

Kyogle Council

Confirmed Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Stratheden Street, Kyogle, on Monday, 20 April, 2015.

PRESENT

Cr Danielle Mulholland (Mayor in the Chair), Cr Maggie Creedy, Cr Ross Brown, Cr Janet Wilson, Cr Chris Simpson, Cr John Burley, Cr Robert Dwyer, Cr Lindsay Passfield and Cr Michael Reardon.

IN ATTENDANCE

The General Manager, the Acting Executive Manager Administration and Community, and the Executive Manager Urban and Assets.

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7.15pm.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

ITEM 2 OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor read the opening prayer.

ITEM 3 TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the Traditional Lands of the Bundjalung people.

ITEM 4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil.

ITEM 5 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION; COUNCILLORS MULHOLLAND, BURLEY AND CREEDY; FIT FOR THE FUTURE TEMPLATE

REPORT BY: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

CONTACT: GENERAL MANAGER ARTHUR PIGGOTT

Moved Councillor Maggie Creedy, seconded Councillor Michael Reardon:

1. That Council not proceed with a merger with Richmond Valley Council or Lismore City Council;
2. That Kyogle Council resolve to complete the Rural Council Template in response to the FFTF proposal.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Passfield, seconded Councillor Mulholland:

1. That Kyogle Council resolve to complete the Rural Council template with a view to standing alone in response to the FFTF proposal and that it put its submission on public exhibition for a period of 28 days;
2. That Council hold public meetings in Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong during the second week of public exhibition to explain the process and implications of its decision to pursue adoption of the rural council model.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE: Danielle Mulholland, Lindsay Passfield, Chris Simpson, John Burley and Robert Dwyer.

AGAINST VOTE: Maggie Creedy, Janet Wilson, Ross Brown and Michael Reardon

The amendment became the motion.

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Danielle Mulholland:

1. That Kyogle Council resolve to complete the Rural Council template with a view to standing alone in response to the FFTF proposal and that it put its submission on public exhibition for a period of 28 days;
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Councillor Ross Brown foreshadowed a motion:

1. That Council supports the preparation of a business case in accordance with the methodology as outlined in the proposal submitted by Grant Thornton for the following merger options:
 - Kyogle and Lismore
 - Kyogle and Richmond Valley
 - Kyogle, Lismore and Richmond Valley
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2. That Council requests financial assistance from the NSW Office of Local Government for the preparation of the business case.
3. That the Councils identified in the merger options listed above be asked to support the preparation of a business case and financially contribute to each option they are identified in.

200415/01 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Danielle Mulholland:

1. That Kyogle Council resolve to complete the Rural Council template with a view to standing alone in response to the FFTF proposal and that it put its submission on public exhibition for a period of 28 days;
2. That Council hold public meetings in Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong during the second week of public exhibition to explain the process and implications of its decision to pursue adoption of the rural council model.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE: Danielle Mulholland, Michael Reardon, Lindsay Passfield, Chris Simpson, John Burley and Maggie Creedy

AGAINST VOTE: Robert Dwyer, Janet Wilson and Ross Brown

200415/02 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Janet Wilson:

1. That Council supports the preparation of a business case in accordance with the methodology as outlined in the proposal submitted by Grant Thornton for the following merger options:
 - Kyogle and Lismore
 - Kyogle and Richmond Valley
 - Kyogle, Lismore and Richmond Valley
2. That Council requests financial assistance from the NSW Office of Local Government for the preparation of the business case.
3. That the Councils identified in the merger options listed above be asked to support the preparation of a business case and financially contribute to each option they are identified in.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE: Lindsay Passfield, Ross Brown, Chris Simpson, John Burley, Janet Wilson and Robert Dwyer

AGAINST VOTE: Maggie Creedy, Michael Reardon and Danielle Mulholland.

ITEM 6 URGENT BUSINESS

200415/03 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Ross Brown:

That matter of motions to go to the 2015 ALGA National General Assembly be considered as urgent business.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE: Unanimous

The Mayor ruled the item to be of great urgency.

200415/04 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Ross Brown:

That Kyogle Council requests the following motions to be considered at the 2015 ALGA National General Assembly:

1. That the National General Assembly calls for continued strong representations to the Federal Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads for a referendum on the constitutional recognition of local government;
2. That the National General Assembly seeks a commitment from all spheres of government for local government to receive a share of GST revenue to provide a fair and reasonable outcome for all local communities;
3. That in recognition of the vital role broadband plays in the economic development across Australia, the National General Assembly lobby for continued subsidy for rural and remote communities to ensure equitable access to broadband internet services.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE: Unanimous

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.07 p.m.

Signature of Chairperson.....