

CONFIRMED MINUTES

OF THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING OF PENRITH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE PASSADENA ROOM, PENRITH ON MONDAY 10 MAY 2010 AT 7:33PM

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

PRC 20 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Jackie Greenow seconded Councillor Greg Davies that apologies be received from Councillors Kaylene Allison and Marko Malkoc.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Policy Review Committee Meeting - 29 March 2010

PRC 21 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor Mark Davies that the minutes of the Policy Review Committee Meeting of 29 March 2010 be confirmed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

DELIVERY PROGRAM REPORTS

A CITY OF OPPORTUNITIES

2 Penrith Valley Community Fund

Councillor Jim Aitken OAM left the meeting, the time being 8:01pm.

Councillor Jim Aitken OAM returned to the meeting, the time being 8:03pm.

Community & Cultural Development Manager, Erich Weller introduced the report and invited Richard Eastmead from the Penrith Valley Community Fund and Store owner of Penrith Good Guys, and Douglas Taylor from United Way to address the Committee.

Richard Eastmead presented a short DVD on homelessness. It was indicated that homelessness is a complex issue involving a large number of families and that there are over 600 people living "rough" in the local area. The Council was advised about the 'Penrith Valley Fund' and how it benefits the homeless and of the need to generate a community groundswell to make homelessness a major issue.

Douglas Taylor presented a PowerPoint on 'United Way' and he explained the concept of establishing a 'Workplace Giving Fund' to tackle the problem of homelessness and other social problems in the local area. It was outlined how the organisation works with the corporate and business sector.

PRC 22 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Greg Davies seconded Councillor Karen McKeown

That

1. The information contained in the report on Penrith Valley Community Fund be received.
2. The presenters be thanked for their presentation and the work they are undertaking.
3. Further advice be provided to Councillors on a workplace giving program after discussions are held between Council staff and United Way.

A LEADING CITY

1 Waterside Estate - Acoustic Buffer

Councillor Greg Davies left the meeting, the time being 8:20pm.

Councillor Greg Davies returned to the meeting, the time being 8:21pm.

PRC 23 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor Ben Goldfinch

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Waterside Estate - Acoustic Buffer be received
2. Council simultaneously amend the Waterside section of Penrith Development Control Plan 2006 and Draft Penrith Development Control Plan 2008 to include acoustic terrace housing as an option for providing the required acoustic buffer to industrial noise.

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993, a DIVISION was then called with the following result:

For
Councillor Prue Guillaume
Councillor Karen McKeown
Councillor Kath Presdee
Councillor Greg Davies
Councillor John Thain
Councillor Jackie Greenow
Councillor Jim Aitken OAM
Councillor Robert Ardill
Councillor Mark Davies
Councillor Tanya Davies
Councillor Ross Fowler OAM
Councillor Ben Goldfinch
Councillor Kevin Cramer OAM

Against

A CITY OF OPPORTUNITIES

3 Paid Maternity Leave

A MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Karen McKeown seconded Councillor Greg Davies

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Paid Maternity Leave be received
2. Council's Parental Leave Policy be varied to provide 18 weeks paid maternity leave and 2 weeks supporting parent leave, inclusive of current Award provisions, effective 1 July 2010.
3. Council support any proposal to increase paid maternity leave to 18 weeks as a standard condition for all Local Government Employees as part of negotiations in the Local Government (State) Award 2010.
4. In accordance with Recommendation 2, the Children's Services Cooperative be requested to make provision within its budget for the increased cost of maternity leave provisions for Children's Services staff from 1 July 2010. In addition, provision will also need to be made for any further increase in paid maternity leave entitlements within the 2010 Award.

PRC 24 An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor Jim Aitken OAM

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Paid Maternity Leave be received
2. Council's Parental Leave Policy be varied to provide 14 weeks paid maternity leave and 2 weeks supporting parent leave, inclusive of current Award provisions, effective 1 July 2010.
3. Council support any proposal to increase paid maternity leave to 18 weeks as a standard condition for all Local Government Employees as part of negotiations in the Local Government (State) Award 2010.
4. In accordance with Recommendation 2, the Children's Services Cooperative be requested to make provision within its budget for the increased cost of maternity leave provisions for Children's Services staff from 1 July 2010. In addition, provision will also need to be made for any further increase in paid maternity leave entitlements within the 2010 Award.

On being PUT to the meeting, the AMENDMENT was CARRIED and on becoming the MOTION was also CARRIED.

Councillor Karen McKeown called for a DIVISION.

For
Councillor Jim Aitken OAM
Councillor Robert Ardill
Councillor Mark Davies
Councillor Tanya Davies
Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM
Councillor Ross Fowler OAM
Councillor Ben Goldfinch

Against
Councillor Prue Guillaume
Councillor Karen McKeown
Councillor Kath Presdee
Councillor Greg Davies
Councillor John Thain
Councillor Jackie Greenow

A GREEN CITY

4 Accreditation of Council's Building Surveyors with the Building Professionals Board

Councillor Robert Ardill left the meeting, the time being 9:21pm.

Councillor Robert Ardill returned to the meeting, the time being 9:23pm.

PRC 25 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor Mark Davies

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Accreditation of Council's Building Surveyors with the Building Professionals Board be received.
2. A further report be brought back to a future Policy Review Committee meeting when more detailed information is available regarding the annual accreditation and the continuing professional development requirements.

7 Part 3a Major Project Proposed Orchard Hills Waste and Resource Facility at Lot 40 DP 738126 (No. 123-179) Patons Lane Orchard Hills. Applicant and Owner Dellara Pty Ltd

Councillor Jim Aitken OAM left the meeting, the time being 9:25pm.

Councillor Jim Aitken OAM returned to the meeting, the time being 9:30pm.

PRC 26 RESOLVED on the MOTON of Councillor Tanya Davies seconded Councillor Prue Guillaume

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Part 3a Major Project Proposed Orchard Hills Waste and Resource Facility at Lot 40 DP 738126 (No. 123-179) Patons Lane Orchard Hills be received.
2. Council strongly lobby the Department of Planning to increase the notification area for the proposed Orchard Hills Waste and Resource Facility.
3. A Report be prepared to a future Committee of the Whole meeting of Council on the dealings Council has had with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and on why there is no State register in place regarding the disposal of asbestos and dangerous waste materials. The report to include what the current EPA system for tracking and recording dangerous waste is such as asbestos, and compliance issues in terms of how asbestos came to be disposed at this site originally.
4. A Motion be prepared for the 2010 Local Government Association Conference on the need for a system to be established to track and record the disposal of contaminated waste products such as asbestos, and as a condition attached to any development consent involving the disposal of waste material, developers are to provide the Council with the details of the location of the disposal site for the demolished materials and provide certification that the disposal site is appropriate for the material.

A LIVEABLE CITY

5 Draft Neighbourhood Facilities Management Policy

Councillor Ben Goldfinch left the meeting, the time being 9:58pm.

Councillor Ben Goldfinch returned to the meeting, the time being 9:59pm.

Councillor Karen McKeown left the meeting, the time being 9:59pm.

PRC 27 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Greg Davies seconded Councillor Robert Ardill

That:

1. The information contained in the report on the Draft Neighbourhood Facilities Management Policy be received
2. The draft Neighbourhood Facilities Management Policy be adopted to support the management of Council's Neighbourhood Facilities.

Councillor Karen McKeown returned to the meeting, the time 10:02pm.

6 Managing Requests to Waive or Subsidise Hire Fees for Council Managed Neighbourhood Facilities

Councillor Mark Davies left the meeting, the time being 10:02pm.

Councillor Mark Davies returned to the meeting, the time being 10:03pm.

PRC 28 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Greg Davies seconded Councillor John Thain

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Managing Requests to Waive or Subsidise Hire Fees for Council Managed Neighbourhood Facilities be received.
2. The interim procedure for assessing requests to waive or subsidise hire fees for Council managed neighbourhood facilities as detailed in the report be adopted.
3. All Councillors to be advised through memorandum when any application to waive or subsidise hire fees is accepted or refused.
4. The budget allocation for waiving or subsidising hire fees of \$3,000 increase annually in accordance with any increase in hall hire fees.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed the time being 10:17pm.

I certify that these 5 pages are the Confirmed Minutes of the Policy Review Committee Meeting of Penrith City Council held on 10 May 2010.
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