



COOLOOLA SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRMAN: Cr M Venardos OAM (Mayor)

**Held in the Boardroom
Old Bank Building
Cnr Nash & Channon Streets,
Gympie Qld 4570**

**On Tuesday 19 February 2008
at 9.00 am**



Cooloolo Shire Council

GENERAL MINUTES

*Mayor MJ Venardos OAM (Chairman),
Crs. CR Chapman OAM, FG Nissen AM, NR Ellis, LJ
Friske, R. Owen, SS Jocumsen, DR Neilson, IT
Petersen, WJ McIntyre, WW Sachs, J Watt and M.
Prior*

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The meeting commenced at 9.05am.

PRESENT: Mayor M.J. Venardos OAM (Chairman), Crs C.R. Chapman OAM, F.G. Nissen AM, W.J. McIntyre, W.W. Sachs, I.T. Petersen, D.R. Neilson, S.S. Jocumsen, M. Prior, L.J. Friske, R. Owen and N.R. Ellis.

Also in attendance were Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr C Manson) and Minutes Clerks (Mrs R. McVicar and Donelle Shaw).

The Mayor advised that Cr J. Watt would not be attending today's meeting due to illness.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

G50/02/08 refers - Item 7/2 of the In Committee Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2008 referring to DA11793 – Cr M.J Venardos OAM – Material Personal Interest due to being a friend of the Developer.

G59/02/08 refers – Cr McIntyre – Perceived Conflict of Interest due to being Chairman of the Heritage Sub-Committee.

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

Pastor David Blackburn from the Gympie Baptist Church offered a Prayer for the advancement of the Shire and the true welfare of its people.

One Minutes silence was observed for family and friends of deceased residents of the Shire.

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

G45/02/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocumsen Seconded: Cr C.R. Chapman OAM

That the apology from Cr J. Watt be accepted.

Carried

SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

G46/02/08 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske

Seconded: Cr M Prior

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 12 February 2008 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 4: PETITIONS

Nil

Director of Planning & Development, Mr M. Hartley entered the meeting at 9.10am.

SECTION 5 ADOPTION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

G47/02/08 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That the Recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2008 as presented, be received, with the exception of P/08/02/08 and Item 7/2 of the In Committee Minutes which are to be withdrawn and dealt with later in the meeting.

Carried

G48/02/08 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That the Recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2008, as amended, be adopted.

Carried

Recommendation P08/02/08 of Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on 12 February 2008

G49/02/08 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R. Owen

That in addition to Mrs K Rolfe's nomination to the Working Group for the Inskip Peninsula Master Plan as per Recommendation P08/02/08 of the Recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2008 and Minute G43/02/08 of the General Meeting held on 12 February 2008, that Cr M. Prior also be nominated to the Working Group for the Inskip Peninsula Master Plan.

Carried

A **DIVISION** was called with the following results:

FOR: Cr N.R. Ellis, Cr R. Owen, Cr L.J. Friske, Cr M. Prior, Cr S.S. Jocusen , Cr D.R. Neilson, Cr I.T. Petersen, Cr W.W. Sachs, Cr M.J. Venardos OAM.

AGAINST: Cr W.J. McIntyre, Cr F.G. Nissen AM, Cr C.R. Chapman OAM

Cr M.J Venardos OAM declared a Material Personal Interest in the following matter and left the meeting at 9.24am.

Cr M.J Venardos OAM vacated the chair and Deputy Mayor Cr I.T Petersen took over the role of Chairman of the meeting.

Item 7/2 of the In Committee Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2008

G50/02/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocusen

Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

That Item 7/2 of the In Committee Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2008 be received and adopted.

Carried

Cr I.T Petersen vacated the chair at 9.25am and Cr Venardos OAM resumed the role of Chairman of the Meeting.

Cr I.T. Petersen left the meeting at 9.25am.

SECTION 6: REPORT BY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN (Cr D.R Neilson)
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Cr D.R Neilson presented the following report to Council:-

An electricity substation is to be built in Pine Street, Gympie. The development proposes two control buildings, two capacitor banks and other infrastructure designed to upgrade the electricity network in the area.

Approval was also given for the replacement of a boiler at the Nestle factory nearby. Although the stack will reach maximum height of 40 metres, the proposal was considered acceptable because of the zoning, location and reduction of emissions, potentially improving air quality for nearby residents.

An application for a showroom fronting Rowe Street and Cross Street was approved. The two storey building is intended to be used as a project builder's sales centre, with showroom on the ground floor and commercial premises on the first floor. The development will provide 24 off-street carparking spaces, with contributions to be paid towards headworks and roadworks.

The building summary for January showed continued growth, with an increase in the value of homes when compared to the same time last year.

G51/02/08 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

That the Report be received.

Carried

Cr I.T. Petersen returned to the meeting at 9.27.

Mr M. Hartley left the meeting at 9.28am.

SECTION 7: HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT MATTERS (M.R Grant)
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7/1	Petition re: Wheelie Bins for the Langshaw Area
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The following Petition was tabled at the General Meeting of Council held on 12 February 2008 and Minute G29/02/08 (*That the Petition be received and referred to the Waste Management Committee Meeting to be held later today, and then referred to the General Meeting to be held on 19 February 2008*) refers.

“We, the ratepayers and residents of Langshaw, again request that, as soon as possible:

- *The entire Langshaw area be exempted from wheelie bins,*
- *All garbage trucks cease operation in the area, and*
- *All wheelie bins be removed from the area.*

We request this because:

1. *All previous petitions in this matter have requested an area-wide exemption;*
2. *Previous petitions have presented eighteen reasons for exemption*
3. *More than 90% of the people residing in the Langshaw area have signed petitions opposing the bins.*
4. *We believe it is unfair that a small minority are forcing the majority who don't want the bins to contend with:*
 - *The damage garbage trucks are causing to their roads;*
 - *The hazards these trucks present to residents and livestock;*
 - *The visual and litter pollution caused; and the added health risks.*

As long ago as last November, Council advised our previous primary petitioner that bins delivered to people who had signed petitions would be removed. After nearly three months, however, these bins are still lying unused by the side of the road. 152 Jerry's Creek Road is an example of this. 232 Jerry's Creek Road is also rented by someone who signed previous petitions.

If Council sees this matter as having been dealt with previously, why have we received multiple written responses from Council stating 'objections will be assessed by Council at a later date with a decision pending'.

Langshaw ratepayers and residents should be entitled to a timely resolution of this issue and we sincerely ask that this be so. We would like to stop petitioning Council on this matter. However, we receive a conclusive response, we will continue.

We thank Council for the opportunity to oppose the unwanted bins and we look forward to a swift resolution.'

**Late Item 2 Petition from Langshaw area Residents – Wheelie bin Service -
Refers to Agenda Item 7/1**

Re: Petition from Langshaw area Residents – Wheelie bin Service –
Refers to Agenda Item 7/1
From: Health & Community Services Department Manager – M.R Grant
File: CG97/00014
Date: 14 February 2008

Refers to Agenda Item 7/1

Report: (Health and Community Services Department Manager – M R Grant)

I refer to Council **Minute G29/02/08**, which states the following:

“That the Petition be received and referred to the Waste Management Committee Meeting to be held later today, and then referred to the General Meeting to be held on 19 February 2008”

I advise that the matter of the Langshaw Wheelie Petition was discussed by the Waste Management Committee on the 12 February 2008, where it was resolved to recommend to Council that “That any further discussions on Wheelie Bin Services be referred to the Gympie Regional Council for consideration.

It should be noted that Council has considered the matter of the Langshaw Waste Management Petitions at the Works & Services Committee meeting on the 5 February 2008 where it was resolved as follows:

(both Minutes relate to Petitions received from Ms Karen Berry as primary petitioner)

Minute W24/02/08 states the following:

RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL ADVISE THE PRIMARY PETITIONER THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL AND MINUTE G12/01/08 STANDS.

Minute G12/01/08 states the following:

THAT COUNCIL ADVISE THE PRIMARY PETITIONER MRS KAREN BERRY PURSUANT TO COUNCIL MINUTE G53/12/07 (XREF-W34/12/07) AS FOLLOWS:-

1. PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED ON PETITIONS WILL BE TREATED AS OBJECTIONS AND THAT WHEELIE BINS WILL NOT BE DELIVERED TO THEM UNLESS REQUESTED.
2. OBJECTIONS WILL BE ASSESSED BY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, WITH A DECISION PENDING.

G52/02/08 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske

Seconded: Cr R. Owen

That Item 7/1 and Late Item 2 be dealt with concurrently.

Carried

SECTION 8: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT MATTERS (M. Hartley)
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| 8/1 | Petition re:
1. Request for resignation of Chairman of the Cooloola Heritage Sub Committee
2. Building approval number DA15276 for the building of a bottle shop at the Phoenix Hotel. (G28/02/08) |
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Report: (Director of Planning & Development – M Hartley)

The following Petition was tabled at the General Meeting of Council held on 12 February 2008 and Minute G28/02/08 (*That the Petition be received and dealt with at the General Meeting to be held on 19 February 2008*) refers.

“We the undersigned petition the Cooloola Shire Council that they as soon as possible move a resolution to effect our will that:

- 1. The chairman of the Cooloola Heritage Sub Committee Councillor William J. McIntyre resigns his position as soon as possible.*
- 2. The Cooloola Shire Council moves a resolution to deny building approval number DA15276 for the building of a bottle shop at the Phoenix Hotel as soon as possible.*

For the following reasons:

Further that the Director of Planning & Development report back to council with a list of reasons why council should NOT approve application DA15276. For examples the two additional sites for the application being zoned Housing, and not zoned commercial.

- 2. Statutory Requirements, state the Housing Zone, for detached Housing on large lots to prevail in a range of housing forms suitable for the varying and special needs of residents and provide a high level of visual amenity.*
- 3. This application does not make it suitable for the needs of residents and destroys not protects the amenity of the area and is not consistent with the intent of the Statutory legislation.*
- 4. Drive in bottle Shops are NOT defined as food and entertainment and are NOT Code Assessable and are an Inconsistent Use.*
- 5. The applicant might be able to expand the hotel building on the site but this expansion changes the Material Use of two other sites which are zoned housing and had a Use of Housing and are now proposed altering by Material change of Use to Commercial.*
- 6. Locating noise generation uses towards the Road frontage as the building has ZERO setback all noise and lights will affect residents on the other side of the street, this is inconsistent with protecting the amenity of residential areas.*

- Placing Car parks and kitchen areas next to, (within 2m) residences is inconsistent with protecting the amenity of residential areas.*
7. *The two additional sites are not improved by a significant non – residential use and the use of the Hotel is not relevant to these additional sites which the current use has been housing.*
 8. *Landscaping is below the Scheme requirements and cannot be used as a ground to support the proposal.*
 9. *The Application does not meet the side, front and rear boundary setbacks for the housing Zone which is the current sone of the site.*
 10. *The application has ZERO setback to Mount Pleasance Road and Red Hill Road and should have a SIX metre setback. Maori lane is not relevant to this requirement.*
 11. *All Boundaries do not achieve required setbacks and are inconsistent with the Planning Scheme.*
 12. *Applicant has not shown that the buildings are incapable of being repaired or have no character significance so is again inconsistent with the Code.*
 13. *The House plays a role in Red Hill Road streetscape 19 out of 22 properties from the intersection in Red Hill Road with Mt Pleasant Road and the railway line are included in the voluntary character streetscape. Provisions in the planning Scheme.*
 14. *Inclusion of Drive In bottle Shop is identified as concern by council Staff within a primary residential area. With two others in close proximity. The Exiting Driveway from the Drive in bottle Shop is opposite an existing House in Mount Pleasant Road and will place the residents in detriment.*
 15. *Traffic of 108 trips per hour is NOT acceptable in a HOUSING ZONE, 100 varying to 200 vehicles per hour is generally acceptable industry figures and is a horrendous prospect for the local residents particularly the house on Mount Pleasant Road.*
 16. *The Queuing Layout does not comply as per Industry Guidelines.*
 17. *There is a shortfall in the Car Parking Space as per Town Plan. As Development proposal is Outside Council Policy PSP5 Car Parking Contributions, NO shortfall in car parking spaces as required by Councils Town Plan should be accepted.*
 18. *The Noise report showed that the Noise exceeds the acceptable limits.*
 19. *As extension of this size and scale is not auspicated by the planning scheme.*
 20. *Under NORMAL circumstances Council would refuse this application based on the conflict with the Planning Scheme, increased Traffic and loss of Amenity.*
 21. *That Notification signs for this Material Change of USE were not erected to notify the neighbours of this application.*
 22. *The additional floor space is over double the existing size. 557 m² additional over the current 480 m² for a Total of 1037 m².*
 23. *Four Petitions against the proposal 36 on three and 12 on the fourth and six individual submissions from local residents.”*

My report to the Planning & Development Committee on 12 February refers:-

The concerns expressed in the submissions were clearly identified and carefully considered in the report to Council assessing the application.

There is no statutory requirement for submissions to be read out at the Planning Committee Meeting. In deciding the application, Councillors were well aware of the relevant issues affecting this proposal.

As Council's decision to conditionally approve the application has been communicated to the applicant, it is now for the applicant to determine whether to make representations in relation to conditions or proceed with the development as approved. Council is reminded that the application was code assessable and as such there are no third party appeal rights against Council's decision.

Minute P23/02/08 refers.

That the principal petitioner be advised that the concerns of the submitters were well known and fully considered by Council in assessing the application, and appropriate conditions to manage the effects of the on-going use of the premises have been imposed to address those concerns.

Late Item 3: Resignation of Cr W. McIntyre as Chairman of Heritage Sub-Committee in relation to
Petition re:
1. Request for resignation of Chairman of the Cooloola Heritage Sub Committee
2. Building approval number DA15276 for the building of a bottle shop at the Phoenix Hotel. (G28/02/08)

Re: Resignation of Cr W. McIntyre as Chairman of Heritage Sub Committee in relation to:
Petition re: 1. Request for resignation of chairman of the Cooloola Heritage Sub committee.
2. Building approval number DA15276 for the building of a bottle shop at the Phoenix Hotel (G28/02/08)

From: Cr W. McIntyre
File: AG94/00114 DOC ID 877016
Date: 19 February 2008

I hereby tender my resignation as Chairman of the Heritage Committee to take effect from March 15th 2008”.

Report: (Acting Chief Executive Officer – C. Manson)

Cr W. McIntyre has advised that with his retirement from Council, he will be resigning from the Heritage Committee from 15 March 2008.

G56/02/08 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

That Late Item 3 and Item 8/1 be received and dealt with concurrently.

Carried

The Mayor ruled from the Chair and advised that the following motion cannot be accepted as the decision has previously been made by Council and communicated to the applicant.

G57/02/08 Moved: Cr R. Owen Seconded:

That The Cooloola Shire Council moves a resolution to deny building approval number DA15276 for the building of a bottle shop at the Phoenix Hotel as soon as possible.

The Motion **LAPSED** for the want of a **SECONDER**.

G58/02/08 Moved: Cr R. Owen Seconded:

That the Chairman's decision be not adhered to.

The Motion **LAPSED** for the want of a **SECONDER**.

G59/02/08 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr F.G. Nissen AM

That the resignation from Cr W. McIntyre as Chairman of the Heritage Committee be received with regret.

Carried

Mr M. Hartley left the meeting at 9.46am.

SECTION 9: CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT MATTERS (Cr M.J Venardos OAM, C. Manson, B. Hayes)
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9/1 2007 National Awards for Local Government
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Re: **G60/02/08...**2007 National Awards for Local Government
From: Lynette Pullin, Project Officer, National Awards for Local Government, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, GPO Box 594, Canberra, ACT 2601
File: AG94/00081

Date: 4 February 2008

“The National Awards for Local Government (the Awards) were established by the Australian Government to recognise ingenuity, resourcefulness and self-reliance, and identify and promote councils who are finding new ways of delivering services and developing local solutions to complex and challenging problems.

The Awards offer all councils the opportunity to enter projects in a national program that focuses on four broad areas of council business: capacity building, management practices, community services and the environment.

Please find enclosed copies of the following publications for the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer’s reference:

- *2007 National Awards for Local Government Leading Practice Handbook – this booklet contains all the entries received in this year’s Awards program.*
- *2008 Calendar – featuring all Category Winners from 2007.*

The 2007 National Winners will be announced in early March. Following the announcement we will send you copies of the glossy 2007 Winners Book and a DVD featuring interviews with the 2007 category winners.

We look forward to 2008 and the receipt of your entries in the National Awards for Local Government program.”

G60/02/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocusen Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That the information be received and referred to the Gympie Regional Council.

Carried

9/2

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

Re: **G61/02/08** Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
 From: Judy Spence MP, Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport, Queensland Government, P O Box 15195, City East, QLD 4002
 File: AG94/00139
 Date: 11 February 2008

A copy of ‘Crime prevention through Environmental Design’ will be available at the meeting for Council’s perusal.

“I am very pleased to provide you with a copy of the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Guidelines for Queensland.

CPTED is a proven crime prevention approach that reduces opportunities for crime and incivility by designing environments in ways that lessen or prevent the incidence of crime. The CPTED Guidelines for Queensland seek to promote the incorporation of CPTED principles into the planning, design and management of development in Queensland.

The Guidelines are presented in two parts:

Part A: Essential features of safer places outlines the idea of CPTED, introduces important concepts, identifies principles and introduces actions to implement the principles. It is offered to all in the community with an interest in and responsibility for the environments we create.

Part B: Implementation Guide is particularly offered to local councils. It aims to encourage and assist them to incorporate the principles of CPTED in their communities.

The Guidelines outline CPTED methodology in a user friendly way. They place CPTED in the context of the Queensland community and the contemporary work of the development industry and provide practical CPTED solutions which can be tailored to the unique needs of communities across the State.

The CPTED Guidelines for Queensland were developed jointly by the Queensland Police Service (QPS), the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation and the Department of Communities, in consultation with a number of stakeholders across Queensland including local government, the planning and building industry, and Queensland communities. The Guidelines are available on the internet through the QPS website (<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/crimePrevention/cpted.htm>) or by request to the Crime Prevention Policy Branch of the QPS (phone 07 3364 4902).

The release of the CPTED Guidelines for Queensland is an important achievement for the Queensland Government, highlighting our strong commitment to preventing crime and creating safe, healthy and connected communities.

The Guidelines will provide positive direction for design decisions in the future development of our cities, towns and communities – ensuring they are safe, more secure and more sustainable.

I commend the Guidelines to you.”

G61/02/08

Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

That the information be received.

Carried

SECTION 10: LATE ITEMS**Late Item 1 Audit Committee Report to Council**

Re: **G62/02/08** Audit Committee Report to Council
From: Councillor FG Nissen AM
File: FG06/00164
Date: 15 February 2008

Report: (Chairman of Audit Committee – Councillor F. G Nissen AM)

Council's Audit Committee held its meeting on Monday 11 February 2008. In accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Finance Standard 2005, a written report is to be submitted to the Local Government stating any recommendations the Committee has about the matters reviewed.

In carrying out the responsibilities of the Committee, members carefully considered the issues listed on its Audit Committee Checklist. These issues specifically pertain to the legislative requirements set out in the Local Government Finance Standard 2005, and relate to the following areas of the operations of Council:

1. Organisational Structure
2. Risk Management
3. Control Framework
4. External Accountability
5. Legislative Compliance
6. Internal Audit
7. External Audit

The main topic for the meeting was the 2006/2007 Financial Statements and Audit Report by Council's external Auditors.

The Committee was pleased to acknowledge that the financial statements for the year ended 24th June 2007 were audited and certified without qualification. Congratulations should go to staff for the high standard achieved.

It was also noted that the Queensland Audit Office has appointed a contract auditor for the period to 14th March 2008. She is Ms Megan Maybury of Sneddon McKeown.

There are no recommendations to Council coming out of these discussions.

This was the final meeting of the Cooloola Shire Council Audit Committee.

CHAIRMAN

G62/02/08 **Moved: Cr F.G. Nissen AM** **Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske**

That the report be received.

Carried

G63/02/08 **Moved: Cr F.G. Nissen AM** **Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen**

That the Finance Manager and appropriate Staff be congratulated on the high standards that were achieved as detailed in the Audit Report.

Carried

SECTION 11: FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

- National Environment Health Strategy 2007 – 2012
- Australian Red Cross, Year in Review 06/07

G64/02/08 **Moved: Cr S.S. Jocusmsen** **Seconded: Cr N.R. Ellis**

That the information be received.

Carried

SECTION 12: GENERAL BUSINESS

Immediate work Required on Mary Valley Road

Cr N. Ellis advised Council that he felt the Mary Valley Road was dangerous, especially at night, with no line marking in parts between the Dagon turn off and Amamoor turn off.

G65/02/08 **Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis** **Seconded: Cr R. Owen**

That the Director of Engineering be authorised to contact Main Roads to request they carry out immediate work on the Mary Valley Road from Dagon turn off to Amamoor turn off.

Carried

<p>Crossing from Gympie General Hospital Carpark to the Hospital on Henry Street.</p>
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Cr R. Owen advised that he had received notification from a Mrs Val Pittman regarding an accident between a truck and Mr James Massey outside Gympie General Hospital. Patients and visitors to the hospital are having difficulty in crossing from the carpark on Henry Street to the hospital.

G66/02/08 Moved: Cr R. Owen

Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs

That the matter of a crossing from the Gympie General Hospital Carpark to the Hospital be referred to the Director of Engineering and Design Department Manager to report to the next Works and Services Committee Meeting to be held on 4 March 2008.

Carried

<p>Storm Water Problems in Cooloola Cove</p>

Cr R. Owen drew Council's attention to storm water problems in Cooloola Cove in a number of streets in the vicinity of Golden Hind Avenue, Aquitania Court, Nautilus Drive and Dreadnought Avenue. Cr Owen circulated photos.

G67/02/08 Moved: Cr R. Owen

Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs

That the Acting Chief Executive Officer provide photocopies to all Councillors of the Court order that relaxed the specifications of the Roads and storm water drainage, and a photocopy of the contract between the developer and the Council for the road and stormwater drainage it completed at Cooloola Cove.

Lost

A **DIVISION** was called with the following results:

FOR: Cr R. Owen, Cr M. Prior, Cr S.S. Jocusen , Cr W.W. Sachs

AGAINST: Cr N.R. Ellis, Cr L.J. Friske, Cr D.R. Neilson, Cr I.T. Petersen, Cr W.J. McIntyre, Cr F.G. Nissen AM, Cr C.R. Chapman OAM, Cr M.J. Venardos OAM

G68/02/08 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr N.R. Ellis

That the Director of Engineering be requested to address the issue of storm water drainage problems at Cooloola Cove as a matter of urgency and report back to a future General Meeting on solutions, funding requirements and prioritisations.

Carried Unanimously

Vandalism to Rotunda in Memorial Park

Cr R. Owen advised that vandalism to the Band Rotunda in Memorial Park was a major problem, worse on Friday nights. Cr Owen said he had reports from concerned residents about broken glass, graffiti, fires being lit in the rotunda, damage to woodwork, and rubbish being left in the rotunda. He also said that vandals were breaking into the rotunda ceiling and sleeping there.

G69/02/08 Moved: Cr R. Owen Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs

That Council write to the Queensland Police Service and ask them to supervise our Parks.

Further that concealed security cameras be strategically placed to protect the Band Rotunda in Memorial Park.

Further that Council's security service provider be requested to patrol Council's Rotunda in Memorial Park.

Further that a report from relevant staff be presented to the next General Meeting of Council on the general state of the Memorial Park Rotunda.

Carried

A **DIVISION** was called with the following results:

FOR: Cr N.R. Ellis, Cr R. Owen, Cr L.J. Friske, Cr M. Prior, Cr S.S. Jocusen , Cr I.T. Petersen, Cr W.W. Sachs, Cr W.J. McIntyre, Cr M.J. Venardos OAM

AGAINST: Cr D.R. Neilson, Cr F.G. Nissen AM, Cr C.R. Chapman OAM

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.28am.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Meeting resumed at 10.48am.

DA17107 – Reconfiguring a Lot – Lot 25 Summer Way, Tin Can Bay.

Cr M. Prior drew Council's attention to the matter of reconfiguring a Lot at Lot 25 Summer Way Tin Can Bay from the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2008.

Cr M. Prior informed Council of an approximately 3 metre wide river running through the proposed two lots on Tuesday 12th February 2008.

Cr M. Prior questioned Council on who would be liable to maintain a fire break on private property as it would require heavy machinery.

Mr M. Hartley entered the meeting at 10.52am.

Cr I.T. Petersen advised that it was a condition of approval that the owners of the land were to maintain the fire break.

Cr M. Prior suggested that it might be in Council's interest to purchase the land for alternative uses other than residential.

G70/02/08 Moved: Cr M Prior

Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs

That the matter of acquiring a parcel of land described as Lot 124 SP183792 be referred to the Gympie Regional Council for further consideration.

Carried

Incorrectly Sited Power Pole at Lot 146, Suncrest Ave, Southside

Cr S. Jocumsen raised an issue concerning Mr and Mrs Groundwater of Lot 146, Suncrest Avenue, Southside regarding a power pole which was placed in the wrong position.

Cr M. J Venardos OAM then provided Council with an update on his site visits to the property.

G71/02/08 Moved: Cr MJ Venardos OAM

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

That Council meet the cost of \$3500 for moving the power pole for Mr & Mrs Groundwater of Lot 146 Suncrest Ave, Southside.

Further that Council seeks to recover costs from the developers and other parties.

Carried

Enquiry from Mr G. Sinclair Regarding Roadworks on the Corner of Redhill and Mt Pleasant Roads.

Cr S. Jocumsen tabled a letter from Mr G. Sinclair of 41 Mt Pleasant Road dated Monday 18 February 2008, and attached to a copy of a letter also from Mr Sinclair dated 8 February 2008. Cr Jocumsen requested that the matter be expeditiously dealt with. The letter reads as follows:

"I have not received a reply verbally or in writing re my letter dated 8/02/08 my ref P/S P/B.

This inquiry was requesting information about roadworks etc on the Cnr Red Hill and Mt Pleasant Rds.

Could you look into this matter on my behalf, a copy is supplied.

Traffic Hazard on Eel Creek Road

Cr I. Petersen advised that inbound motorist on Eel Creek Road can be blinded by the flood light/s at the Showgrounds.

G72/02/08 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

That Council request the Design Department Manager to investigate the matter of flood lighting from the Gympie Show Grounds creating a traffic hazard for motorists on Eel Creek Road, and to identify any possible solutions.

Carried

Fire Hazard Risk and Management

Cr I. Petersen wished to advise Council that a Bush Fire Hazard Management Meeting would be held on Thursday 21 February 2008. Cr I. Petersen also advised that once the wet weather was over and the land dries out, fuel load will be significantly increased. Any suggestions on fire hazard reduction and management should be forwarded to Cr I.T. Petersen by Thursday 21 February 2008.

Dangerous Property Access on Dagon Road, Amamoor

Cr W. Sachs advised that he had been contacted by Mr John Thomson of 166 Dagon Road Amamoor regarding dangerous access to his property. Cr M.J Venardos OAM advised Cr W. Sachs to seek further advice from Council's Director of Engineering. Cr Sachs will report back to Mr Thomson.

State of Richardson Road

Cr F.G Nissen AM advised that he had been contacted by a resident of Richardson Road, East Deep Creek where washouts on the road were creating dangerous conditions.

G73/02/08 Moved: Cr F.G. Nissen AM Seconded: Cr C.R. Chapman OAM

That Council request the Director of Engineering to investigate the state of Richardson Road and report back to the Works and Services Committee Meeting on 4 March 2008.

Carried

Illegal Quarry Operations at Kybong

Cr F.G Nissen AM brought to Council's attention the matter of illegal quarry operations at Kybong. Correspondence has been sent to the developer to cease operations until further investigations can be carried out.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.13am.

Confirmed this TWENTY SIXTH day of FEBRUARY 2008

CHAIRMAN