

CONFIRMED MINUTES

OF THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING OF PENRITH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE PASSADENA ROOM, PENRITH ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2008 AT 7:33PM

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Jim Aitken OAM, Councillors Kaylene Allison, Robert Ardill, Kevin Crameri OAM, Greg Davies, Mark Davies, Tanya Davies, Ross Fowler OAM, Ben Goldfinch, Jackie Greenow, Prue Guillaume, Marko Malkoc, Karen McKeown, Kath Presdee, and John Thain.

Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM left the meeting, the time being 7:33pm

Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM returned to the meeting, the time being 7:34pm

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Policy Review Committee Meeting - 1 September 2008

PRC 86 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Greg Davies seconded Councillor Robert Ardill that the minutes of the Policy Review Committee Meeting of 1 September 2008 be confirmed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Kaylene Allison, Prue Guillaume and Kath Presdee declared a Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest – Less than significant in *Item 2 of Confidential Business – Personnel Matter – Workforce Issue* as they are members of the United Services Union.

Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM declared a Less than Significant Conflict of Interest in an item to be raised in Confidential Business as the matter indirectly concerns an individual who voluntarily handed out election material for Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM.

MASTER PROGRAM REPORTS

THE CITY IN ITS BROADER CONTEXT

1 Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2008

PRC 87 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Robert Ardill that the information contained in the report on Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2008 be received.

2 Submission to Infrastructure Australia

PRC 88 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Kath Presdee

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Submission to Infrastructure Australia be received.
2. Council endorse the submission to Infrastructure Australia, with the inclusion of identification of the proposed Badgerys Creek Airport site should it not be advanced for the development of Sydney's second airport, for a inter-modal freight terminal.

THE CITY IN ITS ENVIRONMENT

3 Penrith Social Sustainability Grant

PRC 89 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Karen McKeown seconded Councillor Tanya Davies

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Penrith Social Sustainability Grant be received
2. The establishment of the "Penrith Social Sustainability Grant Program" be endorsed.

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANISATION

4 2008 Local Government Association Conference - Request for Late Motions

PRC 90 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Greg Davies

That:

1. The information contained in the report on 2008 Local Government Association Conference - Request for Late Motions be received
2. Council seek to amend Tamworth Regional Council's Motion to the 2008 Local Government Association Conference (Motion 10 on the Conference Business Paper) in relation to the Local Government Elections by adding the following:
 - i) That the Local Government Association request the NSW Electoral Commission to undertake a review of the application of a consistent approach, for all elections (Local, State and Federal) in relation to the definition of a polling place and the minimum distance that candidate (party) workers are required to be from all polling place entrances.
 - ii) That the Local Government Association request the Federal Government to review the tax deductible allowance applicable to campaign expenses for candidates in local government elections to bring it into line with the allowance for candidates in State and Federal elections.
3. Council submit a late motion to the 2008 LGA Conference in relation to proposed amendments to the Local Government Association Constitution as follows:

“That the Association seek to amend the Local Government and Shires Association Constitution so as to allow for the eighteen (18) Local Aboriginal Land Councils to take out independent membership of the Local Government Association of NSW apart from the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) membership.”

and in the event that this motion is not accepted for the 2008 LGA Conference, it be re-submitted for the 2009 LGA Conference.

Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM advised the meeting that he had an item to be referred to Confidential Business, being a personnel matter concerning particular individuals and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Councillor John Thain left the meeting, the time being 8:41pm

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

The meeting closed to consider Confidential Business, the time being 8:42pm.

1 Presence of the Public

PRC 91 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Jackie Greenow seconded Councillor

Greg Davies that the press and public be excluded from the meeting to deal with the following matters:

Leadership and Organisation

2 Personnel Matter - Workforce Issue

This item has been referred to Committee of the Whole as the report refers to personnel matters concerning particular individuals and discussion of the matter in open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS IN OPEN COMMITTEE

The meeting moved out of confidential session at 8:48pm and the Acting General Manager reported that after excluding the press and public from the meeting, the Policy Review Committee met in confidential session from 8:42pm to 8:48pm to consider personnel matters.

The General Manager reported that while in confidential session, the Committee resolved the confidential business as follows:

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

2 Personnel Matter - Workforce Issue

PRC 92 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Greg Davies seconded Councillor Kaylene Allison

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Personnel Matter - Workforce Issue be received
2. The recommendation be endorsed.

Councillor John Thain returned to the meeting, the time being 8:49pm

The Committee acknowledged that Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM has stated that he may not have fully complied with the adopted Code of Conduct in that he referred a matter to the Committee of the Whole at the Council meeting of the 13 October 2008 and failed to declare a non pecuniary less than significant conflict of interest at that time. This is because the matter he raised and which subsequently came before the Committee of the Whole on 13 October 2008 related to an individual who voluntarily handed out election material for Kevin Crameri OAM. The Committee noted Councillor Kevin Crameri's apology.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed the time being 8:50pm.

I certify that these 4 pages are the Confirmed Minutes of the Policy Review Committee Meeting of Penrith City Council held on 20 October 2008.

Chairperson

Date