



MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL

Monday 16th March 2009 commencing at 9.10am

PRESENT:

Councillors J H Bowell (Mayor and Chairman), E A Campbell, J A C Hayes, J C Gribbin, D F Saul, A D Snowsill, J A Sproule and E R Walker

Councillor Green arrived at 9.11 a.m.

General Manager, A V Burgess; Director Shire Services, B J Morris; Director Sustainable Development Services, R B Pitt; Acting Director Corporate & Community Services, K E Oliver; Manager Finance, A P Curtin; Finance Officer – Budgets, D P Wade; Manager Administration, P J Hanrahan; and Minute Taker D M Pearson.

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OPENING PRAYER

“Dear Lord, help us in our deliberations today so that our decisions will be for the greater good for the whole of Kempsey Shire - Amen”.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA ORDER OF BUSINESS

2009. 198 RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. Hayes
Seconded: Cl. Walker*

That the Agenda Order of Business be adopted.

At this stage 9.11 a.m., Councillor Green entered the Chambers.

RESCISSION MOTION

RM1	SOUTH WEST ROCKS SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INC
FILE: 447 CLRS JCG, JHB, EAC	{Folio No. * }

2009. 199 RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. Gribbin
Seconded: Cl. Hayes*

That resolution number 390282 from the Ordinary Meeting held 3rd February 2009, as printed below;

'That \$10,000 be allocated in the 2009 / 10 budgets for the South West Rocks Surf Lifesaving Club Inc to assist with the cost to stage the 2010 Country Surf Championships with South West Rocks Surf Club to rollover \$10,000 from profits to be allocated to the 2011 and 2012 Country Championships.'

be rescinded.

Councillor Walker recorded his vote against the foregoing Resolution.

2009. 200 RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. Gribbin
Seconded: Cl. Campbell*

That \$10,000 be allocated in the 2009 / 10, 2010 / 11 and 2011 / 12 budgets for the South West Rocks Surf Lifesaving Club Inc to assist with the cost to stage the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Country Surf Championships.

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LATE BUSINESS – SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS

The Mayor deemed that this item was a matter of great urgency.

2009. 201 RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. Hayes
Seconded: Cl. Gribbin*

That with regard to the increase in superannuation liabilities affecting councils, this Council support seeking a peer review of the actuary's advice and also request a "phase-in" period of at least ten years in meeting the obligation.

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WORKSHOP

2009. 202 RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. Gribbin
Seconded: Cl. Saul*

That Council move into workshop to allow discussion in open Council on the budget items.

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At this stage 10.28 a.m. the Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea and upon resumption at 10.45 a.m. all present at the adjournment were in attendance.

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MOTION TO RESUME COUNCIL MEETING

2009. 203 RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. Saul
Seconded: Cl. Sproule*

That the formal Council meeting be resumed.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

GM1	DRAFT BUDGET 2009/10	FILE: 447	AVB	{ Folio No. * }
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SUMMARY:

To identify the budget deficit that needs to be deleted to produce a balanced budget.

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General Manager's Recommendation:

For Council's determination

2009. 204 RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. Green
Seconded: Cl. Sproule*

1. That the consultation with the community regarding a rate increase be based on the additional funds being required for roads expenditure.
2. That in the event the superannuation contribution is less than identified the balance is returned to working funds.

Councillors Gribbin, Saul and Walker recorded their votes against the foregoing Resolution.

2009. 205 RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. Green
Seconded: Cl. Snowsill*

That the 2009 / 10 draft budget be further amended by the following variations (figures in brackets represent reduction in expenditure):-

Page	Item (Maintenance Budgets)	Amount \$
9	Bridges	(14,000)
12	Drainage	(7,750)
17	Street lighting	100,000
20	Quarries	(7,485)
21	Ancillary road facilities	(5,780)
42	Horticultural and Parks & Gardens	(16,660)
45	Sporting fields	(8,000)
99	Cemeteries	(9,070)
101	Community buildings	(6,300)
116	Saleyards – post sale day maintenance	(4,000)

Page	Item (Other Services Budgets)	Amount \$
78	Depot expenses	(5,080)
89	Graffiti busters	(10,000)
94/95	Library	(22,220)
110	Fleet co-ordination	(4,000)
118	Airport	(6,130)
122	Rental properties	(1,500)
125	Human resources	(1,800)

Page	Item (Capital Works Budgets)	Amount \$
21/22	Ancillary road facilities	(1,750)
25	Baths	(29,950)
34	Emergency services	(5,000)
43	Horticultural – Riverside Park fencing	(9,000)
47	Sporting fields	(15,600)
70	Tourism information	(5,050)
79	Purchasing	(11,000)
84	Administration services	(3,000)
100	Cemetery	(1,590)
102	Community buildings	(2,000)
104	Plant Purchases - General Fund	(150,000)

2009. 206 RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. Green
Seconded: Cl. Hayes*

That a further report be prepared for the next budget meeting on the amendments to the Macleay Water draft budget including a \$150,000 reduction in plant purchases.

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NEXT BUDGET MEETING

The Mayor advised there would be a further budget meeting, on a date to be advised, after community consultation.

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

COUNCILLOR E R WALKER

Q1

FILE: *

Councillor Walker thanked the Director for prompt action by staff regarding illegal parking in Chappell Park and asked what can be done to prevent this in the future?

Responsible Officer

BJM

The Director Shire Services will give this consideration.

Q2

FILE: *

The stormwater in Tozer Street in the vicinity of Marsh Street is overflowing into residences – can this be investigated?

Responsible Officer

BJM

The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Q3 FILE: *
Can action be taken to clean up the rubbish in the drain at Services Club Park?
Responsible Officer BJM
The Director Shire Services will investigate.

COUNCILLOR J A SPROULE
Q1 FILE: *
Can Council investigate the savings in electricity usage in buildings, street lighting and other areas?
Responsible Officer BJM
The Mayor advised that a notice of motion would be required for this action.

COUNCILLOR D F SAUL
Q1 FILE: *
When will an updated report on the water main at the Thomas property at Austral Eden be brought back to Council?
Responsible Officer BJM
The Director Shire Services advised that a report will be provided to the April meeting.

COUNCILLOR J A HAYES
Q1 FILE: *
Councillor Hayes reminded Councillors that the April meeting is being held one week early on 7th April due to the Easter break.
Responsible Officer PJH
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COUNCILLOR J C GRIBBIN
Q1 FILE: *
Who looks after parking? Can action be taken on caravans parking on Horseshoe Bay Headland overnight?
Responsible Officer RBP
The Director Sustainable Development Services advised that Council's Ranger does work on weekends and could respond on this if a call was made to Council's after hours number.

COUNCILLOR E A GREEN
Q1 FILE: *
Can action be taken on the overgrown land on the corner of Marsh and Tozer Streets West Kempsey?
Responsible Officer RBP
The Director Sustainable Development Services advised that a notice has been issued previously regarding this property and he will follow this up.

COUNCILLOR E A CAMPBELL
Q1 FILE: *
Has Council received any response regarding it's application under the \$2.5 million community infrastructure program?
Responsible Officer BJM

The Director Shire Services advised that Council has submitted a project for Boyters Lane which has been acknowledged. Council has received approval for community infrastructure expenditure of \$595,000 which is a separate program.

COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL

Q1

FILE: *

Could attention be given to mowing needed on the Pacific Highway between Kempsey and Frederickton?

Responsible Officer

BJM

The Director Shire Services will investigate however advised that the budget only allows for one mow per year for this area

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The Mayor thanked Councillors, General Manager and staff for their input into the budget meetings.

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CONCLUSION:

There being no further business, the Meeting terminated at 12.47 p.m.

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