

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on **Tuesday, 18 December 2007** in the Council Chambers, Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy, commencing at 7.18 p.m.

OPENING

Mayor Steve Baines welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Present

Mayor Steve Baines

Councillors

Cr A Morgan, Cr G Sykes,
Cr P Athanasiadis, Cr T Doulgeris,
and Cr K Woon.

In Attendance

T McLeod, Chief Executive Officer
P Van Poorten, Water Supply Manager
G Norton, Electricity Supply
D Zechner, Works Manager
J Williams, Executive Assistant

2. APOLOGIES

Moved: Cr K Woon

Seconded: Cr T Doulgeris

C103-07

That the apologies of Councillor M Maylin and Councillor B Staines be accepted.

CARRIED

3. PROCEEDINGS

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Council Meeting – 20th November 2007

Moved: Cr A Morgan

Seconded: Cr G Sykes

C104-07

That the minutes of the Council meeting of 20th November 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

3.2 BUSINESS ARISING - Nil

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

This year has been a busy one for Council and some great accomplishments have been made. Coober Pedy now has a five year strategic plan which gives us clear direction as to what we want to achieve and how we want to see our town in five years time. I look forward to working with Council next year as we implement the recommendations and strategies that are outlined in the strategic plan.

The final report of the Coober Pedy Townsafe Strategy is now before Council with a recommendation from the Townsafe Committee. It has been extremely clear during this process as to what the community see as priorities for the expenditure of the capital works component of this grant, CCTV and additional main street lighting. I believe the committee and the consultant have done a great job in formulating this strategy, and hope that Council will endorse the recommendations contained within the report.

I commend the new Councillors for the effort that they made in formulating the 2007/2008 budget. It is always a time consuming and daunting task especially when it is the first one you have been involved in. Council remains in a good financial position as a result of good budgeting and exceptional financial management, and starts 2008 in a position that allows us to meet all of our expectations.

I wish take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for Christmas and I hope you have a very happy and prosperous 2008.

Moved: Cr G Sykes

Seconded: Cr P Athanasiadis

C105-07

That the Mayor's Report be accepted by Council.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

5.1. WORKS

5.1.1 Works Department Report For The Month Of November

Received and Noted

5.1.2 Runway Reseal Report

Received and Noted

5.2. ELECTRICITY

5.2.1 Electricity Report For The Month Of November

Received and Noted

5.3. WATER/SEWERAGE

5.3.1 Water Supply Report For The Month Of November

Received and Noted

5.3.2 Water Supply Totals For The Month Of November

Received and Noted

5.4. COMMUNITY/ENVIRONMENT

5.4.1 Business Support Officer Report For The Month Of November

Received and Noted

5.4.2 FNEDO Report For The Month Of November

Received and Noted

5.4.3 Environmental Health Officer Report

Received and Noted

5.5. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

5.5.1 Adoption Of Audited 2006/2007 Financial Statements

Moved: Cr A Morgan

Seconded: Cr K Woon

C106-07

That the District Council of Coober Pedy adopts the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2007 and that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer sign the Adoption Statement accordingly.

CARRIED

5.5.2 Adoption Of 2006/2007 Annual Report

Moved: Cr T Doulgeris

Seconded: Cr A Morgan

C107-07

That the District Council of Coober Pedy adopt the 2006/2007 Annual Report.

CARRIED

5.5.3 Adoption Of Strategic Plan

Moved: Cr T Doulgeris

Seconded: Cr A Morgan

C108-07

That Council formally adopt the District Council of Coober Pedy Strategic Plan 2007-2008.

CARRIED

5.5.4 Audit Committee

Moved: Cr T Doulgeris

Seconded: Cr G Sykes

C109-07

That Council's Audit Committee be comprised of Councillor Alex Morgan, Councillor Kevin Woon, Mr Peter Lane and Mr Forrest Holder and that remuneration be set at \$100 per member per meeting.

CARRIED

5.5.5 Letter From Geoff Breust

Received and Noted

5.5.6 Letter Of Support - Mining Claim Exemption

Moved: Cr A Morgan

Seconded: Cr G Sykes

C110-07

That Council provides a letter to Primary Industries and Resources SA supporting the application by Ms Katherine Hope to have Precious Stones Claim 71128 exempted from the provisions of the Precious Stones Field.

CARRIED

5.5.7 Consideration Of Tenders For CCTV

Moved: Cr K Woon

Seconded: Cr G Sykes

C111-07

That in accordance with the recommendation of the Places for People Steering Committee, Council accept the tender quotation from Hurtado Security in the amount of \$53,688.30 (excl. GST) for the purchase and installation of a CCTV system in Hutchison Street and that the remaining funds be applied to the purchase and installation of additional street lighting in Hutchison Street.

CARRIED

5.5.8 Bank Reconcilliation As At 30th November 2007

Received and Noted

5.5.9 Payments For The Month Of November 2007

Received and Noted

6. DEPUTATIONS

COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS – Beginning at 8.00 pm – 30 Minutes Maximum.
(members of the public welcome, His Worship will allow each speaker 5 minutes to present their discussion topic to Council).

Mr G Atkins read a letter from Mr and Mrs RJ Hamblyn noting two points of concern.

1. Their support for Ms K Hope's application for a Mining Claim Exemption.
2. A complaint of ongoing generator noise from a property on Koska Street.

7. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – Nil

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

9. PETITIONS – Nil

10. MOTIONS ON NOTICE - Nil

11. DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr A Morgan – Coober Pedy Hospital Board

Advised that the Bill to enable Country Health SA to assume responsibility for governance/administration of the Coober Pedy Hospital has passed in the Lower House and is now before the Upper House.

Also that the Multi-Purpose Services Project consultation process has begun. This project aims to bring together the local health and aged care services under one management structure.

Cr K Woon – Drive in Committee

Advised that the Drive in will re-open in late January or early February.

12. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – 15th January 2008

13. CLOSURE – 8.35 pm

