



# **MINUTES**

**Special Council Meeting  
23 October 2013**

The meeting commenced at 9.35am.

**PRESENT:**

Councillors R Rosenbaum (Chair), F Hooke, J Hooke, A Hoggett, K Smith and T Tersteeg.

Also in attendance were General Manager, Mr D Green, Manager of Technical Services, Mr G Gendron, Manger of Planning and Environment, Graham Gardner, Planning and Regulatory Services Unit Manager, Ms R Connor.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- Cr J Rosenbaum declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 1 – Proposed Rocky Hill Coalmine – GRL Pty Ltd, Gloucester.

**APOLOGIES:**

An apology was received and accepted on behalf of Cr J Henderson.

**Acknowledgment of Country**

The Mayor delivered the Acknowledgment of Country.

**Public Gallery**

The Mayor welcomed members of the public gallery and invited those who had so arranged, to address Council.

Mr Bill Dwyer of Gooch Agencies and Mr Greg Lidbury of Bowe and Lidbury addressed Council regarding the current operations at the Gloucester Saleyards complex in relation to the conduct of store cattle sales.

**1. Proposed Rocky Hill Coalmine – GRL Pty Ltd, Gloucester**

*Cr Rosenbaum declared a non pecuniary interest in this item and left the room.*

*Cr F Hooke assumed the Chair.*

181/13      **RESOLVED** that:-

1. Council oppose the proposed open cut coalmine by GRL Pty Ltd known as the *Rocky Hill Coalmine* on the grounds listed in the submission attached to the report presented;
2. Council endorse the submission prepared by the Rocky Hill Working Group, with minor amendments and corrections, as its submission to the development application, and that the submission be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for consideration in that Department's assessment of the application; and
3. The community representatives on the Rocky Hill Working Group be thanked for their participation and significant efforts in assisting Council prepare its submission.

(Cr Hoggett/Cr Tersteeg)

*Cr Rosenbaum returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.*

**2. A Framework for Protecting and Enhancing our Community – Future Development Principles**

182/13      **RESOLVED** that:-

1. Council adopt the amended *Framework for Protecting and Enhancing our Community – Future Development Principles*, as a high level framework against which to assess future development proposals; and
2. The framework be incorporated into the Community Strategic Plan immediately following the section on Planning Principles and Community Values.

(Cr Hoggett/Cr F Hooke)

**3. Arrangements for Use of Saleyards by Agents**

Council's Saleyards Officer, Mr Bruce Sun, provided Council with an update on the current status regarding the conduct of store sales at the Gloucester Saleyards.

183/13      **RESOLVED** that:-

1. A "regular" sale is defined as one which Council declares open to any Agent complying with the Selling agents agreement;

2. That repeat traditional bookings, apart from “regular” sales, have precedence if multiple bookings are received for the same day;
3. That the “Agent sale day fee” be paid at the time of booking and may be refunded at Council’s discretion;
4. That the above details form a 12 month agreement during which time Council will develop and formulate a strategy and policy to deal with cattle sale operations at the Saleyards complex.

(Cr J Hooke/Cr Hoggett)

## **General Business**

### **1. Rally – Rocky Hill**

The Mayor advised of a “quiet walk” protest to be held this weekend.

### **2. Coal Seam Gas**

- Cr F Hooke provided Councillors with information regarding the upcoming Conference he is attending.
- The Mayor advised he has accepted a position as a panel member at an upcoming coal seam gas conference, having chosen the “effects of coal seam gas on the community” as his mantra.
- Cr J Hooke requested AGL provide written details regarding the setback for Stage 1 of its development.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.50am.