

Ordinary Meeting Minutes

Held on Wednesday, **3 July 2013**

at Council Chambers, Bega commencing at 2.02 pm

PRESENT

Cr Bill Taylor, Mayor
Cr Russell Fitzpatrick, Deputy Mayor
Cr Tony Allen
Cr Michael Britten
Cr Keith Hughes
Cr Ann Mawhinney
Cr Kristy McBain
Cr Liz Seckold
Cr Sharon Tapscott

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager, Mr Peter Tegart
Group Manager Infrastructure, Waste and Water, Mr Wayne Sartori
Group Manager Planning and Environment, Mr Andrew Woodley
Group Manager Community and Relationships, Ms Leanne Barnes
Minute Secretary, Ms Janelle Curtis

11.2 Merimbula Effluent Options Study

A motion was moved by Crs Allen and Fitzpatrick

1. That Council adopt an effluent management strategy for Merimbula Sewer Treatment Plant (STP):
 - Sewage treatment plant upgrades to improve effluent quality.
 - Construction of a deep water ocean outfall for the disposal of effluent unable to be used beneficially by the existing reuse schemes at the Pambula/Merimbula Golf Course and Oaklands.
2. That Council pursue ways over the next 12 months to meet a capital funding shortfall for a deep water ocean outfall effluent disposal system with State and Federal Governments, including lobbying of candidates for the 2013 federal election.

A motion was foreshadowed by Cr Britten

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 4. That should subsidy not be forthcoming, then Council also consider other reuse options as per the Effluent Options Study Focus Group's recommendations.

The motion was put to the vote and it was LOST

IN FAVOUR: Crs McBain, Allen and Fitzpatrick

AGAINST: Crs Taylor, Hughes, Tapscott, Seckold, Mawhinney and Britten

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IN FAVOUR: Crs Taylor, Tapscott, Seckold, Mawhinney, Allen and Britten

AGAINST: Crs McBain, Hughes and Fitzpatrick

124/13 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fitzpatrick and Taylor

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