

**STRATEGIC COMMITTEE
MEETING**

12 MAY 2009

Minutes of the Strategic Committee Meeting of the Great Lakes Council held at the Council Chambers, Breese Parade, Forster on Tuesday, 12 May 2009 commencing at 9.35am.

Present Councillor Jan McWilliams (Chairperson) Clrs L Gill,
K Hutchinson, C McCaskie, L Roberts, J Stephens, M Tuffy,
L Vaughan and J Weate.

In Attendance General Manager - Keith O'Leary, Acting Director
Engineering Services - Greg Pitt, Director Planning &
Environmental Services - Glenn Handford and Director
Corporate & Community Services - Steve Embry.

Apologies Nil.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES - STRATEGIC COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 14 APRIL 2009

034 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Strategic Committee Meeting of 14 April 2009, copies of which were distributed among the Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

(Gill/Hutchinson)

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT ATTACHED DATED 12 MAY 2009

Item: D1
Subject: Draft Forster Civic Precinct Master Plan

Presentations were given by the following:

City Plan - Mr Paul Walter

Mr Walter recapped on the Master Plan process, Community Consultation and features of the Master Plan.

The **Director Corporate & Community Services** provided a briefing on funding options.

Forster Neighbourhood Centre - Ms Trish Wallace

Ms Wallace provided a presentation on the requirements of the Forster Neighbourhood Centre. A copy of the presentation was tabled.

Architect for the Owners of Old Primary School Site - Mr Kevin Snell

Mr Snell presented an alternative Master Plan for an enlarged site referred to as Option 3 in the draft Master Plan and answered questions raised.

Spinners & Wavers Club - Mrs Frances Sheen

Mrs Sheen enquired as to available space for the use by their Club.

Friends of Great Lakes Library Service (FOGLLS) - Mrs Audrey Semon

Mrs Semon spoke on behalf of the FOGLLS in support of a library within the Master Plan.

Mr Brett Bramble spoke supporting his submission to provide youth facilities within the Master Plan.

Mr Jim Harrison addressed on behalf of the Great Lakes Gem & Mineral Club requesting space to build a workshop cabinet and display area for gemstones and minerals. Mr Harrison tabled his submission.

Moved by Clr Gill and seconded by Clr Weate that:

- A. The Forster Civic Precinct Master Plan be adopted by Council with amendments outlined within this report.
- B. Council schedule a workshop to determine the land uses and facilities to be incorporated into the Precinct Competition Brief.
- C. Following the workshop in item 'B', Council investigate funding options for the undertaking of an architectural competition as outlined in Section 3.6 Competition Brief in the Master Plan.

035 RESOLVED that the debate on this matter be deferred until later in the meeting.

(Hutchinson/McCaskie)

Council adjourned for lunch 12.30pm.

Council reconvened at 1.20pm.

Resumption of Debate on Civic Precinct Master Plan

Mr P Walter, City Plan provided a response on the alternative proposal submitted by the Owners of the old School Site.

Mr K Snell representing the owner of the Old School Site provided a response to issues raised in relation to the alternative Master Plan proposal.

An amendment was moved by Clr Roberts and seconded by Clr McCaskie that:

- A. That Council support in principle the Forster Civic Precinct Master Plan and thank City Plan for their work. Further that Council explore Option 3 being an expanded area to include the Old School Site, Department of Education Site, Courthouse and Police Station Site.
- B. Council schedule a workshop to determine the land uses and facilities to be incorporated into the Precinct Competition Brief.

- C. Following the workshop in item 'B', Council investigate funding options for the undertaking of an architectural competition as outlined in Section 3.6 Competition Brief in the Master Plan.
- D. That the owners of the Old School Site (included in Option 3) be asked to submit further detail on their alternative Master Plan concept within six months showing:
- The benefit to Council and the public.
 - The model of ownership of the buildings as per their draft alternative Master Plan.
 - The relative value of the land involved.
 - A timeline.
 - Costing and financial contribution possibilities.
 - The funding model and income opportunities associated with the Botanical Gardens proposal.
 - Tourism potential of the Botanical Gardens proposal.
 - Potential for any Carbon Credits from the Botanical Gardens.
- E. That the General Manager facilitate a meeting with City Plan and the Old School Site Owners and their Architect to discuss the alternative Master Plan proposal.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried.

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993 a division is required to be called whenever a planning decision is put at a Council or committee meeting. Accordingly, the Chairperson called for a division in respect of the amendment, the results of which were as follows:

FOR VOTE - Clr Roberts, Clr Tuffy, Clr Stephens, Clr McCaskie, Clr Vaughan, Clr McWilliams

AGAINST VOTE - Clr Weate, Clr Gill, Clr Hutchinson

The amendment became the substantive motion and was carried.

The results of this division were as follows:

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AGAINST VOTE - Clr Weate, Clr Gill, Clr Hutchinson

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT ATTACHED DATED 12 MAY 2009

Item: I1

Subject: I1 - Monthly Works Progress Report

037 RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(Hutchinson/Gill)

LATE BUSINESS

038 RESOLVED that authority be given to Clr Gill to attend the Public Libraries NSW - Country Symposium and Annual General Meeting in Parkes, NSW on 25/26 June 2009.

(Vaughan/Gill)

039 RESOLVED that Council nominate Clr Vaughan as Council's delegate to Arts Mid North Coast.

(Weate/Gill)

The meeting closed at 3.06 pm.

CHAIRMAN