

District Council of Robe

MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 13 December 2011, commencing at 6.00 pm at the District Council of Robe Chambers, Smillie Street Robe.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The District Council of Robe acknowledges and respects the traditional owners of the ancestral lands of the Robe district. We acknowledge elders past and present and we respect the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to this country.

WELCOME

Mayor Riseley welcomed the Elected Members, Staff and Gallery.

PRESENT

Mayor Peter Riseley; Crs Lawrence Polomka, Rino Dell'Antonio, Jenny Mathews, Kristina Alexander, John Enright and Harvey Nolan.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bill Hender, Works Operation Coordinator, Mr Trevor Hondow and Minute Taker, Miss Kellie Jordan

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Moorfield

Request for overhead powerlines to be underground along the Esplanade. Encouraged council to seek funding for this project.

Robert Roach

In reference to correspondence item 15.1. Would not like to see the beach access at Boatswains Point closed.

David Loxton

What sort of trees will be planted in Lord Syleham Street and where will the trees be positioned? Will there be public consultation on the matter? Are there other areas within Robe to beautify first (Robe Street/ Victoria Street Carpark)?

ADDRESS

- 6.1 Mr Graham Gates, Local Action Plan Project Officer,
Coorong District Council

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 8.1 Ordinary and Confidential Council Meeting Minutes 8
November 2011

Cr Mathews moved that **the minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Council meeting held on 8 November 2011 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.** (102/2012)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT

Telstra Service Outages

Recently, the town was without ATM access, EFTPOS access and internet and telephone service, primarily with Telstra services. This problem resulted in losses and service to many local businesses.

CEO Bill Hender has written to Telstra seeking answers. Information will be passed on to the community when advice is received from Telstra.

The Past Year in Review

As well as the many day-to-day tasks like lawn mowing, patrol grading and rubbish collection, the works crew has achieved considerable additional works, they include:

- Reseals: Lapwing Avenue, McFarlane Street, part of Beacon Hill Road, Reserve Road Boatswains Point, Sanders Court and Sergeant Close.
- Esplanade major upgrade and associated walking path.
- Improvements to Information Bay and the Lions Rotunda
- Resheets at Dairy Range Road, Old Naracoorte Road and Bowaka Road and extensive construction work on the Nora Creina Road.
- Maintenance work on Jetty lights, Victoria Street paving, two sets of culverts at Ti Tree Swamp road and works on Cowan's Road, Boomaroo Park Road and Sandy Lane.
- Irrigation repairs and upgrades at the Long Beach foreshore including a new bore and pump also took place.

- Marina repairs and upgrades included reseals in the wharf area, car park adjacent to the Fisherman's Memorial and the provision of the additional car parks near the Waterhouse moorings.

Other works have been completed with the services of outside contractors; larger projects include the temporary Waste Transfer Station, Foreshore Shared Pathway, Royal Circus Redevelopment, Robe Street Playground and the Foreshore toilet block paving and leveling.

The Royal Circus Redevelopment and Robe Street Playground also had substantial community volunteer contribution. This collaboration is truly appreciated and is intricately linked to success in obtaining grant funds.

On top of the everyday running, the administration has worked on additional governance requirements and long term financial plan and associated reports.

There has been extensive community consultation on the following:

- Vehicles on Long beach
- Dry Zones.
- Tourism group formation.
- Better Development Plan.
- Community Engagement Survey covering aspects relevant to both the Strategic Plan and the Plan Amendment Review. This process also had the valued input from community volunteers, which is greatly appreciated.
- Aged care and retirement living.
- Revocation of public lands and road reserves for purpose of sale.

Council has also spent considerable time reworking all leases in the on shore precinct of the Marina and also the airfield. The CEO has achieved much of this work.

Compulsory closure of the landfill initiated the financial imperative to tender out the waste collection services.

Although the list is not completely inclusive, I trust the ratepayers can see first-hand that as a community, improvements are being made and that the necessary programs to maintain the District Council are being achieved.

CEO Bill Hender

Prior to his appointment Robe faced an uncertain future with the threat of administration or a forced amalgamation likely prospects.

Four years down the track with Bill's prudent management skills Robe is in a much-improved position. Net financial liabilities have gone down 6.7 to 3.1 [excluding marina leases]. State office for local government has given Robe acknowledgement for financial improvement.

Over the four years spending has been strict with lower staff levels and a tight reign on spending. The move from a Marina corporation with directors' fees, to an in-house management also brought about significant savings.

Bills personal skills have also been instrumental in our community moving forward; his open door policy and one on one approach has reduced the conflict on numerous occasions.

Bill's work ethic and politeness provides the staff a great role model and for the councilors he is always able to provide direction.

On behalf of the broader community, thank you for getting Robe back on track. There are still some big challenges for next year and we look forward to tackling them with you. Hoping you, Rhonda and the family have a great Christmas break.

2013

Several of the big issues for next year will be the Community Wastewater Management Scheme completion, submitting the funding proposal for the Second Access Road and construction of the Transfer Station [if funding is approved]

Working with the Drainage Board to secure funding for upgrades to several bridges is important for transport in the rural wards.

I trust this brief insight into the last twelve months provides some useful information to all.

ELECTED MEMBER REPORTS

Cr Rino Dell'Antonio

- 6/12/2011 Sports & Recreation Meeting

Cr Jenny Mathews

- 15/11/2011 CDAP Meeting
- 21/11/2011 Budget Review Workshop
- 25/11/2011 RSL Luncheon
- 7/12/2011 Tourism Proposal – Caledonian Inn
- 13/12/2011 CDAP Meeting
- 13/12/2011 Council Meeting

Cr Harvey Nolan

- 22/11/2011 Robe Marina Committee Meeting

Mayor Peter Riseley

- 9/11/2011 CCOWS Dinner
- 11/11/2011 Remembrance Day
- 14/11/2011 Staff Meeting
- 15/11/2011 CDAP Meeting
- 21/11/2011 Budget Review Workshop
- 22/11/2011 5SE Radio Interview
- 22/11/2011 Marina Committee Meeting
- 22/11/2011 Bendigo Bank AGM
- 23/11/2011 Road Safety Group Meeting
- 24/11/2011 Meeting re: RDA Grant
- 25/11/2011 RSL Luncheon
- 28/11/2011 Australia Day Meeting
- 29/11/2011 FOLD
- 30/11/2011 Regional Development Road Map
- 30/11/2011 ABC Radio Interview
- 1/12/2011 LCCCMG Salt Creek
- 2/12/2011 SELGA
- 6/12/2011 Coast Care Meeting
- 7/12/2011 Tourism Proposal – Caledonian Inn
- 11/12/2011 Playground Working Bee
- 26/12/2011 Meeting re: RDA Grant

Cr Kristina Alexander

- 7/12/2011 Tourism Proposal – Caledonian Inn
- 12/12/2011 CCOWS Meeting

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

12.1 Robe Marina Committee Minutes 22 November 2011

Cr Nolan moved that **the minutes of the Robe Marina Committee meeting 22 November 2011 be received.**
(103/2012)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

12.2 CDAP Committee Minutes 15 November 2011

Cr Mathews moved that **the minutes of the CDAP Committee meeting held 15 November be received.**
(104/2012)

Seconded Cr Enright

Carried

OFFICER'S REPORTS – Chief Executive Officer

14.1.1 Elector Representation Review

Cr Dell'Antonio moved **that Council engage the services of CL Rowe & Associates to conduct Council's Representation Review process for a total project cost of \$6000.00 (GST exclusive).** (105/2012)

Seconded Cr Polomka

Carried

14.1.2 IPads for Elected Members

Cr Alexander moved **that Elected Members be provided with IPads.** (106/2012)

Seconded Cr Enright

Carried

14.1.3 Lake Hawdon Bridge Road Load Limit

Cr Alexander left the room at 6.54 pm, and returned at 6.56 pm.

Cr Nolan moved that Council agree to the request from the South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board (SEWCDB) to install 15 Tonne Load Limit signs and other associated signage on the approaches to the bridge over the Bray Drain on Lake Hawdon Road.

Seconded Cr Mathews

The following amendment was put:

Cr Polomka moved **that Council agree to the request from the South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board (SEWCDB) to install 15 Tonne Load Limit signs and other associated signage on the approaches to the bridge over the Bray Drain on Lake Hawdon Road. Further, that Council advise the SEWCDB that Council accepts no responsibility or liability as a result of erecting the signs and that Council continues to encourage the SEWCDB to seek funding to replace the bridge as a matter of urgency.** (107/2012)

Seconded Cr Enright

Carried

14.1.4 Mobile Food Van – Request for Licence Extension

Cr Alexander moved that Council grant a licence to Louanne Holloway to operate a food van on the Robe foreshore reserve for a period of ten years with the following conditions:

- That the food van be located north of the public toilets on the foreshore reserve
- That a licence fee of \$100.00 per week be payable and that this fee be reviewed annually
- That any consumption of water and power be at the licensee's expense
- That the hours of operation of the food van be between 8.00 am and 9.00 pm
- That the licensee provide evidence of appropriate public liability insurance.

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

The following amendment was put:

Cr Enright moved that Council grant a licence to Louanne Holloway to operate a food van on the Robe foreshore reserve with a five year lease with a five year right of renewal, to be reviewed after five years, including the following conditions:

- That the food van be located north of the public toilets on the foreshore reserve
- That a licence fee of \$100.00 per week be payable and that this fee be reviewed annually
- That any consumption of water and power be at the licensee's expense
- That the hours of operation of the food van be between 8.00 am and 9.00 pm
- That the licensee provide evidence of appropriate public liability insurance.

No Seconder

Lapsed

The original motion stands.

Lost

14.1.5 PLEC Hagen Street

Cr Mathews moved **that Council advise the Power Line Environment Committee (PLEC) that Council wishes to proceed with the undergrounding of power lines in Hagen Street and request that Council be granted approval to pay the Council contribution over two financial years.** (108/2012)

Seconded Cr Nolan

Carried

14.1.6 Removal/ Relocation of Public Toilet at Greenways

Cr Polomka moved **that the public toilet at Greenways be removed and consideration be given to relocating the toilet to a more appropriate site.** (109/2012)

Seconded Cr Mathews

Carried

14.1.7 Request to Close Roads – Robe Golf Club

Cr Enright moved **that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to commence the process of closing the unmade roads surrounding Section 285, Hundred of Waterhouse to facilitate the development of Section 285 as golf course, if required.** (110/2012)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

14.1.8 Request to Lease Council Road Reserve

Cr Mathews moved that Council advise Mr Clements that Council is not prepared to lease this land as it has been identified by the Robe Street Tree Action Group as a site for tree planting.

Seconded Cr Alexander

Lost

Cr Polomka moved **that Council seek further information from the applicant to lease council road reserve and hold a workshop on the matter.** (111/2012)

Seconded Cr Enright

Carried

14.1.9 Road Closures Australia Day 2012

Cr Alexander moved **that pursuant to the powers conferred on the Minister for Transport in Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and delegated to Council's by the Minister on 12 March 2001, the District Council of Robe hereby advises that the event known as the "Australia Day Ceremony 2012" be an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 applies and; makes this order, temporarily closing the following streets in the Robe Township: The following roads will be closed to traffic between 6.30 am and 1.00 pm Thursday 26 January 2012:**
-Victoria Street, between Smillie/ Victoria Street intersection and Bagot Street/ Mundy Terrace
Makes an order exempting persons participating in the event from the following Australian Road Rules:
-230: Crossing a road [general]
-238: Pedestrians traveling along a road [except in or on a wheeled recreational device or toy]
-268: How persons must travel in a vehicle do not exceed the speed of 25 km/hr on the portions of the road described above during the period specified above. (112/2012)

Seconded Cr Polomka

Carried

OFFICER'S REPORTS – Works Operations Coordinator

14.2.1 Works Report November 2011

Cr Dell'Antonio moved **that Council receive the Works Report November 2011. (113/2012)**

Seconded Cr Polomka

Carried

OFFICER'S REPORTS – Accountant

14.3.1 Finance Report November 2011

14.3.2 Payment Listing November 2011

Cr Enright moved **that Council receive the Finance Report November 2011 and Payment Listing November 2011. (114/2012)**

Seconded Cr Alexander

Carried

14.3.3 2011/2012 Budget Revision

Cr Nolan moved that **Council, having reviewed the 2011/2012 budget pursuant to and in accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Section 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1990, adopt the revised 2011/2012 budget comprising the following Budgeted Financial Statements as presented:**

- **Budgeted Income Statement**
 - **Budgeted Balance Sheet**
 - **Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity**
 - **Budgeted Statement of Cash Flows**
 - **Budgeted Uniform Presentation of Finances.**
- (115/2012)

Seconded Cr Polomka

Carried

14.3.4 Long Term Financial Plan Review 2011

Cr Polomka moved that **pursuant to Section 122 (1a)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council adopt the reviewed Long Term Financial Plan, as presented.**

(116/2012)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

OFFICER'S REPORTS – Director of Childcare

14.4.1 CCOWS Report November 2011

Cr Alexander moved that **Council receive the CCOWS Report November 2011.** (117/2012)

Seconded Cr Enright

Carried

OFFICER'S REPORTS – Library/ Visitor Information Centre Officer

14.5.1 Library/ VIC Report November 2011

Cr Nolan moved that **Council receipt the Library/ VIC Report November 2011.** (118/2012)

Seconded Cr Polomka

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 Beach Access Boatswains Point – R Roach

Cr Nolan moved **that Council receive correspondence titled 15.1 Beach Access Boatswains Point – R Roach. (119/2012)**

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

Response from Mayor Riseley and CEO Bill Hender
Wind-blown erosion requires management.
No concern over the access being utilised, however it should be used on an as needs basis when the other track isn't useable. Concern surrounding vehicles getting too close to the cliff edge. CEO acknowledged other correspondence received from Wayne and Lorrain Phillips and Mathew Walsh on this matter and will put a report to the next council meeting.

URGENT BUSINESS

18.1 Cr Mathews moved **that Council investigate undergrounding powerlines on the Esplanade. (120/2012)**

Seconded Cr Alexander

Carried

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

19.1 Australia Day Award Nominations 2012

Cr Alexander moved:

- i. **that under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public (not including Chief Executive Officer Bill Hender, Works Operation Coordinator Trevor Hondow and Minute Taker Kellie Jordan) be excluded from attendance at the Meeting in order to consider in confidence Agenda Item titled 19.1 Australia Day Award Nominations 2012;**
- ii. **that under the provisions of Section 83(5) the council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public be excluded to enable the council to consider the matter on the following grounds:
*-90(3)(a) Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).***
- iii. **that accordingly on this basis, the council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a**

meeting closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider information and that the council is satisfied that the principle of the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed. (121/2012)

Seconded Cr Enright

Carried

Cr Dell'Antonio left the room at 8.21 pm and returned at 8.22 pm.

Cr Polomka moved that Sue Scott be the recipient of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Australia Day Award. (122/2012)

Seconded Cr Mathews

Carried

Cr Dell'Antonio moved that Jake Golding be the recipient of the 2012 Junior Citizen of the Year Australia Day Award. (123/2012)

Seconded Cr Alexander

Carried

Cr Dell'Antonio moved that the Robe Primary School 125th Birthday Celebrations be the recipient of the Community Event of the Year 2012 Australia Day Award. (124/2012)

Seconded Cr Nolan

Carried

Cr Alexander moved that an order be made under the provisions of Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the documents relating to Agenda Item 19.1 Australia Day Award Nominations 2012, including the minutes of the council relating to discussion of the subject matter of that document, having been dealt with on a confidential basis under Section 90 of the Act, shall be kept confidential on the ground that: (Section 90(3)(a)) *Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), for a period of 18 months.* (125/2012)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 6.00 pm Tuesday 10 January 2012.

Meeting closed at 8.31 pm.

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Mayor Peter Riseley

_____ date