

LAUNCESTON RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING,
MONDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 2007 AT HEATHER HALL

Meeting opened at 7.30pm, John Henshaw, President in the chair, and Janet Headlam as Minute Secretary.

Apologies were received from: Ald. Tony Peck, Jenny Gill.

Attendance: over 50 people signed the Attendance Book. The following LCC candidates attended the Forum:

Rosemary Armitage
Jeremy Ball
Reg Blackman
Martin Cole
Ivan Dean (part time)
Danny Gibson
David Jones
Ian Norton
Ted Sands
Ray Shipp

Forum:

The main purpose of the meeting was to hear from new LCC candidates and their policies for election. Three aldermen, also in attendance and standing for mayor/deputy mayor were also invited to join the speakers. A ballot was conducted and candidates each spoke for three minutes in the following order:

Martin Cole
Ian Norton
Ray Shipp
Reg Blackman
David Jones
Jeremy Ball
Ted Sands
Danny Gibson
Rosemary Armitage
Ivan Dean (arrived from the time Mr. Gibson spoke)

This was followed by a spirited Question & Answer session. Questions were varied but the Pulp Mill (and whether candidates supported it or not) and the Regional Aquatic Centre, were dominant themes. Other questions included: responsibility for flood levees, QVMAG savings and budget supplement for RAC, wood heaters, report on annual budget savings, Quarry Road house near Gorge Reserve. Ald. Dean left prior to the last question concerning ongoing Sister Cities participation.

Minutes: Minutes of the September meeting were distributed to members and visitors.

Due to the Forum nature of the meeting, and the length of time devoted to the Forum, the President proposed that the formal aspects of the meeting be deferred to the November meeting.

Business Arising from the Minutes: nil

Treasurer's Report:

Deferred to the November meeting.

Correspondence: The following was distributed to the meeting:

Inwards: Nil

Outwards: Letter to LCC of 7th September asking questions.

Letter to Clarence City Council of 7th September praising their initiative of reducing the mandatory 4.0% of AAV.

Media Release of 28th August condemning Regional Aquatic Centre.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Deferred to the November meeting.

General Business: nil

Meeting closed: at 9.37pm and was followed by supper and the opportunity for members and visitors to meet the candidates and discuss matters direct with them.

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm, Monday, 12th November, Heather Hall, Penquite Road, Newstead.

Following Meeting: 7.30 pm Monday, 18th February, 2008, Heather Hall, Penquite Road, Newstead.