

District Council of Robe

Special Council Meeting

Minutes of the adjourned Special Council Meeting held on 4 August 2005 commencing at 2:30pm.

PRESENT Acting Mayor P Wilkin, Cr M Denning-Wasson, F Boylan, J Mathews, M Denton, D Loxton, Chief Executive Officer and Manager of Works.

APOLOGY Mayor P Darr.

BUSINESS

2005/2006 PRELIMINARY

BUDGET Discretionary Rebate

Cr Boylan moved that as follows: -

Discretionary Rebate on Council Rate for properties incurring significant increases in Capital Value.

A discretionary rebate of general rates for the 2005/2006 financial year will be granted to the principal owner of an assessment under Section 166(1) (i) of the Local Government Act 1999 on application to the Council where the amount of any increase in rates in respect to that assessment in monetary terms between the amount of general rates imposed for the 2005/2006 financial year and the amount of general rates payable for the SAME property in the 2004/2005 financial year is greater than 50%. The amount of the rebate will be the difference between the amount of general rates (less any concessions) in monetary terms that will be imposed for the 2005/2006 financial year and the amount of general rates (less any concessions) in monetary terms payable for the 2004/2005 financial year plus 50%.

The Rebate WILL NOT APPLY where:

1. The increase is due in whole or part to an increase in valuation because of improvements. Such improvements include, but not limited to, dwellings, vineyards, or
2. The increase is due in full or part because of any rezoning, or
3. The increase is due in full or part to the change of the use of land, or
4. The ownership of the rateable property has changed since 1 July 2001, or
5. The subject property boundaries have been affected by sub-division, or
6. Other factors considered by the Chief Executive Officer that do not warrant the granting of the discretionary rate rebate.

The Rebate WILL ONLY APPLY to:

- 1. Where an application is submitted in the prescribed form to the Chief Executive Officer by 15 September 2005.**
- 2. The 2005/2006 financial year only then subject to review for any subsequent years. (47/2006)**

Seconded Cr Denton Carried

2005/2006 Preliminary Budget

Cr Denton moved that construction of Long Beach Toilet Block be deleted. (48/2006)

Seconded Cr Loxton Carried

Cr Dening-Wasson moved that contract grading be deleted. (49/2006)

Seconded Cr Boylan Carried

Cr Dening-Wasson moved that Mundy Terrace footway construction be deleted. (50/2006)

Seconded Cr Matthews Carried

Cr Dening-Wasson moved that Victoria Street Bud Lighting be deleted. (51/2006)

Seconded Cr Boylan Carried

Cr Denton moved that the Automatic Watering System be reduced to \$10 000 and Elected Members Expenses be reduced to \$10 000.

Seconded Cr Loxton Lost

Cr Boylan moved that the automatic Watering System be reduced to \$10 000. (52/2006)

Seconded Cr Denton Carried

Cr Denton moved that the Elected Members Expenses be reduced to \$10 000. (53/2006)

Seconded Cr Loxton Carried

BUDGET AND ANNUAL STATEMENT

Cr Denton moved that Council adopts the Budget as submitted by the Chief Executive Officer with such amendments as resolved and resulting in:

1. Estimated Expenditure being \$4446 500.
2. Estimated Income other than Rates being \$2215 000 with Septic Tank Effluent Drainage being \$365334 calculated as operational \$328 500 and reserve \$36834 and SE Catchment Water Levy being \$24 000.
3. Amount required to be raised by rates being \$1879 00. (54/2006)

Seconded Cr Loxton

Carried

APPENDICES Cr Boylan moved that the following budget appendices be received:

- 7.1 Loan details as at 1 July 2005
- 7.2 Estimated Loan Repayment Schedules
- 7.3 Required Statements
 - 7.3.1 Budgeted Operating Statements
 - 7.3.2 Budget Statement of Financial Position
 - 7.3.3 Budget Statement of Changes in Equity
 - 7.3.4 Budget Statement of Cash Flows
- 7.4 Assessment and Rating Details
- 7.5 Draft Rating Policy (55/2006)

Seconded Cr Denton

Carried

ADOPTION OF VALUATION

Cr Denton moved that the District Council of Robe in accordance with Section 167 of the Local Government Act 1999 adopts for the year ending 30 June 2006 the government valuation of Capital Values in relation to the area of Council, totalling \$655015840 and hereby specifies the 4 August 2005 as the day as from which such valuation shall become and be the valuation of the Council. (56/2006)

DECLARATION OF RATES

Cr Denton moved that the District Council of Robe pursuant to Section 152 of the Local Government Act 1999, declare a general rate of 0.3019 cents in the dollar on the assessed capital value of all rateable property in the District Council of Robe for the financial year ending 30 June 2006.

Pursuant to Section 158 of the said act, Council fixes that the minimum amount which shall be payable by way of rates on any one assessment in the Township of Robe shall be \$458.00 for the financial year ending 30 June 2006. (57/2006)

Seconded Cr Boylan

Carried

**STEDS
SERVICE
CHARGE**

Cr Boylan moved that pursuant to section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999 Council declares that the service charge for the year ending 30 June 2006 for all properties serviced by the Robe Septic Tank Effluent Drainage Scheme be:

Occupied with desludging	\$260.70
Occupied without desludging	\$225.70
Unoccupied	\$169.90

Unit is as defined by Local Government Bulletin No. 144. (58/2006)

Seconded Cr Denton Carried

Cr Boylan moved that the STEDS connection levy be increased from \$2000 to \$2200 for each newly created allotment or unit that accesses the existing STEDS system. (59/2006)

Seconded Cr Loxton Carried

**SOUTH
EAST WATER
CATCHMENT
LEVY**

Cr Dening-Wasson moved that in exercise of the powers contained in Section 138 of the Water Resources Act 1997 and Section 154 of the Local Government Act 1999 in order to reimburse to the Council the amount contributed to the South East Water Catchment Board, a separate rate of \$13.50 be declared on all rateable land in the Council's area in the catchment area of the Board based on a fixed levy of the same amount on all rateable land. (60/2006)

Seconded Cr Mathews Carried

**2005/2006
RATING
POLICY
STATEMENT**

Cr Loxton moved that the Rating Policy as detailed in the preliminary budget documents be adopted. (61/2006)

Seconded Cr Dening-Wasson Carried

Cr Dening-Wasson moved that:

- (a) Under the provision of Section 90 (2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public (not including staff) be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider in confidence report re: Robe Marina.
- (b) The Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public be excluded to enable the Council to consider the matter

at the meeting on the Following Grounds 90 (3) (h) legal advice.

- (c) That accordingly on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the discussion confidential. (62/2006)

Seconded Cr Boylan

Carried

Pine Trees – Oval

Cr Mathews

That due to the Visual aspects of the total removal of the pine trees between the oval and the golf course and that the area of greatest risk has been cleared, Council seek the Robe Sports & Recreation Association and Robe Golf Club in conjunction with the District Council of Robe to formulate a management plan to establish trees in the area before further removal. It is programmed that the Management Plan be completed in 2005/2006 with regard to the tree planting program to commence in 2006/2007. (63/2006)

Seconded Cr Denton

Carried

Robe Sporting and Community Assistance Program

Cr Dening-Wasson moved that the criteria for the Robe Sporting and Community Assistance Program be amended to read.

“The objective of the funds provided under this program is to assist local community based sporting, recreation and community organisations in improving the well-being of the community, improve and expand facilities and services they provide and to ensure the continued viability of the communities organisations

The type of projects for which these funds would assist include:

- Development of new facilities to add to current use.
- Purchase of equipment to improve the bodies operations.
- Upgrade of existing facilities.
- Assistance with operational expenditure of the organisation where financial difficulties can be demonstrated.

- Maintenance of existing buildings where it can be demonstrated that the maintenance is above normal day to day maintenance operations.
- Assistance with local community groups to undertake programs that will benefit the community.” (64/2006)

Seconded Cr Denton

Carried

Robe Marina

Cr Denton moved that Council borrow \$400 000 from the Local Government Finance Authority interest only, for 5 years to fund Robe Marina costs incurred by Council. (65/2006)

Seconded Cr Boylan

Carried

The Acting Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 4.40pm.

Confirmed 13 September 2005

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Mayor