



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Southern Metropolitan Regional Council
Ordinary Meeting of Council
Held on Thursday 3rd May 2012
at the RRRC Education Centre, 350 Bannister Road, Canning Vale**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman, Cr Tony Romano welcomed Members and declared the meeting open at 5:00pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Cr Tony Romano (Chairman)		City of Cockburn
Cr Doug Thompson (Deputy Chairman)		City of Fremantle
Cr Sandra Lee		Town of Kwinana
Cr Robert Willis		City of Melville
Cr Cliff Collinson		Town of East Fremantle
Mr John Christie	(REG member)	City of Melville
Mr Michael Littleton (till 5:50pm)	(REG member)	City of Cockburn
Mr Tim Youé	SMRC, A/Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Chris Wiggins	SMRC, Director Corporate Services	
Mr Brendan Doherty (from 5:15pm)	SMRC, Director Assets and Operations	
Mrs Leanne Downie	SMRC, Minutes	

APOLOGIES

Cr Richard Smith City of Rockingham

OBSERVERS

Mr Reza Najafzadeh Manager Engineering & Facility Services
Town of Kwinana

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Response to questions noted.
Mr Pettersen of 8 Norreat Place, Leeming

Q1. Will the SMRC release documents it submitted to the Department of Climate Change to support the claims it saves 80,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas per year? If not why not?

A1. [Aside from Question 3 all your other questions are repetitions of questions previously asked by you and answered by us on a number of occasions \(eg\) SMRC meeting 28 April 2011, SMRC meeting 23 June 2011 and SMRC meeting 25 August 2011.](#)

Q2. If not, as the tonnage the SMRC receives each year is public information, what is contained in the documents that is confidential?

A2. [Refer A1.](#)

Q3. How much waste did the WCF receive last financial year?

A3. [80,690 tonnes.](#)

- Q4. Will the SMRC confirm there is always a risk the biofilter will emit an odour detectable in the community?
A4. Refer A1.
- Q5. What does the SMRC believe to be an acceptable level?
A5. Refer A1.
- Q6. Has or is the SMRC surveying the Community to determine what it believes is a reasonable level of odour?
A6. Refer A1.
- Q7. If the SMRC believes that DEC determines what is reasonable, has the SMRC sought advice from DEC on what it considers to be a reasonable odour level?
A7. Refer A1.
- Q8. What is the SMRC's current goal with the odour emissions and how does it intend to achieve that goal?
A8. Refer A1.
- Q9. What has caused the reduction in odour complaints to the SMRC?
A9. Refer A1.
- Q10. Has the SMRC surveyed the local community to determine what this reduction has occurred?
A10. Refer A1.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING PERSON

In the absence of Cr Richard Smith, the Chairman expressed his thanks to Cr Smith for his contribution to the SMRC through many challenges faced over the years. He commented that Cr Smith had always been very passionate about what we do and whilst it was a decision of the City of Rockingham to withdraw from the SMRC, it was clear this had not affected his passion for waste recovery, reuse and recycling undertaken by SMRC.

7. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 8.1 MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD 23RD FEBRUARY 2012

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.01 MOVED CR S LEE SECONDED CR R WILLIS

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT THE CITY OF MELVILLE ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2012 BE RECEIVED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD.

CARRIED 5/-

- 8.2 MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD 9TH MARCH 2012

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.02 MOVED CR D THOMPSON SECONDED CR R WILLIS

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT 9 ALDOUS PLACE, BOORAGOON ON THE 9TH MARCH 2012 BE RECEIVED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD.

CARRIED 5/-

8.3 MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD 11TH APRIL 2012

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.03

MOVED CR C COLLINSON

SECONDED CR S LEE

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT 9 ALDOUS PLACE, BOORAGOON ON THE 11TH APRIL 2012 BE RECEIVED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD.

CARRIED 5/-

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETINGS MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

11.1 DEC LICENCE

10. BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

11. REPORTS OF THE CEO

11.1 DEC LICENCE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.04

MOVED CR R WILLIS

SECONDED CR C COLLINSON

ITEM 11.1 DEC LICENCE BE HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND THE MATTER BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S5.23 2(c) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995.

CARRIED 5/-

11.2 PROPOSED REGIONAL COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES 2012/2013

Cr Doug Thompson stated that all expenditure be considered at the budget workshop given the current situation.

The Chairman agreed that there should be an overall review of the expenditure of running the business.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.05

MOVED CR D THOMPSON

SECONDED CR S LEE

THAT:

1) THAT THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO REGIONAL ELECTED MEMBERS FOR 2012-2013 BE CONSIDERED IN THE 2012-2013 ANNUAL BUDGET;

a) **AN ANNUAL FEE IN LIEU OF ATTENDANCE SITTING FEES BE PAID AS FOLLOWS:**

CHAIRMAN	\$14,000
MEMBERS	\$ 7,000

b) **A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL ALLOWANCE OF \$10,000 BE PAID TO THE CHAIRMAN IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL FEE PAYMENT;**

c) **A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL ALLOWANCE OF \$2,500 BE PAID TO THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (25% OF CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL FEE PAYMENT;**

- d) AN ANNUAL ALLOWANCE OF \$1,000 BE PAID TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER IN LIEU OF REIMBURSEMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES;
- e) AN ANNUAL ALLOWANCE OF \$1,000 BE PAID TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER IN LIEU OF REIMBURSEMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATION EXPENSES;
- f) PAYMENT FOR ANNUAL FEES AND ALLOWANCES BE PAID MONTHLY IN ARREARS TO ONE NOMINATED ACCOUNT IN THE NAME OF THE COUNCILLOR;
- g) WHERE AN ANNUAL FEE IN LIEU OF SITTING FEES IS PAID, THE FEE SHALL BE REDUCED ON A PRO-RATA BASIS FOR NON-ATTENDANCE OF THREE CUMULATIVE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS, THIS INCLUDES LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR NON ATTENDANCE FOR OTHER REASONS (EXCEPT WHILST ON COUNCIL BUSINESS).

CARRIED 5/-

11.3 COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT – COMPANY DIRECTORS COURSE

ITEM WITHDRAWN

Cr Sandra Lee advised the meeting that in light of the current financial difficulties the item should be withdrawn and reconsidered in the future.

11.4 DRAFT 2012/2013 SMRC ANNUAL BUDGET BUDGET PARAMETERS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.06 MOVED D THOMPSON

SECONDED R WILLIS

THAT A BUDGET WORKSHOP BE HELD IN MAY 2012 TO CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS AS A RESULT OF ANY LICENCE CONDITIONS IMPOSED FOR THE RRRC.

CARRIED 5/-

11.5 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2012

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.07 MOVED R WILLIS

SECONDED C COLLINSON

THAT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY BY BUSINESS UNITS OF THE SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2012 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED 5/-

11.6 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.08 MOVED S LEE

SECONDED D THOMPSON

THAT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY BY BUSINESS UNITS OF THE SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2012 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED 5/-

11.7 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH 2012

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.09 MOVED R WILLIS

SECONDED C COLLINSON

THAT:

- 1) **THAT THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AS LISTED IN THE ATTACHMENTS, AMOUNTING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2012 TO \$3,117,505.33 AND MARCH 2012 TO \$4,255,932.77 FOR THE MUNICIPAL FUND, BE RECEIVED.**

2) THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS, AS PRESENTED, BE INCORPORATED IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

CARRIED 5/-

11.8 SMRC CASH INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

The Director Corporate Services responded to a query from Cr Collinson on the current Investment Policy restrictions.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.10 MOVED D THOMPSON

SECONDED S LEE

THAT THE SMRC CASH INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2012 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED 5/-

12. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

13. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION OF MEETING

Nil

14. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

The Chairman reminded Members of their responsibilities under Section 5.93 of the Local Government Act. The Chairman allowed members of the Regional Executive Group to remain in their capacity as officers of Member Councils.

11.1 DEC LICENCE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12.05.11 MOVED CR D THOMPSON

SECONDED CR R WILLIS

THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED 5/-

16. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6:15pm.