



*Minutes of the Finance and Administration
Standing Committee of the Council
22 January 2008
commencing at 8:35 am*

PRESENT

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

Staff – J F Leu (Acting Chief Executive Officer), I B Barton (General Manager Finance & Administration), P M Hoyer (Acting General Manager Development & Environment), R J Baade (General Manager Engineering) and S K Andrews (Corporate Support).

APOLOGY

An apology was received from Cr Cox for her inability to attend the meeting due to illness.

08/0122/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest presented to the meeting.

08/0122/02 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 11 DECEMBER 2007

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Egan

“That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Standing Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2007 be confirmed.”

Carried unanimously

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The General Manager Community & Corporate, David Carey, attended the meeting at 8:36 am.

REPORTS

08/0122/03 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 2006/07

Moved Cr Sciacca

Seconded Cr Berwick

“That the Committee receives a copy of the unqualified audit of financial statements for 2006/07.”

Carried unanimously

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Egan

08/0122/03A *“That pursuant to Section 463(1)(h) of the Local Government Act 1993, the meeting be closed to the general public to allow in confidence discussion of items 08/0122/04, 08/0122/05, 08/0122/06 and 08/0122/07 – Councillor Code of Conduct Breach – (Ref Nos 15-18).” (9:00 am)*

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

Against: Cr Berwick

Carried

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

At the closure of the meeting to the public, the Acting General Manager Development & Environment, Paul Hoyer, and the General Manager Engineering, Bob Baade, and members of the gallery present withdrew from the meeting.

The General Manager Community & Corporate withdrew from the meeting at 9:18 am and re-attended at 9:19 am.

OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved Cr Sciacca

Seconded Cr Egan

08/0122/03B *“That the meeting be re-opened to the public.” (9:24 am)*

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

Against: Cr Davis

Carried



The following recommendations were forthcoming from discussions held while the meeting was closed to the public:

08/0122/04 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT BREACH – (REF NO 15)

Moved Cr Egan

Seconded Cr Pitt

“That the Committee suspends Cr Davis from one Council meeting, effective immediately.”

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The General Manager Community & Corporate withdrew from the meeting at 9:24 am and re-attended at 9:25 am.

An amendment to the motion was moved:

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Davis

08/0122/04(i) *“That item 08/0122/04 – Councillor Code of Conduct Breach – (Ref No 15), lies on the table so it can be considered without the three (3) people involved being present.”*

For: Cr Berwick, Davis

Against: Cr Egan, Bellerio, Sciacca, Pitt

Lost

The original motion was put:

For: Cr Egan, Pitt, Bellerio, Sciacca

Against: Cr Berwick, Davis

Carried

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

Cr Davis was suspended from the meeting as a consequence of this decision and withdrew from the meeting at 9:59 am.



08/0122/05 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT BREACH – (REF NO 16)

Moved Cr Bellerio

Seconded Cr Berwick

“That the Committee asks for a letter of apology.”

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The Acting General Manager Development & Environment re-attended the meeting at 10:00 am.

For: Cr Bellerio, Berwick, Pitt, Sciacca

Against: Cr Egan

Carried

08/0122/06 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT BREACH – (REF NO 17)

Moved Cr Bellerio

Seconded Cr Pitt

“That the Committee asks for a letter of apology.”

For: Cr Bellerio, Pitt, Berwick, Sciacca

Against: Cr Egan

Carried

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Julia Leu, withdrew from the meeting at 10:01 am.



08/0122/07 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT BREACH – (REF NO 18)

Moved Cr Bellerio

Seconded Cr Egan

“That the Committee suspends Cr Davis from the Council and Committee meetings to be held on 12 February 2008.”

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The Acting Chief Executive Officer re-attended the meeting at 10:04 am.

Carried unanimously

08/0122/08 REALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDING IN THE 2007/08 BUDGET

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Egan

“That the Committee:

- 1. goes ahead and funds the extra projects identified in the agenda for the Finance & Administration Standing Committee of the Council meeting held on 22 January 2008, namely: item 08/0122/09 – Donation for Photoposts on Heritage Walk in Port Douglas; and item 08/0122/10 – Donation Sought by Paws and Claws Kennels;*
- 2. requests the Finance Department to find the funding for the above projects; and*
- 3. seeks a commitment that Cairns Regional Council will honour budgeted projects not yet complete.”*

Carried unanimously

08/0122/09 DONATION FOR PHOTOPOSTS ON HERITAGE WALK IN PORT DOUGLAS

Decision on this matter was made when consideration was given to item 08/0122/08 – Reallocation of Project Funding in the 2007/08 Budget:

“That the Committee resolves that a donation of \$5 000 be made to the Douglas Shire Historical Society Inc for the purpose of purchasing photoposts to be installed on the heritage walk in Port Douglas. The \$5 000 funding is to be sourced from other projects unlikely to be completed prior to amalgamation.”

08/0122/10 DONATION SOUGHT BY PAWS AND CLAWS KENNELS

Decision on this matter was made when consideration was given to item 08/0122/08 – Reallocation of Project Funding in the 2007/08 Budget:

“That the Committee resolves to provide \$50 000 in funding to Paws and Claws Kennels provided the following conditions are met:

- 1. The \$50 000 will need to be sourced from other operational projects already agreed to by Council; and*
- 2. Paws and Claws Kennels provide to Council prior to amalgamation an acquittal on how the funds have been expended.*
- 3. The acquittal must be made in a form and with content to satisfy Council that the funds have been expended in a manner acceptable to Council. Should this not be the case, Paws and Claws Kennels are to immediately repay the funds provided by Council.”*

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion submitted to the meeting.

TERMINATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting was closed at 10:21 pm.

Presented to and confirmed by the Finance & Administration Standing Committee of the Council on the *twelfth* day of *February* 2008.

**D G Pitt
Chair**