

SHIRE OF MOORA
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOORA
2 MARCH 2018

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I. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

I.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 11.04am and welcomed members of the public.

I.2 DISCLAIMER READING

The Shire President read aloud to the meeting the disclaimer;

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Moora for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting.

It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ATTENDANCE

| | | |
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| KM Seymour | - | Presiding Member / President |
| LC House | - | Councillor / Deputy President |
| TG Humphry | - | Councillor |
| DV Clydesdale-Gebert | - | Councillor |
| PF Nixon | - | Councillor |
| El Hamilton | - | Councillor |
| TL Lefroy | - | Councillor |
| DT Trevaskis | - | Deputy Chief Executive Officer |

PUBLIC

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| Nicole Reichelt | Zoe Joyce | Bronwyn Brown | Kaye Lewis |
| Shane Love MLA | Kaye McGlew | Brian Watson | Ann Watson |
| Audrey Brown | Peter Camplin | Mandy Grieger | Jill Tonkin |
| Scott Clayton | Andrea Cockman | Frances Hill | Tracey Errington |
| Jane Marwick | Jenny Rodan | Bill Lullfitz | Peter Van der Ende |
| Frank Lewis | Jessica Hayes | Matthew Humphreys | |

APOLOGIES

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| PJ Bellamy | - | Councillor |
| JM Thomas | - | Councillor |

3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mrs Andrea Cockman

Asked a question concerning the status of the Save Moora Residential College Campaign.

Shire President, Cr Seymour responded that the Shire has achieved many outcomes but with varied success in influencing any change on the decision. The Shire today will commit further money to the campaign.

Mrs Andrea Cockman

Can the Shire purchase the Residential College building?

Shire President, this would be the last option for the Shire.

Mrs Bronwyn Brown

Question about the future strategies to fight the decision to close the college.

President & Deputy President confirmed funds will be allocated at today's meeting to be used in the campaign including organising another rally to be held at Parliament House on 13/03/2018.

Mrs Jenny Rodan

Asked if the campaign could be more positive and include less negative remarks about the different political parties.

Cr Nixon agrees with this approach and added after a positive meeting with Alannah MacTiernan recently, the Shire is awaiting a response.

Ms Frances Hill

What is motivating the Government's decision to close the college?

Shire President advised we have been told – Budget Repair.

Members of the public and councillors directed several questions to Shane Love MLA concerning the decision to close the college and if he and his colleagues can continue to ask questions of the Government in both the upper and lower house of Parliament demanding justification for the decision to close the Residential College which he answered.

It was also asked why can't a copy of the original business case that was received by Cabinet when the announcement was made by Peter Collier in Moora approving an 8.7M rebuild be available to the Public.

Shane Love confirmed this document was a supporting document passed through Cabinet and therefore confidential.

Mr Peter Van der Ende asked if a community group paid for the construction of the Residential College.

Shire President - I have investigated and can't confirm if there was any community financial contribution for the building of the college.

Ms Mandy Grieger asked as a parent of a boarding student at the college if the Shire would cover the operating costs of the college.

Shire President - this would be a last resort and needs to be investigated further.

Public question time concluded at 12.00pm

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, David Trevaskis provided an Officer Background / Comments:

To date the Shire of Moora has committed \$13,700.

\$9,500 (ex GST) to Hunter Communications for the “Lobbying Campaign Strategy”

\$4,200 (ex GST) to Lucid Economics for the “Economic Impact Assessment”

\$13,700 total

In the Shire’s Annual Budget Review 31 January 2018, Council allowed for a total of \$30,000 (ex GST) to be spent towards the Campaign. This money was previously allocated for the Clontarf School Contribution which will not be required this financial year.

The remaining allocated 17/18 budget expenditure is \$16,300

Council can also decide to commit a further \$21,000 which is unspent and which was previously allocated to “Economic Development Strategy” costs. Council can decide to make this adjustment which would leave a total \$37,300 still available to be spent on the campaign.

Cr House stated intentions of Shire to form a committee which will...

- organise a rally on 13/03/18 (first day upper house sits in 2018).
- Continue to pressure ministers
- Establish a website savemooracollege.com which will include video’s and other information about the campaign.

Cr Humphry asked for confirmation of what money was allowed for as part of the budget Review.

Deputy CEO confirmed \$30,000 was assigned to the campaign of which \$13,700 has been spent.

4. SAVE MOORA RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE CAMPAIGN SUB-COMMITTEE

Motion I

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

23/18 Moved Cr House, seconded Cr Nixon Council resolve to form a sub-committee to coordinate the Save Moora Residential College campaign and rally to be held at Parliament House on 13 March 2018; and

Cr Humphry and Cr House be appointed to the sub-committee and allow them to engage special advisors and two community members as required to assist with the campaign.

CARRIED 7/0

Motion 2**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

24/18 Moved Cr Lefroy, seconded Cr Hamilton that the Save Moora Residential College sub-committee are authorised and delegated to spend up to \$15,000 on campaign activities whilst adhering to the Shire of Moora's purchasing policy procedures.

CARRIED 7/0

Motion 3**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

25/18 Moved Cr Clydesdale-Gebert, seconded Cr Humphry that the 2017/18 budget be amended to allocate a further \$22,300 towards the Save Moora Residential College Campaign. This money will be sourced from unspent monies originally allocated to the Shire Economic Development Strategy.

CARRIED 7/0

Motion 4**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

26/18 Moved Cr Hamilton, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert that a Go Fund Me page is to be set up by the Shire to raise more funds for the Save Moora Residential Campaign.

CARRIED 7/0

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Shire President thanked the members of the public for their attendance and input and declared the meeting closed at 12.25pm.

CONFIRMED

PRESIDING MEMBER