MINUTES of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COLAC-OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL held at the Birregurra Community Health Centre, Strachan Street, Birregurra on 26 May 2010 at 3.00 pm.

## 1. OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we seek your blessing and guidance in our deliberations on behalf of the people of the Colac Otway Shire. Enable this Council's decisions to be those that contribute to the true welfare and betterment of our community. AMEN

## 2. PRESENT

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

Rob Small, Chief Executive Officer Colin Hayman, General Manager, Corporate & Community Services Neil Allen, General Manager, Infrastructure & Services Jack Green, General Manager, Sustainable Planning & Development Brett Exelby, Manager Finance & Customer Service Rhonda Deigan, Executive Officer

#### 3. APOLOGIES

Nil

# 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.

Colac Otway Shire encourages active community input and participation in Council decisions. Council meetings provide one of these opportunities as members of the community may ask questions to Council either verbally at the meeting or in writing.

Please note that some questions may not be able to be answered at the meeting, these questions will be taken on notice. Council meetings also enable Councillors to debate matters prior to decisions being taken.

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

An audio recording of this meeting is being made for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting. In some circumstances the recording may be disclosed, such as where Council is compelled to do so by court order, warrant, subpoena or by any other law, such as the Freedom of Information Act 1982.'

Thank you, now question time. 30 minutes is allowed for question time. I remind you that you must ask a question, if you do not have a question you will be asked to sit down and the next person will be invited to ask a question. This is not a forum for public debate or statements.

- 1. Questions received in writing prior to the meeting (subject to attendance and time)
- 2. Questions from the floor

## 5. QUESTION TIME

#### **Questions Received in Writing Prior to the Meeting**

#### James Judd - Colac

1. When will the residents be required to have new bins to meet requirements to sort garbage and meet garbage collections being introduced by the Shire.

#### Response.

Council officers are currently working with contractors to detail the roll out of the new bins prior to the commencement of the new waste contract on 6 September. Council will provide new bins to all residents and residents are not required to purchase any bins. It is anticipated that new bins will be delivered to residents over a four week period starting the 16 August 2010.

#### Damien Dureau – Colac

Would you please provide me with answers in writing to the following questions:-

1.1 Has Colac Otway Shire Council (COSC) decided not to sell 6 Murray Street, and if so, why did Council decide not to sell it? (Refer COSC Ordinary Meeting Agenda 28 April 2010, pages 191 and 192)

#### Response:

#### Council has decided not to sell 6 Murray Street at this time.

**1.2** The lease between Otway Community College and COSC for part of 6 Murray Street expired on 30 April 2010.

(Refer COSC Annual Report 2008-2009, page 31, bullet point 13)

- (a) Has the lease now being renewed?
- (b) What date has the lease been renewed to, and is there a further option for a further term beyond that, and if so, what is the length in number of years of that further option term?
- (c) Is the lease renewed for the same area inside the building as before, for the entire period of the new lease term, ie. that excludes the area currently occupied by the Colac Otway Shire Aged & Disability Services Unit?
- (d) How much is the new annual rent amount that COSC will receive under the lease, for each year of the new lease term?

#### Response:

The lease for 6 Murray Street has been renewed to Otway Community College for a further 5 years to 30 April 2015, which is the last option under the present lease. The current arrangements are for the College to use 85% of the building for their purposes. The rental amount will be \$74,500 pa plus GST for the 5 year period.

**1.3** If COSC draft "Council Property Leasing Policy" (Policy No. 4.2) is adopted in its current form, please clarify that this will mean that election candidates' advertising material will be banned from being displayed on the "**inside**", as well as the **outside**, of any buildings leased from COSC? (Refer COSC Ordinary Meeting Agenda 28 April 2010, page 93)

#### Response:

#### The policy requires council approval on advertising on any part of a leased building.

# 2.1 As this question relates to items which have been discussed "In-Committee" it will not be recorded.

- 2.2 COSC has now decided that the amount of the loan for new Debt Borrowings will be \$3.1 million, consistent with COSC Annual Budget 2009/2010 (with amendment motion). (Refer COSC Tender Notice, Contract No. 1007 *The Colac Herald, 19 April 2010*) COSC Annual Budget 2009/2010 disclosed that the \$3.1 million was comprised as follows:-
  - (i) \$1.5 million An amount towards the cost of a new, replacement Apollo Bay Waste Transfer Station (est. total cost \$2.7 million);
  - (ii) \$1.3 million COSC's estimate of its total contribution to the construction of the Global Connector at Colac Secondary College;
  - (iii) \$0.3 million An amount towards the cost of a potential land purchase.
  - (a) Will the \$3.1 million loan borrowings now be **just** for 2 items the Apollo Bay Waste Transfer Station and the Global Connector?
  - (b) How much of this \$3.1 million loan borrowings figure is attributed to:-
    - the Apollo Bay Waste Transfer Station?
    - the Global Connector at Colac Secondary College?
    - the potential land purchase?
    - other items (and if there are other items, please provide a description of those items with the attributed amount for each)?

#### Response:

The loans for \$3.1 million (if required) will be as per the budget:

- \$1.5 M Apollo Bay Transfer Station
- \$1.3 M Global Connector
- \$0.3 M Potential land purchase
- 3. COSC has previously indicated to me that it will disclose the names of members, and the organizations they represent, on any Committee associated with the Global Connector facility, as requested. (Refer COSC Ordinary Meeting Minutes 25 November 2009, page 4) Please advise of the total number, the individual's names, and the organizations they represent, of the current members of the newly formed "Beechy Precinct Community Consultative Group", referred to in The Beechy Precinct Newsletter, April 2010, page 3?

#### Response:

# A report in the current agenda provides information on the Joint Committee. Names of all of the 7 committee members are yet to be finalised.

4. On 25 February 2010, COSC's General Manager Sustainable Planning & Development, Mr Jack Green, handed DEECD Secretary, Professor Peter Dawkins, a COSC letter "seeking further government funding to ensure a quality fit out to the interior" of the Global Connector at Colac Secondary College.

(Refer COSC Ordinary Meeting Agenda 24 March 2010, page 7)

(a) Is it true that the **total** fit-out costs to the interior of the Global Connector will cost an estimated \$500,000?

- (b) Is it true that the \$500,000 fit-out costs estimate was detailed in the COSC letter handed to Professor Dawkins, and that COSC was seeking a funding commitment of an estimated \$250,000 from DEECD, with a commitment that COSC would contribute the remaining estimated \$250,000, conditional on the confirmation of the DEECD funding (and if not, what alternative scenario was outlined in the letter)?
- (c) Is it true that now 3 months after receiving the COSC letter, DEECD still have not committed to providing any funding towards the fit-out to the interior of the Global Connector?

#### Response:

- (a) Will not cost an estimated \$500,000.
- (b) Incorrect. Council was seeking funds towards the fit-out.
- (c) DEECD have provided funds to the College for fit out costs of the total College project.

#### **Questions Received Verbally at the Meeting**

#### Lyn Foster – FOCL

Has Council received any indication from the Federal Government on whether it will receive the \$6M grant for the BlueWater Fitness Center redevelopment, and if so, when?

#### Response

#### The Corporate Manager Corporate & Community Services advised that Council had not yet received any notification from the Federal Government with respect to this grant.

Has Council received any indication from the Federal Government on whether it will receive the \$2.5M grant for a Warm Water Hydrotherapy Pool for Colac, and if so, when?

#### Response

#### The Corporate Manager Corporate & Community Services advised that Council had not yet received any notification from the Federal Government with respect to this grant.

#### Paul David Cross – FOCL

In reference to the Beechy Precinct Library Joint Use Committee, Council has stated that "it is important that the Councillor appointed is supportive of the Joint Use Library". Which Councillors are supportive of the library and who will be appointed to that committee?

#### Response

#### The Mayor advised that this matter is listed for consideration on today's agenda.

Could the name for the new library be "Colac's great big new unwanted white elephant"?

#### Response

The Mayor noted that submissions for the naming of the new library have closed.

# 6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Stephen Hart:	OM102605-9 Loan Services Tender	
Nature of Disclosure:	Indirect	
Type of Indirect Interest:	78A – Indirect financial interest	
Nature of Interest:	Owns Bank Shares	

Rob Small	OM102605-9 Loan Services Tender
Nature of Disclosure:	Indirect

Colin Hayman	OM102605-9 Loan Services Tender
Nature of Disclosure:	Indirect

# **7.** CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 28/04/10.
- Special Council Meeting held on the 12/05/10

MOVED Cr Geoff Higgins seconded Cr Frank Buchanan that Council confirm the above minutes.

**CARRIED 7 : 0** 

# OFFICERS' REPORTS

# **Chief Executive Officer**

OM102605-1 CEO'S PROGRESS REPORT TO COUNCIL

# **Corporate and Community Services**

OM102605-2	COLAC LAWN SPORTS CLUB - RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT
OM102605-3	DRAFT BUDGET 2010-2011

OM102605-4 BEECHY PRECINCT LIBRARY JOINT USE COMMITTEE

## Infrastructure and Services

OM102605-5	STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT OF COUNCIL BRIDGES
OM102605-6	BEST VALUE REVIEW - PARKS AND GARDENS SERVICES
OM102605-7	CRESSY SHELFORD ROAD PROGRESS REPORT

# CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICERS' REPORT

# D = Discussion

W = Withdrawal

ITEM	D	W
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER		
OM102605-1 CEO'S PROGRESS REPORT TO COUNCIL		CR BRIAN CROOK
Department: Executive		
Recommendation(s)		
That Council notes the CEO's Progress Report to Council.		

# OM102605-1 CEO'S PROGRESS REPORT TO COUNCIL

MOVED Cr Brian Crook seconded Cr Stephen Hart that Council:

- 1. Notes the CEO's Progress Report to Council;
- 2. Writes to the Liberal candidate for Corangamite, Sarah Henderson, expressing this Shire's disappointment at her public comments regarding the Trade Training Centre program and the Liberal Party's decision to abolish this program if it wins government; and
- 3. Seeks a reply regarding detailed plans and timelines for the implementation of the Liberal Party's alternative solution to the provision of trade training facilities in Colac.

CARRIED 6:1

DIVISION called by Cr Chris Smith

For the Motion: Cr Brian Crook, Cr Geoff Higgins, Cr Frank Buchanan, Cr Stephen Hart, Cr Stuart Hart, Cr Lyn Russell Against the Motion: Cr Chris Smith

# CONSENT CALENDAR

# **OFFICERS' REPORT**

## D = Discussion W = Withdrawal

ITEM	D	W
CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICESOM102605-2COLAC LAWN SPORTS CLUB - RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT	CR CHRIS SMITH	
Department: Corporate and Community Services		
Recommendation(s)		
That Council sign and seal the Variation and Renewal of Lease for a five year period commencing 1 July 2010 between the Colac Otway Shire Council and the Colac Lawn Tennis Club Inc. and Colac Mallet Sports Club Inc.		
OM102605-3 DRAFT BUDGET 2010-2011		CR STUART
Department: Corporate and Community Services		HART
Recommendation(s)		
That Council:		
<i>1.</i> Recognise that the 2010/11 Draft Budget annexed to this resolution be the Budget prepared by the Council pursuant to Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989.		
<i>2.</i> Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:		
a. Give public notice of the proposed Budget in accordance with Section 129 (1) of the Local Government Act 1989: and		
b. Make available for public inspection a copy of the proposed budget in accordance with Section 129 (3) of the Local Government Act 1989.		
<i>3.</i> Calls for written submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 on the proposals contained in the 2010/11 budget. Written submissions will be accepted for a 6 week period until 5:00pm Friday 9 July 2010.		

Hears any person who wishes to be heard (either personally or by a person acting on their behalf) in support of a submission received in relation to the proposed budget at a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 14 July 2010 at 1:00pm.
Proposes that the rates in the dollar for each type of rate to be levied (expressed in "cents in the dollar") for the period commencing 1 July 2010 and concluding on 30 June 2011 are:
Residential – Colac, Colac East, \$0.3423 Colac West, Elliminyt
Residential – Balance of Shire \$0.2910
Rural – Farm \$0.2704
Holiday Rental \$0.3423
Commercial/Industrial – Colac, Colac \$0.5648 East, Colac West, Elliminyt
Commercial/Industrial – Balance of \$0.4792 Shire
Other Charges:
Aire River Drainage Scheme \$0.20 per hectare
Tirrengower Drainage Scheme \$2.50 per hectare
Proposes that a Municipal Charge of \$147 per each rateable property in respect to which a municipal charge can be levied for the period commencing 1 July 2010 and concluding on 30 June 2011.
Proposes that a Waste Management Charge of \$245 be levied for the period commencing 1 July 2010 and concluding on 30 June 2011 for properties in areas receiving a weekly garbage collection service.
Proposes that a Waste Management Charge of \$158 be levied for the period commencing 1 July 2010 and concluding on 30 June 2011 for properties in areas receiving a fortnightly or monthly garbage collection service respectively.

OM102605-4 BEECHY PRECINCT LIBRARY JOINT USE COMMITTEE	CR STEPHEN HART
Department: Corporate and Community Services	
<u>Recommendation(s)</u>	
That Council agree that the 2 appointed members by Council for the Beechy Precinct Joint Use Committee are an officer and a Councillor; the Officer being the General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, currently Colin Hayman and a Councillor to be nominated to the Committee.	

MOVED Cr Stephen Hart seconded Cr Brian Crook that the recommendation to item OM102605-2 as listed in the Consent Calendar be adopted.

CARRIED 7:0

# OM102605-3 DRAFT BUDGET 2010-2011

MOVED Cr Stuart Hart seconded Cr Brian Crook that:

The proposed 2010/2011 fee, including GST, for the Waste Disposal Tickets in the draft 2010/2011 Budget be reduced to \$85 for 25 tickets and \$42 for 10 tickets.

#### CARRIED: 7 : 0

MOVED Cr Frank Buchanan seconded Cr Stephen Hart that:

The CEO be asked to organise a workshop for Councillors to examine options for changes to differential rating and municipal charge quantums to address issues of equity in future budgets from 2011/2012 onwards.

#### CARRIED: 7 : 0

Original Recommendation

MOVED Cr Frank Buchanan seconded Cr Brian Crook that Council:

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- *2.* Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - a. Give public notice of the proposed Budget in accordance with Section 129 (1) of the Local Government Act 1989: and

- b. Make available for public inspection a copy of the proposed budget in accordance with Section 129 (3) of the Local Government Act 1989.
- *3.* Calls for written submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 on the proposals contained in the 2010/11 budget. Written submissions will be accepted for a 6 week period until 5:00pm Friday 9 July 2010.
- 4. Hears any person who wishes to be heard (either personally or by a person acting on their behalf) in support of a submission received in relation to the proposed budget at a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 14 July 2010 at 1:00pm.
- 5. Proposes that the rates in the dollar for each type of rate to be levied (expressed in "cents in the dollar") for the period commencing 1 July 2010 and concluding on 30 June 2011 are:

Residential – Colac, Colac East, Colac West, Elliminyt	\$0.3423
Residential – Balance of Shire	\$0.2910
Rural – Farm	\$0.2704
Holiday Rental	\$0.3423
Commercial/Industrial – Colac, Colac East, Colac West, Elliminyt	\$0.5648
Commercial/Industrial – Balance of Shire	\$0.4792
Other Charges:	
Aire River Drainage Scheme	\$0.20 per hectare
Tirrengower Drainage Scheme	\$2.50 per hectare

- 6. Proposes that a Municipal Charge of \$147 per each rateable property in respect to which a municipal charge can be levied for the period commencing 1 July 2010 and concluding on 30 June 2011.
- 7. Proposes that a Waste Management Charge of \$245 be levied for the period commencing 1 July 2010 and concluding on 30 June 2011 for properties in areas receiving a weekly garbage collection service.
- 8. Proposes that a Waste Management Charge of \$158 be levied for the period commencing 1 July 2010 and concluding on 30 June 2011 for properties in areas receiving a fortnightly or monthly garbage collection service respectively.

CARRIED 4:3

**DIVISION called by Cr Stephen Hart** 

For the Motion: Cr Brian Crook, Cr Chris Smith, Cr Frank Buchanan, Cr Lyn Russell Against the Motion: Cr Geoff Higgins, Cr Stephen Hart, Cr Stuart Hart

# OM102605-4 BEECHY PRECINCT LIBRARY JOINT USE COMMITTEE

MOVED Cr Stephen Hart seconded Cr Geoff Higgins that:

Council agrees that the two appointed members by the Council for the Beechy Precinct Joint Use committee are two Councillors.

LOST 3:4

DIVISION called by Cr Stephen Hart

For the Motion: Cr Geoff Higgins, Cr Stephen Hart, Cr Stuart Hart Against the Motion: Cr Brian Crook, Cr Chris Smith, Cr Frank Buchanan, Cr Lyn Russell

MOVED Cr Stephen Hart seconded Cr Stuart Hart that:

Council agrees that the 2 appointed members by Council for the Beechy Precinct Joint Use Committee are an officer and a Councillor; the officer being the General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, currently Colin Hayman, and the Councillor being Cr Stephen Hart.

CARRIED 4:3

**DIVISION called by Cr Stuart Hart** 

For the Motion: Cr Brian Crook, Cr Geoff Higgins, Cr Stephen Hart, Cr Stuart Hart Against the Motion: Cr Chris Smith, Cr Frank Buchanan, Cr Lyn Russell

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

# **OFFICERS' REPORT**

# D = Discussion

W = Withdrawal

	ITEM	D	W
INFRASTRUCTUR	RE AND SERVICES		
		CR CHRIS	
<u>OM102605-5</u>	STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT OF COUNCIL BRIDGES	SMITH	
Department: Infras	tructure		
<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>n(s)</u>		
That Council:			
1. Resolve to i	mplement the following load limits;		
<u>Bridge No.</u> CS058	<u>Road Name</u> <u>Load Limit</u> Carlisle Valley Road 35 tonnes		
CS048 CS047	Barham River Road 8 tonnes Barham River Road 10 tonnes		
	ritten response to all those parties who rmal feedback through the public n process;		
to Council's Projects Pro	ork to rehabilitate each of the structures Long Term Capital Works and Major ogram for detailed costing and n within the relevant programs; and		
Infrastructu representati road use ne for shared r	lertaking that the General Manager re and Services meet with ives of Midway Pty Ltd to discuss future eds and identify possible opportunities esource arrangements to upgrade key structure in order to support their future operations.		

MOVED Cr Brian Crook seconded Cr Stephen Hart that recommendations to items listed in the Consent Calendar be adopted.

CARRIED 7:0

#### IN COMMITTEE

MOVED Cr Geoff Higgins seconded Cr Brian Crook that pursuant to the provisions of Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act, the meeting be closed to the public and Council move "In-Committee" in order to deal with:

SUBJECT	REASON	SECTION OF ACT
Apollo Bay Lions Village - Rateable Status Of Units	this matter may prejudice the Council or any person	Section 89 (2) (h)
Loan Services Tender	this matter deals with contractual matters; AND this matter may prejudice the Council or any person	Section 89 (2) (d) (h)
Confidential Items For Consideration	this matter deals with personnel matters; AND this matter deals with contractual matters; AND this matter may prejudice the Council or any person	Section 89 (2) (a) (d) (h)
Apollo Bay Transfer Station Project Update And Cost Variations	this matter deals with contractual matters	Section 89 (2) (d)

CARRIED 5:2

DIVISION called by Cr Stuart Hart

For the Motion: Cr Brian Crook, Cr Geoff Higgins, Cr Chris Smith, Cr Frank Buchanan, Cr Lyn Russell Against the Motion: Cr Stephen Hart, Cr Stuart Hart

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OUT OF COMMITTEE

MOVED Cr Stephen Hart seconded Cr Frank Buchanan that the meeting move out of committee.

CARRIED 7:0

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 4.55 pm

**CONFIRMED AND SIGNED** at the meeting held on 23 JUNE 2010

dyn. E. Russell .....MAYOR

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