

District Council of Robe

MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 10 August 2010, commencing at 5.02 pm at the District Council of Robe Chambers, Smillie Street, Robe.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 1.1 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 welcomed the Elected Members, Gallery & Media

PRESENT Mayor W Peden; Crs J Mathews, R Petrovic, N Wright, R Dell'Antonio, P Riseley, D Loxton; Chief Executive Officer, Bill Hender; and; Minute Taker, Kellie Jordan

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 73 of the Local Government Act 1999 the following conflict of interests were declared:-

- Mayor Peden declared a conflict of interest on any items to do with the Marina as his family owns land adjacent to the Marina
- Cr Wright declared a conflict of interest on item 16.1.3 as he owns a couple of blocks in Denton Drive

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 9.1 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes 13 July 2010

Cr Petrovic moved that **the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 July 2010 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.** (1/2011)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Cr Loxton asked the CEO if there have been many responses to the request for Public Consultation for the Bowling Club Lease, and what the general consensus is.

CEO responded that there had been many responses, but there has not been enough time to assess them. There will be a Special Council Meeting held regarding this matter, which will also include the Foreshore Kiosk matter.

MAYOR'S REPORT

SELGA antics

Councils of the South East were asked to approve an 18% increase in Ratepayer Contributions to the SELGA bureaucracy. I asked a number of legitimate questions on why such a large increase is warranted. My questions have been included in the agenda for this meeting, as is the response from SELGA. I wrote back pointing out they hadn't answered most of the questions. Then, President of SELGA, Richard Vickery, rang me saying the questions were answered when clearly they weren't. A copy of my diary notes of this conversation are to be tabled today. I think the people of the South East, and Elected Members of Councils will agree with me that this is totally unsatisfactory from a publicly funded organisation. Unfortunately this is not a one-off antic. I have received similar treatment on previous occasions.

Bill Hender and I were not able to attend SELGA last Friday owing to a prior commitment in Adelaide, however I am reliably informed that Richard Vickery said to delegates prior to the meeting that he expected an apology from me. I obviously won't be apologising for trying to look after the interests of ratepayers. It is Richard who should be apologising to the people of the South East for not answering the questions that are relevant to how their money is being spent.

DC Robe pays approximately \$40,000 per year to SELGA and its associated bodies. I don't think ratepayers of the South East are getting value for their money and I am concerned that a majority of Council delegates pass most items without regard for the ratepayers who are substantially funding this operation. I would like to thank DC Robe Councillors and our CEO Bill Hender, Ken Grundy, Mayor of Naracoorte Lucindale and their CEO Andrew Evans, Don Pegler former Mayor of DC Grant and their CEO Russell Peate, for their support in our endeavours to get

transparency, accountability and value for ratepayer money. Unfortunately there is a long way to go, and until there is a majority (four or more) like minded Council delegates at SELGA, I can't see much changing. At SELGA on Friday the budget with the 18+% increase in contributions from ratepayers was passed despite my questions not being answered.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Cr Mathews reported on the following:-

- 20/07/2010 CDAP Meeting
- 27/07/2010 Workshop grant funding SENRM
- 1/08/2010 Limestone Coast Tourism Industry night
- 10/08/2010 Council Meeting

Cr Dell'Antonio reported on the following:-

- 13/07/2010 Workshop re: Leases

Cr Riseley reported on the following:-

- 10/06/2010 LC&CCMG Kingston
- 16/06/2010 Brief from Developer funded PAR group and Golf Club representatives
- 17/06/2010 Budget workshop
- 21/06/2010 Meeting re: Robe Street
- 21/06/2010 Meeting with Golf Club representatives re: Davenport Street land
- 22/06/2010 Little Dip tour – Leah McIntyre and Fed representatives – Caring for Country Grant Funds
- 22/06/2010 Bendigo Bank & Community Group working party re: Retirement Village
- 25/06/2010 Special Meeting re: Budget adoption
- 28/06/2010 Marina
- 25/06/2010 Royal Circus planning meeting
- 29/06/2010 Workshop on IT options
- 9/08/2010 Coast Care Meeting

Cr Riseley was away during July

Cr Loxton reported on the following:-

- 3/08/2010 Robe Road Safety Group Meeting
- 6/08/2010 SELGA Meeting

Cr Loxton discussed the following items:

- Robe Road Safety Group AGM will be held 12 October 2010 at the Caledonian Inn 7.00 pm.
- Follow up on signage at Barrowmans Drive

CEO advised that the site has been inspected by DTEI; clearing of the area has occurred to ensure better sight. The only way to further improve the area is to do major alterations to the road way which would include land acquisition – DTEI did not recommend placing a concealed entry sign at the entrance, however Council can still do this.

-SELGA matters

- › There is a new privately funded dump at Coonalpyn
- › All Council's have been incurring difficulties with getting approval for clearing of vegetation. The correct authority for this is the Native Vegetation Council
- › Blue Gums - there is a new chipping facility at Portland
- › Discussion took place regarding the matters raised by Mayor Peden on SELGA budget estimates

Cr Petrovic reported on the following:-

Cr Petrovic was away during July

Mayor Peden reported on the following:-

- 13/07/2010 Council Meeting
- 19/07/2010 Tourism Meeting at Council
- 20/07/2010 CDAP Meeting
- 1/08/2010 Limestone Coast Tourism Meeting
- 3/08/2010 5SE interview
- 6/08/2010 South Australian Tourism Industry Council – Adelaide, Mark Parnell, Parliamentarian
- 10/08/2010 Council Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Council Development Assessment Panel Meeting 20 July 2010

Cr Mathews moved to receive the minutes of the Council Development Assessment Panel Meeting held 20 July 2010. (2/2011)

Seconded Cr Riseley

Carried

12.2 CCOWS Management Meeting 19 July 2010

Cr Riseley moved to receive the minutes of the CCOWS Management Meeting held 19 July 2010. (3/2011)

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

12.3 Robe Institute Management Committee Meeting 3 June 2010

Cr Mathews **moved to receive the minutes of the Robe Institute Management Committee Meeting held 3 June 2010.** (4/2011)

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

**OFFICERS'
REPORTS**

**Chief Executive
Officer**

16.1.1 Australian Visitor Radio

Cr Loxton moved **that Council advise Australian Visitor Radio that their offer is declined.** (5/2011)

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

16.1.2 Extension of Agreement – Robe Playgroup

Cr Mathews moved **that Council grant a one year extension to the agreement with the Robe Playgroup to use the Robe Institute for its activities.** (6/2011)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

16.1.3 Offer to Purchase Industrial Land

Cr Wright left the room at 5.24 pm due to a Conflict of Interest.

Cr Riseley moved **that Council advise Mr Cox that Council declines his offer to purchase allotments 16, 14 and 12 Denton Drive for \$70,000 per allotment.** (7/2011)

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

Cr Wright reentered the room at 5.30 pm.

16.1.4 Request for Comment on Risk Assessment for GM Crops

Cr Loxton moved **that Council give a response to the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator detailing the reasons why their Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan are not adequate.** (8/2011)

Seconded Cr Riseley Carried

16.1.5 Request for Financial Support – AUSTimber 2012

Cr Loxton moved **that Council do not provide sponsorship to assist with the preparation and staging of AUSTimber 2012.** (9/2011)

Seconded Cr Wright Carried

16.1.6 Request to Sell Food at Foreshore

Cr Petrovic moved **that Council defer item 16.1.6 Request to Sell Food at Foreshore to the September Council Meeting.** (10/2011)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio Carried

Cr Wright left the room at 5.55 pm.

Cr Mathews moved **that Council seek Public Consultation for item 16.1.6 Request to Sell Food at Foreshore, with a limited consultation period of two weeks, to ensure the matter can be considered at the September Council Meeting.** (11/2011)

Seconded Cr Riseley Carried

Finance Officer

16.2.1 Finance Report – July 2010

Cr Dell'Antonio moved **that Council notes the report.** (12/2011)

Seconded Cr Petrovic Carried

Director of Child Care

16.3.1 CCOWS Report

Cr Riseley moved **that Council notes the report.**
(13/2011)

Seconded Cr Loxton Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 Responses to question on SELGA Budget Estimates #1
Tabled

17.2 Responses to question on SELGA Budget Estimates #2
Tabled

17.3 Responses to question on SELGA Budget Estimates #3
Tabled

17.4 Responses to question on SELGA Budget Estimates #4
Tabled

Cr Dell'Antonio moved **that the Correspondence be noted.** (14/2011)

Seconded Cr Loxton Carried

NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Cr R Petrovic – Robe Bowling Club

Cr Wright reentered the room at 6.02 pm

Cr Petrovic moved that Council arrange a meeting with the Bowling Club Executive to discuss the long term lease request.

Seconded Cr Loxton Lost

18.2 Cr J Mathews – Motion to the LGA

Cr Mathews moved that **DC Robe submit the following motion on notice to the LGA SA for the meeting in Adelaide in October 2010:**

“The LGA supports amendments to the Local Government Act that would make it mandatory for every council to list in its agenda for every monthly meeting, a list of all payments made by the Council including the recipient name, amount received, and, date paid, for the prior month.” (15/2011)

Seconded Cr Wright

Carried

Supporting comments

Ratepayers are entitled to see where their money is going. By seeing where the money goes, ratepayers and elected members can see what is really going on. DC Robe does this each month and it works well. This motion is to ensure that all Councils agree that transparency with money is a good thing, and, that subsequent Councils can't water down this transparency. By being in the Local Government Act it would be a mandatory requirement.

**URGENT
BUSINESS**

20.1 Cr R Petrovic – Requests for Financial Assistance

Cr Petrovic moved that **Council call for applications for funding from sporting and community groups prior to formulating the 2011/2012 budget.** (16/2011)

Seconded Cr Riseley

Carried

Meeting closed at 6.17 pm.

Minutes confirmed 14 September 2010

_____ Mayor

_____ Date