

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

13 November 2018

Held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am

Pursuant to section 13 of Council's Local Law No 2 (Council Meetings) 2013, the Interim Administrator invited the Interim Management Committee members present being Jan Taylor, Simone Webbe, Rob Jones, and Stan Gallo to address Council on any matters before it.

The Interim Administrator advised that he is bound to declare Conflict of Interests and potential Conflict of Interests and that the members of the Interim Management Committee are not legally bound, however in accordance with the Interim Management Charter they will also declare Conflict of Interests and potential Conflict of Interests.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT

MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE:

Greg Chemello (Interim Administrator)

INTERIM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Jan Taylor, Simone Webbe, Stan Gallo, Robert Jones

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ipswich City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, cultures and stories of a proud people

OPENING PRAYER

Let us in silence pray or reflect upon our responsibilities to the people of Ipswich.

We meet today to serve our community, to use our resources wisely and well, to represent all members of our community fairly and to make decisions that promote the common good.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS

Nil however the Interim Administrator advised that on behalf of Council he attended a Remembrance day event at Memorial Hall, Nicholas Street, Ipswich on 11 November 2018 commemorating 100 years since armistice was signed.

PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil however the Interim Administrator noted that there is a petition being lodged in state parliament regarding Waste Incineration in Ipswich which he understood to date had received over 4,000 signatures.

**CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF ORDINARY
MEETING**

The Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the Minutes of the Council Ordinary Meeting held on 16 October 2018 be confirmed.

The motion was put and carried.

The Interim Administrator noted on page 3 of the 16 October 2018 minutes, in relation to Community Reference Groups, a proposal to re-establish and restructure the way that Council engages with the community. He noted that the purpose is to realign Council's community engagement towards the strategy of council to better meet the needs of the community and have proper and appropriate community input across all areas of council operations in the future.

The Interim Administrator also noted in the minutes of the 16 October 2018 meeting, the wind up of Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd and that he had made some comments at the last council meeting in relation to council preparing an independent report into the total lifecycle costs of Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd and that this would be published early next year. It will present all the costs of creating, operating and closing down Ipswich City Properties Pty Ltd and will also compare these to the cost of the redevelopment to date had council pursued the project on its own, without the company. This will give the community of Ipswich a very clear view of the actual costs of the company as well as the costs that would have been incurred anyway.

**CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING**

The Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 29 October 2018 be confirmed.

The motion was put and carried.

**RECEPTION AND
CONSIDERATION OF
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the Economic Development Committee Report No. 2018(01) of 7 November 2018 be received and adopted.

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee Report No. 2018(01) of 7 November 2018 be received and adopted.

That the Communities Committee Report No. 2018(01) of 7 November 2018 be received and adopted.

That the Environment Committee Report No. 2018(01) of 7 November 2018 be received and adopted.

That the Governance Committee Report No. 2018(01) of 7 November 2018 be received and adopted.

The motion was put and carried.

The Interim Administrator noted that this was the first time council had operated on the basis of the five committee's structured around the *Advance Ipswich* agenda. The Interim Administrator advised that when Council had set this process up it was noted that council may need to refine the structure over time.

The Interim Administrator noted that:

In the Economic Development Committee there was discussion about some of the events that were submitted to this committee being better placed in the Communities Committee. The principle surrounding this was that if the primary purpose of a proposed event was to encourage business or growth or external participation as in tourism, it should be an Economic Development Committee report. If there was an event proposed for the local communities of Ipswich, enjoying aspects of living in Ipswich such as Christmas, it would be more appropriately addressed by the Communities Committee. The Interim Administrator advised that these matters were not black and white however the fundamental purpose of these events would be taken into consideration when submitting reports to these committees and that they would be monitored moving forward.

In the Growth and Infrastructure Committee there was a report on the proposal to commence a new planning scheme. The objective is so that by the time of the next local government elections in March 2020, Council will have as close as it can to a draft planning scheme for consideration by the incoming council. This will include extensive community engagement up front, focussing a lot of time on the overall growth management principles and strategy.

In the Communities Committee, it was noted that discussion was held around community reference groups and restructuring them to better match council's alignment with its strategic objectives as defined in *Advance Ipswich*.

In the Governance Committee it was noted that there was a report about licences and permits to use Council land and that this should be more appropriately considered by the Communities Committee as it was essentially not about the land but about how Council is empowering, assisting and encouraging communities.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 9.08 am.