

Corporate Management

Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on Tuesday 24 March 2009

at the Council Chambers, Bega commencing at 2.08 pm

- PRESENT** Councillor Hughes (CHAIRPERSON) and Councillors Allen, Britten, Campbell, Hede, Sandrey, Seckold and Wykes
- IN ATTENDANCE** Mr Peter Tegart – General Manager, Ms Leanne Barnes – Group Manager Community and Relationships, Mr Andrew Woodley – Group Manager Planning and Environment, Mr Doug Mein – Group Manager Infrastructure Waste & Water, Ms Janelle Curtis – Minute Secretary

1. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Britten and Campbell that the Minutes of the Corporate Management Committee meeting held on 24 March 2009, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

IN FAVOUR: Crs Allen, Britten, Campbell, Hede, Hughes, Sandrey, Seckold and Wykes

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Pincini

2. Apologies

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Allen and Seckold that the apology received from Cr Pincini be accepted for his inability to attend the meeting.

IN FAVOUR: Crs Allen, Britten, Campbell, Hede, Hughes, Sandrey, Seckold and Wykes

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Pincini

3. Australian Local Government Association 2009 National General Assembly: Council representation

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sandrey and Seckold:

1. That Council endorse Crs Allen and Britten and the General Manager to attend the ACLG 2009 National General Assembly at the National Convention Centre on 21 – 24 June 2009, with the necessary travel and accommodation costs to be defrayed by Council.
2. That Council determine if it wishes to submit any motions to the assembly on the key themes:
 - Infrastructure
 - Climate Change; and
 - Local Government Financing.
3. That Bega Valley Shire Council prepare a notice of motion to submit to the Australian Local Government Association 2009 National General Assembly that Councils be responsible for collecting fire service levies, including an administration fee, via a separate charge on rateable properties.

IN FAVOUR: Crs Allen, Britten, Campbell, Hede, Hughes, Sandrey, Seckold and Wykes

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Pincini

4. Local Government and Shires Association Annual Conference: Council representation

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wykes and Sandrey:

1. That Crs Allen, Britten, Seckold, Pincini and the General Manager be authorised to represent the Council at the Shires Association's Annual Conference in Sydney on 1-3 June 2009, and that the necessary expenses be defrayed by the Council in keeping with its policy.
2. That Bega Valley Shire Council submit a notice of motion supporting the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme in NSW.

IN FAVOUR: Crs Allen, Britten, Campbell, Hede, Hughes, Sandrey, Seckold and Wykes

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Pincini

5. Internal Audit Committee: Appointment of independent representatives

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Sandrey and Britten that the item be deferred to the Closed Session as resolved in the Ordinary Meeting.

6. Tathra Wharf Restaurant, Museum and Hall – review of management arrangements

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Allen and Campbell:

1. That Council identify and cost mechanisms for the physical separation of the Tathra Wharf Restaurant and Museum and that the General Manager be authorised to execute the necessary works to effect the separation within the balance of committee funds held, after finalisation of items 2 and 3.
2. That Council advertise for Expressions of Interest from incorporated bodies to provide management of the upstairs portion of the Tathra Wharf building for the purposes of conducting a maritime museum and that a further report to Council be prepared to consider these expressions of interest.
3. That Council agree in principle to the reconstitution of the existing Tathra Hall and Wharf Museum Management Committee but this action be deferred until a further report on the incorporation model is presented.

IN FAVOUR: Crs Allen, Britten, Campbell, Hede, Hughes, Sandrey, Seckold and Wykes

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Pincini

7. Draft Financial Strategy

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Britten and Hede:

1. That the Draft Financial Strategy as attached be adopted in principle, as a draft, and accompanying actions be endorsed to guide preparation of other plans and strategies for consideration by Council.
2. That the Draft Financial Strategy be placed on exhibition for 28 days in conjunction with the 2009/10 Management Plan and a further workshop and report presented to Council.

IN FAVOUR: Crs Allen, Britten, Campbell, Hede, Hughes, Sandrey, Seckold and Wykes

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Pincini

8. Finalisation special variation to general rates

It was moved by Crs Britten and Seckold that Council include a special variation to the general rates in the draft management plan and Council lodge an application to the Department of Local Government in the following terms:

1. An 8.76% increase to the general rate yield inclusive of the 3.5% rate pegged cap.
2. \$450,000 of that general rate variation, to be levied across all rate categories and quarantined for the purpose of improvements to sporting and recreational facilities and access to community facilities. Those funds to be applied through assignment to sporting and recreation groups in accord with the "Community Partnership Principles" and through Council's Access Committee.
3. \$350,000 of that general rate variation, to be levied across all rate categories (\$200,000) and business rate category (\$150,000) and be quarantined for the purpose of economic and tourism development. Those funds to be applied in accord with the draft position statement on tourism, noting Council's intent to enter a service agreement with Sapphire Coast Tourism, whereby the initial allocation to the board of \$230,000 in 2009/2010 be reduced to \$150,000 indexed within 5 years. The balance will progressively be added to further investment in economic development and related infrastructure.

Cr Hede foreshadowed a motion that

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3. \$350,000 of that general rate variation, levied from the business rate category, be quarantined for the purpose of economic and tourism development. Those funds to be applied in accord with the draft position statement on tourism, noting Council's intent to enter a service agreement with Sapphire Coast Tourism, whereby the initial allocation to the board of \$230,000 in 2009/2010 be reduced to \$150,000 indexed within 5 years. The balance will progressively be added to further investment in economic development and related infrastructure.

The motion was put to the vote and it was

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RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Britten and Seckold that Council include a special variation to the general rates in the draft management plan and Council lodge an application to the Department of Local Government in the following terms:

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IN FAVOUR: Crs Allen, Britten, Campbell, Sandrey, Seckold and Wykes

AGAINST: Hede and Hughes

ABSENT: Cr Pincini

Closure

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 3.07 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON