



***Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council
28 February 2006
Commencing at 12.00noon***

PRESENT

Councillors - M P Berwick (Mayor), W J Bellerio, M Cox, R Davis, D G Pitt and J Sciacca

Staff – T C Melchert (Chief Executive Officer), D G Carey (General Manager Community & Corporate), I B Barton (General Manager Finance & Administration), R J Baade (General Manager Engineering), P G Trotman (General Manager Development & Environment), J R Neely (Project Manager), P Chapman (Workplace Health & Safety Officer), A M Rodgers (Manager Corporate Support)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cr Egan advising of his inability to attend the Meeting.

06/2802/01

It was resolved Cr Egan be granted leave of absence from the Meeting.

BUSINESS

The Council were advised the Meeting was called for the purpose of considering Daintree Ferry Negotiations.

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

“That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 463(1)(h) of the Local Government Act 1993 for “commercial in confidence” discussions regarding the Daintree River Ferry negotiations.”

For Crs Berwick, Cox

Against Crs Pitt, Bellerio, Davis, Sciacca.

Lost



06/2802/02

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Davis

"That Council authorises the recording of the meeting by the media."

Carried unanimously

06/2802/03

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

"That the line of questioning by Cr Davis be deemed out of order."

For Crs Berwick, Cox, Sciacca, Pitt

Against Crs Davis, Bellerio

Carried

DAINTREE FERRY NEGOTIATIONS

The options to provide a ferry service across the Daintree River from 21 March 2006 to 30 June 2006 are :

- (a) Council purchase the ferry from Daintree Ferry Pty Ltd and operate the ferry itself,
- (b) Council purchase the ferry and find another party to operate the ferry,
- (c) Daintree Ferry Pty Ltd operate the ferry,
- (d) Council litigate the matter based on a binding contract with Daintree Ferry Pty Ltd exists,
- (e) Council source another ferry to provide the service.



Recommendation:

That Council offer to purchase the ferry from Daintree Ferry Pty Ltd in accordance with option (a) in the report and Council operate the ferry from 22 March 2006 to 30 June 2006.

Moved Cr Sciacca

Seconded Cr Pitt

"That Council adopts option (c) contained in the report that Daintree Ferry Pty Ltd operate the ferry."

For Crs Sciacca, Bellerio, Pitt

Against Crs Berwick, Davis, Cox

The Mayor used his casting vote against the motion

Lost

06/2802/04

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Davis

"That Council adopts the recommendation and offers to purchase the ferry from Daintree Ferry Pty Ltd in accordance with option (a) in the report and Council operate the ferry from 22 March 2006 to 30 June 2006."

For Crs Berwick, Cox, Davis

Against Crs Sciacca, Pitt, Bellerio

The Mayor used his casting vote in favour of the motion

Carried

CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting was closed at 1.20pm.

Presented to and confirmed by Council on the *Seventh* day of *March* 2006.

M P Berwick
Chair