



STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Strathbogie Shire Council held on Tuesday 28 May 2013 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 5.04 p.m.

Councillors: Debra Swan (Chair)
Colleen Furlanetto
Malcolm Little
Alister Purbrick
Patrick Storer
Robin Weatherald
Graeme (Mick) Williams

Officers: Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer
Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services
David Woodhams - Director, Corporate and Community
Phil Howard - Director, Sustainable Development
Gary Abley – Manager, Organisational Development

BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners
'In keeping with the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting today. We recognise indigenous people, their elders past and present'.
3. Apologies

Nil
4. Disclosure of Interests

Nil

EXCERPT FROM MEETING PROCEDURE LOCAL LAW NO. 1

CONDUCT OF PUBLIC

52. VISITORS

- (1) Visitors must not interject or take part in debate.
- (2) Silence shall be preserved in the gallery at all times.
- (3) If any visitor is called to order by the Chairperson and again acts in breach of this Local Law, the Chairperson may order that person to be removed from the gallery.

53. CALL TO ORDER

Any person who has been called to order, including any Councillor who fails to comply with the Chairperson's direction, will be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$500

54. REMOVAL FOR DISRUPTION

The Chairperson has discretion to cause the removal of any person, including a Councillor, who disrupts any meeting or fails to comply with a direction under the provisions of this Local Law.

- 5. Reports of Council Officers
 - 5.1 Climate Change
 - 5.2 Infrastructure
 - 5.3 Private Enterprise
 - 5.4 Public Institutions
 - 5.5 Housing and Recreation
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5. REPORTS

5.7.1 Draft 2013-2014 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget - Preparation of Budget for Exhibition and Comment

Author & Department

Chief Executive Officer / Executive Directorate

File Reference

F30/0020/10

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Officers providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Summary

In accordance with the requirements of Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council has prepared a budget for the financial year ending 30th June 2014.

Copies of the draft budget have been circulated to Councillors, and a copy will be tabled at the meeting, and Appended to the Minutes of the meeting for identification purposes.

A resolution of Council is now required to give public notice that the budget will be available for inspection, in accordance with Section 129 of the Act.

Submissions on the proposed budget will be invited in accordance with Section 223 of the Act. The closing date for submissions is 5.00 pm on Wednesday Wednesday 3 July 2013. A Special Meeting of Council to receive / hear submissions will be held on Tuesday 16 July 2013, commencing at 5.00 pm at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the draft 2013-2014 budget annexed to this resolution and initialled by the Mayor for identification be the budget prepared by Council for the purposes of Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989.**
- 2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorized to give public notice of the preparation of such budget, in accordance with Sections 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.**
- 3. That Council receive / hear any submission on any proposal (or proposals) contained in such budget, made in accordance with Sections 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 16 July 2013, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.**

5.7.1 Council Budget Preparation for the Year Ending 30th June 2013 (cont.)

4. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial changes, if required.
5. That the ~~2012-2013~~ 2013-2014 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget be adopted at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on ~~Tuesday 30 July 2013~~ Tuesday 23 July 2013, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.

CRS WILLIAMS/LITTLE -

That the Recommendation be adopted, subject to amendments to wording in Recommendations 1 and 5, as shown in italics and by strikethroughs.

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ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS LOST

Amendment:

CR WEATHERALD -

That an additional Recommendation No. 6, as per below, be included –

That in order to provide an alternative discussion paper and choice of options, the publication of a tabled computer iPad document as an alternative budget, prepared by Councillor Weatherald. It is ordered that it be published and distributed all over our Strathbogie Shire. This raw draft budget is to be completed by officers and then provided to ratepayers and residents so that a choice is available to enhance the community consultation process with a realistic choice option.

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THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST DUE TO THERE BEING NO SECONDER

5.15 p.m.

Councillor Weatherald left the meeting and did not return

5.7.1 Council Budget Preparation for the Year Ending 30th June 2013 (cont.)

Amendment:

CRS PURBRICK/STORER -

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3. That Council receive / hear any submission on any proposal (or proposals) contained in such budget, made in accordance with Sections 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 16 July 2013, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.
4. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, to undertake minor editorial changes, if required.
5. **That the draft 2013/2014 budget annexed to this resolution and prepared by Council for the purposes of Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 be initialled by the Mayor for identification be amended as follows:**
 - **The rate increase will be 5.5% not 6.5%.**
 - **The loan repayment of \$600,000 will be decreased by 20% in 2013/2014.**
6. That the draft 2013-2014 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget be adopted at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 23 July 2013, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.

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ON BEING PUT, THE AMENDMENT BECAME THE MOTION

BY SHOW OF HANDS, CRS WILLIAMS, FURLANETTO AND LITTLE INDICATED THEY WERE AGAINST THE MOTION

BY SHOW OF HANDS, CRS PURBRICK, STORER AND SWAN INDICATED THEY WERE IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION (AS PER SECTION 90(1)(A) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989, ALL COUNCILLORS ARE ENTITLED TO A VOTE, THEREFORE, COUNCILLOR SWAN, ALTHOUGH CHAIR, WAS ABLE TO VOTE ON THE MOTION)

AS THERE WAS A DEADLOCK **DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF COUNCILLOR WEATHERALD, UNDER COUNCIL'S MEETING PROCEDURE LOCAL LAW (CLAUSE 43), THE CHAIR WAS ENTITLED TO A CASTING VOTE**

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ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

5.7.1 Council Budget Preparation for the Year Ending 30th June 2013 (cont.)

Background

In accordance with the requirements of Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council has prepared a budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

In preparing the 2013/2014 Draft Budget, the Council has considered many factors in an effort to continue to balance community expectations and benefits with financial responsibilities. The Council is pleased to place on public display a draft budget that works hard to maintain existing service levels and deliver strong investment in capital works across the municipality. The Council will continue to provide significant funding for renewal works on our ageing and outdated infrastructure, based on the requirements of the Road Management Plan and taking into account financial constraints.

The Council is proposing a 6.5 per cent increase in the total declared rates and charges revenue for 2013/2014. This is necessary to continue to deliver current services, fund a small number of new initiatives and continue to fund investment in our growing municipality. The proposed rise is less than the 7% forecast in the 2012 update to the Rating Strategy.

The 2013/2014 Draft Budget provides for a \$7.63 million capital works program with the following highlights:

- Resealing Program \$1.47 million
- Pavement Rehabilitation \$1.08 million
- Rehabilitation Violet Town Landfill \$600,000
- Bridge Works \$537,000
- Violet Town Flood Mitigation \$504,000
- Violet Town Library \$400,000
- Sevens Creek Park Toilets \$250,000

Alternative Options

Not applicable.

Risk Management

The author of this report considers that there are no significant Risk Management factors relating to the report and recommendation.

Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan

The report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan.

Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications

The report is consistent with Best Value, National Competition Policy and Competition and Consumer Act 2010 requirements.

Financial / Budgetary Implications

The budget is fiscally responsible and is prepared in accordance with the objectives of the Council Plan, Rating Strategy and Long Term Financial Plan.

5.7.1 Council Budget Preparation for the Year Ending 30th June 2013 (cont.)

Economic Implications

The budget will provide long term economic benefit through increased investment in the renewal of community infrastructure assets.

Environmental / Amenity Implications

The budget has a number of initiatives which will provide positive environmental outcomes

Community Implications

The 2013/2014 draft budget has been prepared using the current Council Plan and associated priorities and the long term strategic financial plan as the basis for Council decision making during the budget setting process.

The Council will, on Wednesday 5 June 2013 place the statutory public notices in local newspapers advising that documents are now available for inspection and that written submission are being sought in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Submissions will close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 July 2013.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

The recommendations do not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

Legal / Statutory Implications

The recommendations have no further legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council.

Consultation

The budget will be advertised in the community and opportunity provided for submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989

Attachments

Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.44 P.M.

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

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Chair

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Date