



## **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 commencing at 9.01 a.m.

### **PRESENT:**

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

Councillor Sproule entered the meeting at 9.15 a.m.

General Manager, D Rawlings; Director Shire Services, B J Morris; Director Sustainable Development Services, R B Pitt; Acting Director Corporate & Community Services, K E Oliver; Manager Administration, P J Hanrahan; and Minute Taker D M Pearson.

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**At this stage the Deputy Mayor congratulated the General Manager and his wife on the birth of their daughter on the weekend.**

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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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### **APOLOGY:**

**2009. 576 RESOLVED:**

*Moved: Cl. Green  
Seconded: Cl. Walker*

**That the apology submitted by the Mayor Councillor Bowell for non-attendance at the meeting be accepted and leave of absence granted.**

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### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**2009. 577 RESOLVED:**

*Moved: Cl. Green  
Seconded: Cl. Walker*

That the Agenda Order of Business be adopted.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

<b>GM1</b>	<b>BUDGET REVIEW – IMPACT OF RATE PEGGING</b> <b>FILE: 447 DLR (NRN) CC:DPW {Folio No. 403956}</b>
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### SUMMARY:

The report identifies a number of areas in which it is planned to adjust the 2009 / 10 Budget to allow for the rate increase being refused and two other significant changes in the level of expenditure that have arisen in the last weeks.

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### General Manager's Recommendation:

That Council adjust the 2009 / 10 budget in the following ways:

1. Include a transfer from reserves created from savings in the 2008 / 09 budget of \$150,000 without any corresponding increase in budget expenditure allocations.
2. Include a transfer from reserves of \$200,000 from unspent funds from the 2008 / 09 budget for gravel re-sheeting and resealing without a corresponding increase in the expenditure budgets.
3. Adjust the gravel re-sheeting, resealing or rehabilitation programs to identify projects that can be funded from accumulated section 94 contributions and utilize \$40,000 of section 94 contributions towards the project.
4. Reduce the allocated funding for sign maintenance from \$32,500 to \$22,500.
5. Reduce the allocated funding for footpath cleaning from \$30,000 to \$20,000.
6. Reduce the allocated funding for flood mitigation maintenance from \$240,000 to \$230,000.
7. Increase the budgeted income from commercial waste charges by \$35,000.
8. Reduce salaries within the organisation by \$40,000 to reflect savings from the time taken to fill these currently vacant positions.
9. Reduce salaries within the overall budget by \$220,000, with the areas to be identified through the organisational review process.
10. Remove the budget allocation for technical services consultancies of \$15,000.
11. Increase the budget for investment income by \$120,000.

12. Remove the allocation for aged care capital works for \$20,000.
13. Increase cemetery fees income by \$20,000.
14. Identify savings of \$100,000 through a review of overtime within the organisation.
15. Decrease the street lighting budget by \$130,000.

MOVED:

*Moved: Cl. Gribbin  
Seconded: Cl. Green*

That the General Manager's recommendation be adopted with the addition of;

16. That a progress report on the General Manager's review of Council's full operations be provided to Council in October 2009.

At this stage 9.15 a.m., Councillor Sproule entered the Chambers.

2009. 578 The MOTION was PUT to the MEETING and was CARRIED.

Councillor Gribbin recorded his vote against the foregoing Resolution.

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#### QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

##### COUNCILLOR J A C HAYES

Q1

FILE: \*

**What is the situation with Cardwell Street South West Rocks?**

Responsible Officer

BJM

The Director Shire Services advised that the Cardwell Street project has been carried forward for a number of years, it was originally proposed as a cul-de-sac but insufficient funds were allocated. Following consultation with property owners the proposal was amended to a through road but some complaints were received for this proposal and work has ceased. The collection of garbage bins in the street is an issue in regard to how trucks are servicing the bins. A report regarding the garbage servicing will be coming to the next Council meeting and a check will be made on what Council's resolutions were on this project.

##### COUNCILLOR A D SNOWSILL

Q1

FILE: \*

**A question was submitted on the possible incorrect readings of two (2) water meters at 1 Ronald Lalor Place and 14 William Street East Kempsey. What is the situation?**

Responsible Officer

BJM

The Director Shire Services advised that the water meters have been checked and they are both reading correctly even though they are low readings and this is believed due to both properties having water tanks.

Q2

FILE: \*

**Why would the Heritage Committee be telling Council what trees to plant outside West Kempsey Post Office?**

Responsible Officer

RBP

Councillor Green advised that she was unaware of any recommendations on this from the Heritage Committee but the Heritage Advisor may have been asked for advice on this.

**COUNCILLOR J A SPROULE**

Q1

FILE: \*

**Has Council sought quotes on the sealing of Point Plomer Road?**

Responsible Officer

BJM

The Director Shire Services advised that Council is not getting quotes for sealing of the road but is preparing a report on costings to maintain as gravel or construct as a sealed road. The report will provide a range of options for this road in regard to its future maintenance. The option of sealing this road would cost Council in excess of \$1m.

**COUNCILLOR D F SAUL**

Q1

FILE: \*

**What is the situation with the new power pole outside McDonalds, as it is right in the middle of the footpath?**

Responsible Officer

BJM

The Director Shire Services advised that it will be followed up however it is normally the energy authority's requirement to seek approval from Council for any such obstruction on footpaths.

**COUNCILLOR E R WALKER**

Q1

FILE: \*

**What is the situation with the trees in Smith Street?**

Responsible Officer

BJM

The Director Shire Services advised that investigations are being undertaken regarding the cedar trees and a report will come to Council concerning this.

**COUNCILLOR E A GREEN**

Q1

FILE: \*

**What is the situation regarding repair of the breached levy banks at Glenrock, north of Kempsey?**

Responsible Officer

BJM

The Director Shire Services advised that the Dept of Commerce have advised that the repair of the breached levy banks are not covered under the national disaster funding and are deemed a 'natural occurrence'.

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**CONCLUSION:**

There being no further business, the Meeting terminated at 9.35 a.m.

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