



*Minutes of the Finance and Administration  
Standing Committee of the Council  
20 November 2007  
commencing at 8:33 am*

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**PRESENT**

**Councillors** – D P Egan (Chair), M P Berwick (Mayor), W J Bellerio, M J Cox, R Davis, D G Pitt and J Sciacca.

**Staff** – J F Leu (Acting Chief Executive Officer), D G Carey (General Manager Community & Corporate), D V Crees (Manager Rates and Finance Support), P M Hoyer (Acting General Manager Development & Environment), P J Cymbala (Acting General Manager Engineering) and S K Andrews (Corporate Support).

**07/1120/01      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest presented to the meeting.

**07/1120/02      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 30 OCTOBER 2007**

Moved Cr Cox

Seconded Cr Berwick

*“That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Standing Committee Meeting held on 30 October 2007 be confirmed.”*

**Carried** unanimously

**REPORTS**

**07/1120/03      REMISSION ON RATES AND CHARGES – RAINFOREST  
CONSERVATION PRECINCT**

Moved Cr Cox

Seconded Cr Sciacca

*“That the Committee:*

- 1. adopts that from the first day of the subsequent month in which compensation has been paid to a landowner of property within the Rainforest Conservation Precinct under 5.4.2 of the Integrated Planning Act 1997, all remission on rates and charges ceases to apply; and*



2. *adopts the amended 2007/2008 Revenue Statement reflecting this change for remission of properties within the Rainforest Conservation Precinct."*

For: Cr Berwick, Cox  
Against: Cr Egan, Sciacca, Davis, Bellerio, Pitt  
**Lost**

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Davis

*"That the Council requests the staff to investigate a compensation dispensation/separate rating category for properties where development rights have been removed and a report back to Council be provided allowing Council to make a recommendation to Cairns Regional Council. The purpose of this compensation dispensation/separate rating category would be that those properties are making less demand on the Council's resources."*

#### PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

07/1120/03A

*"That item 07/1120/03 – Remission on Rates and Charges – Rainforest Conservation Precinct, lies on the table until further information is provided by Council staff."*

**Carried** unanimously

## **REPEAL OF MOTIONS**

### **07/1120/04 NOTICE TO REPEAL MOTIONS FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL ON 30 OCTOBER 2007**

Moved Cr Egan

*"That the Committee repeals the following motions from its Finance and Administration Standing Committee of the Council on 30 October 2007:*

*'07/1030/05 That the Committee prepares a suggested handover plan for the expenditure of the Douglas community's \$13 000 000 dowry to the new Cairns Regional Council.'*



AND

*'07/1030/06 That the Committee formulates a plan and budget for the creation of a trust fund to assist community group needs into the future.'*

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Davis

07/1120/04B

*"That item 07/1120/04 – Notice to Repeal Motions from the Finance & Administration Standing Committee of the Council, lies on table until the meeting of 11 December 2007 and further feedback is received from the community and the Hon Warren Pitt MP, Minister for Main Roads and Local Government."*

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The Acting Manager Community, Cultural & Economic, Kelly Favas, attended the meeting at 9:00 am.

For: Cr Berwick, Davis, Cox  
Against: Cr Egan, Sciacca, Bellerio, Pitt  
**Lost**

Moved Cr Egan

Seconded Cr Bellerio

07/1120/04

*"That the Committee repeals the following resolution from its Finance and Administration Standing Committee of the Council on 30 October 2007:*

*'07/1030/05 That the Committee prepares a suggested handover plan for the expenditure of the Douglas community's \$13 000 000 dowry to the new Cairns Regional Council.'*

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The Acting General Manager Development & Environment, Paul Hoye, withdrew from the meeting at 9:25 am.

For: Cr Egan, Bellerio, Sciacca, Pitt  
Against: Cr Berwick, Davis, Cox  
**Carried**



Moved Cr Egan

Seconded Cr Bellerio

07/1120/04(i)

*"That the Committee repeals the following resolution from its Finance and Administration Standing Committee of the Council on 30 October 2007:*

*'07/1030/06 That the Committee formulates a plan and budget for the creation of a trust fund to assist community group needs into the future.'"*

#### ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The Acting General Manager Development & Environment re-attended the meeting at 9:29 am.

**Lost** unanimously

### NOTICES OF MOTION

07/1120/05

#### GP0607M – PROPOSED SALE OF COUNCIL LAND TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

Moved Cr Pitt

Seconded Cr Bellerio

*"That the Committee requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Julia Leu, to obtain advice from the Hon Warren Pitt MP, Minister for Main Roads and Local Government, on whether the proposed sale of Council land to establish a community trust fund is lawful, in terms of the legislation on the transition arrangements to amalgamate Councils. This information, in writing, is to be available to all Councillors prior to the next meeting on 11 December 2007."*

For: Cr Pitt, Bellerio, Berwick, Egan, Davis, Sciacca

Against: Cr Cox

**Carried**

07/1120/06

#### RD7007M – CLARIFYING RATE NOTICES

Moved Cr Davis

*"That the Committee resolves to make it quite clear to ratepayers how the rates discount and progressive payments are charged and docked."*

**The motion was withdrawn**



07/1120/07 MB1007M – ‘CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK’ (WARD BENEDICT PRODUCTIONS)

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Davis

*“That the Committee accepts the request from Ward Benedict Productions for financial assistance/sponsorship of \$4 200 for ‘Christmas in the Park’ and determines an appropriate amount to contribute.”*

With the agreement of the mover and the seconder the motion was amended:

*“That Council staff be asked to explore the funding options for ‘Christmas in the Park’ in both Mossman and Port Douglas, and the Acting Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to action the outcomes.”*

**The motion was withdrawn**

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

Cr Pitt withdrew from the meeting at 9:53 am and re-attended at 9:54 am.

Cr Sciacca withdrew from the meeting at 9:54 am.

The Acting Manager Community, Cultural & Economic withdrew from the meeting at 9:55 am.

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

07/1120/07A *“That item 07/1120/07 – MB1007M – ‘Christmas in the Park’ (Ward Benedict Productions), lies on the table until the end of the meeting so Council staff can provide information about funding allocations in previous years.”*

**Carried** unanimously

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING

The meeting resumed at 2:37 pm with the re-attendance of Cr Sciacca and the Acting General Manager Engineering.



07/1120/07 MB1007M – CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK (WARD BENEDICT PRODUCTIONS)

Moved Cr Cox

Seconded Cr Bellerio

*“That the Committee does not contribute \$4 200 to Ward Benedict Productions for financial assistance/sponsorship for ‘Christmas in the Park’ and equal support be provided for Christmas carols across the Shire.”*

**Carried** unanimously

EMERGENT ISSUE

The Chief Executive Officer, Julia Leu, advised the Council of the following emergent issue requiring a decision of the Council:

FIREWORKS DISPLAY, PORT DOUGLAS – 31 DECEMBER 2007

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Sciacca

07/1120/07A

*“That Council contributes \$3 000 (GST exclusive) to the fireworks display to be held at Port Douglas on 31 December 2007, subject to confirmation of permits and insurances being in place, and that funds can be sourced from Division Two (2) budget allocations.”*

For: Cr Davis, Sciacca, Berwick, Cox, Pitt,

Against: Cr Egan, Bellerio

**Carried**

TERMINATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting was closed at 2:52 pm.

Presented to and confirmed by the Finance & Administration Standing Committee of the Council on the *eleventh* day of December 2007.

**D P Egan**  
**Chair**