

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 25 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)
Councillors M Lane & A Ryan (Gordon Ward)
Councillor J Anderson (Roseville Ward)

Staff Present: General Manager (John McKee)
Director Corporate (John Clark)
Director Development & Regulation (Michael Miocic)
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 7.01pm

The Mayor offered the Prayer

66 APOLOGIES

File: S02194

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

Resolved:

(Moved: Mayor, Councillor Ebbeck/Councillor Hall)

That the apology by Councillor M Shelley for non-attendance be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

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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.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES67 **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council**

File: S02131

Meeting held 11 March 2008
Minutes numbered 58 to 65

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Lane/Cross)

That Minutes numbered 58 to 65 circulated to Councillors were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**Minutes of Ku-ring-gai Traffic Committee**

File: S02110
Meeting held 13 March 2008
Minutes numbered KTC1 to KTC4

68 **General Matter Items under Delegated Authority**

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File: S02738
Vide Minute No KTC1

Advice on matters considered under the Delegated Authority.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Lane/Ryan)

That the information regarding traffic facilities approved during November 2007 to February 2008 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

69 **Bannockburn Road, Turramurra**

File: 88/05102/03

Vide Minute No KTC2

Ward: Wahroonga

Electorate: Ku-ring-gai

To consider traffic treatments in Bannockburn Road at Selwyn and Rushall Streets.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Lane/Ryan)

That consideration of traffic treatments in Bannockburn Road be deferred for a site meeting by the Ku-ring-gai Traffic Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

70 **Stanley Street, St Ives**

File: 88/06070/03

Vide Minute No KTC3

Ward: St Ives

Electorate: Davidson

To consider a request to extend 'No Parking' restrictions in Stanley Street at Eden Brae.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Hall/Bennett)

- A. That the existing *No Parking* restrictions in Stanley Street at the access driveways into Eden Brae development not be altered.
- B. That Mr W Simpson, Secretary Neighbourhood Association, be informed of Council's decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

71 Fiddens Wharf Road, Killara

File: 88/05438/03

Vide Minute No KTC4

Ward: Gordon

Electorate: Ku-ring-gai

To consider the provision of a pedestrian facility in Fiddens Wharf Road near Coronga Crescent.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Lane/Ryan)

That consideration of traffic treatments in Fiddens Wharf Road be deferred for a site meeting by the Ku-ring-gai Traffic Committee.

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72 GENERAL DISCUSSION

Item from Minutes of Ku-ring-gai Traffic Committee
Meeting held 13 March 2008

Item 1 - 'Wildlife' Warning Signs

File: S03121

The Director Operations raised the possible use of 'Wildlife' warning signs in Ku-ring-gai. Council has received a number of requests for protection of wallabies, possums and other wildlife crossing roads in Ku-ring-gai. Wildlife killed on Ku-ring-gai's roads is a concern for residents, however, because of the large areas of open space close to roads and the volume of traffic using those roads, protecting wildlife would not be easy. One option is to fence off open space, however, any action to protect wildlife would require additional funding. Council's policy is that wildlife signs not be used.

The Representative of the RTA informed the Committee that Council's concern about protecting wildlife has been forwarded to the Department of Environment for assessment and advice.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Malicki/Hall)

- A. That the Traffic & Transport Policy of not having signage warning about wildlife crossing Ku-ring-gai's roads near bushland, be reviewed due to the increase in numbers of animals as a result of fox baiting;

- B. That this process commence with the Natural Areas Committee before progressing to the Policy Committee.

*For the Resolution: The Mayor, Councillor N Ebbeck, Councillors
Andrew, Bennett, Cross, Hall, Malicki, Ryan &
Anderson*

Against the Resolution: Councillor Lane

GENERAL BUSINESS

73 Companion Animals Advisory Committee - Minutes of 28 February 2008

File: S02452

To submit the Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Committee meeting of 28 February 2008.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Hall/Ryan)

- A. That the Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday 28 February 2008 be received and noted.
- B. That Council, in partnership with the Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club, pursue an application for a monetary grant in the 2007-2008 Regional Sports Facility Program to assist with the cost of fencing the St Ives cattle rings , so as to provide a fully fenced off leash training facility.
- C. That Council continue its arrangement with Thornleigh Veterinary Hospital as its companion animals impounding contractor, the current monthly rate of \$4125 + GST being set until 30 June 2009 at which time the charge will be reviewed.
- D. That a working party of interested Committee members and staff be set up to develop objective criteria against which nuisance barking may be assessed.

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*Standing Orders were suspended to deal with
GB.3 after a Motion
moved by Councillors Bennett & Hall
was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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Companion Animals Plan 2006 to 2011 - Inaugural Review

File: S03449

The following member of the public addressed Council:**S Miller**

To review implementation of Ku-ring-gai's Companion Animal Management Plan 2006-2011. The review provides updated statistics on each key area within the Plan, identifies the implementation status of each strategic action within the Plan and, makes recommendations for modifications to the Management Plan.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Hall/Anderson)

1. That the inaugural review of Council's Companion Animal Management Plan 2006 to 2011 be received.
2. That Ku-ring-gai Council reviews existing best practice codes, developed by other authorities in relation to the keeping of animals other than companion animals within the local area, with the goal being to adopt these codes rather than developing new ones.
3. That Ku-ring-gai Council liaise with and utilise the professional and community services already available for nuisance, sick and/or injured wildlife rather than develop its own in-house programmes.
4. That Ranger Services and the Companion Animal Management Officer maintain an active involvement with Council's Bushland staff in respect of management and control of pest species (foxes, Indian Myna birds, rabbits, goats, cats).
5. That a multi-departmental staff working party be established to make recommendations for procedures and policies for animals other than cats and dogs.
6. That the number of dogs that are identified as 'off-leash' in the local government area be included in the statistics.

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75 **Investment Report as at 29 February 2008**

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File: S05273

To present to Council investment allocations and returns on investments for February 2008.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ryan/Lane)

- A. That the summary of investments and performance for February 2008 be received and noted.
- B. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

*For the Resolution: The Mayor, Councillor N Ebbeck, Councillors
Andrew, Cross, Hall, Lane, Ryan & Anderson*

Against the Resolution: Councillors Bennett & Malicki

76 **Bushland, Catchments & Natural Areas Reference Group - Minutes of Meeting held 25 February 2008**

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File: S03448

To bring to the attention of Council the proceedings from the Bushland, Catchments & Natural Areas Reference Group meeting held on Monday, 25 February 2008.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Malicki/Andrew)

- A. That the Minutes of the Bushland, Catchments & Natural Areas Reference Group Meeting of Monday, 25 February 2008 be received and noted.
- B. That the following recommendations from the Minutes be received and noted -
 - 1. The Bushland, Catchments & Natural Areas Reference Group support the direction of the Nursery and highlighted the desire and importance of the capacity to provide locally endemic species.
 - 2. The Bushland, Catchments & Natural Areas Reference Group acknowledge the value of the Nursery and its capacity to provide local native plants for Council and the community.

3. The Reference Group congratulates and thanks Council for bringing 102 Rosedale Road into public ownership to conserve the largest and most intact remnant of the Blue Gum High Forest critically endangered ecological community.
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 1. That the development of the NTRA be undertaken with regard to maximising water recycling and re-use and that any design minimise the impact on adjacent bushland and waterways. That the cost of achieving these objectives be reported to Council prior to committing associated funds.
 2. That the design and construction of bushland walking tracks around the North Turramurra Recreation Areas give consideration to ecological impacts.
 3. That the current Bushland Plan of Management be updated to be more flexible and robust in relation to CEEC's.

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

77 Local Government Heritage Management Day - Staff Attendance

File: S06417

Question Without Notice from Councillor J Anderson

Local Government Heritage Management Day was held on Friday, 14 March 2008 to update heritage advisors and planners on current developments in relation to heritage management.

Would the General Manager please advise Councillors if any Staff from Ku-ring-gai Council attended?

Answer by the General Manager

I will take that on notice, Councillor Anderson and report back

78 **Local Government Leadership & Learning Centre - Comprehensive Digital Training & Professional Development Centre**

File: S02046

Question Without Notice from Councillor J Anderson

In the February 2008 issue of Local Government FOCUS, it was reported that the Victorian Local Governance Association together with online training centre, Learning Seat, had launched Australia's first comprehensive digital training and professional development centre for Councillors and Mayors, to be known as The Local Government Leadership & Learning Centre. The Centre will provide Councillors & Mayors in the Australian & Asia-Pacific region with specialised on-line training, addressing the unique requirements & responsibilities of the Local Government sector.

Would the General Manager please advise Councillors of opportunities for Ku-ring-gai to utilise the Centre?

Answer by the General Manager

I'll be happy to do that.

79 **Conference Costs & Other Events - Provision of Expenditure incurred by Councillors**

File: S03158

Question Without Notice from Councillor T Hall

I ask the General Manager to provide a list of the expenditure incurred by each Councillor for conferences and other events they attended outside the local government area since election in 2004 to date?

Answer by the General Manager

The Director Corporate will be happy to provide that.

80 **Open Space Acquisition Strategy - Camellia Grove Nursery, 238 Mona Vale Road, St Ives**

File: S04601

Question Without Notice from Councillor T Hall

I refer the General Manager to Attachment 4 of Council's Resolution of 30 October 2007, copy of which I table, where I asked for the Camellia Grove Nursery site at

238 to 240 Mona Vale Road, St Ives to be included as a possible open space acquisition.

I understand that this area was assessed by staff in Open Space Catchment S1 - Village Green and Catchment S6 and being an area of land which is effectively an island surrounded by two busy roads, was not identified as a potential location due to the roads which form major barriers to pedestrians.

Would the General Manager have this assessment reviewed please as part of the Open Space Acquisition Strategy Report to be submitted to Council next month, due to the site's strategic location adjoining some 1,000 residential units, senior living units, the Broken Bay Catholic Cathedral and where traffic safety issues are not insurmountable for these current users?

Answer by the Director Strategy

Yes, we will consider that.

81 **Guidelines for File Management into TRIM**

File: S04882

Question Without Notice from Councillor L Bennett

What guidelines or procedures are in place to determine what documents are placed on TRIM?

Answer by the Director Corporate

I'll take that on notice.

82 **Camellia Grove Land Swap**

File: P52812

Question Without Notice from Councillor L Bennett

Have any parties owning Camellia Grove approached Council with a suggestion of a swap/sale of Camellia Grove to Council? Could this include the Mayor and other Councillors, please?

Answer by the General Manager

Certainly, not to my knowledge, Councillor Bennett but I will check with all the other Directors. Happy to.

The Meeting closed at 8.51pm

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 March 2008 (Pages 1 - 11) were confirmed as a full and accurate record of proceedings on 8 April 2008.

General Manager

Mayor / Chairperson