



Hawkesbury City Council

ordinary
meeting
minutes

date of meeting: 13 March 2012
location: council chambers
time: 6:30 p.m.

ORDINARY MEETING

Table of Contents

Minutes: 13 March 2012

MINUTES

- **WELCOME / EXPLANATIONS / PRAYER**
- **APOLOGIES**
- **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
- **SECTION 1 - Confirmation of Minutes**
- **MINUTES ITEMS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC ADDRESS**
- **SECTION 2 - Mayoral Minutes**
- **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**
- **SECTION 3 - Notices of Motion**
- **EXCEPTION REPORT - Adoption of Items Not Identified for Discussion and Decision**
- **SECTION 4 - Reports for Determination**
 - General Manager**
 - City Planning**
 - Infrastructure Services**
 - Support Services**
- **SECTION 5 - Reports of Committees**
- **QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

ORDINARY MEETING

Table of Contents

Minutes: 13 March 2012

ORDINARY MEETING

Table of Contents

Minutes: 13 March 2012

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ITEM	SUBJECT	PAGE
	ATTENDANCE	1
	APOLOGIES	1
	SECTION 1: Confirmation of Minutes	1
	SECTION 2 - Mayoral Minutes	2
	MM - Recognition of Contributions and Efforts During Recent Flooding Event - (79353, 79351)	2
	SECTION 4 - Reports for Determination	3
	CITY PLANNING	3
Item: 34	CP - Community Builders Program and 2011/2012 Funding Round - (95498, 79342)	3
Item: 35	CP - Draft Access and Inclusion Policy - Public Exhibition - (88324, 75816, 119366, 95498)	3
	INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES	5
Item: 36	IS - Review of State Waste and Environment Levy - (95495, 112179)	5
	SUPPORT SERVICES	6
Item: 37	SS - Rating Strategy for the 2012/2013 Financial Year - (95496, 96332)	6
	QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING	7
	Councillor Questions from Previous Meetings and Responses - (105109)	7
	QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE	8

ORDINARY MEETING

Minutes: 13 March 2012

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on Tuesday, 13 March 2012, commencing at 6:30pm.

Cheryle Symons, of the Salvation Army representing the Hawkesbury Minister's Association, gave the opening prayer at the commencement of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councillor K Ford, Mayor, Councillor T Tree, Deputy Mayor and Councillors B Bassett, B Calvert, K Conolly, W MacKay, C Paine, B Porter, P Rasmussen, J Reardon and W Whelan.

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager - Peter Jackson, Director City Planning - Matt Owens, Director Infrastructure Services – Jeff Organ, Director Support Services - Laurie Mifsud, Manager Corporate Services and Governance - Abbey Rouse, Executive Manager - Community Partnerships - Joseph Litwin – Chief Financial Officer – Emma Galea and Administrative Support Team Leader - Kylie Wade-Ferrell & Bianca James.

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Williams.

57 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Reardon and seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that the apology be accepted and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Councillor Mackay arrived at the meeting at 6:45pm.

SECTION 1: Confirmation of Minutes

58 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Reardon and seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 28 February 2012, be confirmed.

ORDINARY MEETING

Minutes: 13 March 2012

SECTION 2 - Mayoral Minutes

MM - Recognition of Contributions and Efforts During Recent Flooding Event - (79353, 79351)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Ford, Mayor.

Refer to RESOLUTION

59 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Ford, Mayor.

That:

1. Council formally recognise and acknowledge the efforts of the local SES, Police, other organisations and Council's staff in responding to the flooding event that occurred over the recent period and for the excellent efforts made by all concerned in an endeavour to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the Hawkesbury community affected by these floods.
2. The Mayor and General Manager also take appropriate action to convey Council's sincere appreciation and thanks to all organisations and persons involved in these response efforts.

ORDINARY MEETING

Minutes: 13 March 2012

SECTION 4 - Reports for Determination

CITY PLANNING

Item: 34 **CP - Community Builders Program and 2011/2012 Funding Round - (95498, 79342)**

Previous Item: 1, CPAC (17 November 2011)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Tree, seconded by Councillor Paine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

60 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Tree, seconded by Councillor Paine.

That:

1. Correspondence be sent to the NSW Minister for Community Services, the Hon. Pru Goward, The Premier, the Hon. Barry O'Farrell and Local State Members requesting their support to gain the following:
 - a. A formal response be made to the NSW Grants Network on their submission sent to the NSW Department of Family and Community Services in June 2011; and,
 - b. An announcement be made on the opening of the 2011/2012 Community Builders Funding round - now four months overdue.
2. The NSW Grants Network be requested to outline their suggestions for improvements to the program directly to the Minister for Community Services.

Item: 35 **CP - Draft Access and Inclusion Policy - Public Exhibition - (88324, 75816, 119366, 95498)**

Previous Items: 265, Ordinary (29 November 2011)
87, Ordinary (10 May 2011)
272, Ordinary (12 October 2010)
232, Ordinary (30 November 2010)
165, Ordinary (13 July 2010)
NM2, Ordinary (8 June 2010)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Tree, seconded by Councillor Paine.

ORDINARY MEETING

Minutes: 13 March 2012

Refer to RESOLUTION

61 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Tree, seconded by Councillor Paine.

That Council:

1. Adopt the Draft Access and Inclusion Policy attached to the report.
2. Archive the following policies:
 - Access Policy (Revised 10 May 1998)
 - Statement of Equity Principles (Adopted 10 October 2000)
 - Reconciliation and Multiculturalism (Revised 16 May 1998)
3. Change the name of the Hawkesbury Disability Advisory Committee to the Hawkesbury Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Item: 36 **IS - Review of State Waste and Environment Levy - (95495, 112179)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

62 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

That:

1. Council make a submission to the Office of Environment and Heritage in relation to the Waste and Environment Levy review as outlined within the report with the following addition to point three of the report on page 32 of the Business Paper:
 - *Infrastructure be provided to help enable provision of education centres and recycling/drop off facilities, and;*
 - *That the submission seeks changes to enable the funding of rehabilitation and landscaping of landfills.*
2. Further that the Council's previous position in relation to green waste and the levy be reiterated as part of Council's submission.

ORDINARY MEETING

Minutes: 13 March 2012

SUPPORT SERVICES

Item: 37 **SS - Rating Strategy for the 2012/2013 Financial Year - (95496, 96332)**

Previous Item: 54, Ordinary (10 March 2009)
 44, Ordinary (9 March 2010)
 66, Ordinary (30 March 2010)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Mackay.

Refer to RESOLUTION

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

That the information concerning the current and alternate rating methods and structures be received and noted.

The amendment was lost.

The motion was put and carried.

63 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Mackay.

That the component of Council's draft Statement of Revenue Policy for 2012/2013 in relation to proposed rates for that year be prepared generally on the basis of Scenario 3 as outlined in the report as well as the use of a Base Rate and Ad Valorem rate for the Business Rate Category with the resulting rating structure generally complying with the following parameters:

1. The proportion of the total Notional Yield being raised from the Business Rate Category being approximately 9.78%, being the same proportion as raised from that Category in 2011/2012.
2. The Business Rate Category having the Base Rate set at a level that provides for the Ad Valorem component of that category to be approximately the same rate in the \$ as the proposed Residential Rate Category rate in the \$.
3. The rate in the \$ to be applied to the Farmland Rate Category being approximately 80% of the proposed Residential Rate Category rate in the \$.

ORDINARY MEETING

Minutes: 13 March 2012

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillor Questions from Previous Meetings and Responses - (105109)

There were no responses to Questions in relation to previous Questions for Next Meeting.

ORDINARY MEETING

Minutes: 13 March 2012

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

#	Councillor	Question	Response
1	Rasmussen	Enquired how the study into the noise complaint raised 12 to 18 months ago in the vicinity of Rural Press was progressing.	Director City Planning
2	Rasmussen	Enquired if a start date had been announced for the construction of the Windsor Bridge.	Director Infrastructure Services
3	Rasmussen	Enquired about the status of the Rural Land Study.	Director City Planning
4	Porter	Reported two potholes on Grono Farm Road on the bend near the turf farm and old Diary and asked if these could be repaired as soon as practical.	Director Infrastructure Services
5	Calvert	Advised that a number of residents from North Richmond had written to the General Manager regarding Redbank Creek and are yet to receive a response.	Director City Planning
6	Paine	Asked if the ongoing issue of water over the road at Old East Kurrajong Road on the Causeway could be addressed.	Director Infrastructure Services
7	Paine	Enquired what rights citizens have in relation to noise coming from hotels late at night.	Director City Planning
8	Paine	Requested if the houses in North Street that were evacuated due to flooding, could be provided with a special pick up/ clean up as there is a large amount of rubbish that accumulated following the evacuation.	Director City Planning
9	Bassett	Requested that we need to ensure that our membership for Hawkesbury Radio is accurate before we resign and as such the membership list that has been made public; are the members on the list still alive and secondly have they been financial members in the last 12 months.	General Manager
10	Reardon	Enquired if Council's Regulatory staff could investigate and arrange for the removal of the BIOSEPTIC signs along Grose Vale Road.	Director City Planning
11	Reardon	Enquired if a small grant or funding could be obtained for the Companion Animal Shelter.	Director City Planning

ORDINARY MEETING

Minutes: 13 March 2012

The meeting terminated at 8:17pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

.....
Mayor