

POLICY COMMITTEE

31 July 2013

Her Worship the Mayor & Councillors

<u>Notice of Policy Committee Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council - Wednesday, 7</u> <u>August 2013</u>

I have to advise that a **Policy Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 7 August 2013 commencing at 6.00 pm.

D J Sherley GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS AGENDA

POLICY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2013

1. 6:00 PM - MEETING COMMENCES

2. APOLOGIES

3. REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

* MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 JULY 2013

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 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES' REPORT
- * DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT
- * GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6. RESOLVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO DEAL WITH CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS Recommendation: That:

- (a) Council resolve into closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
- (b) Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above.
- (c) Correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005,:

- 1. In accordance with Section 9(2A) of the Local Government Act 1993, it is the opinion of the General Manager that the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.
- 2. In accordance with Section 10A(4) members of the public are invited to make representations to the Council as to whether the matters should or should not be dealt with in Confidential Committee.

* DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT

ITEM	SUBJECT	REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
1	RURAL LEASE AGREEMENT - LOT 1 DP792363 LOCATED AT CHURCH LANE, KELSO	10A (2) (d) (i) – contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. Discussion of the matter in open council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

- 7. RESOLVE INTO OPEN COMMITTEE
- 8. ADOPT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
- 9. GENERAL BUSINESS
- 10. DISCUSSION FORUM DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS
- 11. DISCUSSION FORUM OTHER
- 12. MEETING CLOSE

1 <u>MEETING COMMENCES</u>

<u>**Present</u>**: Councillors Morse (Chair), Aubin, Bourke, Coote, Hanger, Jennings, North, Rush, Westman.</u>

Meeting Commences to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

2 <u>APOLOGIES</u>

Nil.

Apologies to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT AND MINUTES

POLICY COMMITTEE

to 7 AUGUST 2013

1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 JULY 2013 (07.00064)

Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 3 July 2013 be adopted.

<u>Report</u>: The Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held 3 July 2013, are attached.

Financial Implications: N/A

Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies

• Objective 32: To ensure Council is supported by an adequate workforce and appropriate governance procedures. Strategy 32.2

Report Of Previous Meeting to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

3 <u>Item 1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 JULY 2013 (07.00064)</u> MOVED: Cr M Coote SECONDED: Cr J Jennings

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 3 July 2013 be adopted.

Report Of Previous Meeting to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 JULY 2013

MEETING COMMENCES

1 MEETING COMMENCES 6:00 PM

<u>Present</u>: Councillors Morse (Chair), Aubin, Bourke, Coote, Hanger, Jennings, North, Rush, Westman.

APOLOGIES

<u>2</u> <u>APOLOGIES</u>

Nil.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3 Item 1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 1 MAY 2013 (07.00064) MOVED Cr I North and SECONDED Cr B Bourke

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 1 May 2013 be adopted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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 DECLARATION OF INTEREST 11.00002 MOVED
 and SECONDED
 Cr B Bourke

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report

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 Item 1 PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN - PRIVACY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT 1998 (PPIP ACT) (18.00171) MOVED Cr M Coote

 and SECONDED Cr W Aubin

This is page 1 of Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 3 July 2013.

General Manager



RESOLVED: That Council adopt the Privacy Management Plan.

Director Engineering Services' Report

6Item 1 AERODROME MASTER PLAN (36.00471)MOVEDCr | NorthandSECONDEDCr M Coote

RESOLVED: That:

- (a) Council place the Aerodrome Master Plan on public exhibition for 28 days, inviting comments; and
- (b) if no submissions are received, adopt the Aerodrome Master Plan as a working document.

General Manager's Report

7Item 1 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES (PROTECTED DISCLOSURES)
(11.00006 41.00088 & 41.00089, 18.00132)
MOVED Cr | Northand SECONDED
Cr G Hanger

RESOLVED: That:

(a) Council amend the Protected Interest Disclosure (Protected Disclosures) Policy to include at Clause 8(c):

"The General Manager shall have the delegated authority to appoint a Disclosures Co-ordinator in accordance with the Public Interest Disclosures Act (1994).

(b) Council's delegation instrument (Corporate Services/Administration) be amended to add the following:

"118 - To appoint a Disclosure Co-ordinator for the purposes of the Public Interest Disclosures Act (1994)."

(c) Council's delegation instrument (Corporate & Executive Powers) be amended to include at Clause 17: Public Interest Disclosure Act (1994).

8 Item 2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - 2013 ELECTION: A 10-POINT PLAN FOR RESOURCING COMMUNITY PRIORITIES (18.00008) MOVED MOVED Cr B Bourke and SECONDED Cr J Jennings

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

9 BATHURST DISTRICT NATIONAL TRUST (18.00191)

Cr Hanger - noted letter distributed by Bathurst District National Trust to Councillors which contained photographs and advised details of certificates issued. Commended work of the local branch.

10 Item 2 RAGLAN PUBLIC SCHOOL (05.00002)

Cr Jennings - advised has received letter concerning dog faeces being left on the footpath. Is Council looking into this?

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services gave advice concerning bins with bags in off leash areas.

11 Item 3 TAFE BUILDING (22.01387, 20.00153)

Cr Jennings - asked what is the next stage in the process? Referred to linkage with 2015 process. Suggest contact Henry Bialowas.

The General Manager provided details on process involved, noted Conservation Management Plan will need to be updated, land has not yet been transferred. Discussions will occur with Council on future directions.

12 Item 4 RELEASE OF SUBDIVISIONS (20.00009)

Cr Rush - advised have received approaches from residents about the ballot process. Could the Director Corporate Services & Finance provide information on the process?

The Director Corporate Services & Finance advised process followed in conducting the land sale ballot

13 Item 5 OBERON 150TH ANNIVERSARY (23.00026)

Cr Rush - asked will Council be participating in this ceremony and sending an acknowledgement.

The Mayor advised Council will be represented by the Deputy Mayor at the Anniversary celebrations. Also advised details of future meeting with Lithgow and

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Oberon.

14 Item 6 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL (18.00145)

Cr Rush - spoke to process in place, discussions proposed with adjoining Councils and feedback from discussions with the Local Government Minister.

<u>15</u> <u>Item 7 SKILLSET (18.00014)</u>

Cr Rush - noted that he represents Council on the Board. The Group may be looking at restructuring itself. This would include looking at the role of original members. Does Council wish to look at a change in the members role?

Councillors indicated they would be in agreement with a review.

The General Manager spoke to previous positions due to historical reasons. This no longer exists and so Council representation is probably no longer needed.

16 Item 8 LONG TERM PLANNING FOR THE CITY (03.00103)

Cr Westman stated would like to see Council meet to discuss long term planning for the City. This would involve discussing; priorities, future facilities development, economic strategies, land-use planning, environmental directions.

<u>17</u> <u>Item 9 LAND BALLOT (20.00009)</u>

Cr Coote - asked how is the ballot drawn?

The Director Corporate Services & Finance provided details of the way the numbers are drawn.

<u>18</u> Item 10 JENOLAN CAVES (20.00020)

Cr Coote - spoke to advice received about expressions of interest being called for by the State Government.

<u>19</u> <u>Item 11 SECTION 356 DONATIONS (18.00195)</u>

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Cr Coote - asked that before request for financial support is reported to Council will financial statements be obtained?

The General Manager spoke to the process in place and current review

20 Item 12 SILT FENCES (02.00005)

Cr Coote - advised has received approaches from builders re silt fences.

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services explained the reasons for these requirements.

21 Item 13 OFF TRACK V8 EVENTS (04.00073)

Cr Coote - stated that open air event is a great idea.

22 Item 14 BASSETT DRIVE (25.00536)

Cr Aubin - asked is Council undertaking works in this area? There is dirt and granite everywhere, could this be reviewed.

23 Item 15 BOILED WATER ALERT (32.00018)

Cr Aubin - asked was this a fault or failure of equipment.

The Director Engineering Services advised it was a fault, reason unknown at this time. The 2013/2014 Budget includes funding to update analogue system to digital. This may address the problem that occurred.

24 Item 16 BOILED WATER ALERT - DATA BASE (32.00018)

Cr North - spoke to system in place, do we have sufficient details in place. When was Council aware of an issue with the water.

The Director Engineering Services provided details of partial treatment and timing.

The Mayor spoke to communication database in place.

25 Item 17 BATHURST REGIONAL ACCESS COMMITTEE (07.00031)

Cr North - spoke to letter from Access Committee congratulating Council on the work on the lay backs in William/Russell Streets.

26 Item 18 HEADSPACE (11.00009)

Cr North - advised attended recent dinner, has been operating for five years, does a great job for the region.

27 Item 19 CAR SALES ON ROADSIDE (28.00021)

Cr North - advised has received complaints about cars being for sale at the Trade Centre area near the roundabout.

The Director Engineering Services spoke to works scheduled for that area in the next year.

28 Item 20 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL (18.00145)

Cr North - suggested Council should hold discussions at a Councillor level with other Councils over the review process.

29 Item 21 GREENING BATHURST - TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (18.00157)

Cr North - advised matter has been raised of Tree Preservation Order process at a recent Greening Bathurst meeting. Looking forward to Working Party scheduled on this matter.

<u>30</u> <u>Item 22 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CIRCUS ARTS (NICA) - BATHURST</u> <u>STUDENTS (23.00140)</u>

Cr North - advised has been approached by students who have expressed concerns about the long term future of this circus based program. They will forward emails to councillors seeking support.

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31 Item 23 RAILWAY PRECINCT LAND (22.00159)

Cr Bourke - requested details of where this is at? Also Railway Institute needs repairs, graffiti is also a problem.

The Mayor advised she had met with representatives of John Holland this week. John Holland will provide advice in approximately two months, as currently finalising a new study into contamination.

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services noted the whole precinct is on the State Heritage Register.

32 Item 24 FOOD INSPECTORS (14.00002)

Cr Bourke - asked do Inspectors check on validity of claims of Australian owned products, state government have said it is a local government role.

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services advised staff only check on cleanliness and hygiene.

33 Item 25 HAVANNAH STREET LIGHTS (25.00027)

Cr Bourke - asked where is the matter at with respect to two right hand turn lanes onto the Highway?

The Director Engineering Services spoke to process in place, Council cannot do any more than what it has already done.

Cr Aubin noted matter was raised with Road & Maritime Services at recent meeting, RMS are following this up.

<u>34</u> <u>Item 26 OFFICE SPACE REQUEST -- ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE</u> (09.00031)

Cr Morse - advised group are currently utilising facility where Rug Rats used to operate from in Raglan.

MEETING CLOSE

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35 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 7.07 pm.

CHAIRMAN:

Date: (17 July 2013)

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_General Manager_____



4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST 11.00002

RESOLVED: That the following Declarations of Interest be noted.

<u>Cr Aubin</u>

Item #1 of the Director Corporate Services & Finance's report.

Declaration Of Interest to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES' REPORT AND MINUTES

POLICY COMMITTEE

7 AUGUST 2013

1 PROTECTION OF COUNCIL LAND AND ROADSIDE VEGETATION AND HABITAT POLICY (13.00001) 41.00089

Recommendation: That Council:

- (a) place the Protection of Council Land and Roadside Vegetation and Habitat Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and
- (b) if no submissions are received, adopt the Policy.

<u>Report</u>: Council is responsible for the management of public land under the care and control of Council. This land includes roadsides, parks, rivers, operational land and reserves.

Council is continuing to see an increase in the inappropriate removal, collection or damage to vegetation and habitat within these lands. The most common issues are firewood collection and private land boundary fence maintenance which results in the felling and removal of native vegetation and habitat. For the purpose of this Policy, habitat includes the plants, rocks, soil and other matter that are used by wildlife.

For serious offences, the Office of Environment and Heritage is the appropriate Regulatory Authority under the National Parks & Wildlife Act (1974), the Native Vegetation Act (1993) and the Threatened Species Conservation Act (1995).

For other offences, Council is the appropriate Regulatory Authority with powers under the Local Government Act (1993) and the Protection of the Environment Operations Act (1997). Council may enforce the remediation of land damaged by inappropriate activities or issue penalties for unapproved activities.

A draft Protection of Council Land and Roadside Vegetation and Habitat Policy has been developed:

- To provide guidance on the protection of vegetation and habitat within roadside reserves and other Council managed land; and
- To provide a framework for approvals of activities and enforcement of offences.

A copy of the draft Policy is provided at <u>attachment 1</u> for Council's consideration.

The draft Policy has been developed in consultation with Council's Environment, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Technical Services and Works staff. Representatives of Local Government NSW and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage have also been consulted.

The Policy will ensure that Council provides clear guidelines to persons dealing with clean fill and building and demolition waste and has an increased regulatory framework with which to work and reduces the impact on human and environmental health.

<u>Financial Implications</u>: Funding for this item is contained within existing budgets.

Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies

- Objective 8: To promote sustainable and energy efficient Strategy 8.4 growth.
- Objective 10: To protect and enhance the region's
 Strategy 10.6, 10.11

Director Environmental Planning & Building Services' Report to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

biodiversity.

•	Objective 12: To protect and enhance water quality and riparian ecology.	Strategy	12.5
•	Objective 28: To plan for the growth of the region and the protection of the region's environmental, economic, social and cultural assets.	Strategy 2	28.8

Director Environmental Planning & Building Services' Report to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

5 <u>Item 1 PROTECTION OF COUNCIL LAND AND ROADSIDE VEGETATION AND</u> <u>HABITAT POLICY (13.00001)</u> <u>MOVED: Cr I North SECONDED: Cr W Aubin</u>

RESOLVED: That Council:

- (a) place the Protection of Council Land and Roadside Vegetation and Habitat Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and
- (b) if no submissions are received, adopt the Policy.

Yours faithfully

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D R Shaw DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL, PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

Director Environmental Planning & Building Services' Report to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT AND MINUTES

POLICY COMMITTEE

7 AUGUST 2013

1 BATHURST 12 HOUR MOTOR RACING EVENT (04.00097)

Recommendation: That Council

- (a) authorise Cr Aubin to attend the Sepang 12 Hour Race in Kuala Lumpur to be held from 28 August 2013 to 2 September 2013.
- (b) enact the resolution immediately.

<u>Report</u>: Council currently conducts the Bathurst 12 Hour event in February of each year at the Mount Panorama circuit with its partner, Yeehah Events.

Over the past four years the event has grown considerably to the stage where in 2013 the event attracted 19 overseas entrants. The total field for the 2013 Event was 49 vehicles.

In order to continue to grow the event, Council's partners, Yeehah Events have attended events in Japan, Germany and Belgium over the last 6 months to encourage more participants and racing teams and drivers.

The Malaysian event is to be held from 28 August 2013 to 2 September 2013.

This event is an opportunity for council and its event partners, Yeehah to attend and seek further entries, drivers and teams to attend future Bathurst 12 Hour events.

Council has in the past sent Cr Aubin to Malaysia, which resulted in this event receiving major publicity and several entries to the event.

The approximate cost to attend this event is \$3,200, made up as follows::

Airfares	\$1,200
Accommodation	\$1,000
Meals/sustenance	<u>\$1,000</u>

support within the community.

Financial Implications: Council could fund this from the income received from the 2013 Bathurst 12 Hour Event.

Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies

•	Objective 1: To attract employment, generate investment and attract new economic development opportunities.	Strategy	1.6
•	Objective 30: To identify the needs of the community and encourage and support communication, interaction and	Strategy	30.6

6 <u>Item 1 BATHURST 12 HOUR MOTOR RACING EVENT (04.00097)</u> <u>MOVED: Cr B Bourke SECONDED: Cr M Coote</u>

Cr Aubin declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and remained in the Chamber.

Reason: named as beneficiary in Council recommendation.

RESOLVED: That Council

- (a) authorise Cr Aubin to attend the Sepang 12 Hour Race in Kuala Lumpur to be held from 28 August 2013 to 2 September 2013.
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Yours faithfully

R Roach DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE

Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND MINUTES

POLICY COMMITTEE

7 AUGUST 2013

1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2013 (18.00074)

Recommendation: That Council

- (a) nominate its delegates and observers for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2013.
- (b) enact the resolution immediately.

<u>Report</u>: The Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2013 will take place from Tuesday 1 October to Thursday 3 October at Sydney Town Hall, Sydney. Registration is now open and Council is to advise of the names of their voting delegates by Friday, 9 August 2013. Conference details are shown at <u>attachment 1</u>.

Council is entitled to three voting delegates and whatever number of observers it wishes to send. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Crs Bourke, Hanger and Rush have advised they will attend the Conference.

It is recommended that Council:

- (a) nominate its delegates and observers for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2013.
- (b) enact the resolution immediately.

<u>Financial Implications</u>: Funding is provided in the 2013/2014 Delivery Plan for Councillor attendance at the Conference.

Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies

 Objective 33: To be and develop good leaders. 	Strategy 33.7
 Objective 32: To ensure Council is supported by an adequate workforce and appropriate governance procedures. 	Strategy 32.5

General Manager's Report to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

7 <u>Item 1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2013 (18.00074)</u> MOVED: Cr G Hanger SECONDED: Cr B Bourke

RESOLVED: That Council

- (a) nominate the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cr Rush as delegates and Crs Bourke and Hanger as observers for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2013.
- (b) enact the resolution immediately.

Yours faithfully

D J Sherley GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager's Report to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

8 <u>CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u> MOVED: Cr M Coote SECONDED: Cr J Jennings

The Mayor invited members of the public to make submissions on whether the matter should or should not be dealt with in Confidential Committee.

There we no representations from the public.

RESOLVED: That:

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* DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT

Resolve Into Confidential Committee Of The Whole To Deal With Confidential Reports to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

POLICY COMMITTEE

7 AUGUST 2013

a <u>Item 1 RURAL LEASE AGREEMENT - LOT 1 DP792363 LOCATED AT</u> <u>CHURCH LANE, KELSO (21.00022)</u> <u>MOVED: Cr B Bourke SECONDED: Cr I North</u>

That Council approves entering into a new in-house licence agreement with Ms Candice Foskett for Lot 1 in DP792363 located on Church Lane, Kelso for a period of three (3) years at a licence fee of \$300.00 per annum (GST inclusive) plus annual CPI adjustments as detailed in the report.

Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

9 <u>RESOLVE INTO OPEN COUNCIL</u> <u>MOVED: Cr G Rush SECONDED: Cr W Aubin</u>

RESOLVED: That Council resume Open Council.

Resolve Into Open Committee to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

10 ADOPT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOVED: Cr G Rush SECONDED: Cr W Aubin

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Committee of the Whole, Item (a) be adopted.

Adopt Report Of The Committee Of The Whole to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

_ GENERAL MANAGER

GENERAL BUSINESS

POLICY COMMITTEE

AND MINUTES

11 Item 1 RAILWAY CROSSING - CROSS STREET, RAGLAN (25.00238)

Cr Jennings - raised concerns about the safety of this crossing.

The Director Engineering Services advised that this crossing met the standards at the last assessment.

General Business to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

12 Item 2 TAFE SITE (20.00153)

Cr Jennings - requested an update on where this item was up to. Also raised possible links between the TAFE site and 2015 Bicentenary activities. May be some benefit for this site from proposed visit of national architects group to Bathurst.

The Acting Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services advised a Conservation Management Plan is currently being developed for the TAFE site.

General Business to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

<u>MINUTE</u>

13 Item 3 RAGLAN PUBLIC SCHOOL (22.02482)

Cr Jennings - again raised the issue of dog faeces being left on the footpath.

The Director Engineering Services advised that a bag dispenser has been installed.

General Business to the Policy Meeting 07/08/2013

14 Item 4 COUNCILLOR VIDEO PROFILES (11.00024)

Cr Rush - raised the issue of lack of notice and questioned the cost of this proposal. Asked is providing exposure of Councillors a role for Council.

The Acting General Manager responded to this issue.

15 Item 5 2015 BICENTENARY FLAGSTAFF PROPOSAL (20.00153)

Cr Rush - raised concerns about change to the original brief and why Councillors had not been advised.

The Acting General Manager advised that the original brief had not changed.

16 Item 6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL (18.00145)

Cr Rush - asked where this process is up to and when Councillors will consider this matter further.

The Acting General Manager advised that Council's submission had been lodged with the Panel and spoke of a meeting held with Lithgow and Oberon Councils.

17 Item 7 PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS (11.00024)

Cr Westman - raised concerns re media report on closed circuit television. Would like Councillors to be made aware of information prior to public release.

18 Item 8 2015 BICENTENARY COMMITTEE (20.00153)

Cr Westman - requested information on 2015 Bicentenary Celebration priority changes and what commitments were being made. Also will the Flagstaff proposal still include toilet facilities. Requested information on full time employment of a staff member.

The Acting General Manager advised that a report would be provided to a future Council Meeting to update Councillors on 2015 Bicentenary Celebration activities. Also advised that a staff member had been seconded from within Council to undertake the administrative duties for the 2015 Bicentenary Celebrations Committee. Spoke to increased administrative workload involved in chasing grant funding, etc.

19 Item 9 LONG TERM PLANNING (03.00180)

Cr Westman - asked about proposed long term planning sessions. Have not set dates.

The Mayor advised that a recent newsletter to Councillors had suggested dates in October 2013.

20 Item 10 PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS (11.00024)

Cr Coote - asked who is running the Council?

The Mayor advised that the Councillors are responsible for decision making.

21 Item 11 SIMPLOT AUSTRALIA (22.01698)

Cr Coote - raised concerns of precedent that may be set if we provide a reduction in charges for Simplot and potential long term loss of income.

22 Item 12 TRIP HAZARDS - WILLIAM STREET (25.00002)

Cr Coote - raised concerns in relation to trip hazards in the William/Howick Streets vicinity. Asked what is best method to report these?

The Director Engineering Services advised best method is to ring Council's Engineering Section.

23 Item 13 AWNING LIGHTS ON BUILDINGS (18.00124)

Cr Coote - asked who is responsible for lighting under shop awnings.

The Acting Director of Environmental, Planning & Building Services advised Essential Energy is responsible for these lights.

24 Item 14 2015 BICENTENARY FLAGSTAFF PROPOSAL (20.00153)

Cr Coote - noted had received advice that a Flagstaff already existed.

The Mayor advised she had received the same information, but this information was incorrect.

25 Item 15 PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS (11.00024)

Cr Morse - advised she had concerns in relation to provision of information to Councillors, particularly in relation to consultation time when considering large Development Applications. Advised Mayor and General Manager are looking at options to keep Councillors up to date with information on Council activities.

26 Item 16 ENTRANCES TO THE CITY (07.00097, 28.00021)

Cr Aubin - asked for update on the design for the entrance to Bathurst from Orange. Also raised issues of cars for sale parked on vacant land near Bradwardine Road roundabout and the Basketball Stadium.

The Director Engineering Services advised that this issue is very difficult to police and there is no easy solution to the problem. Also advised detailed drawings of the entrance design are currently being prepared.

27 Item 17 TAFE SITE (22.01387)

Cr North - asked if State Government had agreed to Council's terms for acceptance of this site. Would like to be advised immediately decision is made by the State Government.

The Acting Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services advised that Council was still in negotiations with the State Government.

28 Item 18 UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL (18.00172)

Cr North - advised that Upper Macquarie County Council is aware that Council is currently reviewing their relationship.

29 Item 19 BATHURST SUPERCHEAP AUTO 1000 (04.00001)

Cr North - asked whether Council was aware of a proposed V8 Supercar launch in Bathurst next week.

The Acting General Manager advised that Council was unaware of this proposed launch.

30 Item 20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL (18.00145)

Cr North - advised would like to see Blayney Council included in any discussions regarding the Local Government Review Panel recommendations.

31 Item 21 VEHICLES SPEEDING - WILLOW DRIVE, KELSO (25.00201)

Cr North - raised concerns of safety issues of cars speeding in Willow Drive. Advised residents are disappointed with Police response. Asked if Council may be able to discuss this issue with Police Commander.

32 Item 22 TRAFFIC LIGHTS - HAVANNAH STREET (25.00018, 25.00027)

Cr Bourke - asked is Council still pursuing the update of the traffic lights at Havannah Street and the Highway intersection.

Cr Aubin gave an update on this matter.

33 Item 23 CREMATORIUM (09.00009)

Cr Bourke - asked if there was to be an official opening of the Crematorium.

The Director Engineering Services advised this is not a Council facility, but he believed that the operators would be holding an official opening in the near future.

34 Item 24 SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS (23.00011)

Cr Bourke - feels Council should look to establish a Sister City relationship with Bath in England where the Earl of Bathurst resides.

35 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 7.14 pm.

CHAIRMAN:

Date: (21 August 2013)

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