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CONFIRMED MINUTES

Oberon Council Extraordinary Meeting
Monday 23 April 2018

Commencing at 5.30pm
at the Oberon Council Chambers

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed members and declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri and Gundungurra People, and respects the history and culture of the elders both past and present.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members Mayor Kathy Sajowitz (in the Chair)
 Clr Don Capel
 Clr Ian Doney
 Clr Mark Kellam
 Clr Brenda Lyon
 Clr Clive McCarthy
 Clr Mick McKechnie
 Clr Andrew McKibbin

Staff Gary Wallace, General Manager
 Shane Wilson, Planning and Development Director
 Sharon Swannell, Executive Coordinator
 Gillian Salmon, Grants Officer

Apologies Deputy Mayor Kerry Gibbons
 Chris Schumacher, Technical Services Director
 Lynette Safranek, Finance and Community Services Director

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Capel

That apologies be received and accepted for the non-attendance of Deputy Mayor Kerry Gibbons, Technical Services Director, Chris Schumacher and Finance and Community Services Director, Lynette Safranek.

Carried 01 230418

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

File No: Governance/Councillors/Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary - Nil

Non-Pecuniary - Clr McKechnie declared an interest in report item 05.01. Cr
Significant McKechnie is a board member of one of the applications.

Clr Lyon declared an interest in report item 05.01. Clr Lyon is a board member of one of the applications.

Non-Pecuniary - Nil
Less than
Significant

5. REPORTS FOR DECISION

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Capel

That Report Item 05.02 be brought forward and dealt with at this point in time.

Carried 02 230418

05.02 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2018.21.1 –CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SHED

File No: Property/PO7-6
Author: Health and Building Surveyor, Kerry Davison

Summary

A Development Application has been received for the construction of a new shed at 6 Blenheim Avenue, Oberon with particular reference Part C.5.5 – “Building Height Plane” and Part C.6.4 – “Carports and Garages.”

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Doney

That:

1. Council vary Part C.5.5 – “Building Height Plane” and Part C.6.4 – “Carports and Garages of its current DCP 2001 associated to Development Application 10.2018.21.1 for the construction of a new shed at Lot 3 in DP 1210474, being known as 6 Blenheim Avenue, Oberon.
2. A division be called in accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried 03 230418

In accordance with Section 375A of The Local Government Act 1993 the following votes are recorded for and against the Motion:

Votes For: Councillors Sajowitz, Kellam, Doney, Lyon, McKechnie, McCarthy, Capel and McKibbin
Against: Nil

Clr McKechnie and Clr Lyon declared a interest in report item 05.01. Clr McKechnie and Clr Lyon left the meeting at 5.36pm.

Moved: Capel
Second: McKibbin

That members of the public be invited to address Council in relation to the community applications.

Carried 04 230418

Chris Doyle spoke in support of a Community Fitness Centre which he discussed with Council several weeks ago. Chris has made comment via social media regarding the increasing obesity issue in the Oberon area and the need for a facility that can be used by the whole community. He created a facebook page in support of a Community Fitness Centre which generated a huge following, over 500 members within one week. There has been 550 written letters sent to Council in support of a community fitness centre over the past couple of weeks. Chris has also approached a couple of larger organisations and had a good response from YMCA who has arranged to come to Oberon to meet with Council and look at the proposal. Chris saw a need in the community and wants to see this project go ahead to address that need. The health professions in Oberon including the Oberon Health Council, local Doctors and Nurses are all on board and want to see this project proceed as well.

Greg Bourne spoke on behalf of Oberon Tarana Heritage Rail's proposal. OTHR are a community volunteer organisation which have been running for over 10 years. Their aim is to run tourist trains firstly from Oberon to Hazelgrove and then from Oberon to Tarana. The Oberon Railway Station is a vital heritage item. The first platform constructed at the station is 96 years old and is in need of urgent work. The platform is dangerous and the timber is in urgent need of replacement. This project is of benefit to all ages in the community and has the potential to become an important tourism project. When the project comes to fruition it is predicted that it will attract 8,000 – 10,000 visitors per annum.

Graham Precians addressed Council in relation to the St Aidans Village Church. The Anglican Church sold the building earlier this year. The present owner has purchased the facility to hand it over to the community for its use. The church will be a non-denominational church for the whole community and will be able to be used for both clergy and non-denominate services such as naming services. There are no toilet facilities at the church and the facility needs a fully disabled friendly toilet facility. The group is seeking support for this facility as well as a small kitchen facility.

The Mayor asked Graham what is the status of the building as a church. Has the building itself been de-consecrated? Graham advised that the building has been de-consecrated; some members of the community have expressed a desire to have the building re-hallowed.

05.01 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND ROUND 2 PROJECT NOMINATIONS

File No: Grants and Subsidies/Grants

Author: Gary Wallace General Manager, Gillian Salmon Grants Coordinator

Summary

Applications for Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) close on 04 May 2018. Allocated funding for Oberon Local Government Area in Round 2 is \$1,230,618. Council are required to prioritise and submit applications for both council and non council project proposals totalling at least \$1.5million.

Council staff have reviewed project proposals for both council and non council projects to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria for the SCCF program. This report summaries all eligible project proposals and seeks prioritisation of projects which will be submitted by Council staff by the 4 May 2018.

Moved: McKibbin
 Second: Kellam

That Council:

1. Review and prioritise the Stronger Country Communities Fund project proposals to a combined total value of at least \$1.5 million in accordance with the following list:

PRIORITY	COST
1. Indoor Fitness Centre	\$500,000
2. Oberon Pool Complex Stage 2	\$150,000
3. Black Springs Tennis Court Resurfacing and Playground Softfall	\$100,000
4. Burruga Playground Softfall	\$70,000
5. Oberon Tarana and Heritage Railway Platform Upgrade	\$133,000
6. Town Signage	\$250,000
7. Junior Rugby Leagues Electronic Scoreboard	\$96,161
8. Rotary Club Falls Hill Look Out Upgrade Stage 2	\$55,646
9. St Aidans Village Church Upgrades	\$72,288
10. Bowling Green Shelter and Amenities	\$105,504
Total	\$1,532,599

2. Council's Grants Coordinator submit the prioritised projects on the Stronger Country Communities Fund by 04 May 2018.

Carried 05 230418

6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

7. CLOSED SESSION / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Summary

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

There are no closed session reports listed for consideration.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

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 General Manager

 Mayor