



Minutes

of an Annual General Meeting
held at 7.30pm

8 November 2011

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Central Coast Council held in the Council Chamber at the Administration Centre, 19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone on Tuesday, 8 November 2011 commencing at 7.30pm

Present

Cr Jan Bonde (Mayor)
Cr John Bloomfield
Cr Shane Broad
Cr Amanda Diprose
Cr Gerry Howard
Cr Tony van Rooyen

Cr Cheryl Fuller
Cr Lionel Bonde
Cr Garry Carpenter
Cr Kath Downie
Cr Rowen Tongs
Cr Philip Viney

General Manager (Ms Sandra Ayton)
Acting Director Corporate & Community Services (Mr Stuart Arnot)
Director Development & Regulatory Services (Mr Michael Stretton)
Director Engineering Services (Mr Bevin Eberhardt)
Executive Services Officer (Miss Lisa Mackrill)

Mrs Leila Hardy
Mr Claude Hardy
Mr S (Bunny) Berechree
Mr Charles Goodwin
Mr Brian Robertson
Mr Stan French
Mr Terry McKenna
Mrs Beryl Marshall
Mr Jake Weeda

Apologies

Sue Smith MLC

Media attendance

The media was not represented.

Opening of meeting

The Mayor, in opening the meeting and welcoming those in attendance:

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- . advised that the Annual General Meeting had been called in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
 - . advised that notice of the Annual General Meeting was given in The Advocate newspaper on Wednesday, 19 October, Saturday, 22 October and again on Saturday, 29 October 2011; and
 - . referred the public in attendance to the agenda prepared for the meeting and which incorporated procedures for the conduct of the meeting.

Introduction of councillors

The Mayor introduced the attending Councillors to the meeting and congratulated and welcomed those new Councillors following the 2011 Local Government Elections. The Mayor also noted the attendance of former Councillors Roberton, McKenna and Marshall.

Annual Report

The Mayor reported that the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2011, including financial statements and audit opinion, had been advertised as available to the public from the Administration Centre and Service Centre and on the Council's website. Electors were invited to make written submissions relating to the Annual Report.

The Mayor spoke in support of the Annual Report.

Additional comment was provided by the General Manager with a Powerpoint display of highlights from the report.

Submissions

No written submission were received.

Other Business

The Mayor invited questions or comments from the floor.

- . Cr Lionel Bonde noted the reduction in use of sporting facilities, particularly referencing the squash courts at Penguin and Ulverstone. Cr Bonde congratulated staff on the excellent report.

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- . Mr Jake Weeda also congratulated the Council on it's excellent report and commented on the policy in respect of payment of cash-in-lieu for car parking spaces, suggesting that this could be a "deal breaker" for prospective developers.

Mr Weeda further commented that the Council should seek legal advice in respect of seeking contributions for public open space.

Mr Weeda made further comment in respect of the operations of Cradle Mountain Water.

- . Mr Charlie Goodwin asked how expensive it would be to undertake a rural recycling service.

The General Manager advised that the Council is currently undertaking a review of waste management services which includes the rural areas and that currently kerbside recycling services are undertaken in the urban area on a cost neutral basis.

Mr Goodwin asked about repairs to the Spellmans Road bridge following the January 2011 floods, and whether this bridge is within the Central Coast municipal area.

The Director Engineering Services advised that the Central Coast Council had effected the necessary repairs.

- . Mr Terry McKenna asked what is the Council's attitude towards amalgamation and whether there has been any changes in the Council's policy regarding amalgamations.

The Mayor advised that the Council's policy regarding amalgamations has not changed and that the principal position is that the Central Coast Council stand alone. Discussions have taken place around the Council table and also at a regional level. As discussions progress the Council will look at a number of ways of being efficient, not only amalgamation.

- . Mr Weeda commented that it is local government, not "Hobart government".

- . Mrs Beryl Marshall commented that in letters to The Advocate newspaper she had noted that "bigger is not necessarily better" in respect of amalgamations and the Central Coast Council should stand alone if it can.

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- . Mr Brian Robertson asked if the community will be made aware of outstanding loans of other councils prior to any amalgamations taking place.

The Mayor referred to her previous comments and advised that there is still a long way to go before any amalgamations take place.

- . Mrs Marshall noted that tenders for playground equipment at Anzac Park had been called and she hopes that the tenders come in at a good figure as it will be good if the equipment will be operational for the upcoming holiday season.

- Cr van Rooyen moved and Mr Weeda seconded, "That the Annual Report be received."

Carried unanimously

Close of meeting

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.20pm and, in doing so, thanked those in attendance for their participation.

Sandra Ayton
GENERAL MANAGER