

District Council of Robe

MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 9 March 2010, commencing at 5.00 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 D Loxton, P Riseley, J Mathews, R Petrovic, N Wright, R Dell'Antonio; Chief Executive Officer, Bill Hender; Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ronni Barnden; and Minute Taker, Kellie Jordan

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 73 of the Local Government Act 1999 the following conflict of interest was declared:-

- Mayor Peden declared a conflict of interest on any items to do with the Marina as he owns land adjacent to the Marina

PUBLIC FORUM ADDRESS

Michael Slessar spoke about his concerns over the potential breach of Council's Development Plan at 40 Thompson Road. He requested that Council give a formal response to him in writing.

Liz Harfull gave an update on the progress of her book 'The Magic of Place'. The main activities associated with creating this book are photography, research, administration/ background work, and fundraising. Due to a grant application being unsuccessful, she will not be paid for the work involved in compiling the book.

Liz is hoping to run a two day photography workshop in the near future as a fundraiser for the project and to give aspiring photographers an opportunity to develop their skills. Liz welcomes any suggestions and ideas that anybody may have; she can be contacted at liz@robebookproject.com.au. For more information you can visit her website www.robebookproject.com.au Liz thanks the Council for their continuing in-kind support.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council Minutes 9 February 2010

Cr Riseley moved that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 February 2010 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting. (190/2010)

Seconded Cr Mathews

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT

Robe – Wedding capital of SE

I am told that on the weekend there were five weddings in Robe and that March has a lot more weddings booked. This is great for the tourism side of town because many guests come to Robe for the weddings and hopefully come back again later. Happily the bad weather forecast for Saturday and Sunday didn't happen until Monday.

Robe is the natural place to hold functions in the South East as evidenced by the growing number of weddings and other events.

New Tourism body soon

After the public meeting a steering committee consisting of all interested people will be meeting to form a constitution this week. We'll have an update after the meeting.

Population growth

At the last census DC Robe's population had grown to 1716 with 1286 living in town. This is one of the highest growth rates in the

state. The town has passed the towns of Keith (1125) and Penola (1266) in population. If Robe's town growth rate continues then Robe is likely to be larger than Kingston in the near future (1546).

REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Cr Dell'Antonio reported on the following:-

- 9/02/2010 Council Meeting
- 16/02/2010 CEO Performance Review
- 22/02/2010 Robe Marina Committee Meeting
- 24/02/2010 Tourism Public Meeting
- 1/03/2010 DAP Workshop
- 2/03/2010 Sports & Recreation Meeting (cancelled)

Cr Mathews reported on the following:-

- 14/02/2010 Cemetery Working Bee
- 16/02/2010 CDAP Meeting
- 16/02/2010 CEO Performance Review
- 17/02/2010 Meeting in Naracoorte with Vicki Modistach
- 22/02/2010 Marina Workshop
- 24/02/2010 Royal Circus Meeting
- 24/02/2010 Tourism Public Meeting
- 1/03/2010 Workshop with Private Developers
- 1/03/2010 DAP Workshop
- 2/03/2010 Royal Circus Workshop (funding application)
- 3/03/2010 Meeting Re: Sexton's Hut budget funding renovation
- 4/03/2010 Library/ VIC Workshop
- 8/03/2010 Ratepayers Association Meeting
- 9/03/2010 Council Meeting

Cr Petrovic reported on the following:-

- 16/02/2010 CEO Performance Review
- 22/02/2010 Marina Workshop
- 23/02/2010 Bendigo Bank Meeting – Retirement Village
- 24/02/2010 Tourism Public Meeting
- 1/03/2010 Workshop with Private Developers
- 1/03/2010 DAP Workshop
- 2/03/2010 Road Safety Group Meeting
- 4/03/2010 Robe Institute Management Meeting
- 8/03/2010 Ratepayers Association Meeting

Cr Loxton reported on the following:-

- 16/02/2010 CEO Performance Review
- 22/02/2010 Marina Workshop

- 24/02/2010 Tourism Public Meeting
- 1/03/2010 DAP Workshop
- 2/03/2010 Road Safety Group Meeting

Cr Loxton mentioned the issue of illegal camping around the town. *CEO requested that if people are aware of anyone camping illegally to contact Council's General Inspector Michael Wilkin so that he can move them on.*

Cr Loxton reported that over the long weekend period there was an excess of dogs in the town and there is a need for more dog tidy bags & stands. He also suggested a ban on dogs in the main street.

CEO requested that if anyone has a dog complaint to contact Council's General Inspector Michael Wilkin so that he can follow it up.

Cr Loxton asked why the Pontoon is not currently in the water and suggested the need for another one.

CEO said the Pontoon is currently being repaired and that another pontoon will be part of the budget considerations in 2010/2011.

Cr Loxton mentioned the lack of Police presence in Robe and District and suggested that extra policing is required.

CEO suggested that if anyone had issues that it would be best to contact the Police.

Cr Riseley reported on the following:-

- 11/02/2010 Cemetery Working Bee
- 14/02/2010 Lions Meeting
- 15/02/2010 Steering Committee – Connecting People to the Coast
- 15/02/2010 CCOWS Management Committee
- 16/02/2010 DAP Meeting
- 16/02/2010 CEO Performance Review
- 17/02/2010 USEMPCC at Robe
- 22/02/2010 Robe Marina Committee Meeting
- 23/02/2010 Bendigo Bank Meeting – Retirement Village
- 24/02/2010 Royal Circus Meeting
- 24/02/2010 Tourism Public Meeting
- 25/02/2010 Lions Club Meeting
- 26/02/2010 Erect Lions tent
- 1/03/2010 Workshop with Private Developers
- 1/03/2010 DAP Workshop
- 2/03/2010 Royal Circus Meeting

- 4/03/2010 LCCCMG Meeting
- 4/03/2010 Library/ VIC Workshop
- 8/03/2010 Ratepayers Association Meeting

Mayor Peden reported on the following:-

- 9/02/2010 Council Meeting
- 15/02/2010 Meeting with Private Developers
- 16/02/2010 5SE interview
- 16/02/2010 CDAP Meeting
- 16/02/2010 CEO Performance Review
- 22/02/2010 Marina Meeting
- 24/02/2010 Tourism Public Meeting
- 1/03/2010 Meeting with Private Developers
- 1/03/2010 DAP Workshop
- 2/03/2010 SELGA Workshop
- 9/03/2010 Council Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 CDAP Minutes 16 February 2010

Cr Mathews moved that the minutes of the CDAP Meeting held on 16 February 2010 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.
(191/2010)

Seconded Cr Riseley

Carried

12.2 CCOWS Management Minutes 15 February 2010

Robyn Paterson, Director of Childcare, conveyed her Report for March verbally.

Cr Riseley moved that the minutes of the CCOWS Management Meeting held on 15 February 2010 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting. (192/2010)

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

OFFICERS' REPORTS

**Chief Executive
Officer**

15.1.1 100th Birthday – Annie Wright

Cr Mathews moved that **Council hold an afternoon tea in the Robe Institute on Friday 7th May 2010 to celebrate Annie Wright's 100th Birthday.** (193/2010)

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

15.1.2 Robe Airfield Leases

Cr Riseley moved that:

1. **The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to prepare lease documents for current and future owners of aeroplane hangars at the Robe airfield and that the cost of preparation of the leases be borne by the lessee.**
2. **The term of the leases be for a period of ten years.**
3. **The lease fee be set at \$500.00 per annum for private users and \$1000.00 per annum for commercial operators and that these fees be indexed to annual CPI increases.**
4. **Appropriate community consultation occur prior to leases being issued.** (194/2010)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

15.1.3 Council's Development Assessment Panel Membership

Cr Loxton moved that **Council request Ministerial approval for a reduction in the number of members on Council's Development Assessment Panel from seven to five.**

No seconder

lapsed

Cr Petrovic moved that **Council keep the number of members on Council's Development Assessment Panel at seven.** (195/2010)

Seconded Cr Riseley

Carried

15.1.4 Draft Car Parking Policy

Cr Petrovic moved that the item be deferred to the next meeting seeking further information.

No seconder

Lapsed

Cr Loxton moved **that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to establish a car parking fund in consultation with Council's Planning Consultant, David Hutchison, and that the contribution amount be set at \$10,000.00 per car park, to be reviewed on a two year basis.** (196/2010)

Seconded Cr Riseley

Carried

15.1.5 Funding Deed for Community Action Grant

Cr Dell'Antonio moved **that the Mayor and the Chief Executive office be authorised to sign and to affix the Council Seal to the Funding Deed for the *Caring For Our Country Community Action Grant.*** (197/2010)

Seconded Cr Riseley

Carried

15.1.6 Kingston Soldier's Memorial Hospital Auxiliary – Request for Assistance

Cr Wright moved **that Council make a donation of \$250.00 to the Kingston Soldier's Memorial Hospital Auxiliary to assist with the purchase of a palliative care chair.** (198/2010)

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

15.1.7 Proposed Business Venture – Lake Butler

Cr Loxton moved **that Council advise the applicant that it has no objection to a cruise vessel operating from the main wharf in Lake Butler provided there was no**

disruption to refueling operations. Further, Council advise that it has no objection to a liquor licence being applied for. Any charges for using the wharf for the loading and unloading of passengers will be negotiated with the Council. (199/2010)

Seconded Cr Riseley Carried

15.1.8 Tourism Study Proposal

Cr Wright moved **that council endorse the study proposal by Agnetha Brocker and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to facilitate this project. (200/2010)**

Seconded Cr Petrovic Carried

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

15.2.1 Authorised purchase limit for General Inspector

Cr Petrovic moved **that Council approve the recommended purchase limit of \$500.00 for the General Inspector. (201/2010)**

Seconded Cr Wright Carried

15.2.2 Customer Action Form

Cr Loxton moved **that Council note the report. (202/2010)**

Seconded Cr Petrovic Carried

LATE AGENDA ITEM

15.2.3 Restoration of the Kathleen Browne Room

Cr Mathews moved **that Council accept the late Agenda Item. (203/2010)**

Seconded Cr Petrovic Carried

Cr Mathews moved **that:**

- 1. Council invites the Friends of the Institute Inc. to undertake the planning and supervision of the restoration of the Kathleen Bowne Room and the adjacent passage;**
- 2. Council limit the amount of funds available towards the restoration work to funds currently available in the 09/10 budget for repairs and maintenance to the Institute, being \$15,000.00.(204/2010)**

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

Finance Officer

15.3.1 Monthly Financial Report – February 2010

Cr Loxton moved **that Council notes the Finance Officer's report.** (205/2010)

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

Director of Children's Services

15.4.1 CCOWS Report

Cr Riseley moved **that the Director of Children's Services report be noted.** (206/2010)

Seconded Cr Mathews

Carried

General Inspector

15.5.1 Robe Marina Precinct User Information

Cr Petrovic moved **that Council adopt the amended Robe Marina Precinct User Information.** (207/2010)

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 Travel Behaviour Change Project – DTEI

Received

Cr Mathews moved **that Council submit an Expression of Interest to the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure to participate in the *Travel Behaviour Change Project*. (208/2010)**

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio Carried

16.2 Virtual Parenting Programme – Wattle Range Council

Cr Loxton moved **that Council accept Correspondence item 16.2.** (209/2010)

Seconded Cr Wright Carried

Cr Wright moved **that Council contribute \$250.00 to the *Virtual Parenting Programme*.** (210/2010)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio Carried

16.3 Deborah De Williams – Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Cr Loxton moved **that Council accept Correspondence item 16.3.** (211/2010)

Seconded Cr Wright Carried

**OTHER
BUSINESS**

- Cr Loxton requested an update on the progress of Woodleigh Lane.
CEO reported that preliminary work began last week, resulting in work commencing today.

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm

Minutes confirmed 13 April 2010

_____ Mayor

_____ Date