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SHIRE OF BUSSELTON

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2008

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SHIRE OF BUSSELTON**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, SOUTHERN DRIVE, BUSSELTON, ON WEDNESDAY, 13
AUGUST 2008 AT 7:00 PM**

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 7.28 p.m.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Presiding Member: Cr Wes Hartley Shire President

Members: Cr Bethwyn Hastie
Cr David Binks
Cr Ian Stubbs
Cr Ross Bromell
Cr Anne Ryan
Cr Tom Tuffin
Cr Rob Underdown
Cr Bev Clarke
Cr Don Hanran-Smith
Cr Rod Wheeler

Officers: Mr Andrew Macnish Chief Executive Officer
Mr Nigel Bancroft Director, Lifestyle Development
Mr Oliver Darby Director, Community Infrastructure
Mr Matthew Smith Director, Community and
Organisational Development
Ms Cathryn Hutton Executive Manager, Systems and
Information
Mr Darren Whitby Principal Finance Officer
(from 7.31 p.m. onwards)
Ms Jenny Mathies Admin. Officer - Governance

Apologies: Nil.

Leave of Absence: Nil

Media: "Busselton-Dunsborough Times"
"Busselton-Dunsborough Mail"

Public: 10

2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Adoption of the Shire of Busselton's 2008/09 Budget.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**3.1 Vern Bussell:**

In light of the proposed extra Shire rate increase to help fund the new Civic Precinct proposal, has Council yet ascertained the full extent of the average rate rise for farmers in the Shire? From information obtained from Darren Whitby, it appears that the rate rise for farmers will be somewhere between 9.4% and 18.5%. This is unacceptable. How can Council make a decision on the Budget without knowing these details? Does Council consider this fair?

At this juncture the Presiding Member invited the Principal Finance Officer, Darren Whitby, who was seated in the Public Gallery, to join the meeting.

7.31 p.m. At this time the Principal Finance Officer entered the meeting.

Response - Principal Finance Officer:

The email I sent to Mr Bussell the other day advised that the rate rise could be up to 9.4%, or 9.4% on average, not 18%. I have no idea where the figure of 18% came from.

3.2 Vern Bussell:

Your report states, on page 15, that at the time of compiling the report, only one submission had been received. I personally know of three submissions, including my own. How can the report state that only one submission had been received?

Response - Principal Finance Officer:

Obviously your submission was received and forms part of this Agenda. There were two other submissions received after the Agenda report was written - both by people with the surname of Bussell - and these were provided to Councillors on Thursday morning. The Agenda report was prepared, copied and distributed prior to them being received, however Councillors were aware of them.

Response - Presiding Member:

At the time that the report was written, the information was correct.

Vern Bussell:

Couldn't the report have been written after the submissions closed?

Response - Presiding Member:

No. The report was written to fit in with our reporting timelines and to provide the Agenda to Councillors as early as practicable, in order that they could have as much time as possible before tonight's meeting to read and digest it.

Vern Bussell:

I am disappointed that only three submissions were received.

Response - Presiding Member:

That is a comment, not a question.

3.3 Jenny Sheehan:

Is it possible, when Council Officers and the media are reporting rate rises, that details could be provided of the overall rate rise against the total increase in rates gained that could be derived from an increase in rate in the dollar, the increase in rateable properties and increased valuations. Is it possible for the report to distinguish between those in the bottom line increase?

Response - Principal Finance Officer:

Up to a point. Under the Local Government Act the Shire is required to determine rates in the dollar. I believe we have about 19,000 assessments and when the Unimproved Value is re-valued each year there could be quite disparate figures that the Valuer General comes back with. The figure given is the average. Going to the level that you may be after would be a very onerous exercise. Council would be looking at the bottom line as to rate in the dollar increases and valuations are beyond the Council's control.

3.4 Frank Ketjen:

I am curious why our rates seem to go up 10% every year when the numbers of houses being built are increasing. The pool of money for all ratepayers would cover any additional costs. Why are my rates going up every year when there are so many more people coming to the community paying new rates every year?

Response - Principal Finance Officer:

Whilst there are further properties coming in every year, they also immediately require infrastructure to be provided by the Shire. There are also CPI and Local Government Cost Index increases that the Shire has to work with, along with increasing fuel costs and insurance costs that grow higher than the CPI. The Shire tries to keep rate increases equitable across the Shire, but initiatives such as the Jetty will have an impact. The fact is that there are additional properties and when we do the rates model, which we have through the Council this year, all of those properties are taken into consideration and a quite complex rates model is prepared.

Frank Ketjen:

When someone creates a subdivision they pay for roads, public open space etc. until the Shire takes over.

Response - Principal Finance Officer:

Not in all instances. The Shire is trying to pre-plan to cover this in the future and to continue to cover it down the track.

Frank Ketjen:

So if developers won't put them in, the Shire puts them in?

Response - Principal Finance Officer:

I am not a Town Planner, but this is only one part of the Budget.

Response - Director, Lifestyle Development:

Under the current framework for developer contributions, established by the State, the Shire does and can require the developer to put in public open space. However we cannot get them to pay for the other things that communities require e.g. public libraries, youth centres, community centres etc., that local governments are required to provide and developers don't pay towards.

4. DECLARATION OF DUE CONSIDERATION

The Presiding Member requested Councillors to acknowledge, in accordance with Clause 8.1 of the Standing Orders, that they have given due consideration to the matters contained within the Agenda.

Declared Due Consideration	No Declaration
Councillor Wes Hartley	
Councillor Bethwyn Hastie	
Councillor David Binks	
Councillor Ian Stubbs	
Councillor Ross Bromell	
Councillor Anne Ryan	
Councillor Tom Tuffin	
Councillor Bev Clarke	
Councillor Rob Underdown	
Councillor Don Hanran-Smith	
Councillor Rod Wheeler	

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

5.1

DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
Name / Position	Councillor Rob Underdown
Item No. / Subject	Item 7.2, Public Submissions to the Council's 2008/09 Draft Annual Budget
Type of Interest	Financial Interest

5.2

DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
Name / Position	Councillor Tom Tuffin
Item No. / Subject	Item 7.2, Public Submissions to the Council's 2008/09 Draft Annual Budget
Type of Interest	Financial Interest

6. PRESENTATIONS BY PARTIES WITH AN INTEREST

6.1 Mr Matt Walker addressed Council in accordance with Section 9 of the Standing Orders as a party with an interest in Item 7.2, Public Submissions to the Council's 2008/09 Draft Annual Budget. Mr Walker, General Manager of the Geographe Bay Tourism Association (GBTA), was not in agreement with the Officer Recommendation in relation to GBTA funding.

6.2 Mr Peter Gordon addressed Council in accordance with Section 9 of the Standing Orders as a party with an interest in Item 7.2, Public Submissions to the Council's 2008/09 Draft Annual Budget. Mr Gordon, President of the Busselton Chamber of Commerce, was not in agreement with the Officer Recommendation in relation to GBTA funding.

7.50 p.m. At this time Councillor Tom Tuffin left the meeting.

7.54 p.m. At this time Councillor Tom Tuffin returned to the meeting.

7. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**7.1 REAFFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL'S SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES - 2008/09 FINANCIAL YEAR**

FILE NO: FIN12

PRECIS

Pursuant to Regulation 5(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, a local government is to undertake a review of its fees and charges regularly (and not less than once in every financial year).

At its meeting of 11 June 2008, the Council adopted (C0806/171) its schedule of Fees and Charges to apply for the 2008/09 financial year.

However, pursuant to Section 6.16 of the Local Government Act, a local government is also required to adopt its fees and charges at which time it adopts its annual budget.

This report therefore seeks the Council's reaffirmation to the adoption of its Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2008/09, subject to several amendments as detailed within the context of this report.

COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED**

C0808/238 Moved Councillor Hanran-Smith, seconded Councillor Clarke:

1. That the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2008/09 financial year, as originally adopted by the Council at its meeting of 11 June 2008, and as set out in the draft budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2009, be reaffirmed.
2. That the Council notes the following amendments to the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2008/09 financial year as originally adopted on 11 June 2008:
 - (a) The Builders Registration Board levy is increased from \$37 to \$39; and
 - (b) The minimum fee for building licence applications is increased from \$40 to \$85.

**CARRIED 11/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

7.2 PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S 2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET

FILE NO: FIN8

Note: Mr Matt Walker and Mr Peter Gordon had addressed Council earlier as Parties with an Interest in relation to this matter. They were not in agreement with the Officer Recommendation in relation to GBTA funding.

PRECIS

As part of its annual budget development process, applications are invited from community groups and other non-profit organisations to apply for funding in relation to specific activities or projects proposed to be undertaken by that group or organisation within the ensuing financial year.

Consequent to advertising, those public submissions received in respect of the 2008/09 draft annual budget were provided to Elected Members for review and deliberation.

Subsequent to consideration by Elected Members in a workshop environment, this report seeks the Council's formal endorsement for the inclusion or otherwise, in the 2008/09 annual budget, of those public submissions as described at the 23 July 2008 budget workshop.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED

1. That the Council endorses the inclusion in the 2008/09 annual budget of the funding grant of \$100,000 as submitted by the Geographe Bay Tourism Association (GBTA), subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) That the Council's increased level of support (over it's historical \$50,000 per annum) is made on the basis that for this and each subsequent year that the Council's donation exceeds \$50,000, then the additional amount shall be used to reduce the depreciated liability accrued to the Shire by virtue of Clause 5 of the GBTA's lease of the current Peel Terrace premises. Additionally, the Chief Executive Officer will be required to formalise a new lease agreement with the GBTA to reflect the above
 - (b) That the GBTA agree (by way of a formal funding agreement if required) that, for this and each subsequent year that the Council's donation exceeds \$50,000, then the Shire will be exempted from fees previously charged by the GBTA relating to Shire sponsored tourism facilities and activities

(c) That any grant monies paid to the GBTA pending formalisation of the above is not to exceed \$50,000

2. That the Council endorses the inclusion in the 2008/09 annual budget of the following funding grant applications:

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Artatac - Busselton Beach Festival	Assist with running of Busselton Beach Festival - 2009	\$5,000
Bare Naked Theatre Company	Sponsorship - Bard on the Bay Festival	\$5,000
Busselton Art Society Inc	Assist with Art in the Park event	\$1,200
Busselton Community Garden (Inc)	Assist with construction of Eco Centre at Community Garden	\$20,000
Busselton RSL Sub Branch	In-kind support for various events	\$5,500
Busselton Senior Citizens Centre	Assist with annual Xmas Luncheon	\$925
Busselton Youth Initiative - Southern Rip	Assist with ongoing Youth Initiatives	\$25,000
Busselton YouthCare	Chaplaincy Services	\$30,000
Down South Writers	Ongoing operations and workshops	\$1,500
Dunsborough & Districts Progress Association	Dunsborough Historic Project - Presentation File	\$800
Dunsborough & Districts Progress Association	Dunsborough Arts Festival & Jazz by the Bay	\$5,000
Dunsborough Senior Community Group	Assist with annual Xmas Luncheon	\$600
Festival Of Busselton	Assist with Festival of Busselton events (cash and in-kind funding)	\$8,000
Friends of the Cape to Cape Track (inc)	Assist with construction of hybrid toilet	\$20,000
Keep Busselton Beautiful (Inc)	Ongoing operations	\$1,000
Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation Ltd	Annual Scholarship Funding	\$2,000
Naturaliste Volunteer Sea Rescue Group (Inc)	Assist with purchase of jinker for new Sea Rescue Vessel	\$15,000
Quit Forest Rally	In-kind Support for 2009 Forest Rally	\$10,000
Rapid Ascent	Assist with Anaconda Adventure Race	\$10,000
Rotary Club of Busselton- Geographe Bay	Carols by Candlelight 2008	\$5,000
Wardan Aboriginal Centre	Assist in funding Senior Citizens Cultural Exchange Workshops	\$4,825
Busselton Hockey Stadium Club	Assistance with 2008 Australian Country Hockey Championships	\$1,000
Dunsborough/Yallingup Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Assistance with Dunsborough Foreshore Development Design Project	\$10,000
Wonnerup Action Group	Assist with beachfront restoration activities - Wonnerup	\$5,000
TOTAL		\$192,350

3. That the Council endorses that the following funding grant applications be deferred from inclusion in the Council's 2008/09 annual budget:

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Dunsborough & Districts Progress Association	Dunsborough War Memorial	\$45,000
Rotary Club of Busselton - Geographe Bay	Assist with construction of Busselton/Bali Memorial	\$17,000
Busselton Family Centre	Upgrade existing play area	No Costing provided

DIVIDING OF MOTION

At this juncture the Presiding Member advised in accordance with the provisions of Clause 18.15 of the Standing Orders, it was his intention to divide the Officer Recommendation into four separate parts in order that the issues relating to funding for the Geographe Bay Tourism Association and Friends of the Cape to Cape Track (inc) are considered separately.

This will provide an opportunity for Councillors Underdown and Tuffin to leave the meeting during deliberations on the two aspects in which they have declared Financial Interests, but will allow them to participate in debate and decision making on all of the remaining matters.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
Name / Position	Councillor Rob Underdown
Item No. / Subject	Item 7.2, Public Submissions to the Council's 2008/09 Draft Annual Budget
Type of Interest	Financial Interest
Declaration	"Due to my wife being the Marketing Manager for the GBTA, it may be considered that I have a Financial Interest through possible income adjustment."
<p>Councillor Underdown left the meeting at 7.59 p.m. and did not vote on the decision in relation to funding for the Geographe Bay Tourism Association.</p>	

COUNCIL DECISION 1

C0808/239 Moved Councillor Bromell, seconded Councillor Clarke:

That the Council endorses the inclusion in the 2008/09 Annual Budget of the funding grant of \$100,000 as submitted by the Geographe Bay Tourism Association (GBTA) subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That in accepting the \$100,000 funding grant, the GBTA agrees to provide Council with a report detailing the activities supported by the funding and quantifying the effectiveness of the funding in relation to the Shire's relevant Strategic Objective: "To promote the Shire of busselton as the preferred destination within Western Australia for visitors seeking to experience food and wine, recreation, culture, heritage and nature-based attractions." The report is to be received by Council within seven (7) working days of the end of the 2008/09 Financial Year,.
- (b) That the GBTA and the CEO of the Shire of Busselton enter into discussions regarding:
- (i) the amount and nature of the Shire's ongoing funding support; and
 - (ii) the future accommodation requirements of the GBTA and that the CEO report to Council by 15 April 2009, with a range of options for consideration.

CARRIED 10/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

8.16 p.m. At this time Councillor Underdown returned to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
Name / Position	Councillor Tom Tuffin
Item No. / Subject	Item 7.2, Public Submissions to the Council's 2008/09 Draft Annual Budget
Type of Interest	Financial Interest
Declaration	"I have done consulting work for Friends of the Cape to Cape Track (Inc)."
<p>Councillor Tuffin left the meeting at 8.17 p.m. and did not vote on the decision in relation to funding for the Friends of the Cape to Cape Track (Inc).</p>	

COUNCIL DECISION 2

C0808/240 Moved Councillor Clarke, seconded Councillor Hanran-Smith:

That the Council endorses inclusion in the 2008/09 annual budget of the following funding grant application:

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Friends of the Cape to Cape Track (inc)	Assist with construction of hybrid toilet	\$20,000
TOTAL		\$20,000

CARRIED 10/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

8.18 p.m. At this time Councillor Tuffin returned to the meeting.

COUNCIL DECISION 3

C0808/241 Moved Councillor Clarke, seconded Councillor Binks:

That the Council endorses the inclusion in the 2008/09 annual budget of the following funding grant applications:

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
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Dunsborough/Yallingup Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Assistance with Dunsborough Foreshore Development Design Project	\$10,000
Wonnerup Action Group	Assist with beachfront restoration activities - Wonnerup	\$5,000
TOTAL		\$172,350

**CARRIED 11/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

COUNCIL DECISION 4

C0808/242 Moved Councillor Wheeler, seconded Councillor Hanran-Smith:

That the Council endorses that the following funding grant applications not be included in the Council's 2008/09 annual budget:

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Dunsborough & Districts Progress Association	Dunsborough War Memorial	\$45,000
Rotary Club of Busselton - Geographe Bay	Assist with construction of Busselton/Bali Memorial	\$17,000
Busselton Family Centre	Upgrade existing play area	No Costing provided

**CARRIED 11/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

7.3 ADOPTION OF 2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET

FILE NO: FIN7

PRECIS

The Local Government Act requires a local government to prepare and adopt an annual budget prior to the 31st of August in each year, or such extended time as the Minister allows.

Subsequent to a number of workshops convened with Elected Members to discuss the draft budget, this report now seeks the Council's formal adoption of its 2008/09 draft annual budget.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED**

1. That the Council adopts its 2008/09 annual budget based upon the draft Municipal (including Loan and Reserve Accounts), Restricted Fund and Trust Fund budget depicted in the Management Schedules marked 2 to 16 and 21, presented to this meeting and incorporating:
 - (a) Any consequential alterations made during the course of this meeting (in addition to the dedicated elected member administrative resource);
 - (b) Annual depreciation amounts, non cash employee costs and a year end current position, as depicted in the draft budget, amended if necessary to reflect any changes consequent upon item a) above;
 - (c) An Income Statement Budget to be finalised using information from the above items;
 - (d) A Statement of Cash Flows Budget to be finalised using information from the above items; and
 - (e) A Rate Setting Statement to be finalised using information from the above items.

2. That the following general rates, differential rates, specified area rates and minimum payments, and other charges, impositions and concessions as specified in the memorandum of imposing rates and charges as contained within the draft budget, and consequent to any alterations made during the course of this meeting, be imposed upon all rateable properties within the district of the Shire of Busselton for the 2008/09 financial year, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Health Act 1911 and subject to all necessary pre-requisites and protocols there under

Rating Groups	Rate in the \$	Minimum Payment
Zone Groups		
Residential	11.2560c	\$761
Residential Vacant Land	8.4252c	\$716
Industrial	11.2560c	\$761
Industrial Vacant Land	8.4252c	\$716
Commercial	11.2560c	\$761
Commercial Vacant Land	8.4252c	\$716
Land Use Groups		
Primary Production	0.2539c	\$761
UV Rural	0.2440c	\$761
UV Commercial	0.4880c	\$761
Specified Area Rates		
Port Geographe	2.6000c	N/A
Busselton CBD	1.1256c	N/A
Provence - GRV	0.0711c	N/A
Provence - UV	0.6900c	N/A

COUNCIL DECISION 1

C0808/243 Moved Councillor Hanran-Smith, seconded Councillor Bromell:

1. That the Council adopts its 2008/09 annual budget based upon the draft Municipal (including Loan and Reserve Accounts), Restricted Fund and Trust Fund budget depicted in the Management Schedules marked 2 to 16 and 21, presented to this meeting:
 - (a) Noting that matters relating to funding for the Geographe Bay Tourism Association and Friends of the Cape to Cape Walking Track (Inc) were previously determined as part of Item 7.2 of these Minutes (C0808/239 and C0808/240 respectively);
 - (b) Incorporating -
 - (i) inclusion of a dedicated Elected Member administrative resource;
 - (ii) addition, on page 20 of the "Notes to and Forming Part of the Budget" in the second dot point "Assets Depreciation Reserve" of the words "and improvements" after the word "replacement" in the purpose of the Reserve;
 - (iii) annual depreciation amounts, non cash employee costs and a year end current position, as depicted in the draft budget, amended to reflect changes above;

- (iv) an Income Statement Budget to be finalised using information from the above items;
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Provence - UV	0.0711	N/A

COUNCIL DECISION 2

C0808/244 Moved Councillor Stubbs, seconded Councillor Hanran-Smith:

That the Council resolve that the Dunsborough Oval Reconstruction Consultancy be a high priority matter for processing by the Shire and that the Council agree to consider upgrading work of the Dunsborough Oval as soon as the Consultant's report is completed and the CEO has provided a report to the Council.

CARRIED 11/0

COUNCIL DECISION 3

C0808/245 Moved Councillor Hartley, seconded Councillor Binks:

That the Principal Finance Officer, Darren Whitby and the entire Financial Services staff of the Shire of Busselton be congratulated on the quality of their work, the workshops held during the 2008/09 Budget preparation process and for their efforts in general.

CARRIED 11/0

8. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 8.41 p.m.

THESE MINUTES CONSISTING OF PAGES 1 TO 16 WERE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE	
AND CORRECT RECORD ON _____	
DATE: _____	PRESIDING MEMBER: _____