

Code of Conduct Complaint
Report Reference: GC140715R08

Councillor Kerry provided a personal explanation in relation to report 'Code of Conduct Complaint'

'On that Council day I received news that my divorce had been finalised. I had mixed emotions about the final breakup of my family after more than twelve years of marriage. As you can understand this is an extremely personal matter. I consumed a minimal amount of alcohol that was mixed with prescriptions before the Council meeting. This was an error of judgement and I think I should not drink alcohol while on these medications. I have already apologised for drinking alcohol prior to the Council Meeting and sincerely apologise to the community and Elected Members for my actions.'

Councillor Kerry declared a conflict of interest in the matter as the item related to him and left the meeting

8.34pm Councillor Kerry left the meeting

Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Hull that:

1. Council determines the conduct of Councillor Nick Kerry in presenting himself at the Council meeting in an intoxicated state to be a breach of Part 2 of the Code of Conduct for Council Members in that his general behaviour was not consistent with the following provisions:
 - 2.1 show commitment and discharge duties conscientiously
 - 2.2 Act in a way that generates community trust and confidence in the Council
2. The Council censure Councillor Nick Kerry for presenting himself to the 23 June 2015 Council in an intoxicated state.

Carried Unanimously

8.40pm Councillor Kerry re-entered the meeting

CORPORATE REPORTS FOR INFORMATION NOTING

Nil

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Emergency Services Levy Increases
Report Reference: GC140715Q01

QUESTION: (Councillor Telfer)

The voluntary groups as tenants in Marion Council community halls and other facilities have had the State Emergency Services Levy increases to pay from their fundraising. Please give us a list of all tenants and hirers that pay a portion of the Marion Council Emergency Services Levy, what they paid in 2014, what they paid in 2015 and the amount of increase as a percentage of the 2014 figures.