

Colac Otway
SHIRE

MINUTES

MEETING OF SPECIAL COUNCIL
OF THE
COLAC-OTWAY SHIRE
COUNCIL

10 MARCH 2011

at 10:30 AM

Nelson Street, Apollo Bay

Please Note: That Public Notice of this meeting was not given seven days prior to the meeting, as the request for the Special Meeting of Council was not received until the morning of 9 March 2011.

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MINUTES of the MEETING OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COLAC-OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL held at the Nelson Street, Apollo Bay on 10 March 2011 at 10.30am.

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

Cr Brian Crook (Mayor)
Cr Frank Buchanan
Cr Lyn Russell
Cr Stephen Hart
Cr Geoff Higgins

Rob Small, Chief Executive Officer
Neil Allen, General Manager, Infrastructure and Services
Jack Green, General Manager, Sustainable Planning and Development

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Stuart Hart and Cr Chris Smith

4. MAYORAL STATEMENT

Colac Otway Shire acknowledges the original custodians and law makers of this land, their elders past and present and welcomes any descendents here today.

I ask that we all show respect to each other and respect for the office of an elected representative.

Questions asked today must relate to the Special Council Meeting Agenda item, the rescheduling of the March Council Meeting.

5. QUESTION TIME

Nil

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

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Chief Executive Officer

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Rob Small
Chief Executive Officer

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Purpose

To seek Council endorsement for a rescheduling of the March Council meeting from the 23 March 2011 to the 30 March 2011.

Declaration of Interests

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 1989* in the preparation of this report.

Background

Council adopted the dates for 2011 Council meetings in December 2010. The March Council meeting was scheduled to be held on the 23 March 2011. Since that time, the Mayor has been invited to meet with Federal Government Ministers in Canberra on the 23 March 2011. Given the importance of these meetings, it has been decided to move the March Council meeting to the 30 March 2011.

Council Plan / Other Strategies / Policy**Leadership and Governance**

Council will fulfil its leadership, statutory and legal obligations to its community and staff in a way that is: fair, ethical, inclusive, sustainable, financially responsible and meets the needs and practical aspirations of current and future generations.

Issues / Options

The Mayor has been invited to meet with Federal Ministers in Canberra on the 23 March to discuss matters of significant importance to the Colac Otway Shire and its residents. With the April 2011 meeting scheduled to be held on the 27 April 2011, moving the March meeting to the 30 March would still allow four weeks between meetings.

Proposal

That the March Ordinary Council meeting be held on the 30 March 2011 at 3.00pm in COPACC.

Financial and Other Resource Implications

Nil

Risk Management & Compliance Issues

Nil

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

Nil

Community Engagement

The community engagement strategy will follow the recommendations of the Colac Otway Shire Council Community Engagement Policy of January 2010, which details five levels of engagement – inform, consult, involve, collaborate and empower.

The method selected would be inform and include advertising in local media and on the Shire website of the change in meeting date.

Implementation

Meeting venue and catering will be organised for the 30 March 2011 and the community informed.

Conclusion

Given the importance of the Mayor meeting with Federal Ministers in Canberra on the 23 March 2011, the date of the March Ordinary Council should be rescheduled to the 30 March 2011.

Attachments

Nil

Resolution

MOVED Cr Geoff Higgins seconded Cr Lyn Russell

That Council adopts the 30 March 2011 as the date for the holding of its March Ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED 5 : 0

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 10.33 am

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 30 March 2011

..........**MAYOR**