



COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MURGON

General Meeting Minutes

23 January 2008

Meeting held in the Council Chambers
42 Stephens Street West
Murgon

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GENERAL MEETING

23 January 2008

MINUTES

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8.59pm

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

PW Angel, Mayor
RJ Dennis, Deputy Mayor
CL Hatchett
GL Burgess
RQ O'Neill
RJ Eisenmenger

Officers

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Peter Hackshaw
Manager Works and Services, Steve Turner
Minutes Secretary, Kerrie Spiro

APOLOGIES

8029 **Moved Cr Eisenmenger Seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT the apology of Cr Mobbs be accepted and leave of absence be granted.***

CARRIED

PRAYERS

On behalf of the Ministers Fraternal, Mr Peter Coombes from the Uniting Church gave the day's Bible reading and led the Council in prayer.

MINUTES SILENCE

The Mayor asked those present to observe a minute's silence for the passing of Shire citizens:

Hector Aaron Coulson, aged 83yrs, Annie Yvonne Postle, aged 87yrs and Roy Kapernick aged 82yrs.

CITIZEN CEREMONY

Mayor Angel welcomed Mrs Khin Thein and her family to Council and then proceeded with Mrs Khin Thein's Citizenship Ceremony.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8030 Moved O'Neill, Seconded Cr Hatchett: *THAT the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 19th December 2007 as circulated, be confirmed.*
CARRIED

1. GOVERNANCE, CONTROLLED ENTITIES, ENTERPRISES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Cr PW Angel)

8031 Moved Cr Dennis Seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council move into closed meeting to discuss other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage pursuant to s.463(1)(h) of the Local Government Act.*
CARRIED

The MWS & the Minutes Secretary left the meeting at 9.30am

8032 Moved Cr O'Neill Seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council move out of closed meeting.*
CARRIED

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting for morning tea at 10.10am
The meeting reconvened at 10.28am
10.28am MWS & the Minutes Secretary returned to the Meeting*

8033 Moved Cr O'Neill Seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council confirm the arrangement between Council and Terrance & Margaret Hull as negotiated by the Mayor and CEO and as tabled at today's General Meeting.*
CARRIED

1.2 Items for Consideration

1.2.1 Nil

1.3 Items for Information

1.3.1 Castra Retirement Home (AD 11/3)

Agenda Papers and Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting Held on 18th December 2007 and 15th January 2008.

The Mayor welcomed Mr Shane Gray, Interim CEO of the Local Transitional Committee, to the meeting to update the Councillors on the Transitional process.

2. ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES & FINANCE (Cr BD Mobbs)

2.1 Officer's Report

2.1.1 Manager Corporate & Financial Services Report (AD 12/3)

2.2 Items for Consideration

2.2.1 Receive and Adopt Council's 2006 / 07 Annual Report (AD 6/2)

8034 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT Council receive and adopt the 2006/2007 Annual Report as tabled pursuant to section 531 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

CARRIED

2.3 Items for Information

2.3.1 Nil

3. HEALTH, BUILDING, HOUSING & PLANNING (Cr RQ O'Neill)

3.1 Officer's Report

3.1.1 Nil

3.2 Items for Consideration

3.2.1 Access to grave of possible relative of Ned Kelly – Courier Mail

8035 Moved Cr O'Neill Seconded Cr Dennis: *THAT Council contact appropriate members of the Murgon Community to seek further confirmation regarding the location of Bill Meade in the Murgon Cemetery and also seek letters of support from the community to assist Council in this decision at the February General Meeting and the Courier Mail be advised of this decision accordingly.*

CARRIED

3.2.2 Material Change of Use – Lady Bug Child Care, Pearce Family Trust, 88 Gore St, Murgon (DA 102/07, Ass 263/-)

8036 Moved Cr O'Neill Seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council*
1. decides the application under section 3.5.11 of the Integrated Planning Act 1997 by approving it subject to conditions.
2. notifies the applicant of its decision.

CARRIED

3.2.3 Material Change of Use - Animal Keeping, G & F Tynan, 81 Crownthorpe Rd, Murgon (boarding and breeding kennel) (DA 85/07, Ass 1282/5/-)

8037 Moved Cr O'Neill Seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council*
1. decides the application under section 3.5.11 of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* by approving it subject to conditions
2. notifies the applicant of its decision
CARRIED

3.2.4 Reconfiguring a lot (1 into 2) 66 Levers Road, Murgon described as Lot 1 on RP147098, R Niemann (DA 98/07, Ass 1376/-)

8038 Moved Cr O'Neill Seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT Council*
1. decides the application under section 3.5.11 of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* by approving it subject to conditions
2. notifies the applicant of its decision.
CARRIED

3.2.5 Draft Legislation from the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning

8039 Moved Cr O'Neill Seconded Cr Hatchett: *THAT Council consider any local places, which might be defined as iconic, which are located in the Shire of Murgon and refer information to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning prior to 14 March 2008.*
CARRIED

3.2.6 Notification by Optus of Proposed Telecommunications Facility Upgrade at Levers Road, Tablelands (Ass 1375/-)

8040 Moved Cr O'Neill Seconded Cr Hatchett: *THAT Council consider any concerns with the proposed location of 2 Optus towers at Lever Rd, Tablelands and refer any comments to the applicant by 1 February 2008.*
CARRIED

3.3 Items for Information

3.3.1 Nil

4. TOURISM, COMMUNITY SUPPORT & CULTURE (Cr CL Hatchett)

4.1 Officer's Report

4.1.1 Nil

4.2 Items for Consideration

4.2.1 Murgon Caravan Park (TO 2/1, Ass 677/9/-)

- 8041 Moved Cr Hatchett Seconded Cr Eisenmenger: THAT Councils employee Rowan McIntyre be appointed Murgon Caravan Park Manager subject to the Following rights and responsibilities:-**
- 1. He will continue in his role as Parks & Gardens labourer whilst fulfilling this new role.**
 - 2. He will be permitted to park his van onsite with no site charge or power charge.**
 - 3. He will receive no financial reward for his caravan park manager position which he will carry out in addition to his existing duties.**
 - 4. He will use a Shire issued receipt book to collect all site fees daily and will lodge fees collected at the Shire Office and he will be subject to random audit as to occupants of the park and fees payable & received.**
 - 5. He will maintain all facilities at the park however the town gang will continue to mow the park.**
 - 6. The Visitor Information Centre will continue to take park fees when it is convenient to do so.**

CARRIED

4.3 *Items for Information*

4.3.1 Library Report (LI 1 /2)

5. WORKS, PLANT & RURAL SERVICES (Cr GL Burgess)

5.1 *Officer's Report*

5.1.1 Manager Works and Services Report (AD 12/3)

5.2 *Items for Consideration*

5.2.1 Nil

5.3 *Items for Information*

5.3.1 Nil

6. SPORT, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT (Cr RJ Eisenmenger)

6.1 Officer's Report

6.2 Items for Consideration

6.2.1 Murgon Lions Club (Ass 578/-, LA 2/2, CS 7/14)

8042 Moved Cr Eisenmenger Seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT in relation to correspondence from the Murgon Lions Club Council: -*

- Refuse the request to fence.
- Discontinue with Council's original intention to reserve a section of the showgrounds as a dedicated service club precinct.
- Honour Council's commitment to lease only that portion of the showgrounds on which the shed and water tank is constructed.
- Continue normal Council maintenance around the Lion's shed.
- Discontinue with Council's original indication to finance a communal area beside the existing shed and
- Deny the request for rate exemption.

CARRIED

6.3 Items for Information

6.3.1 Nil

7. WATER, WASTE MANAGEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES (Cr RJ Dennis)

7.1 Officer's Report

7.1.1 Revised Watering Restriction Times (IE 5/12)

8043 Moved Cr Dennis Seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council alter the Watering Restriction Times for the Town of Murgon with immediate effect to the following:*

Watering on Mondays is banned altogether

Premises with odd street numbers may water with hand held hoses only on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturdays between the hours of:

7:00 am – 9:00 am and 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Premises with even street numbers may water with hand held hoses only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays between the hours of:

7:00 am – 9:00 am and 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

TOTAL ban on all sprinklers continues to apply.

CARRIED

7.2 *Items for Consideration*

7.2.1 Nil

7.3 *Items for Information*

7.3.1 Nil

Closure

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.12pm

Peter Angel
MAYOR