

# **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Held at 1:00pm On 22 November 2016

# **ROLL CALL**

# Councillors:

Cr M Pearce (Mayor)
Cr R Bell (Deputy Mayor)

Cr B Crouch

Cr M Dusting

Cr N Ledger

Cr L Sampson

Cr I Strutt

Cr T Toomey

Cr K Ward

## Staff:

Mr A Hopkins, General Manager
Mr T Seymour, Director-Infrastructure & Regulation
Mrs R Leahy, Acting Executive Manager Governance and Information/Community & Culture
Mr S Paul, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs D Williams, Minute Clerk

# MINUTES

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The Meeting Commenced at: 1:00pm

## **ATTENDANCE**

Present were the Chairperson Cr M Pearce (Mayor), and Councillors, R Bell, B Crouch, M Dusting, N Ledger, L Sampson, I Strutt, T Toomey, K Ward, General Manager (Mr A Hopkins), Director-Infrastructure & Regulation (Mr T Seymour), Chief Financial Officer (Mr S Paul), Acting Executive Manager Governance & Information/Community & Culture (Mrs R Leahy), Minute Clerk (Mrs D Williams).

## 1. OPENING & WELCOME

## **PRAYER**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY**

## APOLOGIES/REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no Apologies declared.

Requests for Leave of Absence were submitted by, Mayor Michael Pearce and Deputy Mayor Robert Bell.

## **MOTION**

#### **Leave of Absence**

## 01.11/16 MOVED (Crs B Crouch /I Strutt ) CARRIED

That the requests for Leave of Absences from the Mayor Michael Pearce and Deputy Mayor Robert Bell, be approved.

## **DISCLOSURES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

At request of the Chair, the Minute Clerk tabled details of the pecuniary and non-pecuniary Conflict of Interest Declarations received in relation to the 22 November 2016 meeting.

COUNCILLOR	ITEM OR REPORT NUMBER	PECUNIARY OR NON- PECUNIARY INTEREST	NATURE OF INTEREST
Cr B Crouch	Item 4	Non-pecuniary	Current Chair of
			Bundarra Committee

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

## 02.11/16 MOVED (Crs M Dusting/L Sampson) CARRIED

Motion to move from standing orders and proceed Urgent Supplementary & Late Items of Business to hear the Late Reports Item A, Audited Annual Financial Statements 2015/16, and Late Report Item B, 2016/17 – 1st Quarter Budget Review Statements immediately following the presentation from the auditor.

## PRESENTATION FROM AUDITOR

Council auditor Mr Paul Cornell delivered a half hour presentation to Council regarding Council's Audited Annual Financial Statements.

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## 6. URGENT SUPPLEMENTARY & LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

ITEM A Audited Annual Financial Statements 2015/16
ITEM B 2016/17 – 1st Quarter Budget Review Statements

**Department: Finance** 

Submitted by: Chief Financial Officer Reference: Late Report: Item A

Subject: Audited Annual Financial Statements 2015/16

## 03.11/16 MOVED (Crs K Ward/R Bell) CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 

That the Auditor's Report and Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016 be adopted.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Auditor's Report and Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016 be adopted.

Department: Finance

Submitted by: Chief Financial Officer

Reference: ITEM B

Subject: 2016/17 – 1st Quarter Budget Review Statements

## 04.11/16 MOVED (Crs M Dusting/ I Strutt) CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 

- 1. That the first quarter budget review summary for the 2016/17 financial year be received and noted; and
- 2. That the adjustments to budget allocations, including transfers to and from reserves, be adopted;
- 3. That expenditure to be revoted from 2015/16 be adopted.

## OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the first quarter budget review summary for the 2016/17 financial year be received and noted; and
- 2. That the adjustments to budget allocations, including transfers to and from reserves, be adopted;
- 3. That expenditure to be revoted from 2015/16 be adopted;

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes to be confirmed include:

- Ordinary Meeting of 25 October 2016
- Closed Session of Ordinary Meeting of 25 October 2016

## 05.11/16 MOVED (Crs | Strutt/ B Crouch) CARRIED

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 October 2016, including the Closed Session of Ordinary Meeting of 25 October 2016 (copies have been circulated to Members) be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no Matters arising.

## 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Mayor congratulated staff member Rechelle Leahy (Executive Manager Governance & Information/Community & Culture) on her prestigious appointment to the National Rural Women's Coalition.

The Mayor also congratulated and thanked staff on Councils' recent achievements at the Regional Development Australia Northern Inland NSW Innovation Awards.

## 4. TABLING OF REPORTS & PETITIONS

There were no reports or petitions tabled.

# 5. PRESENTATIONS & DEPUTATIONS PRESENTATIONS

# **Speakers in Order of Presentation:**

The Chair introduced the Speakers in order of Presentation as follows:-

## 1. Name: Ms Daphne Field

Subject: DA 54-2016

Ms Field gave a presentation on her views regarding DA 54-2016 and how she believes it may affect the surrounding neighbourhood.

Cr T Toomey thanked Ms Field for her Presentation to Council.

## 2. Name: Mr Allan Rummery

Subject: 21 Rowan Avenue, Stormwater Issue

Mr Rummery gave a presentation outlining the difficulty he experiences with stormwater on his property and his views about the 'upstream' causes, including piping, of the problems he experiences.

Cr N Ledger thanked Mr Rummery for his Presentation to Council.

## **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations to council.

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# 7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS & WRITTEN REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Councillors in turn provided a brief verbal summary of their Council related activities during the reporting period and submitted written Delegate Reports comprising details as follows:-

## **Cr Michael Pearce**

DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
26/10	New England Local Area Command – Police Awards	Armidale.
27/10	Hit the Ground Running – Councillor training/workshop	Tamworth
31/10	Councillor Training/Workshop	Uralla
1/11	Mayors Office - admin	Uralla
2/11	2AD radio interview	Armidale
	Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting - CSPC	
2/11	Solar Energy workshop	Uralla
3/11	Sod turning ceremony,	Armidale
	Armidale hospital.	
4/11	Country Mayors Association meeting.	Sydney
7/11	Mayors Office – Admin	Uralla
	Uralla Bowling Club. Wall art and handprints with St	
	Joseph school children.	
8/11 – 11/11.	Travel to Toowoomba regarding National Local Roads and	Toowoomba
	Transport Congress, 8/11 till 11/11.	
13/11	Bundarra Anglican Church – 150 years Anniversary	Bundarra,
	activities,	
14/11	Mayors Office - Admin	Uralla
15/11	Mayors Office - Admin	
16/11	2AD Radio interview	Uralla
	NAMOI Council meeting via SKYPE.	
	Mayors Office - Admin	
17/11	Mayors Office - Admin	Uralla
18/11	Northern Inland Innovations Awards night. Regional	Inverell
	Development Australia.	
21/11	Mayors Office - Admin	Uralla
22/11	Mayors Office – Admin	
	November Council Meeting.	

## **Cr Bob Crouch**

DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
27/10/16	OLG workshop	Tamworth
02/11/16	VIC subcommittee	Uralla
10/11/16	Planning workshop/ finance workshop	Uralla
07/11/16	Bundarra s355	Bundarra
15/11/16	Meeting with GM re Bundarra Anglican Church land	Uralla
22/11/16	Ordinary Council Meeting	Uralla

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# **Cr Mark Dusting**

DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
25/10/16	Ordinary Council Meeting	USC
	New England Weeds Association	Armidale
26/10/16	Jobs Australia	Armidale
27/10/16	'Hit the Ground Running' Councillor Workshop	Tamworth
31/10/16	Councillor Workshop – Blackadder	USC
02/11/16	Central Northern Regional Library	Tamworth
08/11/16	Council Strategic Planning Workshop	USC
11/11/16	Remembrance Day Service	Armidale
13/11/16	Anglican Church 150 years Celebrations	Bundarra
14/11/16	New England Weeds Association	Armidale
16/11/16	Australia Day Committee	Uralla

# **Cr Levi Sampson**

DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
27/10/16	'Hit the Ground Running' Councillor Workshop	Tamworth
31/10/16	Councillor Workshop – Blackadder	USC
16/11/16	Australia Day Committee	Uralla

# **Cr Isabel Strutt**

DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
27/10/16	'Hit the Ground Running' Councillor Workshop	Tamworth
29/10/16	Thunderbolt Festival	Uralla
08/11/16	Council Strategic Planning Workshop	USC
11/11/16	Remembrance Day Service	Uralla
13/11/16	Anglican Church 150 years Celebrations	Bundarra
21/11/16	Solar Citizens Meeting	Armidale
22/11/16	Council Meeting	

# **Cr Robert Bell**

DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
27/10/16	'Hit the Ground Running' Councillor Workshop	Tamworth
31/10/16	Councillor Workshop – Blackadder	USC
08/11/16	Council Strategic Planning Workshop	USC
10/11/16	Uralla Central School Presentation Night	Uralla
11/11/16	Remembrance Day Service	Uralla

# Cr Tara Toomey

DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
27/10/16	'Hit the Ground Running' Councillor Workshop	Tamworth
31/10/16	Councillor Workshop – Blackadder	USC
2/11/16	Visitor Information Centre/Library meeting	USC
08/11/16	Council Strategic Planning Workshop	USC

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## **Cr Kevin Ward**

DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
27/10/16	'Hit the Ground Running' Councillor Workshop	Tamworth
29/10/16	Thunderbolt Festival	Uralla
31/10/16	Councillor Workshop – Blackadder	USC
08/11/16	Council Strategic Planning Workshop	USC

# Cr Natasha Ledger

DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
26/10/16	Jobs Australia Committee	Armidale
27/10/16	'Hit the Ground Running' Councillor Workshop	Tamworth
29/10/16	Thunderbolt Festival	Uralla
16/11/16	Australia Day Committee	Uralla
31/10/16	Councillor Workshop – Blackadder	USC
08/11/16	Council Strategic Planning Workshop	USC

# 8. MAYORAL MINUTE

Department: Mayor

Submitted by: Mayor, Michael Pearce

Reference: MM 22/11

Subject: LGNSW Annual Conference, Sydney - 16th to 18th October,

Wollongong

## 06.11/16 MOVED (Crs | Strutt/ B Crouch) CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 

That the report be received and noted.

COUNCILLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

There were no recommendations for items to be considered in the confidential section.

## 9. REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

**Department:** General Manager's Office

Submitted by: General Manager

Reference: Item 1

Subject: 2015-16 Annual Report MOVED (Crs B Crouch /I Strutt) CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 

That:

07.11/16

- 1. Council express their appreciation to and thank staff for maintaining effective delivery to our community during a very trying year.
- 2. Council's Annual Report 2015-16, as attached, be received and adopted, subject to

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amendments, if any, as determined by council in Item 7 of this meeting and,

3. The Annual Report be provided to the Office of Local Government and uploaded onto Council's website.

## OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

#### That:

- 1. Council's Annual Report 2015-16, as attached, be received and adopted; and
- 2. The Annual Report be provided to the Office of Local Government and uploaded onto Council's website.

Department: General Manager Submitted by: General Manager

Reference: Item 2

Subject: New England Weeds Authority – Annual Report

# 08.11/16 MOVED (Crs M Dusting/N Ledger) CARRIED

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

- 1. That the New England Weeds Authority Annual Report be received and noted.
- 2. That the NEWA staff be commended on their work over the last twelve months.

## OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the New England Weeds Authority Annual Report be received and noted.

**Department: General Manager's Office** 

Submitted by: General Manager

Reference: Item 3

Subject: 2016/17 Operational Plan Performance Report - First Quarter

**Progress Report** 

## 09.11/16 MOVED (Crs | Strutt/B Crouch) CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 

That Council receive and note the 2016/17 Operational Plan First Quarter Progress Report.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and note the 2016/17 Operational Plan First Quarter Progress Report.

Department: General Manager Submitted by: Andrew Hopkins

Reference: Item 4

Subject: Bundarra s355 Committee 10.11/16 MOVED (Crs M Dusting/N Ledger) CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

a) Council endorse the establishment of a committee consistent with s355 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the purposes of managing the Bundarra School of Arts Hall and for providing advice to and working with Council for the benefit of Bundarra and its surrounding community.

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- b) Council name the committee the Bundarra School of Arts Hall Committee.
- c) Council adopt the "Uralla Shire Council Bundarra 355 Committee Constitution" as endorsed by the Bundarra community at the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016, noting the name change in accordance with b.
- d) Council call for membership to the committee in accordance with the relevant provisions of the constitution in c.
- e) Council delegate an annual budget of \$250 for incidental hall management expenses and note the constitution at c) be amended to reflect such.

## Cr B Crouch was absent for vote.

## Cr B Crouch returned to the room at 2:50pm

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- a) Council endorse the establishment of a committee consistent with s355 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the purposes of managing the Bundarra School of Arts Hall and for providing advice to and working with Council for the benefit of Bundarra and its surrounding community.
- b) Council name the committee the Bundarra School of Arts Hall Committee.
- c) Council adopt the "Uralla Shire Council Bundarra 355 Committee Constitution" as endorsed by the Bundarra community at the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016, noting the name change in accordance with b.
- d) Council call for membership to the committee in accordance with the relevant provisions of the constitution in c.
- e) Council delegate an annual budget of \$250 for incidental hall management expenses and note the constitution at c) be amended to reflect such.

## 10. CORPORATE & COMMUNITY REPORTS

**Department: Organisational Services - Finance** Submitted by: Simon Paul - Chief Financial Officer

Reference: Item 5

Subject: **Cash at Bank and Investments** 

MOVED (Crs K Ward/N Ledger) CARRIED 11.11/16

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

Council note the cash position as at 31 October, 2016 consisting of cash and overnight funds of \$3,233,750, term deposits of \$8,500,000 totalling \$11,733,750 of readily convertible funds.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Council note the cash position as at 31 October, 2016 consisting of cash and overnight funds of \$3,233,750, term deposits of \$8,500,000 totalling \$11,733,750 of readily convertible funds.

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Department: Governance & Information and Community & Culture Submitted by: Executive Manager Governance and Information

Reference: Item 6

Subject: Thunderbolts Festival – Sponsorship Agreement Report

## 12.11/16 MOVED (Crs R Bell/N Ledger) CARRIED

That:

- 1. Council note the attached documentation provided by Thunderbolts Festival Coordinators Bevely Stubberfield and Leanne Cooper on 11 November 2016, including:
  - Thunderbolts Festival Risk Assessment;
  - Rotary Duty of Discharge Report;
  - Rotary Insurance Certificate of Currency;
  - Thunderbolts Festival Report to Uralla Shire Council;
  - Thunderbolts Management Plan;
- Council agree to request the written annual report and financials be provided to
  Council at least one week prior to the February 2017 Council meeting. This report is
  to include a summary of the economic benefits to the Uralla Shire from the event and
  is to cover matters such as participant numbers and demographic information of
  visitors
- Council note that Uralla Shire Council was showcased as the major sponsor on all event and promotional material;
- 4. That the collection and return of 100 chairs from the Memorial Hall be included in Council's provision of non-cash sponsorship;
- That the Thunderbolt's Festival Co-ordinators be congratulated on presenting an excellent festival.

## OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

## That:

- 1. Council note the attached documentation provided by Thunderbolts Festival Coordinators Bevely Stubberfield and Leanne Cooper on 11 November 2016, including:
  - Thunderbolts Festival Risk Assessment;
  - Rotary Duty of Discharge Report;
  - Rotary Insurance Certificate of Currency;
  - Thunderbolts Festival Report to Uralla Shire Council;
  - Thunderbolts Management Plan;
- Council agree to request the written annual report and financials be provided to
  Council before the next Council Meeting of 20 December 2016, including a summary
  of the economic benefits to the Uralla Shire from the event covering matters such as
  participant numbers and demographic information of visitors as requested in the
  resolution by Council of 27 June 2016;
- 3. That Council note a Traffic Management Plan was not received regarding the event by the end of September and that the Risk Management Plan and Event Management Plan attached were received in November and not September as requested in the Council resolution;
- 4. That Council note in the Council resolution of 27 June 2016 a requirement was that Uralla Shire Council be showcased as the major sponsor on all event and promotional material, attached is a copy of the brochure provided for the event with the reference to Uralla Shire Council;

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5. That Council consider the below request made in the Thunderbolts Festival Report to

'the Committee would like to please request Council's consideration be given for an item to be included, being, the collection and return of 100 chairs from the Memorial Hall, in the Council provision of non-cash sponsorship up to a maximum of \$5,000 as stated in correspondence dated 19 July, 2016 from Acting General Manager Mr. George Cowan. This item would become item (k) the collection and return of 100 chairs from the Memorial Hall;

## **ADJOURNMENT**

#### 13.11/16 MOVED (Crs R Bell/M Pearce) CARRIED

Motion to have a fifteen minute adjournment commencing at 3:00pm.

The meeting resumed at 3:17pm

**Department:** Governance and Information | Community and Culture

Submitted by: Rechelle Leahy

Reference: Item 7

**Code of Conduct – Complaint Statistics Report** Subject:

PROCEDURAL MOTION

14.11/16 MOVED (Cr K Ward/M Dusting) CARRIED

**Motion to Move to Whole of Committee** 

Councillors held a detailed discussion on the above item.

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15.11/16 MOVED (Cr B Crouch/I Strutt) CARRIED

**Motion to Resume Standing Orders** 

## 16.11/16 MOVED (Crs B Crouch/M Dusting) CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 

That:

- (1) Council formally seek advice from the Office of Local Government about the number of Code of Conduct complaints which should be reported for the 2015-16 reporting
- (2) Council seek extension for submission of formal report to Office of Local Government if necessary.
- (3) Staff prepare and submit a report based on advice received from the Office of Local Government.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That:

(1) Council note this report to be submitted within the statutory time frame as required to the Office of Local Government before 30 November 2016;

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## 11. ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

**Department: Infrastructure & Regulation** 

Submitted by: Director of Infrastructure & Regulation

Reference: Item 8

Subject: **Development Approvals and Refusals for October 2016** 

#### MOVED (Crs R Bell/T Toomey) CARRIED 17.11/16

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council receive and note the development approvals and refusals for October 2016.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and note the development approvals and refusals for October 2016.

**Department: Infrastructure & Regulation** 

Submitted by: Interim Director Infrastructure & Regulation

Item 9 Reference:

Subject: Works Progress & Planning Report as at 31 October 2016

# 18.11/16 MOVED (Crs K Ward/I Strutt) CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 

That the report be received and noted for the works completed or progressed during October 2016, and works programmed for November 2016.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted for the works completed or progressed during October 2016, and works programmed for November 2016.

**Department: Infrastructure & Regulation** 

Submitted by: Acting Director Infrastructure & Regulation

Reference: Item 10

Subject: **Green Waste Processing** 

#### 19.11/16 MOVED (Crs B Crouch/R Bell) CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 

## That Council:

- Accept the offer from Davis Earthmoving and Contracting for the RFT for Green Waste Processing as contained in the report from NIRW;
- 2. The General Manager be authorised to proceed and sign the necessary documentation.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

## That Council:

- 1. Accept the offer from Davis Earthmoving and Contracting for the RFT for Green Waste Processing as contained in the report from NIRW;
- The General Manager be authorised to proceed and sign the necessary 2. documentation.

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**Department: Infrastructure & Regulation** 

Submitted by: Acting Director Infrastructure & Regulation

Reference: Item 11

Subject: Heritage Advisory Services Summary – November 2016

## 20.11/16 MOVED (Crs T Toomey /I Strutt) CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 

That the Heritage Advisory Services Summary dated 8 November 2016 be received and noted by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Heritage Advisory Services Summary dated 8 November 2016 be received and noted by Council.

**Department: Infrastructure & Regulation** 

Submitted by: Acting Director Infrastructure & Regulation

Reference: Item 12

Subject: Heritage Advisory Services Summary – Overview

## 21.11/16 MOVED (Crs T Toomey/M Dusting) CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 

That the report providing an overview of the heritage services provided by Uralla Shire Council be noted and that the Mayor, Cr T Toomey, Heritage Advisor and Manager Town Planning and Regulation be authorised to assess and determine grant applications from the Local Heritage Fund.

## OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report providing an overview of the heritage services provided by Uralla Shire Council be noted and that the Mayor, Heritage Advisor and Manager Town Planning and Regulation be authorised to assess and determine grant applications from the Local Heritage Fund.

## 12. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no motions on notice.

## 13. SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS

As at 16 November 2016.

## 14. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

There was no confidential business to be heard.

## 15. AUTHORITY TO AFFIX THE COMMON SEAL

There were no authority to affix the common seal.

# 16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at: 4:11pm

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COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED BY:			
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MAYOR:			