

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL

23 MARCH 2010

### PRESENT

Cr Patterson (Mayor/Chairperson), Cr Anderson, Cr Cagney, Cr Campbell, Cr Cottrell, Cr Dewbery, Cr Funnell, Cr Symkowiak, Cr Warren

### STAFF

General Manager, Director Governance, Director Development and Health, Director Works and Services, Manager Corporate Services, Manager Environmentally Sustainable Design, Manager Capital Works, Manager Environment and Health, Manager Strategic Planning, Manager Employee & Community Relations, Manager Development, Acting Manager Community Services (Civic Centre Coordinator), Manager Assets, Governance Officer.

### **APOLOGIES**

Resolution: There were no leave of absence to be granted.

ORD44/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Resolution: Councillor Campbell declared an interest in Item ORD02 regarding the construction of a commercial warehouse and residence in Argyle Street as Councillor Campbell and her husband are the owners of a business adjoining the property.

Councillor Patterson declared a pecuniary interest in Item ORD 02 regarding the construction of a commercial warehouse and residence in Argyle Street as Councillor Patterson's family are the owners of the Merino Tavern adjoining the property.

Moved Councillor Funnell, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that the declarations be noted.

ORD45/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

### **PUBLIC ADDRESSES**

Resolution: Councillor Campbell, having previously declared an Interest in Item ORD02, left the Chamber, the time being 6.03pm.

### **CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETING**

The Mayor, Councillor Patterson, having previously declared a Pecuniary Interest in Items ORD02 vacated the Chair and left the Chamber, the time being 6.03pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Warren assumed the role of Chairperson.

Mr Max Boardman addressed the Council in relation to Item ORD02.  
Mr Sandy Dekleva addressed the Council in relation to Item ORD02.

Councillor Campbell returned to the Chamber, the time being 6.10pm.

### **CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETING**

The Mayor, Councillor Patterson returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair, the time being 6.10pm.

Mr Ian Willis addressed the Council in relation to Item ORD03.  
Mr Ted Cassidy addressed the Council in relation to Item ORD01.

Moved Councillor Funnell, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that a two (2) minute extension be granted.

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

Ms Kim Dunlop addressed the Council in relation to Item ORD01.

Moved Councillor Funnell, Seconded Councillor Campbell that a two (2) minute extension be granted.

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

Miss Lyn Cairncross addressed the Council in relation to Item ORD01.

Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Dewbery that a one (1) minute extension be granted.

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

Moved Councillor Dewbery, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that the public addresses be noted.

ORD46/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolution: Moved Councillor Warren, Seconded Councillor Anderson that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 9 March 2010, and the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 8 March 2010, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

ORD47/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

**ORD01 ERECTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY INCLUDING A 25M HIGH MONOPOLE, ANTENNAE AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT CABIN AT NO 293 (LOT 77, DP 28380) EASTWOOD ROAD, LEPPINGTON**

Resolution: **MOTION**

Moved Councillor Funnell, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that Development Application 1078/2009 for the erection of a telecommunications facility including a 25 metre high monopole, antennae and ancillary equipment cabin at No 293 (Lot 77, DP 28380) Eastwood Road, Leppington be refused for the following reasons:

- i. Telstra have not fully researched alternative and more suitable sites;
- ii. if the telecommunications facility is to service 2000 extra people in a new subdivision then the obvious location is in that subdivision;
- iii. the owner of 293 Eastwood Road (Lot 77 DP28380), Leppington will not be affected by the telecommunications facility as it is located on the boundary of his property however his neighbours will be;
- iv. the lowering of the telecommunications facility from 35 metres to 25 metres is not the answer and could possibly create more problems with the jury still out regarding health issues;
- v. people in the area have unanimously opposed the telecommunications facility, with all saying they currently have good telephone reception;
- vi. Sixty five (65) public submissions have been received against the telecommunications facility;
- vii. perceived to be a rushed development for the broadband rollout;
- viii. due to the size, scale and bulk of the structure it is not compatible with the surrounding rural area.

ORD48/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

(Councillors Campbell, Cagney, Cottrell, Dewbery, Funnell, Patterson, Symkowiak, Warren voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillor Anderson voted against the Motion).

**ORD02 CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO STOREY BUILDING COMPRISING OF COMMERCIAL SHOE WAREHOUSE/ STORAGE AND CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE, NO 53 (LOT 13 DP 882815) ARGYLE STREET, CAMDEN**

Resolution: Councillor Campbell, having previously declared an Interest in Item ORD02, left the Chamber, the time being 7.10pm.

**CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETING**

The Mayor, Councillor Patterson, having previously declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item ORD02 vacated the Chair and left the Chamber, the time being 7.10pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Warren assumed the role of Chairperson.

### **MOTION**

Moved Councillor Dewbery, Seconded Councillor Funnell that Council:

- i. approve Development Application 524/2009 for the construction of a two storey warehouse and ancillary caretaker's residence at No 53 (Lot 13 DP 882815) Argyle Street, Camden subject to the imposition of the above draft conditions of consent; and
- ii. write to the owner/applicant advising that, given the proximity of the site to a hotel, a newsagency, public carpark, school and other noise generating activities, no action will be taken in relation to noise complaints made by the residents of the proposed dwelling associated with those uses.

ORD49/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

(Councillor Anderson, Cagney, Cottrell, Dewbery, Funnell, Symkowiak and Warren voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillor voted against the Motion).

*(Councillor Cagney left the Chamber, the time being 7.13pm.*

*Councillor Funnell left the Chamber, the time being 7.15pm.*

*Councillor Funnell returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.15pm.*

*Councillor Cagney returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.16pm).*

Councillor Campbell returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.24pm.

### **CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETING**

The Mayor, Councillor Patterson returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair, the time being 7.24pm.

**ORD03 STAGED SUBDIVISION OF LAND TO CREATE 97 RESIDENTIAL LOTS AND 2 RESIDUE LOTS - WORKS TO INCLUDE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS INCLUDING CARINYA COTTAGE, SITE REMEDIATION WORKS, TREE REMOVAL, LANDFORMING AND CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE WORK AT NO 3A (LOT 92 DP 1051164) STEWART STREET, HARRINGTON PARK**

Resolution: **MOTION**

Moved Councillor Funnell, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that Council:

- i. approve Development Application No 917/2009 for the purpose of a staged

subdivision of land to create 97 residential lots and 2 residue lots. Works to also include demolition of various structures, including Carinya cottage, removal of various trees, remediation of land, bulk earth works, roads, associated infrastructure, landscaping works and access pathway at 3A (Lot 92 DP 1051164) Stewart Street, Harrington Park;

- ii. endorse the Residential 1 and Residential 2 land classifications with a view to include the subdivision plan within the precinct plan of Camden Development Control Plan 2006 and to incorporate this plan into the draft amendments being made to Camden Development Control Plan 2006 in association with a review necessitated through the making of Camden Local Environmental Plan 2010 and subsequently within the first review of the Camden Local Environmental Plan; and
- iii. endorse the Building Design Guidelines for specific allotments within the proposed subdivision with a view to incorporating the relevant aims and objectives within the draft amendments being made to Camden Development Control Plan 2006 for the purpose of protecting the visual impact of Narellan Struggletown Conservation Area.
- iv. write to the Local MP, Mr Geoff Corrigan, requesting he contact Sydney Water requesting the allocation of sewerage to Sharman Place and Stewart Street, Harrington Park.

ORD50/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

(Councillors Dewbery, Funnell, Patterson, Symkowiak and Warren voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cagney and Cottrell voted against the Motion).

#### **ORD04 ACCREDITATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Resolution: Moved Councillor Warren, Seconded Councillor Funnell that:

- i. A fee under the heading of Construction Certificate (Private Assessors engaged by Council) be included in the 2010/2011 Fees and Charges document comprising:
  - Contractor's fee (Construction Certificate plus inspections)
  - plus \$100.00 including GST (Council administration fee), and be publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days.
- ii. A further report be provided to Council after that time, seeking a direction in regard to the adoption of the fee into the 2010/2011 Fees and Charges.
- iv. Council pay the annual accreditation fees for all building professionals and incorporate allowance into the 2011/12 budget accordingly with the fees for certification work increased to recoup that cost.
- v. Council write to the Building Professionals Board and the Minister for Planning requesting the renewal fee be maintained at a low level or abolished totally due to the negative effect on housing affordability and the development industry and the fact that the operations of the Board are currently subsidised through the levy

imposed on Development Applications.

ORD51/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

**ORD05 ADOPTION OF THE 2010/11 MANAGEMENT PLAN & BUDGET**

Resolution: Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council:

- i. adopt the 2010/11 Management Plan and Program Budget and changes as outlined in this report and as set out below:
  - Expenditure totalling \$86,414,600 as summarised in the 2010/11 Management Plan and Program Budget and that the funds to cover such expenditure be voted,
  - Approve the transfer of \$106,600 from the 2009/10 budget surplus to fund the 2010/11 budget deficit,
  - The 2010/11 Discretionary List of unfunded Works and Services,
  - The 2010/11 Fees and Charges and the amended Fees and Charges for the issuing of prevention notices,
  - The continuation of the Stormwater Management Levy as outlined in this report and program of works in the 2010/11 Management Plan,
- ii. adopt a 2.60% rate increase under Section 506 of the Local Government Act, in accordance with the Minister's Allowable Limit which was announced on the 16 February 2010.
- iii. approve the application to the Minister for Local Government for a 4.50% rate increase to fund a Community Infrastructure Renewal Program under Section 508(2) (Category 2) of the Local Government Act
- iv. adopt the transfer of \$744,300 from the Working Funds Reserve to fund the 2010/11 budget.
- v. in accordance with Section 537(b) of the Local Government Act, 1993, note the percentage of base amount to total yield for the 2010/11 financial year for each class of rate is:

Residential	49.43%
Business	11.79%
Farmland Intensive	23.28%
Farmland Ordinary	21.73%

- vi. adopt the following ad valorem rates to be levied on the land value of all rateable assessments for 2010/11 financial year:

Residential	0.214922
Business	0.580289
Farmland Intensive	0.193430
Farmland Ordinary	0.107461

vii. adopt a base amount of \$585.00 to be levied for each rateable assessment for the 2010/11 financial year.

ORD52/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

#### **ORD06 LIGHT UP CAMDEN**

Resolution: **MOTION**

Moved Councillor Warren, Seconded Councillor Funnell that Council allocate \$3000 from Ward Funds, as requested by the Camden Chamber of Commerce, to celebrate 'Light Up Camden Festival 2010'.

ORD53/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

#### **ORD07 INVESTMENT MONIES**

Resolution: Moved Councillor Warren, Seconded Councillor Anderson that:

- i. Council note that the Principal Accounting Officer has certified that all investments held by Council have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations, and Council's Investment Policy.
- ii. the list of investments for February 2010 be noted.
- iii. the weighted average interest rate return of 5.30% p.a. for the month of February 2010 be noted.

ORD54/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

#### **ORD08 COMMUNITY FACILITIES LICENCE RENEWALS**

Resolution: Moved Councillor Warren, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council renew the licence agreement based on the prevailing fees and charges for:

- i. Families in Partnership for an office in Harrington Park Community Centre for 12 months, taking the licence to March 2011;
- ii. Macarthur District Temporary Family Care for an office in Harrington Park Community Centre for 12 months and for the use of an office at Narellan Library for 12 months, taking the licences to March 2011;
- iii. Community Links Wollondilly for an office in Currans Hill Community Centre for 12 months, taking the licence to March 2011;
- iv. Sylvandale Foundation for an office in Narellan Community Centre for 12 months, taking the licence to March 2011;

- v. Camden Community Connections for use of the small meeting room at Narellan Community Centre for 12 months and for an office at Narellan Library for 12 months, taking the licences to March 2011; and
- vi. Sector Connect for an office at Mount Annan Community Cottage for 12 months, taking the licence to March 2011.

ORD55/10 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

### **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

#### **Council Budget Brochure**

Cr Campbell asked if Councillors are aware that the brochure regarding the budget was hand delivered to anyone who happened to look like they belonged to the central business district, thrown out into the gardens in some areas on a weekend when it rained. Unlike the newspapers, the brochure was not in a plastic sleeve. In other areas, the brochure was also placed into the letterboxes rolled in a bundle of at least 10 other brochures with an elastic band around it.

#### **Bus Shelter – Elyard Street, Narellan**

Cr Warren asked if there were plans to construct a bus shelter located on Elyard Street, Narellan opposite Narellan Town Centre on the Library side and if so is there a duration of time this bus shelter would be completed.

The Director Works & Services stated in the recent upgrade of the park a concrete slab was place there to construct a bus shelter on. Currently, there are plans to include a bus shelter in this location. Council is seeking to obtain a pricing on a dual length bus shelter approximately 6 metres in length. Council will install the bus shelter in 6-8 weeks upon receiving this pricing.

Cr Warren requested a memorandum be sent to Councillors with an update on the procedures in relation to this matter.

#### **Parking Restrictions Camden Showground**

Cr Dewbery asked if there are any parking restrictions, other than when the Camden Show is being conducted, down at the Show ground.

The General Manager stated there are no parking restrictions in that area and therefore it is unlimited parking. Council has promoted from time to time to the Camden Chamber of Commerce that it would be an ideal spot for business owners to park as they could park all day.

The Mayor added Elizabeth Street, from Beaurepairs down and the whole of Edward Street is completely untimed.

#### **Old Camden High School Site**



Cr Funnell asked have we had any movement on the old high school site?

### **Argyle Street Medium Strip**

Cr Funnell asked what is going to happen with the ongoing maintenance of the medium strip in the main street of Camden?

Cr Funnell requested if Council could place small "Please don't walk in the garden" signs placed at ground level in the gardens located in the median strip.

Cr Funnell asked if the lights in the main street median strip only be used on special occasions?

### **Bicentennial Equestrian Centre & Town Farm**

Cr Funnell drew attention to Council staff advising them that the Equestrian Park and Town Farm have hire facilities for parties, christenings, family functions and in fact for all occasions.

### **After Hours Phone Answering Service – Camden Council**

Cr Funnell asked if anyone tried to use the after hours phone answering service of Council? It is appalling. Cr Funnell stated was Council aware that he tried to use it with absolutely no success on Saturday 13 March, 2010 when someone was pumping out the Council pool water onto the Showground where exhibitors were setting up for the Camden Show. The Showground was flooded. Cr Funnell thanked the Manager of Capital Works for attending the site and apologised for ringing Council staff after hours.

### **Oran Park – Dumping of Rubbish**

Cr Funnell asked have we had any further development on rubbish being dumped at Oran Park?

### **Parking Signs – John Street, Camden**

Cr Funnell requested how long will it take to get the parking signs made for John Street. Two (2) parking position were approved 2-3 months ago.

### **Camden Show**

Cr Funnell asked is Council aware that last years Camden Show was a record allegedly never to be equalled again, although this year the record was outstripped well and truly. The Show Committee was very grateful to the enthusiasm and wanted to convey thanks to the General Manager and the Engineering Department for the effort that was placed in making the Show such a success. There were concerns of the Toyota Hilux event not going ahead. The event was an absolute success.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.32PM.**