



***HEPBURN SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL***

**TUESDAY 31 MAY 2011, 6 PM
DAYLESFORD SENIOR CITIZENS
VINCENT STREET
DAYLESFORD**

MINUTES

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KAYLENE CONRICK
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS:

We would like to acknowledge we are meeting on Jaara people country, of which members and elders of the Dja Dja Wurrung community and their forebears have been custodians for many centuries.

On this land the Jaara people have performed age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

2. OPENING OF MEETING:

PRESENT:

Mayor Councillor Rod May, Deputy Mayor Councillor Sebastian Klein, Creswick Ward Councillor Don Henderson, Holcombe Ward Councillor Bill McClenaghan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer, Kaylene Conrick, General Manager Corporate Services, Evan King and Manager Finance Anthea Lyons.

General Manager Corporate Services Evan King left at 7.07pm.

Manager Finance Anthea Lyons left at 7.07pm.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

“WE THE COUNCILLORS OF HEPBURN SHIRE
DECLARE THAT WE WILL UNDERTAKE ON EVERY OCCASION
TO CARRY OUT OUR DUTIES IN THE BEST INTERESTS
OF THE COMMUNITY
AND THAT OUR CONDUCT SHALL MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS
OF THE CODE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE
SO THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY REPRESENT
AND UPHOLD THE TRUST PLACED IN THIS COUNCIL BY THE
PEOPLE OF HEPBURN SHIRE”

3. APOLOGIES:

Creswick Ward Councillor Janine Booth – Leave of Absence.
Birch Ward Councillor Jon Barrell – Leave of Absence.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Nil

5. MOTION

5.1 Holcombe Ward Councillor Bill McClenaghan foreshadowed Motion to Suspend Standing Orders.

6. OFFICERS REPORTS

MOTION

That Council provides permission to allow the public to film the meeting.

Moved: Councillor Don Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Bill McClenaghan
Carried.

6.1 PREPARED 2011-12 BUDGET & PREPARED 10 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN – HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

ACTION OFFICER – GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

In providing this advice to Council as the Manager of Finance, I Anthea Lyons have no interests to disclose in this report.

PURPOSE

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council is required to provide the opportunity for submitters to speak to their submissions at a Meeting of Council.

BACKGROUND

Council's *Prepared 2011-12 Budget and Prepared 10 Year Financial Plan* have been on public exhibition in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the period from 21 April 2011 to 23 May 2011.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Submissions closed at 5.00pm, on 23 May 2011 and 40 Submissions were received.

Submissions covered the following main topics:

Prepared Budget

- Rate rises & the Municipal Charge
- Clunes Community Interpretive Centre
- Borrowings
- Corporate System
- Projects
- Commercial rate & Tourism
- Environmental Charge
- Staffing levels
- Vacant Land rate
- Equity
- Asset sales

Prepared 10 Year Financial Plan

- Civic Facility
- Future rate rises
- Borrowings
- Working capital ratio
- Sustainability

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1989, Council is required to provide the opportunity for submitters to speak to their submissions at a Meeting of Council. Those who indicated in their submission they wish to be heard will have the opportunity to speak this evening.

Each speaker will be allowed 3 (three) minutes to address the main point(s) of their submission. Refer to attachment 1 for a list of speakers.

COUNCIL PLAN /LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Local Government Act 1989

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications noted in relation to the hearing of submissions.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications noted in relation to the hearing of submissions.

ENVIRONMENTAL/SOCIAL/ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no such implications noted in relation to the hearing of submissions.

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Prepared Budget and Prepared 10 Year Financial Plan were publicly advertised in the local newspapers seeking submissions from interested parties in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

The documents were available from Thursday 21 April 2011 at Council's offices in Daylesford and Creswick, at all Hepburn Library branches, the newsagent in Trentham and from Council's website www.hepburnshire.com.au.

Any person was able to make a submission to the Council on any proposal contained in the budget or financial plan. Submissions received by the Council before 5pm on Monday 23 May 2011 will be considered for impact on the budget.

Council had a wide ranging Budget consultation process with a series of information sessions held in each local ward enabling ratepayers to get an insight into the Prepared Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan and ask questions of Councilors.

At the Council Meeting scheduled for 5.30pm on Tuesday 21 June 2011 to be held in the Daylesford Senior Citizens Center, Council will formally meet to consider and adopt the budget for 2011-12 and adopt the 10 Year Financial Plan.

CONCLUSION

Council has provided the opportunity for those submitters who have previously indicated to Council they wish to be heard, to speak to their submissions.

ATTACHMENT 1

Please note: The opportunity to address this Council Meeting is for speaking to individual Prepared Budget & Prepared 10 Year Financial Plan Submissions only. This is different from Public Participation Time at Ordinary Meetings of Council, where questions may be asked and answered

SPEAKER	TIME
Introduction - Mayor	6 pm
Keith Pyers	6.10 pm
Zachary Casper	6.13 pm
Michael Overington	6.16 pm
Representative from the VFF	6.19 pm
John Baragwanath	6.22 pm
Loretta Little	6.25 pm
Ron Liversidge	6.28 pm
Representative from the Trentham Community Groups Forum	6.31 pm
Robert Floky	6.34 pm
Brian Mobbs	6.37 pm
Graeme Rattray	6.40 pm
Graeme Orr	6.43 pm
Marc De Vecchi	6.46 pm
David McCallum	6.49 pm

MOTION

7.08pm That Council suspends Standing Orders to facilitate public participation time.

Moved: Councillor Bill McClenaghan

Seconded: Councillor Don Henderson

Carried.

An opportunity was provided for further public comments and questions regarding the Prepared Budget 2011 – 2012

MOTION

8.06pm That Council resume Standing Orders

Moved: Councillor Bill McClenaghan

Seconded: Councillor Sebastian Klein

Carried.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING.

Meeting closed at 8.06pm