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Present: Cr Corrigan (Mayor/Chairperson), Cr Anderson, Cr Patterson, Cr Campbell, Cr Winn, Cr Batros, Cr Fekete, Cr McFadden.

Staff: General Manager, Director Governance & Outcomes, Director Development & Environment, Director Works & Services, Manager Outcomes, Senior Governance Officer.

Apology: An apology was received from Cr S Senise from this meeting.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Anderson that leave of absence be granted to Cr Senise for this meeting.

017/02 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

GENERAL PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were no Public Addresses.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no Public Questions.

MAYORAL MINUTE - UDIA National Conference

Councillors were advised in November last year of the UDIA National Conference to be held on March 18-21, 2002 in Perth. The theme of the conference is TIME which addresses Technology, Innovation, Management and Excellence in development. In addition to addresses by national and international speakers on current and future trends and best practice in development, delegates have the opportunity to inspect some of Perth's award winning urban developments. This includes Ascot Waters, a community of 1,000 people within a medium density urban form and winner of the UDIA National Award for Residential development in 2001, Ellenbrook a suburb which on completion will house 30,000 people in 10,500 houses with a town centre, district centre and 3 neighbourhood centres which was the 2001 UDIA National award winner for planned communities. In addition to release area planning, redevelopment areas of East Perth, St James Estate and Subi Centro will be inspected, all of which have won State or National awards for excellence. Mr Evan Jones, the recently appointed Director Sydney Planning at PlanningNSW will address the conference on Emerging Design and Development Issues.

In view of the announcement by the State Government of investigation of options for urban release in the Bringelly area, a position this Council opposes due to its inconsistency with our

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Strategic and Structure Plan, it is important that Councillors and staff maintain an awareness of leading edge residential development issues. Attendance at this conference provides an opportunity for delegates to gain this information.

For this reason, four Councillors and four staff members have registered as delegates for the conference. Advantage of “early bird” discounts for registration and airfares has been taken with the cost of travel secured for \$490 return airfare and registration for \$1290.

Mr Gary Prattley, Executive Director, Metropolitan Planning at PlanningNSW formerly headed the Western Australian Planning Department and has invited Council’s delegates to attend an inspection of sites that he feels have application to the Bringelly investigation area. It is considered critical that Councillors and staff have input in any developments proposed by the State Government to ensure the interests of Camden’s residents are protected and enhanced. It is for this reason that I seek Council’s endorsement of the Councillor’s attendance.

Recommended: That Council approve attendance at the UDIA conference in Perth from March 18-21, 2001 by Councillors Corrigan, McFadden, Patterson and Winn.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn that Council approve attendance at the UDIA conference in Perth from March 18-21, 2001 by Councillors Corrigan, McFadden, Patterson and Winn.

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(Cr Campbell, Cr Batros & Cr McFadden voted against the Motion).

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved on the Motion of Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Winn that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 29th January, 2002, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

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*THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.*

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Deed of Indemnity – 7 (Lot 298 DP 852594) Denbigh

Place, Harrington Park

(2278.70) (Director, Governance & Outcomes)

Council has received a building application from the owners of the above premises for the construction of a 9.4 sq metre storage shed. The storage shed will be constructed over a small portion of an existing easement to drain water 1.5 metres wide.

There is no objection to the construction of the shed, however, in the event of any remedial work required to be undertaken on the pipeline within the easement, Council has requested a Deed of Indemnity be prepared indemnifying Council against any costs for such work.

A Deed has been drawn up, with the main conditions being:

- The owner will indemnify Council against any claims made arising from the erection of the shed on that part of the land burdened by the easement.
- The owner will be responsible for all costs arising from the existence of the storage shed on the easement should Council be required at any time to enter the easement to effect maintenance or repair work.
- The owner will be responsible for all costs for the removal and replacing of the storage shed constructed over the easement.
- The shed shall not interfere with the functioning of the easement and shall be erected in accordance with the plans to be approved by Council.

In addition, the Deed of Indemnity will be registered on the Title of the property to ensure future owners of the property are aware of the restrictions on the title.

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The owners have consented to and have signed their copy of the Deed. It is now necessary for Council to agree to the action and resolve to affix the Seal to the necessary Indemnity and Land Title documents.

Recommended: That Council agree to enter into the Deed of Indemnity in relation to 7 (Lot 298 DP 852594) Denbigh Place Harrington Park as outlined and affix the Council Seal to all necessary legal documentation.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Batros that Council agree to enter into the Deed of Indemnity in relation to 7 (Lot 298 DP 852594) Denbigh Place Harrington Park as outlined and affix the Council Seal to all necessary legal documentation.

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2. Kings Bush Regeneration Project

(File 3150.190) (Director Works and Services)

Objective

To consider grant monies from the Environmental Trust under the 'State and Local Government Restoration and Rehabilitation Program' for the regeneration of Kings Bush, Camden.

Background

Council will recall allocating \$40,000 in the 2000/2001 Management Plan to 'offset' a grant application to the Natural Heritage Trust to assist in restoring Kings Bush; the subsequent failure of that same grant application and Council's further resolution 169/00 of 27th November 2000 to;

- (i) *Council submit the Kings Bush Regeneration Project \$40,000 and Belgenny Reserve \$20,000 Tree Protection Project for consideration as a Work for the Dole Program.*
- (ii) *Should the application be successful, Council re-allocate the noted funding for these two projects to the Work for the Dole Program.*

Whilst the Work for the Dole program in restoring these sites has been proceeding satisfactorily, further grant opportunities have been pursued as they have arisen.

Latest Grant Submission

In July 2001 a grant application was lodged with the Environmental Trust's 'State and Local Government Restoration Program' requesting \$36,400 to assist in regenerating Kings Bush.

Funding requested was to provide for specialist bush regeneration and weed control activities including:

- Cut stump for larger woody weeds
- Stem injection for woody tree species
- Hand weeding for weed seedings
- Spraying for exotic grass and herb species.

Subsequent regeneration would be closely monitored and supplemented with additional planting of native endemic species where necessary, consistent with original riparian forest structure and Council's conservation objectives identified in the adopted Kings Bush Plan of Management. 2001.

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On December 17, 2001 Council was advised this application had been successful.

Financial Impact

Grant monies for the 'State and Local Government Restoration and Rehabilitation Program' are issued on a 1:1 funding contribution basis. The balance of funds remaining from the original project allocation (approximately \$33,000), together with the monetary values of volunteer 'works in kind', is sufficient to fulfil Council's financial contribution under the Environmental Trust's Grant Program obligations.

Comment

Acceptance of the offered grant funding will enhance Council's capacity to conserve significant forest remnants in Kings Bush without imposing an additional burden on existing programs.

The works prescribed under the grant will complement the activities of the Work for the Dole Program which does not have specialist bush regeneration capabilities.

Given the degraded condition of vegetation within Kings Bush reserve, the variety of weed infestation and nutrient loading sources; further maintenance and capital funding may be expected. The uptake of this initial funding will provide some insight into the 'regeneration' potential of the riparian forest and enable more precisely costed management programs to be developed.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council accept grant funding of \$36,400 under the Environmental Trusts State and Local Government Restoration and Rehabilitation Program for Kings Bush Reserve, Camden.
- (ii) The General Manager be given delegated authority to finalise grant acceptance with the Environmental Trust.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Batros, seconded Cr McFadden that

- (i) Council accept grant funding of \$36,400 under the Environmental Trusts State and Local Government Restoration and Rehabilitation Program for Kings Bush Reserve, Camden.*
- (ii) The General Manager be given delegated authority to finalise grant acceptance with the Environmental Trust.*

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3. Donation Request

(894/11) (Director Works and Services)

Robert Marks a resident of Mount Annan has written to Council requesting a donation to support expenses incurred in representing Australia in the 'School Sport Federations World School Games' to be held in France May/June 2002.

He is 15 years old and is one of only 20 people Australia wide to be selected. He will be competing in the 100m and 4 x 100m relay. The cost of the trip is approximately \$4000.

Related Policy: Community Support Policy – Donations to Gifted Persons 2.1.1

Robert meets the criteria outlined in the above policy. It is recommended that he be granted the maximum amount (\$250) permissible under the policy.

Recommended: That Robert Marks be granted the maximum amount (\$250) permissible under the policy 'Donations to Gifted Persons 2.1.1'.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Winn that Robert Marks be granted the maximum amount (\$250) permissible under the policy 'Donations to Gifted Persons 2.1.1'.

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Delegated Committees

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – Held 29 January, 2002
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – Held 11 February, 2002
RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – Held 11
February, 2002

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Batros, seconded Cr McFadden, that
the Minutes of the Delegated Committees, copies of which have
been circulated, be confirmed.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Burger King Site – Mount Annan (DA5127.150)

Cr McFadden advised work still had not recommence at this site since Christmas. Are there any indications when work will recommence.

The Director Development & Environment stated there was no indication this time. Council is not certifying authority, however a phone contact will be made to provide the information.

Petrol Spill – Woolworths Service Station, Narellan
(PF1300.1090)

Cr Batros requested details of the recent petrol leak at Woolworths Narellan, whereby 350 litres of petrol allegedly flowed into the Nepean River.

The Director Development & Environment stated staff were called to an incident on Friday evening, whereby petrol bowsers at the service station were fractured below the cut off valve. The Fire Brigade and Emergency Services crews successfully contained the leak with no fuel reaching the River.

Toilet Block – Macarthur Park (PF5400.150)

Cr Winn requested the toilet block in Macarthur Park be inspected and maintenance provided, such as painting etc.

The Director Works & Services said this work will be attended to.

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Macarthur Bridge – Graffiti (TC/4149)

Cr Winn drew attention to the graffiti underneath the Macarthur Bridge and requested attention.

The Director Works & Services advised the matter will be investigated.

Clean Up Australia Day (TC/2751)

Cr Winn asked is the Clean Up Australia Day being publicised as widely as in the past.

The Director Development & Environment stated a number of people have volunteered for the day and the activities are being publicised.

Development Controls – Camden (TC/491)

Cr Campbell requested to be provided with an outline of the decision making process used by Development & Outcomes Staff in the Camden and Narellan business areas, in relation to Development Applications.

The General Manager stated the information will be provided.

Rural Women’s Network (TC/653)

Cr Campbell drew attention to the recent application by the Camden branch of the Rural Women’s Network to host the 2003 Annual Conference at the Elizabeth Macarthur Institute. It was recently announced Temora was the successful applicant. Could Council write and congratulate Beverley Clark on the application and the initiative shown.

The General Manager stated this will be undertaken.

Public Liability Insurance (TC/920)

Cr Campbell requested Council write a letter to the Federal Government and Opposition requesting the introduction of a National Public Liability Insurance Scheme to assist Community Associations in holding Community events and functions, etc.

The Mayor stated this matter should be the subject of a specific Notice of Motion.

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Attendance at Council's Conferences (TC/653)

Cr Campbell drew attention to recent right of reply to the Mayoral Minute in which, it was noted Cr Patterson has attended several LGSA Workshops. Cr Campbell stated that as Mayor and with Cr Fekete as Deputy Mayor they attended one Local Government Course since 1999 which was required, prior to the review of the General Manager's contract.

The Mayor stated Council was aware of this fact.

Country Web Network (TC/3539)

Cr Campbell requested Council investigate the opportunities to promote Camden through the Country Web Network.

The General Manager stated the matter will be investigated.

Attendance at Conferences (TC/653)

Cr Patterson drew attention to the two conferences attended in the past 14 months as a Councillor being Pecuniary Interest and "Win – Win Outcome" Outcomes Workshops held by the Local Government Association.

The Mayor noted these conferences.

"Don't Be A Tosser" Campaign (TC/3287)

Cr Patterson drew attention to the EPA Campaign regarding "Don't Be A Tosser", and requested information on Council's involvement in the Campaign.

The Director Development & Environment stated Council is involved in the Campaign with advertisements being placed in local papers and a banner being displayed recently on the Narellan Road Bridge. Council is actively working with the EPA on this matter.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm.