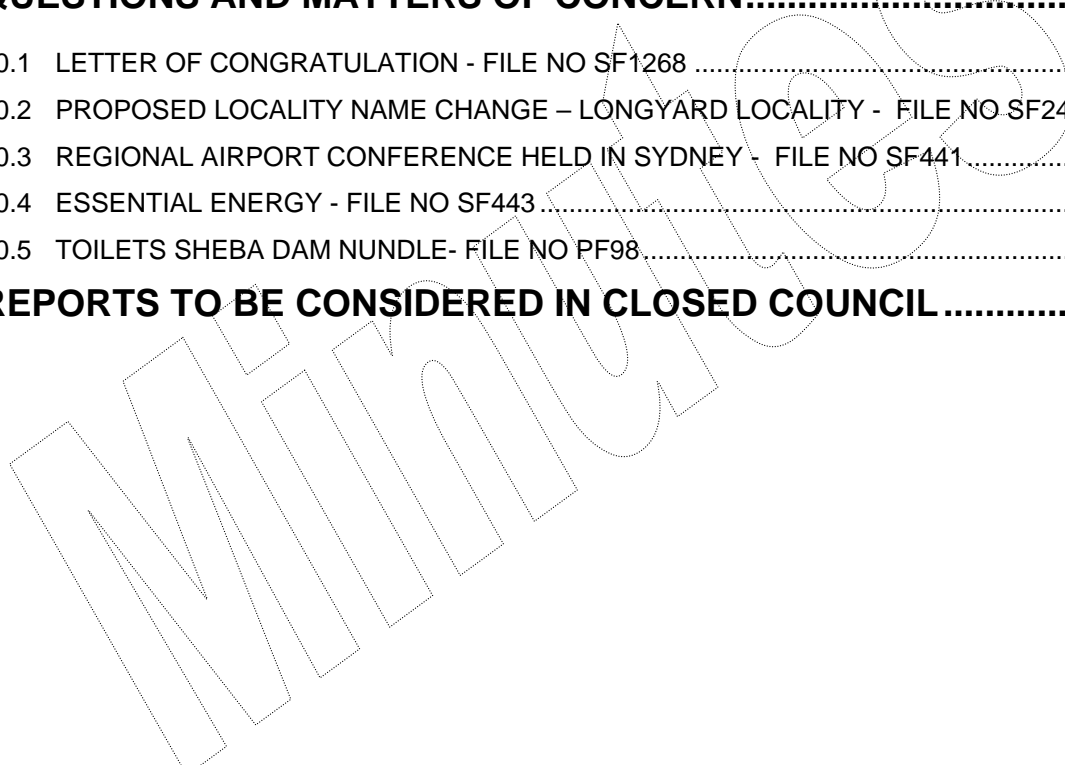
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**PRESENT:** Cr Phil Betts, Cr Paul Durant, Cr Col Murray (Mayor), Cr Helen Tickle, Cr James Treloar, Cr Russell Webb, Cr Warren Woodley and Cr Juanita Wilson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The General Manager, Acting Director Corporate and Governance, Director Commercial and Community Enterprise, Director Environmental & Planning and Economic Development, Director Regional Services and Director Water Enterprises.

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## **1 APOLOGIES**

Apology was announced as having been received from:

Cr Ray Tait, who was unable to attend the meeting due to personal business.

## **2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

### **2.1 Mayoral Minute – Moonbi Community Meeting – Closure of Kootingal Landfill – File No SF5016**

Mr Phillip Gaynor, resident of Limbri addressed Council and stated that he had not made any political donation or gift to any councillor or Council employee. Mr Gaynor thanked Councillors for their attendance at the Moonbi community meeting regarding the closure of the Kootingal landfill and the positive outcome.

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Cr Paul Durant advised that he was absent from the Council Meeting held on 22 February 2011 and requested that his apology be recorded as he had advised the Administration and Governance Manager that he would be unavailable to attend the meeting due to personal business outside the region.

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Treloar/Cr Wilson**

### **61/11 RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 22 February 2011, copies of which were circulated be taken as read and confirmed with the exception that Cr Durant's apology now be included as part of the minutes, be adopted.

## **4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil

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## **5 MAYORAL MINUTE**

### **5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE – MOONBI COMMUNITY MEETING – CLOSURE OF KOOTINGAL LANDFILL - FILE NO SF5016**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Webb/Cr Betts**

#### **62/11 RESOLVED**

That Council immediately reopen the Kootingal Landfill site from Saturday 12 March 2011 to operate as a waste transfer facility for small vehicles and that the facility be open for public use for the same time periods that existed prior to the landfill's closure.

## **OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS**

## **6 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING**

### **6.1 PROPOSED BRONZE MEMORIAL TO SMOKY DAWSON, PEEL STREET, TAMWORTH FILE NO SF3363**

**DIRECTORATE: ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

**AUTHOR: Andrew Spicer – Strategic Planner (S.94) & Public Art Planner**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Webb/Cr Tickle**

#### **63/11 RESOLVED**

That in regard to the proposal to install a bronze memorial to Smoky Dawson in the form of a sculpture on Peel Street in front of Ray Walsh House, Council;

- (i) support the proposed memorial to Smoky Dawson;
- (ii) approve the location of the proposed sculpture;
- (iii) approve the general form of the proposed artwork as described to date; and
- (iv) request that a further report be made to Council prior to the finalisation and installation of the statue.

## **6.2 TRANSITION TO THE INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK - FILE No SF4965**

**DIRECTORATE:** ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING  
**AUTHOR:** Lisa Roberts – Manager, Integrated Planning and Reporting

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Webb/Cr Durant**

**64/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to Council's transition to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, Council;

- (i) endorse the draft Terms of Reference for the Integrated Planning and Reporting Steering Committee; and
- (ii) nominate Cr Wilson and Cr Webb to represent Council on the Integrated Planning and Reporting Steering Committee.

## **7 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES**

### **7.1 AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL'S POLICY FOR THE DISCHARGE OF LIQUID TRADE WASTE - FILE No SF2645**

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER ENTERPRISES  
**AUTHOR:** Darryl Moore - Liquid Trade Waste Officer

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Betts/Cr Treloar**

**65/11 RESOLVED**

In relation to the report Amendment to Council's Policy for the Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste, Council place on public display for a period of not less than 28 days Council's proposed amendments to the Liquid Trade Waste Policy as detailed in the report, seeking public submissions on the proposal and;

- (i) in the event that no public submissions are received objecting to the proposal, Council adopt the amended policy or;
- (ii) in the event objections are received in relation to the proposed amendments, the Director-Water Enterprises prepare a further report to Council detailing objections received.

## **7.2 INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT EVALUATION STUDY – PROJECT REFERENCE GROUP- FILE NO SF2617**

**DIRECTORATE: WATER ENTERPRISES**  
**AUTHOR: Daniel Coe – Water Engineer**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Wilson/Cr Durant**

### **66/11 RESOLVED**

In relation to the report 'Integrated Water Cycle Management Evaluation Study – Project Reference Group', Council:

- (i) note the current status of the IWCM evaluation study; and
- (ii) approve the proposed formation of the IWCM Project Reference Group.

## **7.3 2010/11 & 2011/2012 RURAL FIRE SERVICE (RFS) FIRE FIGHTING FUND CHANGES - FILE NO SF199**

**DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES**  
**AUTHOR: Jason Stratford, Local Emergency Management Officer**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Webb/Cr Betts**

### **67/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the report 2010/11 & 2011/2012 Rural Fire Service (RFS) Fighting Fund, Council acknowledge the advice provided by the RFS and approve the necessary budget adjustments to accommodate the changes.

## **7.4 CRIME PREVENTION WORKING GROUP - FILE NO SF2300**

**DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES**  
**AUTHOR: Bruce Mercer, Manager Cultural and Community Services**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Woodley/Cr Treloar**

### **68/11 RESOLVED**

That in relation to the Crime Prevention Working Group report, Council:

- (i) receive and note the minutes of the Crime Prevention Working Group meeting held on 18 February 2011; and

- (ii) note the Director of Regional Services has been requested by the Crime Prevention Working Group to submit a capital budget bid for consideration in the 2011/2012 Management Plan and Budget, for an allocation of \$100,000.00 to increase CCTV surveillance in Peel Street and at the foot bridge connecting Bicentennial Park and the Gipps Street carpark.

## **8 CORPORATE & GOVERNANCE**

### **8.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES - FILE No SF1868, SF2586 & SF 2664**

**DIRECTORATE:** corporate and governance  
**AUTHOR:** Jodie Archer, Section 355 Co-ordinator

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Woodley/Cr Webb**

#### **69/11 RESOLVED**

- (i) That Council receive and note the minutes of the following Community Development Committee meetings:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>
Woolbrook Community Development Committee	9 September 2010
Woolbrook Community Development Committee	28 October 2010
Manilla Community Development Committee	2 February 2011
Kootingal Community Development Committee	14 February 2011
Woolbrook Community Development Committee	24 February 2011; and

- (ii) That Council adopt the recommendation of the Manilla Community Development Committee at its meeting held 2 February, 2011 to accept the resignation of Mrs Cheryl Randall as Chairperson of the Manilla Australia Day Sub-Committee of the Manilla Community Development Committee.

## **9 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES**

### **9.1 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES - FILE No SF4083**

Cr Russell Webb read from a document which was tabled at the Council meeting on behalf of Cr Tait:

### **Delegates Report - 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Floodplain Management Authorities**

Council hosted the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Floodplain Management Authorities from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. It was attended by Councillors Tait and Webb, along with a number of Council staff. The conference was attended by approximately 220 delegates, primarily from NSW, but also from interstate as well as a number of international representatives.

The conference had a key note speech from Mr Jon Wicks, from the United Kingdom, who spoke about their national approach to flood risk management. There was also a presentation from Catherine Cusack MLC, Shadow Minister from Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability.

Senator Barnaby Joyce, Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water spoke on Thursday, and amongst other things, presented the case for more dams, and their role in achieving long term water sustainability of the country as well as their role in flood mitigation.

Tony Windsor MP, Independent Federal Member for New England spoke on Friday morning, primarily about his role as the chairman of the enquiry into the impact of the Murray Darling Basin Plan on regional Australia.

A preconference workshop was held on the Tuesday prior to the formal part of the conference, with strong discussion on the role of levees in infrastructure protection, but also the issues they create with the increase in development behind levees once they are built. There were strong views that some development control was still required for areas protected by levees, given that they can overtop or fail. This discussion, which was also attended by TRC senior planners, will inevitably lead to a review of planning controls behind Tamworth's levees, particularly in Taminda where development pressure will lead to the release of previously flood prone land.

The numerous technical presentations were well attended, with subjects ranging from the management of flood evacuations, flood modelling, the impact of sea level rise on coastal councils and land use planning issues. There were some difficulties in filling a few of the speaking roles, as a number of presenters were forced to withdraw at short notice, given the Commission of Enquiries that are pending in relation to recent flood events in Victoria and Queensland.

A technical tour on Wednesday afternoon allowed delegates to view Tamworth's levee system, including a demonstration of the barrier system that forms part of the Taminda Levee. The tour also included a visit to Woolomin, to get an overview of that villages flood study that is nearing completion, as well as the Chaffey dam and its upgrade works. The tour also took the opportunity to show delegates the AELEC precinct including its water reuse system, as well as take afternoon tea at the Kitty Crawford Estate. In addition, a short DVD was produced to show the history of the Tamworth levee system, with each delegate offered a copy of the DVD.

The social activities that were held each evening allowed delegates to experience a selection of Tamworth's hospitalities, from bush poetry by Murray Harden, to barefoot bowls at the Tamworth City Bowling Club.

Feedback from conference delegates and officials of the FMA has been extremely complimentary, with staff from Tourism Tamworth having done an outstanding job of organising and running the event. In particular, Kate Baker's efforts were particularly noteworthy, being the face of the conference and the organising force behind it. Credit should also go to the Organising Committee, made up of staff from Council, SES, DECCW and Tourism Tamworth.

Whilst a final report on the conference is not yet available, indications are that there will be a significant financial surplus from its hosting. This surplus is to be shared between Tourism Tamworth, as the professional conference organiser, and Tamworth Regional Council as the host.

## **10 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF CONCERN**

### **10.1 LETTER OF CONGRATULATION - FILE No SF1268**

Cr Wilson requested the General Manager send a letter of congratulation to Cheryl Byrnes on winning the CMA Wesley Rose International Media Achievement Award in recognition of her ongoing commitment to the promotion of Country Music on an international scale.

### **10.2 PROPOSED LOCALITY NAME CHANGE – LONGYARD LOCALITY - FILE No SF2450**

Cr Treloar asked when would the report on the proposed Locality Name Change – Longyard Locality that was submitted to the Council meeting held on 8 February 2011 be resubmitted to Council and was advised by Director Environment & Planning that it would be submitted to the next meeting of Council.

### **10.3 REGIONAL AIRPORT CONFERENCE HELD IN SYDNEY - FILE No SF441**

Cr Treloar advised that he had attended the Regional Airport Conference held in Sydney and requested the General Manager forward a letter of appreciation to staff member Michael Dubois for his presentation "Working with Local Government to Achieve Your Commercial Objectives" that was submitted to the Conference.

### **10.4 ESSENTIAL ENERGY - FILE No SF443**

Cr Woodley requested the General Manager investigate ways of liaising with Essential Energy regarding the recently announced restructure and anticipated increases in energy costs for Tamworth Regional Council.

### 10.5 TOILETS SHEBA DAM NUNDLE- FILE No PF98

Cr Woodley spoke in relation to state of the toilets and the amount of rubbish at Sheba Dam and passed around photos to all members of Council. He requested the Director of Regional Services investigate this issue.

## 11 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil.

**Closure:** There being no further business the Ordinary Meeting of Council concluded at 7.20 pm.

Chairperson of the meeting at which these minutes were adopted, Title of Chairperson  
Chairperson

Date at which these minutes will be adopted

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