

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2008

Present: The Mayor, Councillor N Ebbeck (Chairperson) (Wahroonga Ward)
Councillors A Andrew & E Malicki (Comenarra Ward)
Councillors L Bennett & T Hall (St Ives Ward)
Councillor I Cross (Wahroonga Ward)
Councillor M Lane (Gordon Ward)
Councillor J Anderson (Roseville Ward)

Staff Present: General Manager (John McKee)
Director Corporate (John Clark)
Director Operations (Greg Piconi)
Director Strategy (Andrew Watson)
Director Community (Janice Bevan)
Senior Governance Officer (Geoff O'Rourke)
Minutes Secretary (Christina Randall-Smith)

The Meeting commenced at 7.02pm

The Mayor offered the Prayer

58 APOLOGIES

File: S02194

Councillor A Ryan tendered an apology for non-attendance [family commitment] and requested leave of absence.

Councillor M Shelley tendered an apology for non-attendance [prior commitment] and requested leave of absence.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Malicki/Andrew)

That the apologies by Councillors A Ryan & M Shelley for non-attendance be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor adverted to the necessity for Councillors and staff to declare a Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest in any item on the Business Paper.

No interest was declared.

DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS

The Mayor adverted to the documents circulated in the Councillors' papers and advised that the following matters would be dealt with at the appropriate time during the meeting:

Councillors Information: **Housing Shortage - Federal Government** - Memorandum by Director Strategy dated 19 February 2008 in relation to a Question Without Notice raised by Councillor Maureen Shelley at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 4 December 2007.

Acquisition of Open Space - Drovers Way - Memorandum by Director Strategy dated 4 March 2008 in relation to a Question Without Notice raised by Councillor Maureen Shelley at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 February 2008.

Holy Family School Signs - Memorandum by Director Operations dated 4 March 2008 in relation to a Question Without Notice raised by Councillor Maureen Shelley at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 February 2008.

Arup Report - Angle Parking, Village Green - Memorandum by Director Operations dated 4 March 2008 in relation to a Question Without Notice raised by Councillor Laura Bennett at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 February 2008.

Councillors Additional Agenda Information: **Refer NM.1 - Bushfire Management Policy** - Background Information:
Attachment 1: Memorandum from Director Strategy to Mayor & Councillors dated 4 February 2008
Attachment 2: E-mails from & to Councillor Hall
Attachment 3: Bushfire Management Policy, 2007 Version

Memorandum: **Affordable Housing in Ku-ring-gai** - Memorandum by Director Strategy dated 11 March 2008 in response to a Notice of Motion by Councillor Tony Hall dated 9 July 2007 presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 17 July 2007 (refer Minute No 244)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

59 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council

File: S02131

Meeting held 26 February 2008
Minutes numbered 32 to 57

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Cross/Lane)

That Minutes numbered 32 to 57 circulated to Councillors were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL BUSINESS

60 **NSW Department of Local Government Comparative Information 2005 to 2006**

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File: S03849

To present to Council analysis of the "Comparative Information on NSW Local Government Councils 2005/2006", which was published by the NSW Department of Local Government on 21 January 2008.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Lane/Malicki)

That Council receive and note the analysis of the "Comparative Information on NSW Local Government Councils 2005/2006".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

61 **Replacement of Bus Shelter at Illoura Avenue, Wahroonga with Adshel-type Bus Shelters**

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File: S03552

To seek Council approval to replace a vandalised bus shelter situated on Illoura Avenue, Wahroonga, with two single advertising bus shelters.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillor Cross/Mayor, Councillor Ebbeck)

- A. That the installation of a new bus shelter adjacent to Wahroonga Park be deferred for staff to arrange a presentation to interested Councillors on alternative designs that may be compatible with the existing features in the Park.
- B. That the replacement shelter not incorporate advertising.

- C. That a further report be brought back to Council on the preferred design options following the presentation to Councillors and, that funding for the replacement shelter be provided from the Street Furniture Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

62 **Bushfire Management Policy**

File: S05914

Notice of Motion from Councillor T Hall dated 26 February 2008.

On 8 May 2007, Council adopted its fifth amendment to its bushfire management policy. While this policy is focused on the fire management of Council bushland, it does not adequately recognize the role and importance of the community fire units (CFU's). The many hundred Ku-ring-gai residents involved in CFU's voluntarily place themselves at risk during wild fires supporting the many combat agencies that help protect their own homes and other assets throughout our local government area. In 2005 the NSW Parliament amended the NSW Fire Brigades Act to legally protect these volunteers which is also not recognized in the Council's current policy.

I therefore move:

"The contribution by Community Fire Unit volunteers located in Ku-ring-gai local government area in managing wildfire, protecting their homes and our community and their role in disaster management be given greater recognition and support. For this, I would request a revision of the Council's Bushfire Management Policy (2007) adopted 8 May 2007, and that a draft be reported to Council by July 2008."

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Malicki/Hall)

That the Bushfire Management Policy (2007) be referred to the Bushlands, Catchments & Natural Areas Reference Group, the District Fire Committee and Council's Policy Forum with a view to inclusion of the additional matters raised by Councillor Hall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The above Resolution was CARRIED as an Amendment to the Original Motion. The Original Motion was:

(Moved: Councillors Hall/Andrew)

That the above Notice of Motion as printed be adopted.

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Council-owned Property Assets Surplus to Needs

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File: S02135

Notice of Motion from Councillor T Hall dated 26 February 2008.

I move:

"That to meet this Council's financial sustainability objectives, the General Manager be requested to bring back a report to Council identifying those Council-owned property assets surplus to needs for possible disposal. These may include the assets identified in a previous Council resolution in 1990 and parts of unmade roads readily available for subdivision into new residential lots for sale following rezoning action. Any investigation relating to the initial identification of such assets remain confidential to Council, pursuant to Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended."

*No decision was taken in respect of the above matter as
there was no seconder to the Motion*

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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Appreciation to Staff - Organisation of Guided Walk along Fire Trail from North Turramurra to Wahroonga

File: S02024

Question Without Notice from Councillor A Andrew

On Friday, 29 February, Council staff organised a guided walk along the new fire trail from North Turramurra to Wahroonga. Mary-Lou Lewis led six residents and myself on this very enjoyable 3-hour walk.

Could you please pass on behalf of myself and those of the residents our appreciation to all the staff involved in organising the walk, and in particular, Mary-Lou?

Answer by the General Manager

I will be happy to, Councillor Andrew.

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Grass Tick Infestation

File: S05174

Question Without Notice from Councillor T Hall

I ask the Director Operations what action is proposed by the Council to address the recent Australian paralysis tick (*Exodes holocylus*) commonly known as the grass or bush tick, infestation in Council's public parks and reserves?

Answer by the Director Operations

Happy to provide advice.

The Meeting closed at 7.23pm

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 March 2008 (Pages 1 - 6) were confirmed as a full and accurate record of proceedings on 25 March 2008.

General Manager

Mayor / Chairperson