



**Minutes from meeting of:
General Purposes Committee**

Held

Tuesday, 3 February 2009

5.30pm

**Council Chambers, Civic Centre
184 - 194 Bourke Street, Goulburn**

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held 3 February 2009 commencing at 5.30pm in the Council Chambers

List of Attendees

Present

Cr Carol James (Mayor), Cr Bob Kirk, Cr Andrew Banfield, Cr Nina Dillon, Cr Margaret O'Neill, Cr Neil Penning and Cr Denzil Sturgiss.

Also Present

General Manager (Mr L Johnson), Director Planning and Community Services (Mr C Berry), Acting Director Corporate Services (Mr B Hollands), Acting Director Engineering Services (Mr T Cooper), Acting Director Water Services, Interim Directorate (M G Finlayson).

1. Apologies

That apologies from Crs Woodman and Hadlow be received and leave of absence granted.

Committee Recommendation

Cr Banfield / Cr Kirk

That apologies from Crs Woodman and Hadlow be received and leave of absence granted.

2. Disclosures of Interest

Cr O'Neill disclosed the following interests and left the room when these matters were considered:

1. Item 3, Presentations (Cookbundoon Trust), declaring a non-pecuniary conflict of interest for the reason that she is a Director of the Trust
2. Item 3, Presentations (Goulburn District Racing Club), declaring a non-pecuniary conflict of interest for the reason that she is a Director of the Club
3. Item 3, Presentations (Challenge Foundation) for the reason that she is an employee of the Challenge Foundation).

Mr Berry disclosed the following interest and left the room when this matter was considered :

1. Item 3, Presentations (Cookbundoon Trust), declaring a non-pecuniary conflict of interest for the reason that he serves on the workers East Soccer Club Committee with the presenter and the club uses the facilities at Cookbundoon.

Matters of Urgency

Councillor O'Neill requested that the following items be considered (in Closed Session) as matters of Urgency:

1. Saleyards – for the Councillors to be provided with a verbal update on progress
2. Airport – for the Councillors to be provided with a verbal update on progress with the sale

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3. Ardmore Park – to ask about correspondence recently received from a legal firm

The General Manager referred to the requirements under Section 10 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Mayor invited comments from the Gallery in relation to the proposed consideration of these matters in Closed Session. No comments were received.

Committee Recommendation **Cr O'Neill / Cr Penning**

That the following matters be brought forward as matters of urgency and considered in Closed Session as outlined below:

1. Saleyards – for the Councillors to be provided with a verbal update on progress (Section 10A (2)(c)) – commercial information and (Section 10A (2)(g)) – legal matter
2. Airport – for the Councillors to be provided with a verbal update on progress with the sale (Section 10A (2)(c)) – commercial information
3. Ardmore Park – to ask about correspondence recently received from a legal firm (Section 10A (2)(g)) – legal matter

3. Presentations

The following presentations were made to the meeting:

- Rates – Cookbundoon Fields – Robert Scott
Mr Scott, Chairperson Cookbundoon Trust regarding 08/09 Rates on Cookbundoon Fields.
- Community Grants Recipients
(Refer to Planning & Community Services Report)
 - St Vincent de Paul Society – Ross Kirby
 - Lieder Theatre – Chrisjohn Hancock
 - Goulburn District Racing Club – Greg Wilson
 - Challenge Foundation – Toni Kennedy
 - South East Regional Academy of Sport (SERAS) – Gary Lane
Mr Lane also briefed Councillors on the role of the SERAS organisation
- Kinghorne Street Bore – Gary Stone
Mr Stone spoke on the possibility of using the Kinghorne Street bore as an adjunct to the municipal water supply commensurate with Goulburn Integrated Water Cycle Strategy.
- Economic Development Plan – Debbi Rodden
Ms Rodden (Economic Development Officer) made a presentation on the Economic Development Plan.

4. Business Briefing

A business briefing was provided to the meeting by Mr John Kelly on behalf of the Binda Group Pty Ltd.

Executive Services Report

Item 1 Presentations

Reporting Officer

General Manager – Luke Johnson

Purpose of Report

To advise of Presentations to the General Purpose Committee Meeting.

Recommendation

That the Presentations made at this meeting be received and noted.

Committee Recommendation

Cr James/ Cr Dillon

That the Presentations made at this meeting be received and noted.

Cr O'Neill and Mr Chris Berry left the meeting at 5.38pm, Mr Chris Berry returned at 5.43pm and Cr O'Neill returned at 5.53pm.

Item 2 Business Briefings

Reporting Officer

General Manager – Luke Johnson

Purpose of Report

To advise of a Business Briefing to the General Purpose Committee Meeting.

Recommendation

That the business briefing made by John Kelly from the Binda Group Pty Ltd be received and noted.

Note: Mr Kelly addressed the meeting and distributed a copy of his speech notes, noting particularly the need to fast-track the development application process in the current economic climate.

Committee Recommendation

Cr O'Neill/ Cr Kirk

That the business briefing made by John Kelly from the Binda Group Pty Ltd be received and noted and that Mr Horvat and a representative from Target be invited to attend the next General Purpose Committee Meeting.

Planning and Community Services Report

**Item 1 Community Grants & Donations Scheme 2007/08
Acquittal Reports (Attachment)**

Reporting Officer

Executive Assistant Planning & Community Services – Debbie McCarthy

Purpose of Report

To present acquittal reports for Community Grants awarded in 2007/08.

Recommendation

That the final reports received for 2007/08 Community Grants and Donations be noted.

Committee Recommendation

Cr Banfield/ Cr Sturgiss

That the final reports received for 2007/08 Community Grants and Donations be noted.

Cr O'Neill declared an interest and left the meeting at 8pm and returned at 8.03pm.

Councillor	For the Motion	Against the Motion
Cr Banfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr Dillon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr Hadlow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr Kirk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr O'Neill (DOI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr Penning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr Sturgiss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr Woodman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Water Services Report

Item 1 Water Supply Update

Reporting Officer

Manager Water Services- Greg Finlayson

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of the current status of Goulburn's water supply.

Recommendation

That the report on the water supply update as at 26 January 2009 be noted.

Committee Recommendation **Cr Banfield/ Cr Penning**

That the report on the water supply update as at 26 January 2009 be noted.

Closed Session

Committee Recommendation **Cr O'Neill/ Cr Penning**

That the committee move into Closed Session to discuss the three Matters of Urgency referred to earlier in the meeting.

Note:

The Committee moved into Closed Session.

The three Matters of Urgency were discussed.

The Committee Resumed in Open Session.

Open Session

Committee Recommendation **Cr O'Neill/ Cr Penning**

That the verbal update in relation to the following two matters be received and noted:

- 1. Saleyards –verbal update on progress*
- 2. Airport –verbal update on progress with the sale*

That the Councillors note the verbal responses to their questions about the correspondence regarding Ardmore Park recently received from a legal firm.

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Meeting Closed: 8.35pm

Confirmation

The Minutes were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2009 and at which these signatures were endorsed.

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Cr Carol James
(Chairperson Presiding)

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Mr Luke Johnson
(General Manager)