

Kyogle Council

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Stratheden Street, Kyogle, on Monday, 3 November, 2014.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

The General Manager and the Personal Assistant to the General Manager and Administration and Community.

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5.00pm.

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 REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

5.1 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING REQUEST

REPORT BY: GENERAL MANAGER
CONTACT: GENERAL MANAGER ARTHUR PIGGOTT

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Robert Dwyer:

That Councillors discuss:

1. Kyogle survey format and questions;
2. Long Term Financial Plan (Draft) and information conveyed to residents.

Councillor Maggie Creedy foreshadowed a motion:

1. That a supplementary sheet be added to the Fit for the Future information brochure before it is sent out to the community.
2. That this sheet presents easily understood examples for the rate payers in each rate category, showing the comparative total annual rate payments for the next seven years in dollar terms. The examples used will be for the mean of each rate category and will include all charges ie general, water, sewerage, waste, farmland, landfill management etc.
3. The rate categories to be used will be as per council's rate notices.
 - o Farmland,
 - o Residential,
 - o Residential – Kyogle,
 - o Rural Residential,
 - o Business,
 - o Business – Kyogle.
4. This information will be presented in four columns
 - 1) Years 2014/15 to 2021/22
 - 2) Annual \$ amount to be paid with only the 2.3% rate pegging increase;
 - 3) Annual \$ amount to be paid as per "Option Two" and including the rate pegging amount.
 - 4) The annual difference between the figures quoted in 2 and 3.

031114/01 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Robert Dwyer:

That Councillors discuss:

1. Kyogle survey format and questions;
2. Long Term Financial Plan (Draft) and information conveyed to residents.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

Moved by Councillor Maggie Creedy, seconded by Councillor Ross Brown:

1. That a supplementary sheet be added to the Fit for the Future information brochure.
2. That this sheet presents easily understood examples for the rate payers in each rate category, showing the comparative total annual rate payments for the next seven years in dollar terms. The examples used will be for the mean of each rate category and will include all charges ie general, water, sewerage, waste, farmland, landfill management etc.
3. The rate categories to be used will be as per council's rate notices.
 - Farmland,
 - Residential,
 - Residential – Kyogle,
 - Rural Residential,
 - Business,
 - Business – Kyogle.
4. This information will be presented in four columns
 - 1) Years 2014/15 to 2021/22
 - 2) Annual \$ amount to be paid with only the 2.3% rate pegging increase;
 - 3) Annual \$ amount to be paid as per "Option Two" and including the rate pegging amount.
 - 4) The annual difference between the figures quoted in 2 and 3.

Councillor Lindsay Passfield foreshadowed a motion that Council receive and note the draft phone survey.

031114/02 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Maggie Creedy, seconded by Councillor Ross Brown:

- 1) That a supplementary sheet be added to the Fit for the Future information brochure.
- 2) That this sheet presents easily understood examples for the rate payers in each rate category, showing the comparative total annual rate payments for the next seven years in dollar terms. The examples used will be for the mean of each rate category and will include all charges ie general, water, sewerage, waste, farmland, landfill management etc.
- 3) The rate categories to be used will be as per council's rate notices.
 - Farmland,
 - Residential,
 - Residential – Kyogle,
 - Rural Residential,

- Business,
- Business – Kyogle.

- 4) This information will be presented in four columns
- 1) Years 2014/15 to 2021/22
 - 2) Annual \$ amount to be paid with only the 2.3% rate pegging increase;
 - 3) Annual \$ amount to be paid as per “Option Two” and including the rate pegging amount.
 - 4) The annual difference between the figures quoted in 2 and 3.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Ross Brown, Janet Wilson, Lindsay Passfield, Michael Reardon, Chris Simpson, Maggie Creedy, Bob Dwyer

AGAINST VOTE - John Burley, Danielle Mulholland

031114/03 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Robert Dwyer.

That council receive and note the draft phone survey as amended.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

031114/04 RESOLVED

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

1. That Council concentrates on finalising a Long Term Financial Plan based on whether or not the community supports an IPART application and Council’s processing of that IPART application.
2. That Council pushes its request to the State Government for assistance to examine then pros and cons of the recommendations presented for Kyogle Council under the Fit for the Future program and if that help is not forthcoming Council seeks an external consultant to help it through the process.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ITEM 6 URGENT BUSINESS

031114/05 RESOLVED

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

That the issue of NOROC membership be considered by Council as an urgent matter.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

The Mayor then ruled the matter of great urgency.

ITEM 6.1 NOROC MEMBERSHIP

031114/06 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Danielle Mulholland, seconded by Councillor Ross Brown:

That Council not support the membership of Tenterfield Shire Council to NOROC.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Ross Brown, Janet Wilson, John Burley, Lindsay Passfield, Danielle Mulholland, Michael Reardon, Chris Simpson, Bob Dwyer

AGAINST VOTE - Maggie Creedy

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.07pm.