

Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 27 February, 2018
Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 5.00pm

Membership (Quorum - 7)
All Councillors

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MM18.6 Mayoral Minute - Annual Company Dividend - 2016 to 2017 - Southern Phone Company

HPERM Ref: D18/58428

Recommendation

That Council receive the report for information and write a thank you letter to Southern Phone Company.

Details

Bill Hilzinger, Chairman, recently wrote to me confirming Council's dividend payment for 2016-2017 was \$155,537.04. This represents 18.73% of the total dividend pool for that year of \$1,000,000.

The dividend calculation is based on 20% of the dividend pool being split equitably by the 35 shareholders and 80% split based on the Southern Phone revenues generated in your Council area.

These funds are already committed against projects submitted as applications to Government under various funding programs.

These Southern Phone dividend monies form the Council contribution for applications lodged by the Economic Development Office as endorsed by Council if the matching money has not been identified from other Council budgets.

MM18.6

MM18.7 Mayoral Minute - West Ulladulla Skate Park

HPERM Ref: D18/58448

Recommendation

That

1. Council support a budget allocation of \$400,000 over a two year budget cycle commencing in 2018/2019 to upgrade the West Ulladulla Skate park to become the regional facility that has been promised since the first stage over 20 years ago.
2. This project be partially funded from the Skate Park Funds and an additional capital works for the 2019/2020 budget. Council work towards obtaining grant funding and the physical work be undertaken in one stage.
3. Council also undertake urgent repairs on the Ulladulla Skate Park to ensure that the users are not at undue risk due to surface damage This could be funded from the balance of the funds in the skate funds.

Details

The West Ulladulla Skate Park was earmarked to be a substantial skating facility for the Southern Shoalhaven. The Ulladulla Skate Park was once considered to be in the top 10 of skate facilities but over the last 10 years has become somewhat rundown. When first developed a number of skate events were undertaken at the facility.

West Ulladulla Skate Park services not just the Southern Shoalhaven but the growing fraternity of families who travel far and wide for skate park experiences. Due to the size of the community of interest it has been difficult for the users to come together to push Council to commit to finishing this important expansion project. There have been a number of stop start attempts over the years to achieve the extension.

With the renewal of the netball courts, the sealing of the carpark, the development of the AFL fields, it's time to bring a sense of completion to the sporting precinct by providing the investment into the skate park that the community have been demanding for some time.

MM18.8 Mayoral Minute - Thank you

1. The Queen's Baton Relay

2. Cleanup by Rangers & South Coast Correctional Facility

HPERM Ref: D18/58976

Recommendation

That Council receive the report for information and formally thank everyone concerned via the Resolution.

Details

As most of you are aware, the Queen's Baton Relay came to Nowra on Monday, 5 February 2018 arriving in spectacular fashion via helicopter and Navy RHIB. The event was a hugely successful community event and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

I am sure that along with myself, Councillors would like to thank the tireless effort of staff, who, under strict guidelines from the Queen's Baton Relay, created a fabulous occasion.

Thank you to the following:

Staff – Thank you to everyone involved – as I don't want to offend anyone by leaving them off I won't name names!

HMAS Albatross – you were instrumental in making this event the best leg of the Relay on the South Coast.

Sponsors – Bomaderry Bowling Club, Quest Apartments, Elite Energy, Kennedy's Bus Tours, Shoalhaven Water, Holiday Haven, Parrish Plumbing, WIN TV, 2ST.

Buskers – Jackie, Bobbie, Southern Stompers, Mick, Denise & Chloe.

Nowra Retail Sector – for those that were involved in activating the CBD by dressing up their shops to reflect the Commonwealth Games Spirit.

Schools, Community Groups, Entertainment & the General Community – Thank you.

Clean up by Rangers and South Coast Correctional Facility

During Sept / Oct 2017 Shoalhaven City Council and Justice NSW formed a working relationship with land owners in the Northern sector of the Shoalhaven City Council villages. One of the targeted areas was Budgong and Kangaroo Valley. Shoalhaven City Council Rangers identified the 'hotspots' which required significant effort to clean up and restore natural areas.

Mr Rob Duff, Overseer of Community Projects from Corrective Services Nowra arranged for a team to undertake that mammoth task which included removal of a substantial amount of waste, including a considerable amount of tyres.

Shoalhaven City Council acknowledge the outstanding effort and contribution of the Corrective Services Community Projects Team for removing and restoring the natural environment around the Budgong area.



MM18.8

MM18.9 Mayoral Minute - Shoalhaven Community & Recreation Precinct (SCaRP), Cambewarra Road, Bomaderry

HPERM Ref: D18/61779

Attachments: 1. Attachment - Email from Member for Kiama to Councillors - 26 February 2018 [↓](#)

Recommendation

That:

1. Council support the Rescission Motion and put the SCaRP Masterplan on hold.
2. Council immediately engage with the Athletics Club to investigate an alternate site for a new facility with a commitment to fund works and seek grant funds in the short term. Funding of up to \$300,000 be provided in the 2018/19 budget for project scoping, consultation, and design work with a view to delivering a plan that will be construction ready by 2020.
3. Council support Bomaderry Aquatic Centre in its present form and should any major failure occur Council consider the options for service at that time.
4. Council advise the Croquet Club it may remain in its current location and to proceed with its expansion plan.
5. Council advise all other Sports Associations and Stakeholders of this decision.
6. A review of the Masterplan design to provide for a new 50m outdoor pool be deferred until 2020/2021 to allow staff to concentrate on the current works plan and priorities which now includes an athletics facility.

MM18.9

Details

At the January 2018 Council meeting, the SCaRP Masterplan was endorsed and Council resolved to proceed with detailed design and to fund the relocation of the croquet courts to Artie Smith Oval.

Since then two actions have occurred.

Firstly, three Councillors submitted a rescission motion to negate this decision and to then call for further community consultation i.e. put the Masterplan 'on hold'. The staff report noted under "risks" that a delay in a decision will defer our ability to apply for grant funding that is available now.

Secondly, the Member for Kiama, Gareth Ward MP convened a public meeting on 21 February 2018 to essentially protest against the Masterplan and the change in future aquatic services with the absence of a 50m pool.

It is important that Council considers the wishes of the community and I understand that over 200 people attended the meeting.

In 2016, quite extensive community engagement was undertaken and at the time relatively few objections were received. The plan was also subject to much media due to the issues that surrounded what eventually resulted in the compulsory acquisition of four properties at Cambewarra Road. The Council in the end adopted a Masterplan that would see vastly

improved services provided in the Community and Recreation Precinct in Bomaderry. The majority of the sports that are covered and enhanced under the plan essentially exist at this location currently.

Nevertheless, it is evident a sector of community are not satisfied and see the deletion of a 50m pool as unacceptable. Council could 'dig in its heels' and there is no doubt hard and sometimes unpopular decisions must be made at times. Hard and unpopular decisions are often driven by the financial constraints of Council which is tasked to deliver outcomes for the Shoalhaven that represents the highest value for money for the most amount of people – which by its very nature doesn't suit 'all people, all of the time'.

However, it must be remembered that the existing pool complex is intended to continue in its current form.

Staff have advised that whilst the outdoor pool shell is in reasonable condition the filtration system and heating systems are at risk of failure sometime over the next five years or so. This means that the existing complex can continue to operate in the short term which gives ample time to reassess the situation.

The Indoor Sports Centre construction is underway and the Masterplan had particular aims to provide a new Athletics facility – athletics in the Shoalhaven are currently conducting their activities on sub-par surfaces and our local athletes have to travel long distances just to train on synthetic tracks that are used for competition. The nearest track of reasonable quality is in Wollongong.

The Athletics facility could only be constructed AFTER the completion of the new community pavilion which aimed to house, new aquatic spaces, gym, café, child care facilities, medical and other allied health professional consulting rooms. Council's current facilities are accessed on a daily basis by allied and medical health professionals with clients who are rebuilding their strength through rehabilitation programs or on pathways to improved health and fitness.

A significant estimated cost of approx. \$50m would only be feasible with support from the State or Federal Government. However, our local Members Gareth Ward MP and Shelley Hancock MP have both publicly stated they could not support the Masterplan project in its current form.

If Council agrees and acknowledges the public objection that was clear from the MP's meeting it would be difficult to proceed with the Masterplan "as is".

I believe Council needs to be proactive and take more definitive action to move things along and not just decide to have more community consultation and deferment. If we take note of the discontent that was evident at the public meeting, Council will need to rework the concept designs, the financial plan and business case and the mix of facilities to accommodate a new 50m outdoor pool. There is no doubt that this will be a more expensive project and come at higher operational costs, and requires our local MP's to secure significant funds.

Essentially this leaves the Athletics Club in limbo and without any prospect of achieving a new facility on the Cambewarra Road precinct anytime soon if Council doesn't take definitive action now.

To avoid further disappointments, Council should investigate other options to support new facilities for Athletics, this should be a priority. Subject to discussions with the Athletics Club a new greenfield site with the Moss Vale South URA (recently purchased by Council) may be an option. If this site (or another alternative site) worked it would take pressure off the Cambewarra Rd site and also enable the Croquet Club to remain and simply expand its existing site as it originally planned and preferred.

From: ElectorateOffice Kiama <ElectorateOffice.Kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au>

Date: 26 February 2018 at 4:25:59 pm AEDT

To: ElectorateOffice Kiama <ElectorateOffice.Kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Proposed Closure of the Bomaderry Olympic Pool

Dear Councillor,

Last Wednesday I called a public meeting based on significant feedback from residents who expressed concern with Council plans to redevelop sporting facilities in Bomaderry.

My thanks to Councillors who made themselves available to attend.

The primary concern of residents are plans to close the 50M Olympic pool at Bomaderry.

More than 350 people came to last Wednesday's public meeting. I provided survey sheets for each attendee with almost all in attendance supporting the retention of the 50M Olympic pool.

In all my years as a Bomaderry resident, I have never seen such a turnout to a public meeting in Bomaderry.

I would encourage Councillors to have an independent sports and aquatic architect review your proposed plans for the regional sports complex. I strongly support investments that will enhance facilities and amenities, but I cannot support a plan that will take away an asset the community believes should be retained.

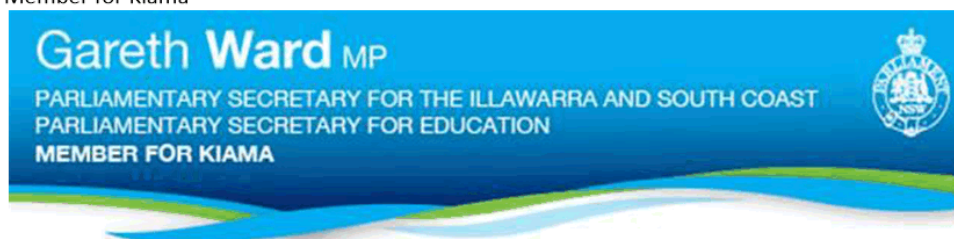
Whilst the NSW Government is yet to receive an application from Shoalhaven City Council for your proposed \$70Million Regional Sports Complex, Shelley Hancock and I wish to make it very clear that we will not be supporting any plan that sees the removal of a 50M Olympic pool.

Both Shelley and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you further.

Kind regards,

Gareth Ward MP

Member for Kiama



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