

The following document is the minutes of the Council and Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 4 October 2007. These minutes are subject to confirmation as to their accuracy at the next meeting to be held on 18 October 2007 and therefore subject to change. Please refer to the minutes of the meeting of 18 October 2007 for confirmation.



COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR
4 OCTOBER 2007

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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

4 OCTOBER 2007

Present: Councillors K D Rhoades (Mayor), R W McKelvey (Deputy Mayor), J C Bonfield, W D Featherstone, I D Hogbin, C O Joass, , W R Palmer and G R Smithers.

Staff: General Manager, Acting Director Corporate Business, Director of City Services, Director Land Use, Health and Development, Executive Manager Operations and Executive Assistant.

Leave of Absence: Councillor I J Ovens.

The meeting commenced at 5.02pm with the Mayor, Cr K D Rhoades in the chair.

MAYORAL MINUTE

1 2007 LGA CONFERENCE - VOTING DELEGATES FROM CHCC

To select four voting delegates to represent the Coffs Harbour City Council at the 2007 Local Government Association Annual Conference to be held at Coffs Harbour on the 20 – 24 October 2007.

121 RESOLVED (Rhoades):

1. That Coffs Harbour City Council approve the attendance of Councillors wishing to attend the 2007 Local Government Association Conference, and delegate to the Mayor and General Manager the determination of the four voting delegates.
2. That Councillors submit any issues seeking to amend, introduce, re-affirm and delete any Local Government Association policies to the General Manager as soon as possible.

The Mayor requested a motion to adjourn the Ordinary meeting and resolve into the City Services Committee meeting.

CONFIRMATION AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 122** **RESOLVED** (Joass/Palmer) that the minutes of the Corporate Business Committee meeting held on 20 September 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

- 123** **RESOLVED** (Smithers/Hogbin) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the City Services Committee meeting, the time being 5.05pm.

The Mayor invited Councillor Palmer to chair the City Services Committee meeting.

CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

S61 OPERATIONS BRANCH REPORT

To advise Council of the progress of construction and maintenance programs undertaken by Operations Branch – Asset Construction, Maintenance and Recreational Services up to 21 September, 2007.

- EN63** **RECOMMENDED** (Smithers/Hogbin) that Council:
1. Note the progress report on asset construction, maintenance and recreational services works undertaken by Operations Branch up to 21 September, 2007.
 2. Note the individual program expenditures are being monitored and are generally within the allocated 2007/2008 budgets.

S62 REGIONAL ROAD REPAIR PROGRAM 2008-2011

To report the 2008-2011 Regional Road Repair (RRR) Program allocations to Council and make allowance for the approved project in the 2007/2010 Management Plan.

EN64 RECOMMENDED (Smithers/McKelvey) that:

1. Council make provision to fund 50%, that is \$13,000, of the approved project on MR120 in 2007/08.
2. Council writes to the RTA detailing its concerns regarding the distribution of the program among the participating Councils.
3. Council puts forward to the RTA an alternative method to distribute the available funding more evenly among the participating Councils for the 2011-2015 program.
4. Staff be requested to review the practice of Regional Road projects being subsidised by Council revenue and a report brought back to Council.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The Chairman advised that the business of the City Services Committee was concluded and invited the Mayor to resume the chair.

The Mayor resumed chairmanship of the meeting at 5.11pm.

OPEN COUNCIL

The Mayor requested a motion to close the Committee meeting and move into Open Council.

EN65 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Joass) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

ADOPTION OF CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

- 124** **RESOLVED** (Joass/Smithers) that the recommendations of the City Services Committee meeting be received and adopted.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 125** **RESOLVED** (Palmer/Smithers) that Cr C O Joass be granted leave of absence from Council on 18 October 2007.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Surf Titles Facts Sheet No. 1

Councillor McKelvey asked for an update on the Surf Titles Facts Sheet No. 1 regarding Boambee Beach.

The Director of City Services advised that the Facts Sheet and covering letter are to be sent out tomorrow to some 90 organisations, but at this stage it is not envisaged that it will be sent to all ratepayers. The Facts Sheet has been prepared to try and provide factual information to the public.

Cr Rhoades asked that the matter be delegated to the General Manager to get the facts out to as many people as possible.

The General Manager advised that he would take the matter on board.

Councillor McKelvey asked if an electronic copy could be forwarded to Councillors so if they receive any questions they can forward the Facts Sheet on.

2. Raj Mahal

Councillor McKelvey asked what was being done about the appalling state of the Raj Mahal in Woolgoolga.

The Director of Land Use, Health and Development advised that Council has received complaints, particularly in the last 12 months. Mr Salter advised that staff have issued orders to have the windows and doors secured in order to try and stop unauthorised entry to the building which has had some impact. Letters have also been sent and the site cleaned up however unless the building actually becomes a danger to the public there is not a great deal more that Council can do. Mr Salter undertook to get staff to re-inspect the premises

3. Newspaper article 50 years ago

Councillor Palmer read a newspaper article from 50 years ago wherein a 13 year old Woolgoolga boy had a narrow escape from injury when the rope on which he had started to descend the well on his father's property gave way and he fell 20 feet to the bottom of the well. This young boy was David Featherstone.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 5.20 pm.

Confirmed: 18 October 2007.

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Keith Rhoades AFSM
Mayor