

District Council of Robe

MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 10 February 2009, commencing at 5.00pm at the District Council of Robe Chambers, Smillie Street, Robe.

WELCOME Mayor welcomed the Gallery & Media

PRESENT Mayor Peden, Crs. D Loxton, P Riseley, J Mathews, N Wright, R. Petrovic, R Dell'Antonio, Chief Executive Officer, William Hender, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ronni Barnden and Minute Taker, Michelle Gibbs

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 marina as he owns land adjoining the marina and Item No. 14.1.6 Purchase of domain names as he is requesting reimbursement for purchasing the names

PUBLIC FORUM Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Ordinary Council Meeting 13 January 2009

Cr Riseley moved **that the minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting held on 13th January 2009 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.** (221/2009)

Seconded Cr Mathews

Carried

7.2 Confidential Council Meeting 13th January 2009

Cr Loxton moved **that the minutes of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 13th January 2009 be taken as**

read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting. (222/2009)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

MAYOR'S REPORT

Proposed Wind Farm
No news this month

Victorian Fires

Such a tragic loss of life and property. We understand this is Australia's worst peacetime disaster and our thoughts are with everyone in any way effected.

Marine Parks

There is a proposed marine park which stretches from the 42 Mile crossing on the Coorong to Nora Creina which obviously includes Robe. The government is doing consultation on all proposed marine parks including this one. The major problem is that the government hasn't said what is going to be restricted in what areas of the proposed marine park so no one is quite sure how to make comments. For the consultation to be effective this information needs to be provided prior to the consultation. This has been relayed to the government by SELGA.

No Heatwave at Robe

The secret is out. While Adelaide and most places in the state were sweltering the heatwave that was in the mid 40's, the temperature at Robe was in the mid to low 30s. The Advertiser newspaper picked this up and suggested the easiest way to avoid the heat was to come to Robe. The main reason Robe is so much cooler in summer is the bay is to the north of the town and any hot north wind is cooled by the water in the bay before reaching us. Also, in the afternoon we often get a sou'westerly breeze.

SELGA Meeting

Richard Vickery, Mayor of Tatiara, is the new president. There was a nomination for David Hood of Naracoorte Lucindale however David's nomination was removed on a technicality.

Limestone Coast Regional Development Board (LCRDB)
Council's of the South East (SELGA), including Robe, asked the LCRDB to implement good governance procedures including having publicly available registers of interest and new procedures for declaring potential conflicts of interest. Unfortunately the chairman of the Board, Dale Baker, has said that the board is not required under legislation to do these things with the implied suggestion that they won't be complying with SELGA's request. There are a number of other issues relating to the LCRDB which we'll update you on in future issues of the rubbish news.

Suggestion forms

Anyone with a problem, idea, complaint or compliment relating to any aspect of Council, please fill in a suggestion form at Council.

Council Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend Council meetings. The main ones are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers. We can't guarantee that it is always exciting however people coming along can see how the elected members make decisions.

**REPORTS OF
MEMBERS**

Cr Dell'Antonio reported on the following:-

- Australia Day Breakfast and Awards
- Asset Management Plan Workshop
- Strategic Plan Workshop

Cr Mathews reported on the following:-

- Strategic Plan Workshop
- Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan Workshop
- Friends of Little Dip Conservation Park
- Institute Hall Meeting
- Marine Parks Meeting Council chambers
- Ratepayers Meeting

Cr Riseley reported on the following:-

Special thank you to Jim Smith for restoration work to the Smillie Street sign

- Strategic Plan Workshop
- Lake Butler Meeting
- Australia Day Breakfast and awards
- Asset Plan Workshop
- Friends of Little Dip Conservation Park

- Marine Parks outer boundaries briefing
- CCOWS Meeting

Cr Wright reported on the following:-

- Strategic Plan Workshop
- Australia Day Breakfast and awards
- Asset Management Plan Meeting
- Robe & District Ratepayers Association Meeting

Cr Petrovic reported on the following:-

- Strategic Plan Workshop and Medical Centre
- Australia Day Breakfast and awards
- Asset management workshop
- Road Safety Group meeting
- Marine Parks Briefing
- Robe & District Ratepayers Association meeting

Mayor Peden reported on the following:-

- RDDA Meeting
- Interview 5SE
- Strategic Plan Workshop
- Australia Day Breakfast and awards
- Asset management meeting
- Meeting Windesal
- Meeting with DEH re Marine Parks
- SELGA Meeting at Naracoorte

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

11.1 Robe Marina Committee Meeting

Cr Riseley moved **that the minutes of the Robe Marina Committee Meeting held 7th January 2009 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting. (223/2009)**

Seconded Cr Wright

Carried

OFFICERS' REPORTS

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER**

14.1.1 Admella Discovery Trail

Cr Loxton moved that **Council provide \$1,000 to the Admella Commemoration Committee to purchase two Admella Discovery Trail Markers in a joint sponsorship with the Robe and District Development Association.** (224/2009)

Seconded Cr Wright

Carried

14.1.2 Christmas Tree Lights

Cr Riseley moved that **Council contribute \$1,000 to the Christmas Lights Committee to assist with the upgrade of the Christmas Tree lights provided this amount is matched by a similar contribution from the Robe and District Development Association.** (225/2009)

Seconded Cr Mathews

Carried

14.1.3 Clean Fill Charge

Cr Loxton moved that **there be no charge levied for clean fill at the Robe Landfill Site provided that the material is washed and free of contaminates. Clean fill is defined as material 100mm or less in size** (226/2009)

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

14.1.4 Expiation Notices – Request for Waiver

Cr Wright moved that **Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer and the Regulatory Officer to waive future expiation notices and make a decision whether or not to waive the Quinlan-Watson and employees fine.** (227/2009)

Seconded Cr Riseley

Carried

14.1.5 Medical Centre Extensions

Cr Loxton moved **that permission be granted subject to Development Approval to the Robe Medical Practice to undertake capital works on Council land if their application for funding to the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program to extend the Medical Centre, is successful.** (228/2009)

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

14.1.6 Purchase of Domain Names

Mayor Peden left the room at 5.31pm
Deputy Mayor, Cr Loxton in chair

Cr Wright moved **that Council reimburse the Mayor, William Peden, for the cost of registration of the domain names robesouthaustralia.com and robesouthaustralia.com.au and transfer the registration to Council.** (229/2009)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio
Mayor Peden entered room at 5.34pm.

Carried

14.1.7 SALA Exhibition – Robe Institute

Cr Loxton moved that Council make the Robe Institute available at a 20% discount for the SALA art exhibition to be held 13th-20th August 2009 provided current bookings for the Institute can be accommodated.

Motion lapsed due to no seconder

Cr Mathews moved **that Council make the Robe Institute available at a 50% discount for the SALA art exhibition to be held 13th-20th August 2009 provided current bookings for the Institute can be accommodated.** (230/2009)

Seconded Cr Wright

Carried

14.1.8 Marina Fuel Tanks

Mayor Peden declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 5.39pm

Deputy Mayor, Cr Loxton in chair

Cr Riseley moved **that consideration of location of the fuel tanks at the marina be an agenda item for the April 2009 Council Meeting.** (231/2009)

Seconded Cr Mathews

Carried

Mayor Peden entered the room at 5.45pm.

**DEPUTY CHIEF
EXECUTIVE
OFFICER**

14.2.1 Authorised Purchase Limits for VIC/Library Staff

Cr Mathews moved **that Council approve Internal Control no. 10 to approve Delegation of Purchase Limits for VIC/Library Permanent Staff and Council's Works Supervisor as outlined in the February Agenda item no. 14.2.1.** (232/2009)

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

14.2.2 Code of Dress Policy

Cr Loxton moved that **Council ratifies and adopts the Code of Dress Policy as outlined in the February Agenda item no. 14.2.2.** (233/2009)

Seconded Cr Riseley

Carried

14.2.3 Customer Action forms

Cr Petrovic moved that **the report be noted.** (234/2009)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio

Carried

14.2.4 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

Cr Petrovic moved **that Council moves that the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Program Outline be placed on display for public comment prior to adoption of this policy.** (235/2009)

Seconded Cr Dell'Antonio Carried

14.2.5 Grievance Policy

Cr Loxton moved **that Council moves to place the Grievance Policy on display for public comment.** (236/2009)

Seconded Cr Riseley Carried

14.2.6 Harassment Policy

Cr Wright moved **that Council moves to place the Harassment Policy on display for public comment prior to adoption of this policy.** (237/2009)

Seconded Cr Mathews Carried

14.2.7 Performance Management Policy

Cr Dell'Antonio moved **that Council ratifies and adopts the Performance Management/Disciplinary Policy.** (238/2009)

Seconded Cr Loxton Carried

14.2.8 Whistleblower Protection Policy and Procedure

Cr Loxton moved **that Council moves to place the Whistleblower Policy on display for public comment.** (239/2009)

Seconded Cr Wright Carried

14.2.9 Commercial Traders

Cr Riseley moved **that the item lay on the table to the March Meeting. Deputy CEO to investigate item further.**

(240/2009)

Seconded Cr Wright

Carried

MANAGER CHILDREN'S SERVICES

14.3.1 Manager of Children's Services Report

Cr Riseley moved that **the Manager of Children's Services Report be received.** (241/2009)

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

V McDONALD

14.4.1 Financial Reports

Cr Dell'Antonio moved that **the Financial Reports be received.** (242/2009)

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

WORKS SUPERVISOR

14.5.1 Works Supervisor's Monthly Report

Cr Wright moved **that the report be noted.** (243/2009)

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

REGULATORY OFFICER

14.6.1 Dog & Cat Management Issues

Cr Riseley moved **that the report be noted and that Option 3, as follows, be adopted:-**

Option 3

The Minister determines that he will approve any fee schedule if

- **The maximum registration is \$60.00 or less;**
- **A draft budget is provided demonstrating how the funding is to be used;**
- **The three mandatory rebates are included; and**
- **The percentage of the rebates prescribed in section 26(7) are increased (244/2009)**

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 Mr & Mrs K Jonasson – re Frenchmen’s Bay Estate

Cr Dell’Antonio **moved to receive the correspondence from Mr & Mrs K Jonasson and that the CEO seek legal advice on the matter.** (245/2009)

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Loxton moved that **the CEO convene a meeting with Transport SA, to discuss the following issues:-**

- * **school crossing/pedestrian crossing**
- * **entrance/exit Barrowmans Drive**
- * **sealing of aprons off highways onto gravel roads.** (246/2009)

Seconded Cr Mathews

Carried

Feasibility study

Cr Petrovic moved that Council carry out a preliminary feasibility study on developing a wetlands area with water from Drain L and the cost of carrying out a feasibility study.

Motion is withdrawn

Cr Loxton moved that **the March Council meeting commence at 4.30pm. for a workshop regarding development of a wetlands.** (247/2009)

Seconded Cr Petrovic

Carried

Marine Parks submission

Cr Wright moved that **the CEO meet with the Robe Professional Fishermen's Association and other community groups re their submission and that a workshop be held to put comments together for the Council's submission.** (248/2009)

Seconded Cr Riseley

Carried

Donation to the Bushfire Appeal

Cr Petrovic moved **that Council donate \$500 to the Bushfire Appeal.** (249/2009)

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

Meeting closed at 6.37pm.

Minutes confirmed 10 March 2009

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_____ Date