
WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
WYONG CIVIC CENTRE, HELY STREET, WYONG
ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2015
COMMENCING AT 5.00PM**

PRESENT

Councillors D J Eaton OAM (Chairperson), G P Best, R L Graham, K G Greenwald, L A Matthews, L S Taylor, A Troy, D P Vincent and L D Webster.

IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Director Development and Building, Director Infrastructure and Operations, Director Property and Economic Development, Acting Director Community and Recreation Services, General Counsel, Communications Coordinator, Financial Controller, IT Infrastructure Administrator, IT and Operations Manager, Team Leader Governance and Councillor Services and two administration staff.

The Mayor, Councillor Eaton OAM, declared the meeting open at 5.00pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting is being recorded.

John Hardwick delivered the opening prayer and Councillor Matthews read an acknowledgment of country statement.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

At the commencement of the ordinary meeting report numbers 1.1, 1.6, 8.1, 8.2 and 4.5 were dealt with first then the remaining reports in order. However for the sake of clarity the reports are recorded in their correct agenda sequence.

1.1 Disclosures of Interest

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RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WEBSTER and seconded by Councillor GREENWALD:

973/15 That Council receive the report on Disclosure of Interest and note advice of disclosures.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

974/15 That Council allow meeting practice to be varied.

975/15 That Council use the exception method to deal with the balance of the Agenda.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

976/15 That with the exception of report numbers 1.6, 4.5, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 8.1 and 8.2 Council adopt the recommendations contained in the remaining reports.

1.2 Proposed Inspections and Briefings

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

977/15 That Council receive the report on Proposed Inspections and Briefings.

1.3 Address By Invited Speakers

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

978/15 That Council receive the amended report on Invited Speakers.

979/15 That Council agree meeting practice be varied to allow reports from Directors and/or the General Manager to be dealt with following an Invited Speaker's address.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

980/15 That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Meetings of Council held on Wednesday 9 September 2015.

Business Arising

There was no business arising.

1.5 Notice of Intention to Deal with Matters in Confidential Session

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

981/15 That Council consider the following matters in Confidential Session, pursuant to Sections 10A (2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1993:

9.1 Answer to Question on Notice - Q28/15 - Gateway To Toukley,

982/15 That Council note its reason for considering Report No 9.1 – Answer to Question on Notice - Q28/15 - Gateway To Toukley, as it contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

983/15 That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to report on these matters in open session of Council.

1.6 Mayoral Minute - The Entrance Surf Club Lease

Mr Glenn Clarke, President, The Entrance Surf Life Saving Club, addressed the meeting at 5.07pm, answered questions and retired at 5.18pm.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor EATON:

984/15 That Council request The Entrance Surf club enter into suitable arrangements with Council for the clearance of the outstanding rates and charges.

985/15 That Council request for additional purpose to be added to the Reserve under Section 121A of the Crown Lands Act 1989.

986/15 That Council amend the lease to include a sub-lease permitting a café/restaurant to be included in the footprint of The Entrance Surf Club.

987/15 That Council share the rental derived from the commercial operation with The Entrance Surf Club.

988/15 That Council require The Entrance Surf Club to spend their share of the rental on Surf Life Saving activities and/or equipment, and provide annual financial statements to show how these funds have been distributed.

2.1 RZ/2/2013 - Revision of Planning Proposal for East Wadalba Urban Land Release Area (Precincts 2A and 2B in the North Wyong Shire Structure Plan)

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

- 989/15 That Council note the landowner group's request to revise the WELOG project boundary to only include Precinct 2A and 2B of the North Wyong Shire Structure Plan and as such rescind resolutions 1097/13 to 1104/13 which also applied to land within Precinct 3B,
- 990/15 That Council prepare a Planning Proposal to amend Wyong Local Environmental Plan 2013 for land within Precincts 2A and 2B as shown in the North Wyong Shire Structure Plan and submit this to the Department of Planning and Environment.
- 991/15 That Council seek a revised gateway determination from the Department of Planning and Environment with 18 months to finalise the planning proposal to be requested.
- 992/15 That Council require, subject to the gateway determination, the applicant/landowner consortium submit a Wyong LEP 2013 Amendment Request in accordance with Council's Planning Proposal Procedure to recover the costs involved in further progressing the proposal.
- 993/15 That Council undertake community and government agency consultation, in accordance with the requirements attached to the gateway determination.
- 994/15 That Council authorise the General Manager (or delegate) to sign any infrastructure and servicing agreement to support the rezoning. This agreement shall:
- a Address the cost, timing, staging and responsibilities for funding and provision of infrastructure to service the development.
 - b Ensure that Council is not responsible for the cost of any public infrastructure required to support the development such as hard infrastructure (including, roads water and sewer and drainage) and soft infrastructure (which includes open space, community facilities and environmental corridors).
- 995/15 That Council reach an "in principle" agreement on Item 6 between the Applicant (on behalf of the Wadalba Landowners Lobby Group), Council and State Government prior to the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal.
- 996/15 That Council advise the applicant that the Planning Proposal will not proceed beyond public exhibition until agreement is reached on the provision of Council and State Government infrastructure to service new development (This agreement shall be based on the "principle of no additional cost to government").
- 997/15 That Council prepare appropriate Wyong Development Control Plan provisions to guide the development of Precincts 2A and 2B – East Wadalba and exhibit these concurrently with the planning proposal.

998/15 *That Council advise the landowners within precincts 2A, 2B, and 3B of the resolution and next steps for the proposal.*

FOR: CRS GB BEST, DE EATON, B G GRAHAM, KG GREENWALD, LM MATTHEWS, LT TAYLOR, AT TROY, DV VINCENT AND LW WEBSTER

AGAINST: NIL

2.2 Planning Proposal - 31 Palmdale Road Palmdale - Results of Agency and Community Consultation

RESOLVED *unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:*

999/15 *That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to exercise the Written Authorisation to Exercise Delegation for RZ/15/2014 being the rezoning of 31 Palmdale Road Palmdale, and proceed with the steps for drafting and making of the amendment to Wyong Local Environmental Plan 2013.*

FOR: CRS GB BEST, DE EATON, B G GRAHAM, KG GREENWALD, LM MATTHEWS, LT TAYLOR, AT TROY, DV VINCENT AND LW WEBSTER

AGAINST: NIL

3.1 Classification of Land, Lots 133, 136 and 138 DP 1194748 at Drovers Way, Wadalba

RESOLVED *unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:*

1000/15 *That Council classify Lots 133 and 136 DP 1194748 at Drovers Way, Wadalba as Operational Land.*

1001/15 *That Council note that:*

- a Nothing in the above resolution authorises the sale of the subject land (section 377(1)(h) of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that any sale of land can only be by resolution of Council).*
- b Section 31(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that Council must not resolve that land be classified as operational land if the resolution is inconsistent with the terms of any trust applying to the land.*

4.1 CPA/256334 - Operation and Management of Councils Four Holiday parks Located within Wyong Shire Council

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

1002/15 That Council accept the tender from Discovery Holiday Parks Pty Ltd, for a period of three (3) years for Contract CPA/256334 –Operation and Management of Councils four Holiday Parks located within Wyong Shire Council. The estimated annual expenditure against this contract is \$2,257,220 (excl GST); however the actual expended amount will vary with fluctuations in the Monthly Operational Profit and changes to the nominated retainer, due to variations in the CPI (All Groups Sydney).

1003/15 That Council determine the Tender Evaluation Report Attachments A & B remain confidential in accordance with Section 10 A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the reports contain commercial information of a confidential nature, except for the name of the successful tenderer(s), which may be disclosed after Council has resolved to accept that tender/those tenders.

4.2 CPA/257590 - Hire Trucks - Heavy Plant Equipment - 2015-2017

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

1004/15 That Council accept all conforming tenderers received in the attached Tender Evaluation Report, for a period of up to 2 years for Contract CPA/257590 – Hire Trucks – Heavy Plant Equipment – 2015-2017. The estimated annual expenditure against this contract is estimated at \$4,526,000.00 (excl GST), however actual expenditure may vary significantly with fluctuations in demand.

1005/15 That Council determine the Tender Evaluation Report in Attachment A remains confidential in accordance with Section 10 A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature, except for the name of the successful tenderers, which may be disclosed after Council has resolved to accept those tenders.

1006/15 That Council approve the contingency sum as detailed in the Tender Evaluation Report in Attachment A.

4.3 CPA/262608 - Design and Supply of Corporate and Operational Uniform

Councillor Best declared a non-pecuniary significant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason that he is General Manager at Central Coast Group Training who has staff employed with the tenderer. This item was resolved by the exception method.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

1007/15 That Council accept the tender from Goodgear Pty Ltd, for a period of four years for Contract CPA/262608 – Design and Supply of Corporate and Operational Uniform. The estimated annual expenditure against this contract is \$306423.55) (excl GST), however actual expenditure may vary significantly with fluctuations in demand.

1008/15 *That Council determine the Tender Evaluation Report in Attachment A remains confidential in accordance with Section 10 A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature, except for the name of the successful tenderer, which may be disclosed after Council has resolved to accept that tender.*

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RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

1009/15 *That Council accept the tender from Bedrule Pty Ltd, for the lump sum amount of \$223,298.79 (excl GST) for Contract CPA/264704 – Supply & installation of electrical kiosk.*

1010/15 *That Council determine the Tender Evaluation Report in Attachment A, remains confidential in accordance with Section 10 A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature, except for the name of the successful tenderer, which may be disclosed after Council has resolved to accept that tender.*

1011/15 *That Council approve the contingency sum as detailed in the Tender Evaluation Report in Attachment A.*

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RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor TAYLOR and seconded by Councillor TROY:

1012/15 *That Council accept the tender from Jands Venue Engineering Pty Ltd (Jands), for the lump sum amount of \$1,274,374.00 (excl GST) for Contract CPA/241428A Art House fit out.*

1013/15 That Council determine the Tender Evaluation Report in Attachment A, remains confidential in accordance with Section 10 A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature, except for the name of the successful tenderer), which may be disclosed after Council has resolved to accept that tender.

1014/15 That Council approve the contingency sum as detailed in the Tender Evaluation Report in Attachment A.

5.1 Policy - Rate reduction for pensioners

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

1015/15 That Council note that a review of the Rates Reduction for Pensioners Policy has been undertaken.

1016/15 That Council adopt the Rates Reduction for Pensioners Policy attached to this report.

5.2 Tourism Framework and Plan 2015-2017

Councillor Troy left the meeting at 7.28pm and returned to the meeting at 7.30pm during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WEBSTER and seconded by Councillor MATTHEWS:

1017/15 That Council adopt the Tourism Framework and Plan 2015-2017.

5.3 Regional Roll-out of Council Skate Park Facilities

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Councillor Vincent stated:

"I choose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced me in carrying out my public duty."

Councillor Vincent left the meeting at 7.47pm and returned to the meeting at 7.48pm during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TROY:

1018/15 That Council receive this report on a preferred site and budget to construct a new skate park in the North of Wyong Shire.

1019/15 That Council consider allocating funds for investigation, planning and design budget of \$120,000.00 in the 2016/17 CAPEX budget.

- 1020/15 That Council consider, in conjunction with Recommendation 2, to fund Option 1 in this report in the 2017/18 CAPEX budget to the value of \$1,000,000.00.
- 1021/15 That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer report back to Council on the findings from the investigation, planning and design works.
- 1022/15 That, further to Council's 2014 Strategic Planning Workshop that identified the need for a regional play facility in our Shire's north, Council seek to co-locate such a facility with the proposed \$1million Munmorah skate park.
- 1023/15 That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer report on providing such a facility, the costs, budgetary options, suitability of co-locating and including any physical site constraints/area.
- 1024/15 That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer report on options for the vacated former skate park site and to accommodate community use of the netball courts. ie: seating access, pathways and spectator facilities.

5.4 Casual Vacancy in Civic Office - Wyong Shire Council

Councillor Greenwald left the meeting at 7.49pm and returned to the meeting at 7.51pm during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor EATON and seconded by Councillor WEBSTER:

- 1025/15 That the Council apply to the Minister for Local Government for the issue of an order under s. 294(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 that the casual vacancy in the civic office last held by Cr Nayna not be filled by a by-election.
- 1026/15 That the Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer make that application to the Minister.
- 1027/15 That the Council resolve that, in the event the Minister does not issue as order under s. 294(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, that:
- a. the by-election be administered by the NSW Electoral Commissioner; and
 - b. The Council enter in to an electoral arrangement with the NSW Electoral Commissioner.
- 1028/15 That the Council determine that, for the purpose of s. 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the confidential attachment 1 to this business paper remain confidential as that document includes personal matters concerning a person who is no longer a councillor and other persons who are not councillors, being matters of the kind set out in s. 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

6.1 Investment Report for August 2015

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TROY:

That Council receive the Investment Report for August 2015.

6.2 Draft Minutes of the Tuggerah Lakes Estuary, Coastal and Floodplain Management Committee - 3 September 2015

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor TAYLOR and seconded by Councillor TROY:

1029/15 That Council receive the Minutes of the Tuggerah Lakes Estuary, Coastal and Floodplain Management Committee meeting held on 3 September 2015.

1030/15 That Council undertake as a matter of urgency, a study to determine the effects of creating a navigable but narrower channel, given that the announced State Government program does not include the channel study.

FOR: CRS GB BEST, DE EATON, LT TAYLOR, AT TROY AND LW WEBSTER

AGAINST: CRS B G GRAHAM, KG GREENWALD, LM MATTHEWS AND DV VINCENT

6.3 Draft Minutes of the Employment and Economic Development Committee Meeting - 2 September 2015

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

1031/15 That Council receive the report on Draft Minutes of the Employment and Economic Development Committee Meeting - 2 September 2015.

6.4 Results of Water Quality Testing for Beaches and Lake Swimming Locations

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor TAYLOR and seconded by Councillor TROY:

1032/15 That Council receive the report on Results of Water Quality Testing for Beaches and Lake Swimming Locations.

6.5 Activities of the Development and Rezoning and Building Certification Compliance and Health Units

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

1033/15 That Council receive the report on Activities of the Development and Rezoning and Building Certification Compliance and Health Units for the month of August 2015 and related job creation.

6.6 Wyong Water - Works in Progress

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

1034/15 That Council receive the report on Wyong Water - Works in Progress.

6.7 Support of Youth Services in Wyong

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

1035/15 That Council receive and note the report on the Support of Youth Services in Wyong.

6.8 Outstanding Questions on Notice and Notices of Motion

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TAYLOR:

1036/15 That Council receive the report on Outstanding Questions on Notice and Notices of Motion.

8.1 Notice of Motion - Shark Summit

Councillor Vincent left the meeting at 5.34pm and returned to the meeting at 5.36pm during consideration of this item.

Councillor Matthews left the meeting at 6.02pm and returned to the meeting at 6.03pm during consideration of this item.

Councillor Best left the meeting at 6.15pm and returned to the meeting at 6.16pm during consideration of this item.

Mr Guy Graham, Marine Expert, addressed the meeting at 5.32pm, answered questions and retired at 5.53pm.

It was MOVED on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TROY:

- 1 *That Council note the increased number of shark attacks in and around our coastal waters due to the rise in shark numbers.*
- 2 *That Council take proactive and pre-emptive steps to mitigate further local attacks.*
- 3 *That Council recognise that not only do the current shark attacks highlight the need for better public safety they have the potential to affect summer time tourism and its associated employment.*
- 4 *That having regard to the far reaching potential of these events Council convene in partnership with Surf Life Saving and Professional Life Guards a Shark Summit that includes all key stakeholder groups, rescue organisations, applicable agencies, tourism representatives and specialist marine experts.*
- 5 *That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to report on the feasibility of auditing our ocean coast line with a view to identifying suitable sites to create shark proof ocean bathing areas/enclosures, however this does not include traditional netting.*
- 6 *That staff investigate the effectiveness and practicality of making available to bathers, technology such as the shark shield devices on a short term hire basis.*

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor **GREENWALD** and seconded by Councillor **VINCENT**:

That Council direct the CEO write to the State Government to request that it convene a Shark Summit that includes all Coastal Shires and Councils, stakeholders, organisations and interested parties, including tourism to discuss methods to assist Coast areas with their noted rise in shark related incidents in recent times.

FOR: CRS GB BEST, DE EATON, B G GRAHAM, LT TAYLOR, AT TROY AND LW WEBSTER

AGAINST: CRS KG GREENWALD, LM MATTHEWS AND DV VINCENT

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote and declared LOST.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor **BEST** and seconded by Councillor **TROY**:

1037/15 That Council note the increased number of shark attacks in and around our coastal waters due to the rise in shark numbers.

1038/15 That Council take proactive and pre-emptive steps to mitigate further local attacks.

1039/15 That Council recognise that not only do the current shark attacks highlight the need for better public safety they have the potential to affect summer time tourism and its associated employment.

1040/15 That, having regard to the far reaching potential of these events, Council convene in partnership with Surf Life Saving and Professional Life Guards a Shark Summit that includes all key stakeholder groups, rescue organisations, applicable agencies, tourism representatives and specialist marine experts.

1041/15 That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to report on the feasibility of auditing our ocean coast line with a view to identifying suitable sites to create shark proof ocean bathing areas/enclosures, however this does not include traditional netting.

1042/15 That staff investigate the effectiveness and practicality of making available to bathers, technology such as the shark shield devices on a short term hire basis.

FOR: CRS GB BEST, DE EATON, B G GRAHAM, KG GREENWALD, LM MATTHEWS, LT TAYLOR, AT TROY, DV VINCENT AND LW WEBSTER

AGAINST: NIL

8.2 Notice of Motion - \$10million Rate Relief

Councillor Taylor left the meeting at 6.26pm and returned to the meeting at 6.27pm during consideration of this item.

Mr Stuart Durie, Secretary of the Lake Munmorah Progress Association, addressed the meeting at 6.26pm, answered questions and retired at 6.36pm.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor TROY:

1043/15 That Council congratulate all staff for their excellent team efforts in addressing the \$30million deficit.

1044/15 That Council recognise that these efforts have now resulted in a \$10.6million surplus, this reflects a \$41million total turn around in just 5 years.

1045/15 That Council note the key initiatives deployed to achieve this extraordinary turn around are:

- **“Right-sizing” the organisation – aligning inputs to priority outputs**
- **Service Delivery Review removing \$8m from the cost base**
- **Using our own resource, not consultants**
- **Benchmarking and testing alternate service delivery models**
- **Better budgeting – focusing on community priorities**
- **Better discipline in meeting budgets**
- **More effective measurement. Closer monitoring of spend**
- **Better procurement practices and outcomes.**

1046/15 That, as a consequence of this excellent financial management, Council note that it does not intend to apply a special rate variation when it makes rates for the 2016/17 rating year and revert to a maximum increase of 3% (the assumed standard rate pegging), thereby saving our rate payers \$10.7 million dollars.

1047/15 That Council now continues to work through the identified infrastructure backlog using the current unallocated surplus of \$10.6million and future year surpluses.

1048/15 That the Mayor, through the Council column, publically thank our community for their support, patience and understanding throughout this difficult period of restructure.

FOR: CRS GB BEST, DE EATON, B G GRAHAM, KG GREENWALD, LM MATTHEWS, LT TAYLOR, AT TROY, DV VINCENT AND LW WEBSTER

AGAINST: NIL

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Q39/15 Review of Councillor Committee Positions
Councillor Lisa Matthews**

“Can the Acting Chief Executive Officer please advise if and when Council will review its committee positions, in particular those committees that former Councillor Nayna sat on?”

**Q40/15 Nomination for Popularly Elected Mayor and Councillor
Councillor Ken Greenwald**

“If a person nominates for position of Mayor, can that person also nominate for the position of a Councillor?”

**Q41/15 Election of Popularly Elected Mayor
Councillor Ken Greenwald**

“If a person who nominates for both Mayor and Councillor is successful for both, what happens to the Councillor position?”

**Q42/15 Kanwal Traffic Calming Devices
Councillor Greg Best**

“Mr Mayor,

As the local area Councillor, my question is on behalf of the good folk of Walker Avenue/ Braithwaite, Kanwal. I am hearing of outrageous driving behaviour that is endangering public safety, I appreciate it's a policing matter, however could you have staff look into the possibility of installing some traffic calming devices in this area, particularly leading from the high pedestrian area, Kanwal shops?”

**Q43/15 Gosford City Council Road Condition Measurements
Councillor Lloyd Taylor**

“Can the Acting Chief Executive Officer please advise whether Gosford City Council measures the condition of their roads via a PCI or similar index and if so please provide the results of the index for the last three years?”

THE MEETING closed at 8.39pm.