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July 21, 2017

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA



JAMES RONCON
GENERAL MANAGER

FURTHER BUSINESS

1. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN NO. 4/17 - DATED
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ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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ITEM 1MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN NO. 4/17SUBJECT: FORMATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 11/21**Notice of Motion**

1. That Broken Hill City Council forms a standing committee structure that meets in the week prior to the ordinary monthly meeting of Council. The committees will vote on and pass recommendations for business to be discussed and voted on at the monthly meetings of Council. That the current portfolio system continues in conjunction with the standing committees.

Notice of Motion:

Council has received a Notice of Motion from Councillor Kennedy requesting that a standing committee structure be formed which will work in conjunction with the current portfolio system.

The Notice of Motion reads as follows:

That Broken Hill City Council forms a standing committee structure that meets in the week prior to the ordinary monthly meeting of council. The committees will vote on and pass recommendations for business to be discussed and voted on at the monthly meetings of council. That the current portfolio system continues in conjunction with the standing committees

Reason for motion:

It will allow more debate amongst Council and give the community the opportunity to address Councillors before a recommendation is put to the monthly meeting of Council.

It is in line with the Department of Local Government meeting practice note:

13.1.1 Can a Council set up workshops? Are there any limitations on their use? A Council can hold a workshop (sometimes called a briefing session) under its general powers as a body politic. Workshops are informal gatherings and can provide useful background information to Councillors on issues....

Workshops should not be used for detailed or advanced discussions where agreement is reached and/or a (de-facto) decision is made. Any detailed discussion or exchange of views on an issue, and any policy decision from the options, should be left to the open forum of a formal Council or committee meeting....

The committee system will result in formal procedures to be in place, meetings to be advertised and notice given, media to attend, public to attend, minutes to be kept, normal rules of debate and it is more likely to meet community expectations. The committee system will result in a more transparent council answerable to the community.

NSW meeting practice note:

13.2 Attendance:

13.2.1 Who can attend Council workshops? Attendance entitlements in the Act and the Regulation apply only to meetings of the Council and its committees (made up of Councillors only). As workshops are not meetings of the Council or such committees the attendance entitlements of Councillors and the public do not apply. Despite this every Councillor should be invited to workshops (Clauses 10.2 – 10.4 of the Model Code of Conduct). Clause 10.4 of the Model Code provides that members of staff who provide any information to a particular Councillor in the performance of their civic duties must also make it available to any other Councillor who requests it. Equity in access to information (in the form of workshops) is a matter for each Council to decide in the context of its policies and resources. While it is usual for all Councillors to be entitled to attend workshops, attendance is a decision for the Council or, failing that, the workshop convenor. There is no obligation on Councillors to attend workshops.

Attachments

1. [!\[\]\(7a8011739ec4e250e2f89a547d75fb0a_img.jpg\)](#) Notice of Motion - Councillor Kennedy

T. KENNEDY
COUNCILLOR

Notice of motion

Ordinary meeting of the Broken Hill City Council

To be held on 26/07/2017

From Councillor Tom Kennedy

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Reasons for motion are,

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Councillor Tom Kennedy

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