

CONFIRMED MINUTES

OF THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING OF PENRITH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE PASSADENA ROOM, PENRITH ON MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2006 AT 7:06PM

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor Councillor John Thain, Councillors Jim Aitken OAM, Kaylene Allison, David Bradbury (arrived 7:29pm), Mark Davies, Ross Fowler, Jackie Greenow, Karen McKeown, Garry Rumble, and Pat Sheehy AM.

APOLOGIES

PRC 61 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Pat Sheehy seconded Councillor Ross Fowler that apologies be received and accepted from Councillors David Bradbury, Lexie Cettolin, Kevin Crameri, Steve Simat and Susan Page.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence was previously granted to Councillor Greg Davies for the period 6 August 2006 to 3 September 2006 inclusive.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Policy Review Committee Meeting - 24 July 2006

PRC 62 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler seconded Councillor Garry Rumble that the minutes of the Policy Review Committee Meeting of 24 July 2006 be confirmed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRC 63 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Jackie Greenow seconded Councillor Ross Fowler that Item 4 – Further Groundwater Investigations in the Penrith City Area; Item 6 – Emergency Management and Item 7 – Service Specification Program be dealt with as the first items of business.

MASTER PROGRAM REPORTS

THE CITY IN ITS ENVIRONMENT

4 Further Groundwater Investigations in the Penrith City Area

Parks Construction and Maintenance Manager, Raphael Collins, introduced Tony Collins from the Sydney Catchment Authority, who advised of further information on groundwater investigations as a supplementary water supply in times of severe drought.

Councillor Bradbury arrived, the time being 7:29pm.

Councillor Jim Aitken left the meeting, the time being 7:34pm.

Councillor Jim Aitken returned to the meeting, the time being 7:36pm.

THE CITY SUPPORTED BY INFRASTRUCTURE

6 Emergency Management

Waste and Community Protection Manager, Barry Ryan, introduced Superintendent Ben Feszczuk, NSW Police; Peter Chinque OAM, NSW SES Region Controller; Superintendent Andrew McLeod, NSW Fire Brigade; and Superintendent Richard Petch AFSM, NSW RFS Zone Manager; who spoke on their responsibilities under the Local DISPLAN.

His Worship the Mayor Councillor John Thain left the meeting and the Deputy Mayor Councillor Jackie Greenow assumed the Chair, the time being 7:59pm.

His Worship the Mayor Councillor John Thain returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair, the time being 8:00pm.

Councillor Mark Davies left the meeting, the time being 8:29pm.

Councillor Karen McKeown left the meeting, the time being 8:29pm.

Councillor Karen McKeown returned to the meeting, the time being 8:30pm.

PRC 64 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Pat Sheehy seconded Councillor Ross Fowler that the information contained in the report on Emergency Management be received.

Councillor Mark Davies returned to the meeting, the time being 8:35pm.

THE CITY IN ITS ENVIRONMENT

4 Further Groundwater Investigations in the Penrith City Area

PRC 65 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Jim Aitken seconded Councillor Ross Fowler that the information contained in the report on Further Groundwater Investigations in the Penrith City Area be received.

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANISATION

7 Service Specification Program

Asset Manager, David Burns introduced the report and gave a brief presentation on the progress with mapping of drainage information in the Penrith LGA.

PRC 66 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Pat Sheehy seconded Councillor Ross Fowler

That:

1. The information contained in the report on the Service Specification Program be received
2. The specification for the Drainage Maintenance Service be adopted
3. The annual budget allocation for Drainage Maintenance be increased from 2007-2008 in line with the increase in the drainage asset base.

THE CITY IN ITS BROADER CONTEXT

1 Rural Resource Lands Study

PRC 67 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Pat Sheehy seconded Councillor Ross Fowler

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Rural Resource Lands Study be received
2. Council write to the Department of Planning indicating its support for the Rural Resource Lands Study and requesting that the State Government take a leading role in establishing a clear policy position in relation to agricultural and rural lands in Sydney. Specifically, the submission should request that:
 - (i) Subregional plans incorporate an urban growth boundary that establishes a clear and long-term distinction (25-30years) between urban and non-urban areas in the region
 - (ii) The Study's recommended vision for rural resource lands of the region is reflected in State Government planning policy
 - (iii) The following work is completed to inform the subregional planning process:
 - (a) Regional biodiversity mapping and the development of Regional Conservation Plans being prepared by the Department of Environment and Conservation
 - (b) Mapping of regionally significant activities including agriculture, mining and petroleum uses and extractives industries which is to be undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries
 - (c) The proposed Agriculture and Rural Related Industries Sector Strategy be advanced, with the Department of Primary Industries playing a leading role
 - (d) The Department of Environment and Conservation and a Council within the region undertaking a pilot project on biodiversity banking as a model to test the concept in the NSW planning context
 - (e) The Department of Planning in developing new "delivery" tools" (E2.2 of the Metropolitan Strategy) work with a council in the region to undertake a pilot project on transferable development rights, to be used as a model to test the concept in the NSW planning context.
3. A copy of Council's report and letter to the Department of Planning be forwarded to the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Primary Industries for consideration.
4. Council request the Department of Planning to provide a timeframe and program for completing its Rural Lands Policy and provide further information on the role that the Policy is intended to play in the context of subregional plans and the preparation of local environmental plans, which are consistent with the State Government's standard LEP template.

THE CITY AS A SOCIAL PLACE

2 Affordable Housing

PRC 68 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler seconded Councillor Jackie Greenow

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Affordable Housing be received
2. A further report be presented to Council on the initiatives that can be undertaken by Council on providing group housing for people with a disability. The report is to include public transport options for the identified areas.

3 Castlereagh Cemetery and Crematorium Working Party

PRC 69 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Pat Sheehy seconded Councillor Jackie Greenow

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Castlereagh Cemetery and Crematorium Working Party be received
2. The matter be referred back to the Castlereagh Cemetery and Crematorium Working Party for consideration of the issues raised and further report to Council.

THE CITY IN ITS ENVIRONMENT

5 Productivity Commission's Draft Report on Waste Management

PRC 70 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Jackie Greenow seconded Councillor Karen McKeown

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Productivity Commission's Draft Report on Waste Management be received
2. A submission be made to the Productivity Commission on the Draft Report on Waste Management in the terms of this report
3. A Motion be put to the Local Government Association Annual Conference and the Australian Local Government National General Assembly requesting that submissions be made by the Local Government Association and Australian Local Government Association responding to the Draft Report on Waste Management, and reinforcing Local Government's positive role in waste management
4. The Local Government Association be requested to invite the Productivity Commissioner to address the Local Government Association Annual Conference to discuss the findings and recommendations of the Draft Report on Waste Management.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QWN 1 Leave of Absence Request - Friday 18 August 2006 to Sunday 27 August 2006 inclusive.

Councillor Kaylene Allison requested leave of absence for the period Friday 18 August 2006 to Sunday 27 August 2006 inclusive.

PRC 71 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Garry Rumble seconded Councillor Jackie Greenow that the matter be brought forward and dealt with as a matter of urgency.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John Thain, ruled that the matter was urgent and should be dealt with at the meeting.

PRC 72 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Garry Rumble seconded Councillor Jackie Greenow that Leave of Absence be granted to Councillor Kaylene Allison for the period Friday 18 August 2006 to Sunday 27 August 2006 inclusive.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed the time being 9:10pm.

<p>I certify that these 5 pages are the Confirmed Minutes of the Policy Review Committee Meeting of Penrith City Council held on 14 August 2006.</p>
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