



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

TUESDAY 29 MAY 2012

**DAYLESFORD SENIOR CITIZENS ROOM
VINCENT STREET
DAYLESFORD
6:00PM**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
29 MAY 2012**

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 Sebastian Klein, Deputy Mayor Councillor Rod May, Birch Ward Councillor Jonathan Barrell, Cameron Ward Councillor Neil Newitt, Creswick Ward Councillor Don Henderson, Holcombe Ward Councillor Bill McClenaghan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer Aaron van Egmond, General Manager Corporate Services Evan King, General Manager Infrastructure Bruce Lucas, General Manager Sustainable Development Barry Green, General Manager Community Services Kathleen Brannigan, Manager Finance Anthea Lyons.

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

Councillor Janine Booth – Leave of Absence.

4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. OFFICER'S REPORT

5.1. PREPARED BUDGET 2012-2012 – HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

In providing this advice to Council as the Manager 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 2012-2013 Budget* has been on public exhibition in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the period from 20 April 2012 to 21 May 2012.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Submissions closed at 5pm on Monday 21 May 2012. 21 Submissions were received. Submissions covered these main topics:

- Rate rises
- Municipal charge; and
- Other projects to be funded.

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

As per the Hepburn Shire Community Engagement Framework level 3 engagement will be undertaken.

The Prepared Budget was publicly advertised in the local newspapers seeking submissions from interested parties in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

The Prepared Budget and prescribed information was available from Friday 20 April 2012 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. Submissions received by the Council before 5pm on Monday 21 May 2012 will be considered for impact on the budget.

Council again planned 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 proposed Budget and ask questions of Councillors.

Fact sheets have been produced on various aspects affecting the Budget and are available on Council's website www.hepburnshire.com.au.

At the Council Meeting scheduled for 5.30pm on Tuesday 19 June 2012 to be held in the Daylesford Senior Citizens Centre, Council will formally meet to consider and adopt the budget for 2012-13.

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 - PREPARED BUDGET 2012-2013 SUBMISSIONS
TIMETABLE OF LISTED SPEAKERS**

Please note: The opportunity to address this Special Meeting of Council is for speaking to individual Prepared Budget 2012-2013 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	
Graeme Orr	6:10 pm	Request withdrawn
Zachary Casper	6:13 pm	
Chris Eyles	6:16 pm	Did not attend
Chris Eyles	6:19 pm	Did not attend
Representative from the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) – Midlands Branch	6:22 pm	Mr Max Blackmore attended
Ian MacBean – Trentham Community Groups FORUM	6:25 pm	
Kevin Clohesy – Smeaton Bowling Club Inc	6:28 pm	
Juliet Simpson	6:31 pm	Request withdrawn
Lynton Shannon	6:34 pm	
Ian Clarke	6:37 pm	Did not attend
Jeanette Chiltern-Clarke	6:40 pm	Did not attend
David Smith	6:43 pm	

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 6:30 pm.
