

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING`
OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,
ON 11/02/26 AT 4:15 PM**

Attendance

Crs Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor - in the chair), Michelle Bailey, Simon Kinny, Damian Loone, Therese Crollick, Simon Chate, Eva Ramsey, Erin Karsten, Kiri Dicker and Phil Meehan.

Paul Hickey (General Manager), Troy Anderson (Director - Civil Services Division), Matthew Wood (Director - Planning and Environmental Health Division), Caroline Klose (Director - Corporate and Community Division) and Nikki Glassop (Executive Assistant - General Manager and Mayor) were in attendance.

There were two people in the gallery at this time.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

In opening the meeting the Mayor provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Apologies

Nil.

3. Declarations of Interest

- **Paul Hickey** declared an interest in Item 4.5 – Wollongbar Medium Density Housing – Construction Tender (Nature of Interest: non-significant, non-pecuniary). Former Councillor Robyn Hordern is currently the Chair of Northern Rivers Housing. Mr Hickey considers Mrs Hordern to be someone he can discuss regional matters with, however there is no close friendship. Mr Hickey will remain in the room while this item is discussed.

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Ballina Community Safety Infrastructure Upgrade - CCTV Network

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Damian Loone/Cr Michelle Bailey)

That Council confirms the scope of CCTV network upgrade is consistent with the recommendations provided by Matryx Pty. Ltd., as per Attachment 1 to this report, to allow the implementation to be progressed in a timely manner and to ensure compliance with the Federal Government grant conditions and timelines.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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4.2 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Appointment of Members

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Erin Karsten/Cr Eva Ramsey)

1. That based on the selection process completed, Council approves the appointment of the following applicants to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee, subject to satisfactory background checks:
 - Soizic Bellemere
 - Karen Williams
 - Cherie Watt
2. Cr Simon Kinny is appointed as the alternate Councillor delegate to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee in the absence of Cr Erin Karsten.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

4.3 26 Endeavour Close, Ballina - Status

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Therese Crollick and seconded by Cr Kiri Dicker

1. That Council approves compensation of \$60,000 (ex GST) to the Unit Committee TS Lismore Inc as an exit payment following the termination of the current lease at 26 Endeavour Close, Ballina, in recognition of the structures on the site and to assist that organisation with the cost of establishing a new facility in Lismore. This compensation is to be funded from Council's Property Development Reserve, with the reserve to be reimbursed from any future sale or lease of this site.
2. That Council approves the sale of 26 Endeavour Close, Ballina by public auction and authorises the General Manager to set a price reserve based on prevailing market conditions for industrial land. If required, the sale contract may include a delayed settlement to assist with the provision of interim boat storage facilities for the Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club Inc at Cawarra Park, or an alternate location.
3. That Council authorises the General Manager to enter into open or general agency agreements with local real estate agents who wish to participate in the auction campaign with a commission rate set at 1.50% plus GST.
4. The General Manager is authorised to execute all necessary sale documents and affix the Council seal to same.

The **Motion** was **LOST**

FOR VOTE - Cr Therese Crollick, Cr Eva Ramsey, Cr Erin Karsten and Cr Kiri Dicker

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Michelle Bailey, Cr Simon Kinny, Cr Damian Loone, Cr Simon Chate and Cr Phil Meehan

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RECOMMENDATION

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2. That Council call for expressions of interest for leasing 26 Endeavour Close, Ballina based on, as is, or purpose built.
3. That subject to the outcome of Point 2, Council assist with the provision of interim boat storage facilities for the Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club Inc at Cawarra Park, or an alternate location.

FOR VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Michelle Bailey, Cr Simon Kinny, Cr Damian Loone, Cr Therese Crollick, Cr Simon Chate, Cr Eva Ramsey and Cr Phil Meehan

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Erin Karsten and Cr Kiri Dicker

4.4 89-91 Tamar Street Ballina – Status

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Kiri Dicker and seconded by Cr Therese Crollick

That Council adopts Option 2 of this report, and approves the sale of 89-91 Tamar Street, Ballina, through an expression of interest process, at a commission rate of 2%.

The **Motion** was **LOST**

FOR VOTE - Cr Kiri Dicker

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Michelle Bailey, Cr Simon Kinny, Cr Damian Loone, Cr Therese Crollick, Cr Simon Chate, Cr Eva Ramsey, Cr Erin Karsten and Cr Phil Meehan

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Phil Meehan/Cr Damian Loone)

That Council adopts Option 1 of this report, being retain and lease, subject to further reporting to Council.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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4.5 Wollongbar Medium Density Housing - Construction Tender

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Phil Meehan and seconded by Cr Eva Ramsey

1. That Council in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Section 178(1)(b), declines to accept any tenders for the Wollongbar Medium Density Housing - Construction Tender as the tenders submitted would not provide commercial viability for the project.
2. That Council, in accordance with Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Section 178(3)(a) cancels the proposal for the contract due to the difficulty in Council securing competitive construction tenders for the project.
3. That Council adopt Option 1 to sell, subject to a further report to Council.

A **Motion of Dissent** was moved by Cr Kiri Dicker and seconded by Cr Erin Karsten from the ruling of the Mayor, in regard to a proposed amendment not being permitted and to be treated as a foreshadowed motion.

The **Motion of Dissent** was **LOST**

FOR VOTE - Cr Therese Crollick, Cr Simon Chate, Cr Erin Karsten and Cr Kiri Dicker

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Michelle Bailey, Cr Simon Kinny, Cr Damian Loone, Cr Eva Ramsey and Cr Phil Meehan

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Phil Meehan/Cr Eva Ramsey)

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3. That Council adopt Option 1 to sell, subject to a further report to Council.

FOR VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Michelle Bailey, Cr Simon Kinny, Cr Damian Loone, Cr Eva Ramsey and Cr Phil Meehan

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Therese Crollick, Cr Simon Chate, Cr Erin Karsten and Cr Kiri Dicker

MEETING CLOSURE

6.17pm