



The Barossa Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BAROSSA COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
POLICY COMMITTEE**

Held on Tuesday, 19 March 2013, commencing at 9.35am in
the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa

1 WELCOME

Mayor Hurn declared the meeting open at 9.35am and welcomed all in attendance.

2.1 MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Brian Hurn, Crs Michael Seager, Bridgette Kies, Margaret Harris, Scotty Milne, John Angas, Dave de Vries, Bob Sloane and Susie Reichstein.

Mr Martin McCarthy (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Ian Baldwin (Director – Development & Environmental Services), Mr Bim Lange (Director – Works & Engineering), Ms Joanne Thomas (Director – Corporate & Community Services), Mr Louis Monteduro (Senior Manager, Planning Services), Mr Paul Mickan (Principal Planner) and Mrs Marie Thom (Minute Secretary).

MOVED Cr De Vries that the attendance record be received.

Seconded Cr Milne

CARRIED

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr David Lykke.

2.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Richard Miller (Deputy Mayor)

3.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOVED Cr Angas that the minutes of the Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee held on Tuesday, 20 November 2012 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Seconded Cr Milne

CARRIED

3.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 MATTERS LYING ON THE TABLE/DEFERRED

Nil.

6 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

7 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

8 DEPUTATIONS AND VISITORS TO THE MEETING

Nil.

9 ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1

9.1 CHARACTER PRESERVATION – CHARACTER VALUES STATEMENT (B1864)**MOVED** Cr Angas

That:

- (1) That the *Barossa Character Values Community Engagement Report* be noted and received.
- (2) That the draft 'Character Values' statements be endorsed.
- (3) That drafting of policy suitable for inclusion in the Planning Strategy be prepared in collaboration with the other Barossa Valley District councils and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and that a report be presented to a future meeting for endorsement.

Seconded Cr Seager**CARRIED****INTRODUCTION**

This report presents a draft 'Character Values' statement for the Barossa Valley protection district for endorsement together with a recommendation that further policy work be undertaken in collaboration with other affected councils and the State Government.

COMMENTBackground

The *Character Preservation (Barossa Valley) Act 2012* which commenced in January 2013 is primarily intended to protect and enhance the special character of the Barossa Valley district.

The legislation recognises five character values of the district:

- rural and natural landscape and visual amenity;
- heritage attributes;
- built form of the townships as they relate to the district;
- viticultural, agricultural and associated industries
- scenic and tourism attributes.

The Act provides that the character values are relevant to assessing the special character of the district and also the future policies to be developed and applied under the Planning Strategy and relevant Development Plans.

The Act requires the Minister for Planning to take steps to alter the Planning Strategy within six months of the commencement of the Act. The alteration to the Planning Strategy will occur in accordance with requirements of the *Development Act 1993*. Each Council's Development Plan must then be reviewed to reflect the changes to the Planning Strategy within a further six months.

The State Government recognised the importance of working with the affected Councils inviting each authority to identify and describe what constitutes the special character in their area. The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure will use the information provided to inform the forthcoming alterations to the Planning Strategy.

Community Engagement

At its meeting on 20 November 2012 Council resolved that it proactively participates wherever possible in the necessary implementation measures for the Character Preservation legislation once it has been proclaimed (refer Agenda Item 6.5.7.2).

Community input was subsequently invited through written submissions, social media, information on the internet, and a community workshop held at The Barossa Council Chambers on 7 February 2013. The attached *Barossa Character Values Community Engagement Report* provides a detailed summary of the consultation process (refer Attachment A).

Draft Character Values

The various inputs from the community engagement process have been considered and distilled by council's consultants, URS Australia, into a set of draft statements centred on the five character values in the Act.

The draft statements are supported as being representative of the community's views and are presented for endorsement. These draft statements will be used to draft policy suitable for inclusion in the Planning Strategy with this work to be carried out in collaboration with the other Barossa Valley District councils and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. The outcomes of that process will be presented to a future meeting for endorsement.

LEGISLATION/POLICY/COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN**LEGISLATION**

Character Preservation (Barossa Valley) Act 2012
 Character Preservation (McLaren Vale) Act 2012
 Development Act 1993

STRATEGIC PLAN

1.5 Culture
 2.1 Tourism
 2.2 Business & Industry
 3.1 Character & Heritage

3.5 Planning & Building

FINANCIAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The project will require ongoing engagement of consultants to assist Council staff and to ensure deadlines can be met. This is provided for within the current budget.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community input will be invited when the State Government releases its proposed alterations to the Planning Strategy. This is anticipated to be in April 2013.

10 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Nil.

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

13 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 June 2013 commencing at 9.30am.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Mayor Hurn closed the meeting at 9.47 am.

Confirmed

Date: Chairman: