

BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

20 February 2007

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BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Blue Mountains held in the Council Chamber, Administrative Headquarters, Civic Place, Katoomba on Tuesday, 20 February 2007, commencing at 7:30 pm.

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There were present:

The Mayor (Councillor Jim Angel) in the Chair, and Councillors Brown, Frappell, Hamilton, McInnes, McLaren, Myles, O'Grady, Searle, Trindall and Van der Kley.

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In attendance:

Acting General Manager, Acting Group Manager BM City Services, Group Manager Community & Corporate, Acting Group Manager Environmental & Customer Services, Executive Officer, Manager Corporate Planning, Chief Financial Officer, Acting Manager Assets, Program Leader Waste & Resources, Manager Environmental Manager, Communications Officer, Program Leader Community Outcomes, Social Planner Sustainable Communities, Executive Services and Project Officer, Project Support Officer.

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Prayer / Reflection:

The Prayer / Reflection was read by the Mayor, as was the acknowledgment of the traditional owners, the Darug and Gundungurra people.

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MINUTE NO. 28

**C00679. Apologies**

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Hamilton and Myles **that the apology tendered on behalf of Councillor Creed for her non attendance at the meeting be accepted.**

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MINUTE NO. 29

**C00336. Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Meeting, 30/01/07**

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Van der Kley and Hamilton that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 30 January 2007 be confirmed.

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MINUTE NO. 30

**1. F01065. Letter to Sister City Sanda about Whaling**

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Searle and Frappell that the Council write to our Sister City of Sanda in Japan about our opposition to the annual whale hunt by the Japanese Fisheries Agency in the Southern Whale Ocean Sanctuary.

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MINUTE NO. 31

**2. C01905. Community Survey 2006**

The meeting was addressed by Ivan Jeray.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Frappell and Van der Kley:

1. That the Council note the positive results of the Community Survey conducted by IRIS Research in November 2006.
2. That the results of the Community Survey be publicised to the Blue Mountains community through:
  - notification in Blue Mountains Gazette; and
  - placement of the final reports in libraries across the Mountains and on the Council's web site.
3. That the Council take into consideration the overall results of the Community Survey in its business planning and budgetary processes.

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MINUTE NO. 32

**3. C01900. Second Quarter 2006/2007 Report – Management Plan Including Capital Works Program and Operating Budget**

The meeting was addressed by Ivan Jeray and Steven Ridd.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Van der Kley and Hamilton:

1. **That the General Manager’s report together with the accompanying documents titled “Quarterly Review Management Plan including Capital Works December 2006 – 2006/2007” and “Quarterly Review Budget September 2006 – 2006/2007” (both separately enclosed) be noted and endorsed, except for the Pulpit Hill property.**
2. **That the variations of income and expenditure as identified in the accompanying documents be endorsed and noted.**
3. **That the Pulpit Hill property, exempt from the report, be referred to the Finance & Assets Working Party for discussion.**

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MINUTE NO. 33

**4. C01626. 2005-06 Supplementary State of the Environment Report for the City of Blue Mountains.**

The meeting was addressed by Ivan Jeray.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Van der Kley and Hamilton:

1. **That the Council endorses the “2005-06 Supplementary State of the Environment Report for the City of Blue Mountains” (enclosed separately) for submission to the Minister of Local Government as required by Section 428 of the Local Government Act 1993.**
2. **That in the Council’s next Management Plan process, the Council considers the issues identified in the “2005-06 Supplementary State of the Environment Report for the City of Blue Mountains” that require attention by decision makers.**
3. **That the Council accepts the State of the Environment Report as a key tool for guiding decisions about its Management Plan Key Principal Activity Area ‘Looking After Environment in the Blue Mountains.’**

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MINUTE NO. 34

**5. F00599. Blue Mountains Community Plan**

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors McInnes and O'Grady:

1. **That the Draft 2007 Blue Mountains Community Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of one month for comments.**
2. **That the Draft 2007 Blue Mountains Community Plan be forwarded to relevant external stakeholders for comments.**
3. **That submissions received in response to the exhibition be assessed and reported to the Council for consideration in adopting a Final 2007 Blue Mountains Community Plan.**

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**MINUTE NO. 35**

**6. C00101. Appointment of the Chairman of the Blue Mountains Local Emergency Management Committee**

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Searle and Frappell **that Mr Frank Garofalow, Manager of the Environmental Branch be appointed as the Chairman of the Blue Mountains Local Emergency Management Committee.**

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**MINUTE NO. 36**

**7. C01728. Yellow Rock Bush Fire Station**

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Trindall and Myles:

1. **That the information contained in the report on Yellow Rock Bush Fire Station be noted.**
2. **That Council convene a meeting between the Rural Fire Service, the Girl Guides, the Council staff and interested Councillors to discuss the usage of a portion of 233-243 Singles Ridge Road, Yellow Rock, as a location for a Rural Fire Service facility.**

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**MINUTE NO. 37**

**8. C00944. Community Assistance/Donations – Recommendations by Councillors**

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Searle and Frappell:

**That the Council approve the following donations from the Councillors' Minor Local Projects Vote:**

<b><u>Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Springwood Chamber of Commerce	
Foundation Day Committee	\$50.00
Lower Mountains Neighbourhood Centre	\$50.00
Blue Mountains Women's Health Centre Inc	\$60.00
Blue Mountains Women's Health Centre	\$100.00
Lower Mountains Neighbourhood Centre	\$300.00

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**MINUTE NO. 38**

**9. F00113. Tender for the Operation of the Blaxland Waste Management Facility, Construction of Cripple Creek Diversion B, Construction of Landfill B and the Design and Construction of a New Site Entrance: Contract No. EM BWMF 01/2006**

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Van der Kley and Frappell:

1. That Council extend to Thiess Services Pty Ltd ("Thiess") the opportunity to vary its tender, in accordance with clause 176(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, and the General Manager or any staff delegated by him for this purpose participate in discussions with Thiess in relation to any such variation.
2. That, upon the variation of the Tender submitted by Thiess, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, that Council accept the varied Tender.
3. That consequent upon the acceptance of the Tender, the General Manager or the public officer be authorised to sign on behalf of the Council all contract documents between the Council and Thiess, and that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to any such documents, as required.
4. That Council receive a further report if the General Manager is not satisfied that the varied Tender will meet the required Tender outcomes, including the assurance that any contract concluded following the acceptance of the Tender

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**will not increase the impact of the conduct of the waste facility on the residents of properties in the immediate vicinity of the facility.**

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MINUTE NO. 39

**10. C00680. Precis of Selected Correspondence, 20/2/2007**

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the MOTION of Councillors Searle and Frappell **that the Precis of Selected Correspondence be received and appropriate letters forwarded where necessary.**

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MINUTE NO. 40

**11. C07796. Response to Question Without Notice – Access and Equity Working Group**

**Question from Councillor Trindall (30/1/07):**

Who is on the Access and Equity Committee and what is the status of this Committee?

**Response from Group Manager, Community & Corporate:**

In January 2000, the Blue Mountains City Council adopted the Access and Equity Policy. Through adoption of this Policy, it has provided a framework for the Council to support an ongoing “whole of Council” approach to achieving access and equity in service provision and in its day to day practises.

Since its initiation in 2001, the Blue Mountains City Council Access and Equity Working Group has coordinated Access and Equity work across the organisation and with external groups.

In 2005, the Access and Equity Working Group, for a period of 12 months, did not meet due to staffing issues; however it was re-established in June 2006. The Working Group is made up of the Council’s representatives and community representatives.

The Council staff on this Committee are from the following branches:

- Corporate Planning;
- Human Resources;
- Assets;
- Executive Services;
- Library Services; and
- Building and Construction.

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The community representatives on the Working Group are from the following organisations:

- Mountains Community Resource Network;
- Multicultural Cultural Residents Associations; and
- Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre: Disability Services.

The Council's Aged and Disability Services Development Officer convenes the Working Group and coordinates the actions of the Working Group. The Working Group meets on a monthly basis, every second month the meeting is attended by the community representatives.

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**12. C00680. Response to Question Without Notice – Petitioners in Precis of Correspondence**

**Question from Councillor McInnes (30/1/07):**

Can we ensure the number of petitioners be included in any relevant correspondence for the Precis of Correspondence?

**Response from Executive Officer:**

When the Precis of Selected Correspondence report is compiled the number of petitioners will now be included.

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MINUTE NO. 42

**13. C07871. Response to Question Without Notice – Letter on Information**

**Question from Councillor Myles (30/1/07):**

Can a letter be sent from Acting General Manager to John Low and John Merriman on the quality and efficiency with which information on the historical development of local government in the Blue Mountains was executed?

**Response from Executive Officer:**

Letters were sent to John Low and John Merriman dated 8 February 2007, signed by the Acting General Manager.

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**Question Without Notice**

- Councillor McInnes:  
Can Councillors receive clarification of the question/answer on page 40 of the Community Survey on “Overdevelopment – High Rise”?

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**C00336. Procedural – Question that Meeting Close**

As there was no further business before the meeting, the Mayor then PUT the QUESTION **“that the Council Meeting now close”**.

Upon being PUT to the meeting, the QUESTION was AGREED TO UNANIMOUSLY, the time being 7.51 pm on Tuesday, 20 February 2007.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council then closed.

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