



The Barossa Council

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

held on Wednesday 5 June 2019 commencing at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa

1.1 WELCOME

Mayor Bim Lange declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

1.2 MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Michael (Bim) Lange, Crs Tony Hurn, Cathy Troup, David Haebich, Leonie Boothby, Dave de Vries, Kathryn Schilling, Richard Miller, Don Barrett and Carla Wiese-Smith

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Russell Johnstone

1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cr John Angas

1.5 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

MOVED Cr Miller that the apology received from Cr John Angas be noted.

Seconded Cr Boothby

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2. VISITORS TO THE MEETING

HEARING OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ON THE 2019/20 – 2028/29 LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND 2019/20 ANNUAL BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN

Mayor Lange advised that an hour shall be set aside for the hearing of public submissions on the 2019/20 – 2028/29 Long Term Financial Plan and 2019/20 Annual Budget and Business Plan.

The period for presentations was opened at 6.03pm - Mayor Lange welcomed Mr William Reilly to the meeting. Mr Reilly addressed Council, asking the question:

Why are rates based on property values?

Cr Hurn entered the meeting at 6.03pm

Mr Mark Lague, Manager Financial Services, addressed the question and explained the basis of rating available to Council including site and capital value of land and what

rates and service charges are levied by Council in accordance with the Local Government Act.

Mr Lague asked Mr Reilly whether this answered his question and Mr Reilly said it did not.

Mr Reilly then questioned why is the rating policy fair and equitable?

Cr de Vries provided his view of the basis of fair and equitable considerations of Council including the impacts of various rating models.

Mr Reilly then elaborated on why he believed it was inequitable and that Council has created its own problem, is creating and compounding a chasm between people and making it worse by its policy settings and further, he has never been asked at any shop counter for his property valuation as a basis to determine the amount he has to pay.

Mr Reilly asked why not have a flat rate?

At 6.14pm the Mayor advised Council would take the question of a flat rate on notice.

Mr Reilly asked if there would be a record.

It was generally confirmed with Mr Reilly that the minutes would reflect a summary of all presentations made at this meeting.

Mayor Lange thanked Mr Reilly for his attendance and presentation.

3. DEBATE AGENDA

Nil

4. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

Nil

5. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 June 2019

4. CLOSURE

There being no other members of the public present to make a presentation to Council on the 2019/20 – 2028/29 Long Term Financial Plan and 2019/20 Annual Budget and Business Plan Mayor Lange declared the meeting closed at 7.04 pm.

Confirmed at Council Meeting on 18 June 2019

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Mayor:.....