

Shire of Narrogin

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 43 FEDERAL STREET, NARROGIN, ON WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL 2012; COMMENCING AT 9.39 A.M.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President, Richard Chadwick, welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Councillors

Cr R.E. Chadwick (President)
Cr J.M. Sieber (from 11.22 am)
Cr T.R. Wiese (from 11.18 am)
Cr G.D. Ballard (from 10.11 am)
Cr B.G. Hardie
Cr D.L. Wiese
Cr A.G. Borthwick

Chief Executive Officer

Mr G.R. McKeown

Visitors

Mr G. Rasmussen – Works Manager (from 10.11am)
Cr R. Madson – Town of Narrogin (from 11.28 am)
Mr A. Cook – CEO Town of Narrogin (from 11.28 am)

Apologies

Nil.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Borthwick

Seconded Cr Hardie

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 15th March 2012, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 4/0

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS

Councillors advised of their attendance at the following meetings and functions:

1. Cr Borthwick attended a National Party Branch Meeting, and also the RTG Board Meeting on the 12th April 2012.
2. Cr D. Wiese attended the FESA DOAC Meeting. He advised that he had stepped down as Chairperson of the DOAC. He went onto discuss the use of Firebreak Orders and that the Shire of Corrigin has imposed fines for property owners that are not compliant.

The President reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

1. Attended the Anzac Service held at the Narrogin Senior High School.
2. Attended the RTG Board Meeting on the 12th April 2012.
3. Attended the Town of Narrogin Council Meeting on the 16th April 2012.

CR BALLARD AND MR GARY RASMUSSEN ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 10:11AM.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Gary Rasmussen presented a report on the activities of the Narrogin Works Unit.

It was resolved to have the annual road inspection on Wednesday, 2nd May 2012.

MR GARY RASMUSSEN LEFT THE MEETING AT 11.05PM.

Information Report

The Chief Executive Officer presented his Information Report.

MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE DECISIONS

9.F FINANCE

9.F.198 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Moved Cr Hardie
That Council,

Seconded Cr Borthwick

1. Endorse cheques numbered 19036 to 19036, and 19089 to 19106 (inclusive) as paid under delegated authority, totalling \$366,127.82;
2. Approve cheques numbered 19107 to 19155 (inclusive) as creditors to be paid, totalling \$282,981.56;
3. Endorse electronic transaction payments for other expenses totalling \$3,914.73;
4. Endorse electronic transaction payments for salaries and wages expenses totalling \$65,551.43; and
5. Adopt the Financial Statement to the 31st March, 2012 as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

CR T. WIESE ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 11:18AM.

9.F.199 UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE - OLD FIRE TRUCK

Moved Cr Hardie

Seconded Cr D. Wiese

The Shire of Narrogin agrees to purchase the 1984 Isuzu Tanker from the Fire & Emergency Services Authority (FESA) for a price of \$5,000 including GST, acknowledging that the expenditure has not been included in the 2011/12 Budget.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

CR SIEBER ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 11:22AM.

9.A ADMINISTRATION

9.A.225 AMALGAMATION

MR AARON COOK AND CR ROB MADSON ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 11:28AM.

The Chief Executive Officer presented an overview of the Shire of Narrogin's involvement in the Regional Transition Group, which has culminated in the Council coming to a point where it is to decide whether to support an amalgamation. In the presence of the Deputy Mayor Cr Rob Madson and CEO Aaron Cook, a number of issues were discussed relating to the Town of Narrogin's position on the proposal and the Council's support for amalgamation that was affirmed at a meeting on the 16th April 2012.

The Chief Executive Officer suggested that the wording in one of the dot points in the recommendation should be revised. Specifically, it related to the item dealing with phasing in of rate increases, and the revised wording needed to reflect that an increase to achieve parity must be in addition to any required annual increase.

There was also discussion on the fifth dot point under the third item in the recommendation. There was consensus that the use of the wording "It is expected that..." does not emphasise the importance of the State Government fully funding the transitional cost and that those words should be removed.

Moved Cr Sieber

Seconded Cr Hardie

- 1. That the Shire of Narrogin resolves to amalgamate with the local governments of the Town of Narrogin and Shire of Cuballing and submit a proposal for amalgamation to the Local Government Advisory Board for implementation in accordance with the provisions of Clause 2 of Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995*;**
- 2. That the attached supporting documents which set out the nature of the proposal, reasons for making the proposal, the effects of the proposal on the local governments and accompanying plan illustrating the new local government boundary, be submitted to the Local Government Advisory Board;**

3. The following items be agreed to by the Minister for Local Government and Multicultural Affairs prior to the submission of the proposal to the Local Government Advisory Board:
- The number of Councillors in the new local government for the first four years should be seven with two from the Shire of Cuballing and the Shire of Narrogin and three from the Town of Narrogin with the President/Mayor being elected from within Council;
 - Commissioners of the new local government to be an elected member from each of the amalgamating local governments and an independent Chair appointed by the Minister for Local Government following consultation with the amalgamating Councils;
 - The State Government agree to the conversion of the Crown Grant on Lot 36 Federal Street, Narrogin (i.e. Shire of Narrogin Administration Centre/Council Chamber) to Freehold Title at no cost to the local government;
 - 1 January 2014 to be the target date for the creation of the new local government;
 - The Transitional consideration reference document is designed to give an overview of the tasks, complexity and duration of a potential transition if a merger proceeds. It also outlines the potential budget that will be requested from the Department of Local Government to support the creation of an amalgamated local government. The State Government will entirely fund the total cost of tasks required during the transition period;
 - Any increases in rates to achieve parity between the rate in the dollar of the amalgamating local governments be phased in over a period of up to five years and be applied in addition to required annual rate increases.
- 4 That the Minister for Local Government and Multicultural Affairs further consider the requests for additional funding to assist in the amalgamation and transitional process made on the 12th April 2012 at the Town of Narrogin:
- The three local governments move to a uniform Financial Operating System within the 2012/13 financial year, under a repayment plan over a period of three to five years, and the Minister for Local Government agree to cover the cost of these repayments for purchase and installation as part of the amalgamation process and Transitional costs;
 - That the Minister for Local Government agree to fund the cost of constructing a new Administration Centre and Council Chambers or renovating the existing Town of Narrogin facilities for the new entity as part of the cost of amalgamation;
 - That the Minister for Local Government fund the required amendments to the Key Transitional Documents prepared by KPMG from the savings incurred from the removal of the Shire of Wickepin from the amalgamation process and that this be performed immediately.

CARRIED 6/1

The motion differed from the recommendation in relation to matters described earlier in the minutes.

The President thanked Cr Rob Madson and Mr Aaron Cook for attending the meeting and for providing a perspective from the Town of Narrogin.

MR AARON COOK AND CR ROB MADSON LEFT THE MEETING AT 12.42PM.

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT FROM 12:42 PM TO 1:27 PM

9.F FINANCE

9.F.200 BUDGET REVIEW

Moved Cr Borthwick Seconded Cr Hardie
The Budget Review for the period 1st July 2011 to 31st March, 2012 be accepted.
CARRIED 7/0

9.A ADMINISTRATION

9.A.226 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE CLAIM

Moved Cr Ballard Seconded Cr Hardie
The Shire of Narrogin accepts that it is not legally liable for the bicycle accident that occurred on Clayton Road, Narrogin on the 10th February 2012 and is unable to accommodate a request for compensation.
CARRIED 7/0

9.B&TP BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING

9.B&TP.151 PARKING OF A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

Moved Cr Borthwick Seconded Cr Hardie
That Council:

1. Determine that the application for the parking of commercial vehicles on Lot 19 Callan Way, Hillside is most appropriately classified as "Parking of Commercial Vehicles" being a use not listed in the Shires Town Planning Scheme No 2 – Zoning Table.
2. The proposed Parking of Commercial Vehicles on Lot 19 Callan Way, Hillside be advertised for public comment in accordance with clause 7.2 of the Shires TPS No 2.
3. A draft Policy to regulate the parking of commercial vehicles be prepared with the view to:
 - a. Defining Commercial Vehicle Parking;
 - b. Restricting the maximum number of vehicles to be permitted; and
 - c. Requiring that only bona-fide residents on the same property may drive the approved commercial vehicles;

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

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The Chief Executive Officer was requested to investigate the appropriate Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network Category that would apply to Callan Way, Narrogin, so that this information can be considered when the planning application is referred back to Council.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE PRESIDENT THANKED COUNCILLORS FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AND CLOSED THE MEETING AT 2.19PM.