



Hawkesbury City Council

general purpose committee minutes

date of meeting: 27 June 2000

location: Council Chambers

time: 9.00am

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

Business

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AGENDA

- **APOLOGIES.**
- **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**
- **SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT.**
- **SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE.**
- **SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES.**
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Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 27 June 2000, commencing at 9.00am.

PRESENT: Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors B J Calvert, D Finch, G J Gilling, C A Paine, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allan, Conolly and Davies.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine and seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that the apologies be accepted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 23 May, 2000, be confirmed.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

Councillor Davies arrived at the meeting at 9.10am.

Councillor Allan arrived at the meeting at 9.25am.

Councillor Conolly arrived at the meeting at 10.00am.

Councillor Conolly left the meeting at 11.40am.

Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 11.41am.

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 3.45pm.

Councillor Gilling left the meeting at 4.10pm.

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

125: Proposed Rezoning, Lot 5 DP237575 Chapel Street, Richmond (P347/160.PART 02/EVD/ENF27NAX.V06)

Mr Glen Falson, representing the applicant, Mr Phil Smith, owner, addressed the Committee.

That a site inspection be carried out.

A site inspection was carried out at 2.00pm. Councillors present were the Mayor, Cllr Stubbs and Councillors L Allan, P F Davies, D Finch, G J Gilling, C A Paine, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

That the owner consult with Council staff to discuss alternative solutions.

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Councillor Allan arrived at the meeting at 9.25am.

126: Single Storey Detached Dual Occupancy and Two Lot Torrens Title Subdivision at Lot 3 DP263213 No. 76 Pecks Road, North Richmond (M 0523/00/EVD/ENF27NAX.V01)

Mr Simeon Sarafov, applicant, addressed the Committee.

That a site inspection be carried out.

A site inspection was carried out at 2.45pm Councillors present were the Mayor, Cllr Stubbs and Councillors L Allan, P F Davies, D Finch, G J Gilling, C A Paine, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

That mediation be undertaken with the objectors and the applicant prior to the Ordinary meeting with the outcomes to be reported to that meeting.

Councillor Conolly arrived at the meeting at 10.00am.

127: Proposed Rezoning at 719 and 721 George Street, South Windsor, Lot 258 DP 658249 and Lot 21 DP 518147 (P731.1640 and P731.1630//ENF27NAX.V08)

Mr John Cody, representing the applicant, Project Planning Associates Pty Ltd, addressed the Committee.

That the application to rezone Lot 258 DP 658249 and Lot 21 DP 518147 to allow a family restaurant and service station/convenience store not be supported.

128: Proposed Rezoning of Lot 13 DP 577614, Beddek Street, McGraths Hill (P240/005/ENV/ENF27NAX.V02)

That the application to rezone Lot 13 DP 577614 from Rural 1(c) to Residential 2(a) not be supported.

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129: Blaxlands Ridge Ponds (P209/535 Pt.06/GMA/ENF27NAX.G05)

Ms Sue Gleeson, Mrs Marie Noble, Mr Aaron Hinks, Mr John Hermitage, and Mr Trevor Devine, objectors, addressed the Committee.

A. That:

1. The community be advised of the position regarding the Blaxlands Ridge Ponds as contained in the report and their comment be sought.
2. The Environment Protection Authority be asked to confirm in writing approval for treatment of sullage at the Sewage Treatment Plants at McGraths Hill and South Windsor
3. Financial support be requested from the NSW Government including the subsidisation of the sullage disposal operation in similar terms to that occurring within the Blue Mountains be sought.
4. The Environment Protection Authority's position regarding the sewage treatment plants operating licence be sought in relation to infill development and the additional urban areas that the Council has supported becoming available for development prior to the commissioning of the three towns sewerage scheme and the additional load this would place on the Windsor treatment plants.
5. Legal advice in the matter be obtained.
6. A report be brought to the next Ordinary meeting on closing the Ponds in the short term and how costing will be funded.

B. That the Minister for the Environment, and The Minister for Western Sydney be invited to an on-site inspection of the Blaxlands Ridge Ponds to discuss the closure.

Councillor Conolly left the meeting at 11.40am.

Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 11.41am.

That Council form a Task Force to deal with the Three Town Sewerage Scheme and lobby the State Government. Further, that a report be brought back to the Ordinary meeting suggesting prospective members of this Task Force and Councillors be elected.

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130: Litter Reduction Program (GW010/013 Pt.3/GMA/ENF27NAX.G04)

That the information be received.

131: Unauthorised filling of land - Lots 188-191, Lot 90, DP786549 Springwood Road, Yarramundi (P825/105, P825/145, P825/155, P825/165 & P825/175/EVD/ENF27NBX.V09)

Councillor Rasmussen declared an interest as he is an adjoining property owner.

A letter tabled by Ms Nicole Maxwell, objector, was read to the Committee.

That:

1. The offer of Boral and Councillor Rasmussen to restore the site be accepted and that Council take all necessary steps to see that the restoration proceed as soon as possible.
2. Quotes be called for the fencing of the site using steel posts and wire cabling.
3. A quote be accepted and the fence installed at Council's expense.
4. Council advise the Department of Land and Water Conservation that in view of the cost of fencing, no monetary contribution can be made to the plan of management.
5. Status reports be provided regularly to Council.
6. As a matter of urgency, a fence be erected to prevent access to the reserve.
7. A further report be brought back to Council on available evidence on the undertaking of the dumping.

132: 1256 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights (P243/5696 Pt01/EVD/ENF27NBX.V10)

That Council write to the RTA requesting that the minimum standards for maintenance and repair as detailed in Part 3 of the Heritage Amendment Regulation 1999 be carry out on the subject property and that the RTA provide 12 monthly reports to Council demonstrating compliance with same.

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133: Open Area Test Site - 714 Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo - Appeal Against Refusal of Development Application (DA0090/98/ENV/ENF27NBX.V07)

Mr Turvey To, solicitor representing Ms Sally Bongers, and Ms Sally Bongers, addressed the Committee.

That:

1. Council instruct its solicitors to have the advice from Price Waterhouse Coopers Legal reviewed by Mr Peter McClelland QC.
2. Should the advice confirm that the development is legally permissible, Council solicitors be instructed to negotiate with the applicant for consent orders to be issued by the Court (i.e. conditional approval).

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

46: Lower Portland Ferry Service - Removal of toll (GT240/010 Pt2/ENG/INF27NBX.E06)

The Committee, exercising its delegation as Council

611 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen seconded by Councillor Sheather

That the toll on the Lower Portland Ferry Service be removed from 1 July 2000.

47: Wilberforce School of Arts (P2355/380, GC318/002, GH001/009/ENG/INF27NBX.E03)

Mr Nigel Rynne, representing the Wilberforce School of Arts Management Committee, addressed the Committee.

That the acquisition of additional land to the south and west of the existing School of Arts for car parking purposes be pursued.

48: Application to remove significant tree under Council's Tree Preservation Order (P243/5905/ENG/INF27NBX.E01)

Mr Brian Williams, applicant, addressed the Committee.

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That Council take the necessary steps to advise Mr Williams that he can remove the tree as it is dangerous.

49: Windsor Mall - Shop Identification (GR120/016 Pt4/ENG/INF27NBX.E04)

That the Windsor Mall directory proposal proceed with funds for the construction of the facility being recouped from participants at \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) per business with any future name changes costing \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) per business. Further, that the information directories be located at either end of the Mall.

50: Francis Street Closure (0613/R Pt4/ENG/INF27NBX.E05)

Mr Cassels, Mr Garry Townsend, Reverend Noel Pilcher, and Ms Suzanne Bradshaw, residents in support of the proposal, addressed the Committee.

That the closure of Francis Street not proceed and that a plan of management be developed with appropriate speed calming devices and a reduction in the speed limit to 40km per hour for the entire length of Francis Street.

51: Regional Road Funding - Block Grant 1999/2000, 2000/01 (GG021/035 Pt6/ENG/INF27NBX.E02)

That

- 1 Council continue to make representations to the local member and the Roads & Traffic Authority to seek to have Hawkesbury City Council's formula for regional road funding purposes determined on the rural Council's formula or at least gain an equitable share of regional road funding for maintenance purposes, based on previous funding provided for maintenance of main roads on behalf of the Roads & Traffic Authority by Council.
- 2 The State Government be requested to increase the quantum of funds currently available for regional road purposes.

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 3.45pm.

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52: McMahon Park Update (PK/007/ENG/INF27NBX.E07)

That the information be received.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

82: Monthly Financial Report - May 2000 (GF011/005/FNC/OGF27NAX.F02)

That the information be received.

83: Proposed Hawkesbury Jazz Festival (PK/202 PT8/CSV/OGF27NBX.C03)

That Council support the staging of the proposed Hawkesbury Jazz Festival in Richmond Park on Sunday 19 November 2000, subject to Hawkesbury Sports Council Inc making the oval available for the event. Further, subject to the support of the local police, the Alcohol Free Zone restrictions be lifted during the event and the organisers are to ensure that any alcohol sold at the event is subject to Liquor Licensing Regulations and products being served in plastic glasses only.

1. Noise is to be kept to a reasonable level, with an amplified sound less than 5d(B)A above ambient level.
2. The park is to be left clean and tidy. The applicant paying to Council a refundable bond of \$750.00 less any cost incurred by Council, administrative or otherwise to clean/restore the area.
3. The applicant submitting a Public Liability Policy for \$10,000,000 with the interest of Hawkesbury City Council noted on the Policy.
4. If required the applicant obtaining necessary approvals with regard to the sale of hot food.
5. Festival organisers obtaining permission from Hawkesbury Sports Council regarding use of the oval and grandstand.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

84: Documents for Execution Under Seal - Funding Agreement (GM001/021 PT12/CSV/OGF27LBX.CO1)

The Committee, exercising its delegation as Council

612 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen seconded by Councillor Paine

That the Seal of Council be affixed to the documents associated with the funding of the Aerospace Industry Cluster Project.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Finch referred to the dumping of rubbish at Cecil Park, North Richmond (near Keda Circuit) and requested that this matter be investigated.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

2. Councillor Rasmussen requested a copy of a letter sent to the Department of Defence seeking membership on the steering committee for the economic impact study.

The General Manager advised that this would be provided.

Councillor Rasmussen enquired if Council had been advised in relation to this matter.

The General Manager advised that a letter had been received requesting use of facilities and advising that there would be a briefing, but as yet, no date had been set. He further advised that the date which had been set was for the briefing of Federal Members.

Councillor Rasmussen requested that the matter of Council pursuing a place on the steering committee be followed up.

The Mayor advised that he has pursued this matter with both the Federal Member for Macquarie and the Prime Minister who had given a commitment. He further advised that he was receiving regular updates and would follow up this matter.

3. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if correspondence had been received from the Windsor RSL Sub-Branch requesting funding to send sporting representatives to Tasmania.

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The Mayor advised that he had received a copy of this correspondence and it was being processed.

Councillor Rasmussen enquired if this matter would be reported to Council.

The General Manager advised that it would be reported if it required more than \$100 to be voted.

4. Councillor Sheather referred to changes to the boundary of Kurrajong and Blaxlands Ridge. He enquired what Council's involvement was in relation to this.

The General Manager advised that a map had been forwarded to the Geographical Names Board listing Council's preferred boundaries.

Councillor Davies advised that Geographical Names Board were to re-advertise the changes in the near future and would then allow one month to receive submissions.

5. Councillor Davies referred to discussions held with Natalie Hull from the Community Centre at North Richmond. He referred to work planned for this Centre and requested that this work include a fence between the Community Centre and the Chas Perry Hall approximately 1.3 metres high.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

6. Councillor Paine requested an update on plans for Hollands Paddock.

The General Manager advised that there was a contract between a developer and Sydney Water to purchase the property. He also advised that discussions had been held between Council Planning staff, the developer and the architects in relation to evolving a commercial development on this site.

7. Councillor Paine enquired what the status was of the illegal shed at Old Stock Route Road, Oakville.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that the applicant had requested that the original case for the rural industries be held over until the Elf Mushrooms Point of Law was resolved. He further advised that there was a second application for a car repair station which had been refused and that there was also an appeal in relation to this.

8. Councillor Paine referred to excessive noise levels in Windsor. She enquired whether this was a matter could be dealt with by Council or if it was a policing issue. She also enquired if this was the case during weekends.

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The General Manager advised that Council is responsible from sunrise to sunset and the police from sunset to sunrise. He advised that staff often attend events and record noise readings. He further advised that it may be possible to send a letter to the licensees indicating that there was a problem.

9. Councillor Rasmussen advised that draft legislation for Water Reform was now available on the Web site. He enquired if Council is proposing to put in a submission.

The General Manager advised that it was currently being assessed and that a report was being prepared for the next Ordinary meeting relating to the National Competition Council's support of the water reform.

Councillor Rasmussen enquired if the report would address water allocations for turf farming.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

The meeting terminated at 4.25pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 25 July, 2000.

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Mayor