



*Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council
4 March 2008
commencing at 3:29 pm*

PRESENT

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

Staff – B W Ede (Acting Chief Executive Officer), P M Hoye (Acting General Manager Development & Environment) and S K Andrews (Corporate Support).

APOLOGY

An apology was received from the Mayor, Cr Berwick, for his inability to attend the meeting due to flooding.

ABSENCE OF MAYOR

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Cr Egan, assumed the Chair.

08/0304/41 CONDOLENCES

The Chair referred to the recent deaths of Anthony Mijo, Sam Cavallaro and David Schoon. The Council stood and observed one minute's silence.

Moved Cr Egan

Seconded Cr Cox

"That Council sends letters of condolence to the next of kin."

Carried unanimously

08/0304/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest presented to the meeting.



08/0304/43 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 12 FEBRUARY 2008

Moved Cr Sciacca

Seconded Cr Cox

"That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 February 2008 be confirmed subject to an amendment being made to item 08/0212/22 – Confirmation of Minutes – 12 February 2008, that the date of the minutes to be confirmed should be 22 January 2008."

Carried unanimously

08/0304/44 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 15 JANUARY 2008

Moved Cr Sciacca

Seconded Cr Pitt

"That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 15 January 2008 be confirmed."

For: Cr Sciacca, Pitt, Bellerio, Davis

Against: Cr Cox, Egan, as they were not present at the meeting

Carried

REPORTS

08/0304/45 DETAILS OF THE USE OF THE COUNCIL SEAL

Moved Cr Sciacca

Seconded Cr Bellerio

"That Council receives the report providing details of the use of the council seal and endorses the actions of the Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Officer in executing on its behalf, under seal, the documents detailed therein."

For: Cr Sciacca, Bellerio, Egan, Pitt, Cox

Against: Cr Davis

Carried

08/0304/46 DECISIONS OF COUNCIL STATUS REPORT

Moved Cr Sciacca

Seconded Cr Pitt

"That Council receives and notes the Decisions of Council Status Report."

Carried unanimously



The following recommendation was forthcoming from consideration of item 07/1030/20 – Dredge Newell Beach and Rocky Point Boat Ramps, from the Decisions of Council Status Report:

08/0304/46A ALTERATION TO ROCKY POINT, NEWELL BEACH AND THORNTON BEACH BOAT RAMP

Moved Cr Pitt

Seconded Cr Sciacca

“That the Council writes to Cairns Regional Council informing them that the alterations to Rocky Point, Newell Beach and Thornton Beach boat ramp are to be carried out.”

Carried unanimously

08/0304/47 CAMPING IN CORONATION PARK – 2008 MOSSMAN SHOW

Moved Cr Sciacca

Seconded Cr Cox

“That Council grants approval for camping by show traders at Coronation Park during the 2008 Mossman Show for the period 13 to 27 July 2008.”

Carried unanimously

NOTICES OF MOTION

08/0304/48 MC0108M – DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL – STAFF PARTY

Moved Cr Cox

Seconded Cr Bellerio

“That Council, in line with its resolution carried on 30 October 2007 to have a social function for Council staff, contributes a maximum of \$5 000 towards the function as per the request received on 14 February 2008.”

Carried unanimously

08/0304/49 RD0408M – BEST WISHES TO DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL STAFF

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Sciacca

“That Council recognises, thanks and applauds all those who have worked for the Douglas Shire, both now, and in the past, whether in the office, or outside in orange shirts, and with thanks, we extend our best wishes to all the staff, wishing the best of health, fulfilment and prosperity to both them and their families.”

Carried unanimously



08/0304/50 RD0508M – APOLOGY TO YALANJI PEOPLE OF DOUGLAS SHIRE

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Pitt

“That Council, in union with Federal views, wishes to recognise past failings of governance at all levels, and with it, apologises to the Yalanji people of Douglas, for the past errors of governance that resulted in their loss of land, the erosion of their traditional values, and the loss of justice for the Yalanji people. With the settlement of the 2008 Indigenous Land Use Agreement, the Council hopes and trusts some small steps towards healing and reconciliation can proceed.”

Carried unanimously

08/0304/51 RD0608M – RATES TRANSITION

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Pitt

“That Council urges Cairns Regional Council to not raise rates in Douglas beyond Council Consumer Price Index, making a gradual, three (3) year transition before fully merging the rate categories and charges of Douglas and Cairns.”

Carried unanimously

08/0304/52 RD0708M – PORT DOUGLAS DAINTREE TOURISM LTD – MAINTENANCE OF FUNDING

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Cox

“That Council urges the new Cairns Regional Council (CRC) to maintain the funding and independence of Port Douglas Daintree Tourism Ltd, and we recommend our blend of levies and targeted rates as a model for the introduction of a tourism levy across the broader CRC area.”

For: Cr Davis, Cox, Egan, Bellerio, Sciacca

Against: Cr Pitt

Carried

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The General Manager Engineering, Bob Baade, attended the meeting at 3:52 pm.



08/0304/53 RD0808M – ELECTION CANDIDATE FUNDING TRANSPARENCY

Moved Cr Davis

“That Council reaffirms its earlier resolution urging all candidates to reveal their campaign funding sources prior to, and not after, the March 15, 2008 elections.”

Lapsed for want of a seconder

08/0304/54 RD0908M – CLIMATE CHANGE

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Cox

“That Council, in recognition of both climate change concerns and the rising cost of energy, urges the new Cairns Regional Council to give detailed consideration to extending the Douglas’s commercial building sustainability code into the future new buildings of Cairns.”

For: Cr Davis, Cox, Egan

Against: Cr Bellerio, Pitt, Sciacca

Carried on the casting vote of the Chair

08/0304/55 RD1008M – DAINTREE LOWLANDS COMPENSATION

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Cox

“That Council urges the new Cairns Regional Council to make every effort to expedite compensation to those who have as not yet been compensated for loss of building rights in the Daintree lowlands.”

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

Against: Cr Bellerio

Carried

08/0304/56 RD1108M – MAYOR, CR BERWICK – APPRECIATION TO BE EXPRESSED

Moved Cr Davis

“That Council, whilst acknowledging the differences of current political perspective, recognises and thanks Mayor, Cr Berwick, for his years of community service in Douglas Shire, with special recognition for the Mayor’s work in having the standing of Douglas Shire uplifted and respected in national and international circles.”

The motion was withdrawn

08/0304/57 RD1208M – DEPUTY MAYOR, CR EGAN – APPRECIATION TO BE EXPRESSED

Moved Cr Davis

“That Council, whilst acknowledging the differences of current political perspective, recognises and thanks Deputy Mayor, Cr Egan, for his years of community service in Douglas Shire, with special recognition for the Deputy Mayor’s work in improving the environmental impacts of waste management in northern Queensland.”

The motion was withdrawn

08/0304/58 RD1308M – BUILDERS OF SHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE – APPRECIATION TO BE EXPRESSED

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Egan

“That Council wishes to recognise and thank all those, both contractors and employees, who over the last one hundred years, have toiled under demanding conditions to build the roads, bridges, parks, plant and pipe work of Douglas Shire, that is today the unspoken backbone of our community’s amenity and prosperity. Thank you.”

Carried unanimously



08/0304/59 RD1408M – FORMER COUNCILLORS – APPRECIATION TO BE EXPRESSED

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Bellerio

“That Council wishes to formerly recognise and thank all previous Councillors and Mayors of the Douglas Shire in their work in both preserving and developing our beautiful homeland. Thank you.”

Carried unanimously

08/0304/60 RD1508M – STATEMENT OF THE MOMENT

Moved Cr Davis

“That Council, as a matter of record, acknowledges the anger being felt by our community at the loss of its local self-governance, and with it, the community concerns about loss of identity as we are merged with a regional city. We say to the Beattie/Bligh government, you got it plain wrong.”

Lapsed for want of a seconder

08/0304/61 RD1608M – DE-AMALGAMATION

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Pitt

“That Council urges the Cairns Regional Council (CRC) to conduct a referendum of the Douglas community in late 2011, to ask if the Douglas community seeks to de-amalgamate, and with it, at the same time, Douglas urges the CRC to provide a fully-independent report to the people of Douglas, examining if in fact amalgamation achieved triple bottom line improvements for our Douglas community.”

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The General Manager Finance & Administration, Ian Barton, attended the meeting at 4:07 pm.

For: Cr Davis, Pitt, Cox

Against: Cr Egan, Bellerio, Sciacca

Lost on the casting vote of the Chair



08/0304/62 RD1708M – TALLALA COMMUNITY

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Cox

“That Council writes to the Sri Lankan community, now working and learning at the Douglas Shire-donated Tallala community and training centre, in their recovery from the impacts of the Boxing Day Tsunami, to wish the community, and in particular the centre, all success in the future.”

Carried unanimously

LATE NOTICE OF MOTION – NOTICE TO REPEAL A MOTION FROM THE COMMUNITY & CORPORATE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING – 4 MARCH 2008

The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised the meeting of a late notice of motion submitted to the meeting by the Mayor, Cr Berwick: ‘that the motion passed at the Community & Corporate Standing Committee Meeting of the Council, held on 4 March 2008, to dismiss the General Manager Community & Corporate, Mr David Carey, be rescinded’.

08/0403/62A NOTICE TO REPEAL A MOTION FROM THE COMMUNITY & CORPORATE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2008

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Cox

“That the late notice of motion submitted to the meeting by the Mayor, Cr Berwick, be accepted by this meeting for discussion and resolution.”

For: Cr Davis, Cox

Against: Cr Egan, Pitt, Bellerio, Sciacca

Lost



REPORTS – ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

There were no reports presented to the meeting.

TERMINATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting was closed at 4:15 pm.

Presented to and noted by Cairns Regional Council on the day of
April 2008.

D P Egan
Chair

Unconfirmed