

21 September 2011

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

I have to advise that a **Policy Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 28 September 2011 commencing at 5.00 pm.



D J Sherley
GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS AGENDA

POLICY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2011

1. 5:00 PM - MEETING COMMENCES
2. APOLOGIES
3. REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - * Minutes - Policy Committee Meeting - 7 September 2011
4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
 - To assist the Councillors and committee members in their correct consideration of business before them at the meeting, please give consideration to Section 451 of the Local Government Act, in relation to Declaration of Interest at meetings.
5. RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS
 - * Director Engineering Services' Report
6. GENERAL BUSINESS
7. DISCUSSION FORUM - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS - Nil.
8. DISCUSSION FORUM OTHER - Nil.
9. MEETING CLOSE

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1 MEETING COMMENCES

Present: Crs Westman (Chair), Aubin, Bourke, Carpenter, Hanger, Thompson, Toole

In attendance: General Manager, Director Corporate Services & Finance, Director Cultural & Community Services, Director Engineering Services, Acting Director Environmental Planning & Building Services, Acting Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Environment, Acting Manager Recreation, Senior Water & Sewer Engineer

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2 APOLOGIES MOVED: B Bourke SECONDED: T Carpenter

RESOLVED: That the apologies from Crs Morse and North be accepted and leave of absence granted.

POLICY COMMITTEE
REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
28 SEPTEMBER 2011**

General Manager
Bathurst Regional Council

1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 SEPTEMBER 2011 (07.00064)

Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 7 September 2011 be adopted.

Report: The Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held 7 September 2011, are **attached**.

Financial Implications: N/A

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3 Item 1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 SEPTEMBER 2011
(07.00064)

MOVED: T Carpenter SECONDED: W Aubin

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 7 September 2011 be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2011

5PM MEETING COMMENCES

1 MEETING COMMENCES

Present: Councillors Toole (Chair), Aubin, Bourke, Carpenter, Morse, North, Thompson, Westman.

In attendance: General Manager, Director Corporate Services & Finance, Director Engineering Services, Director Cultural & Community Services, Director Environmental Planning & Building Services, Acting Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Recreation, Manager Environment, Environmental Officer, Manager Water & Waste, Parkes Operations Manager, Manager Tourism.

APOLOGIES

2 APOLOGIES

MOVED Cr B Bourke and **SECONDED** Cr I North

RESOLVED: That the apology from Cr Hanger be accepted and leave of absence granted.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3 Item 1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 AUGUST 2011 (07.00064)

MOVED Cr I North and **SECONDED** Cr T Carpenter

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2011 be adopted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST 11.00002

MOVED Cr I North and **SECONDED** Cr G Westman

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Environmental Planning & Building Services' Report

5 Item 1 APPROVED HANDLING OF FILL POLICY (11.00006)

MOVED Cr B Bourke and **SECONDED** Cr W Aubin

RESOLVED: That Council:

- (a) place the draft Approved Handling of Fill Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days;
- (b) note if no submissions are received, adopt the Policy; and

(c) note if submissions are received, a further report will be presented to Council.

Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report

- 6** **Item 1 POLICY - PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION (11.00006, 11.00003, 41.00089)**
MOVED Cr I North and **SECONDED** Cr B Bourke

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the amended Public Access to Information Policy and update the Policy Manual accordingly.

General Manager's Report

- 7** **Item 1 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS (07.00088)**
MOVED Cr G Westman and **SECONDED** Cr M Morse

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8** **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING (NATURAL RESOURCE MANGEMENT) (13.00001)**

Cr Carpenter - Noted Natural Resource Management is not part of the asset registers prepared for Integrated Planning and Reporting. The Natural Resource Management assets are of significance to the region. It would be beneficial to account for the Natural Estate. Requested we look at the ability to set up a register for our natural resources so they can be accounted for in an 'accounting' format.

- 9** **SUSTAINABLE HOUSE OPENING (21.00109)**

Cr Carpenter - advised this occurs this Sunday. Noted the built environment community are opening up five other houses.

- 10** **AUSTRALIAN FASHION BEAUTY PAGEANT (23.00026)**

Cr Thompson - advised that it will be held in the next year with June Dally-Watkins. Would like to see the Bathurst Business Chamber involved. Tabled relevant letter.

- 11** **BATHURST RSL FISHING CLUB (32.00005)**

Cr Westman - advised of the club's interest in a wharf being constructed at Chifley Dam. Have there been any discussions held on this?

The **Director Engineering Services** gave a history of proposed fishing platform. Discussions are occurring, major issue is location proposed. Also referred to proposed clubhouse by the club.

- 12** **EISTEDDFOD (18.00141)**

Cr Morse - advised has received complaints from the public about the cost of attending the Eisteddfod. Last year Bathurst Regional Council subsidised the event to approximately \$40,000. Also the Eisteddfod raises money through catering. Can we get a report on the finances of the Eisteddfod Society.

13 **FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING AREA LEARMONTH PARK (04.00033)**

Cr Aubin - advised that after heavy rain there are drainage problems with this area. Can we look at undertaking drainage works in this location.

14 **BEAUTIFICATION - CITY ENTRANCES (13.00056)**

Cr Aubin -asked where are we up to with this process. In particular areas such as near the RTA and Basketball Stadium.

The **Director Environmental Planning & Building Services** spoke to the signage strategy which will be reported to Council in the near future.

15 **SUNNY CORNER - SIGNAGE (22.13915 & 28.00007)**

Cr North - has received concerns about names of streets at Sunny Corner, eg. Mitchell Street and Austral Street. Can Council have a look at this, tabled a letter concerning this matter.

16 **ST PATS CLUB - SPORTING CLUBS (22.01560)**

Cr North - tabled letter from St Pats Junior Cricket Club about support for an alternate venue should they be unable to continue utilising St Pats sporting fields.

17 **24 HOUR FIRE STATION (22.07106)**

Cr North - pleased to note that funding for 24 Hour Fire Station has been provided for in the State budget.

18 **CAR PARKING - BMEC COUNCILLORS SPACE (21.00061)**

Cr North - asked if we can review the need for the Councillors car space at BMEC.

19 **CORRECTIVE SERVICES - CLOSURE KIRKCONNELL GAOL (18.00202)**

Cr North - spoke to the closure by State Government and impact on people and the community.

20 **TOOWOOMBA 04.00001)**

Cr North - requested Joe Romano be invited to the V8 race due to the help he provided during the Queensland Flood Appeal.

21 **RELIANCE CREDIT UNION - PARKING (28.00006)**

Cr Bourke - advised of need for a ten minute loading zone behind Reliance Credit Union, can we look at this? Could Council contact the relevant owner in this location.

The **Manager Environment** spoke of laws in place concerning loading zones and use thereof, also width of laneway is a problem. Further investigations are occurring.

22 POPULARLY ELECTED MAYOR (12.00005)

Cr Bourke - requested a report to October meeting on the procedures required to put in place a popularly elected Mayor.

MEETING CLOSE

23 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 5.33 pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

Date: _____ **(21 September 2011)**

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- 4** **DECLARATION OF INTEREST 11.00002**
MOVED: P Toole **SECONDED: W Aubin**

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

POLICY COMMITTEE
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT AND MINUTES

28 SEPTEMBER 2011

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2011

General Manager
Bathurst Regional Council

1 NSW OFFICE OF WATER - DRAFT WATER SHARING PLAN (32.00026)

Recommendation: That the information be noted.

Report: The NSW Office of Water has advised of the public exhibition of the draft Water Sharing Plan for the Macquarie Bogan Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources. The plan details when and how water can be accessed, what new applications can be sought, and where licences may be bought or sold.

Water sharing plans are legal documents that establish rules for sharing water between the environment and water users, and also between the different types of water users such as town water supply, rural domestic supply, stock watering, industry and irrigation.

The plan was developed by an Interagency Regional Panel comprising representatives from the NSW Office of Water, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, the Central West Catchment Management Authority, and agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture specialists from the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

The public exhibition of the plan was announced by the NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson. The exhibition commenced on 1 September 2011, and closes on Friday, 21 October 2011.

A public information session was attended by staff in Bathurst on Tuesday, 13 September 2011. Staff have also been in liaison with the NSW Office of Water staff during the development of the plan.

The plan covers 4 relevant water sources, being the Campbells River, the Winburndale Rivulet, the Queen Charlottes Vale Evans Plains Creek, and the Macquarie River above Burrendong. Overall there are 30 unregulated water sources covered by the draft water sharing plan, and for each there is a report card (or summary) that covers information on the water source and river flows, the total licensed water entitlement, and proposed recommendations in regards to cease to pump rules, access rules and trading rules. Also included are the key factors for the Interagency Regional Panel decisions. Feedback is sought on the details in the report cards, and staff will prepare a submission and continue to work with Office of Water staff during and after the exhibition period. Initial reviews have indicated that there are no major issues of concern for Council.

Extensive information is available on the Office of Water website at:
<http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-management/Water-sharing-plans/Plans-on-exhibition/Exhibitions-open/Macquarie-Bogan-Unregulated-and-Alluvial/default.aspx>

Whilst the timing of the implementation of the Murray Darling Basin Plan is not certain, it is considered most likely that the Sustainable Diversion Limits they set will be less than current capped licensed entitlements.

Once the Water Sharing Plan commences (proposed to be early 2012), then it will run for 10 years, before the Murray Darling Basin limits are implemented. Any reduction in entitlements will then be compensatable. Other changes include that licences which are now renewable (under the Water Act 1912), will remain in perpetuity under the water sharing plan, and will consist of three main parts (under the Water Management Act 2000) being a Water Access Licence (giving a share of the water), a Works Approval (authorising pump installation), and a Use Approval (authorising use for say town water).

All irrigators in the section between Bathurst and Chifley Dam and in the Campbells River water source will have a cease to pump rule that applies if the level in the dam reaches 22%, which equates to substantial level 5 Bathurst water restrictions. Trading can only occur into and within those 2 management zones.

In the 2 other water sources mentioned above, the cease to pump rule essentially requires pumping to stop when there is no visible flow.

Should there be any significant changes to the plan, a further report will be provided to Council.

Financial Implications: Nil, at this stage.

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5 Item 1 NSW OFFICE OF WATER - DRAFT WATER SHARING PLAN (32.00026)

MOVED: T Carpenter SECONDED: R Thompson

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

Yours faithfully



Doug Patterson
DIRECTOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES

POLICY COMMITTEE
GENERAL BUSINESS MINUTES
28 SEPTEMBER 2011

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6 BLOSSOM TREES (23.00011)

Cr Carpenter - asked has there been any progress on this.

The Director Engineering Services advised some have been planted in Ohkuma Garden. Finalising of the plaque has not yet occurred.

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7 MOUNT PANORAMA BATHURST SIGN (04.00019)

Cr Thompson - asked where is this at.

The Director Engineering Services advised the sign has been completed.

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8 MANAGEMENT PLAN COSTING (16.00126)

Cr Thompson - queried issue of cost of Management Plan. Feels if persons make a submission can a copy be provided free of charge. Please refer this to the 2012/2013 Management Plan process.

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9 LIBRARY NOTICES (21.00054)

Cr Toole - complimented staff on processes in place.

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10 TOILET BLOCK, BERRY PARK (04.00065)

Cr Bourke - congratulated Council on new toilet block. Could Council look at painting men/womens symbols on the toilet entrances.

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11 RSL FISHING CLUB PONTOON (32.00005)

Cr Bourke - asked for the status on this matter.

The Director Engineering Services advised he will report back to Council.

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12 VALE ROAD, CLEANLINESS OF PROPERTY (22.12383)

Cr Bourke - advised people are raising issues as to the state of the block on Vale Road. Could planning department look at this.

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13 BUSINESS AWARDS, AUSTRALIAN FOSSIL & MINERAL MUSEUM (21.00106)

Mayor, Cr Westman - congratulated the Australian Fossil & Mineral Museum on winning the tourism award at the recent Bathurst Business Awards presentation.

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14 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 5.11 pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

Date: _____ **(19 October 2011)**