

Governance & Strategy

Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on Tuesday 20 October 2009
at the Council Chambers, Bega commencing at 2.30 pm

PRESENT Councillor Britten (CHAIRPERSON) and Councillors Allen, Campbell, Hede, Hughes, Pincini and Wykes

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Peter Tegart - General Manager, Mr Jeff Tipping – Acting Group Manager Planning and Environment, Mr Wayne Sartori - Group Manager Infrastructure Waste and Water, Ms Tracy Hicks - Executive Manager Organisational Support and Ms Janelle Curtis - Minute Secretary

1. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Campbell and Pincini

That the Minutes of the Governance & Strategy Committee meeting held on 29 September 2009, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

2. Apologies

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Campbell and Allen

That the apology received from Cr Seckold be accepted for her inability to attend the meeting.

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

3. Certificate of Investments made under Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Campbell and Allen

That the Certificate of Investment made under Section 625 of the Local Government Act, 1993 as at 30 September 2009 be received and noted.

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

4. Government Guarantee on Deposits

It was moved by Crs Allen and Wykes

That Council no longer participate in the Government guarantee on term deposits scheme.

An amendment was move by Crs Hede and Campbell

That Council no longer participate in the Government guarantee on term deposits scheme for the four major trading banks, and defer a decision on participation in the Government guarantee on term deposits scheme for other institutions until it has considered the December Financial Review.

The amendment was put to the vote and it was DECLARED LOST.

IN FAVOUR: Crs Hede and Campbell

AGAINST: Crs Allen, Britten, Hughes, Pincini and Wykes

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

The motion was put to the vote and it was RESOLVED

That Council no longer participate in the Government guarantee on term deposits scheme.

IN FAVOUR: Crs Allen, Britten, Hede, Hughes, Pincini and Wykes

AGAINST: Cr Campbell

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

5. Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2009

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Allen and Pincini

1. (a) That Council's General Purpose Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with:

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- (i) The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under; and
 - (ii) The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements; and
 - (iii) The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting; and
 - (iv) Presents fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year; and
 - (v) Accords with Council's accounting and other records.
- (b) That Council's Special Purpose Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with:
- (i) NSW Government Policy Statement "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government"; and
 - (ii) Department of Local Government Guidelines "Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality"; and
 - (iii) The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting; and
 - (iv) The Department of Water and Energy Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines.
 - (v) Present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared Business Activities for the year; and
 - (vi) Accord with Council's accounting and other records.
2. That the signatories be required to confirm they are not aware of any matter that would render the reports false or misleading in any way, and include such information in the statement.
3. That Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to execute the statement required by Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.
4. That Council endorse the referral of General Purpose Financial Report and Special Purpose Financial Reports to Council's Auditor for audit.

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

6. Australia Day Citizenship Ceremonies

Conflict of interest

Cr Hede declared a conflict of interest on the basis that he is a member of the Rotary Club of Merimbula who are the organising committee for the Merimbula Australia Day Celebrations but remained in the meeting room and took part in debate or voting on this item.

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Allen and Wykes

1. That Australian Citizenship Ceremonies continue to be conducted in the Shire on Australia Day as part of the Shire's official Australia Day Celebrations.
2. That Council note the recent advice from the Department of Immigration that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager will be authorised to receive a pledge of commitment and to preside over Citizenship ceremonies.
3. That the organising committee of the Merimbula Australia Day celebrations, be advised accordingly.

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

7. Southern Councils Group minutes of meeting 11 September 2009

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Campbell and Allen

That Council endorse the resolutions of the Southern Councils Group meeting held on 11 September, 2009.

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

8. George Bass Surf Boat Marathon

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Campbell and Allen

That Council approve funding of \$5,500 as sponsorship toward the 2010 George Bass Surfboat Marathon, with funding to be made available through the budget allocation for Section 356 expenses.

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

9. Fee Structure for the David Ramsey Memorial Rose Garden

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wykes and Allen

1. That Council place the proposed fee structure for the David Ramsey Memorial Rose garden on public exhibition, seeking submissions, for a period of 28 days.
2. That a further report be presented to Council after the exhibition period closes.

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

10. Review of Council membership of peak bodies

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Allen and Pincini

1. That Council seek further information from H Division regarding the Charter of the proposed SEROC regarding the role and relationships of SEROC and SEATS.
2. That Council indicate support for participation in SEROC on the basis that H Division and the Regional Leaders Forum be absorbed into the proposed SEROC.
3. That a further report be prepared for Council following receipt of this information.

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Seckold

Closure

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 3.11 pm.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRPERSON