



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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**GENERAL MEETING OF  
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD WEDNESDAY  
16 JULY 2014  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JUNDAH**

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**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JUNDAH**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2014**  
**COMMENCING AT 9.05 AM**

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**1. OPENING**

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 9.05 am.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Julie Groves, Mayor  
Cr Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor  
Cr Craig Lasker  
Cr Peter Batt

**OFFICER'S PRESENT**

Mr Bob O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Sue McConachy, Executive Assistant

**3. APOLOGIES**

**Apologies**

**Resolution No.: 2013.07.01**

***That the apology from Cr I Groves is accepted and leave of absence be granted.***

**MOVED:** Cr Pratt

**SECONDED:** Cr Lasker

**CARRIED 4/0**

**4. CONDOLENCES & BIRTHS**

**Births**

The Council expresses their congratulations to Bridgette Cutler and Ash Beaton on the birth of their daughter, Bonnie.

**5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil

**6. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

## 7. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No.: 2014.07.02

*That the Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 18 June, 2014 at the Community Centre, Windorah, be confirmed.*

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 4/0

## 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

### ATTENDANCE

Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CEO Ian Kuhn and Finance Officer Sarah Uhrhane attended the meeting at 9.09 am.

## 9. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

### CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER/DEPUTY CEO'S REPORT

#### Stocktake 25 June 2014

The annual end of year stocktake was conducted on Wednesday 25 June, 2014 at the Jundah Store and Depot.

#### Shire Bursary Policy

The *Shire Bursary Policy* was tabled for adoption; however Council agreed that some changes be written into this policy before being re-submitted for adoption. The Policy will read as per below:-

- Council will provide a bursary to eligible residents undertaking training or study; to assist in tuition fees or other costs incidental to the relevant course of study (e.g. HECS fees, textbooks).
- A bursary of \$3,000 per year for a Tertiary qualification may be awarded.
- A bursary of \$2,000 per year for a Trade qualification may be awarded.
- Bursary will be limited to **one** degree only.
- The total value is to be spread over the duration of the course – up to 5 years.
- The value of the Bursary will be reviewed annually and provided for within the annual budget and the recipients are to be advised.
- Bursaries will be evaluated and awarded at the discretion of Council within the set budget limits.
- All applicants must complete all the information requested in the Application Form.
- Paid per semester – subject to requested documentation being presented.

#### Policies Review

The *Community Grants Policy, Entertainment and Hospitality Policy and Advertising Spending Policy* which are due for review to comply with current legislation were tabled for Council's consideration.

With reference to **Sections 195, 196, 197 and 198** of the *Local government Regulation 2012* Council prepared and adopted each of the following:

**Community Grants Policy**

Resolution No.: 2014.07.03

*That Council adopt the Community Grants Policy.*

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

**Entertainment and Hospitality Policy**

Resolution No.: 2014.07.04

*That Council adopt the Entertainment and Hospitality Policy.*

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 4/0

**Advertising Spending Policy**

Resolution No.: 2014.07.05

*That Council adopt the Advertising Spending Policy.*

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

**Procurement Policy**

*A review of the Procurement Policy was adopted at Council's General Meeting the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014.*

Resolution No.: 2014.07.06

*That Council adopt the Manager Corporate Services/Deputy CEO's Report.*

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 4/0

**COMMUNITY, CULTURAL & TOURISM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**Outback Destination Plan 2014-2020**

The Community, Cultural & Tourism Supervisor perused the proposed *Outback Destination Plan 2014-2020* and advised that it is a document Council can work with to grow the shire's tourist industry. Even though the Barcoo Shire does not get a mention in The Tourism Opportunity Plan's 16 key projects identified, Council will certainly rake in the benefits from these attractions/events, if the *Outback Destination Plan* is put into operation.

Resolution No.: 2014.07.07

*That Council endorses the Outback Destination Plan 2014-2020.*

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

Resolution No.: 2014.07.08

*That Council accept the report from the Community, Cultural & Tourism Supervisor.*

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.44 am.

#### **RESUMPTION**

The meeting resumed, time being 11.14 am.

### **10. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2014-2015**

The following documents pertaining to the **2014-2015 Budget and Operational Plan** were tabled and discussed.

- Financial Statements and Sustainability Report
- Capital Works and Plant Replacement Schedule
- Revenue Policy
- Revenue Statement
- Debt and Borrowing Policy
- Investment Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Internal Audit Function
- Operation Plan
- Fees and Charges
- Revenue and Expenditure Reports
- 10 Year projections

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Manager Corporate Services/Deputy CEO Ian Kuhn and Finance Officer Sarah Uhrhane left the meeting at 1.01 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.01 pm.

#### **RESUMPTION**

The meeting resumed, time being 2.09 pm.



**ATTENDANCE**

Rural Lands Officer Peter Pidgeon, Strategic Works Officer Steve Sigler and Operational Works Officer Bill Pitman joined the meeting at 2.09 pm.

**11. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Resolution No.: 2014.07.09

*That Council adopt the Engineer's Report.*

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

**Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP)**

Council had adopted a *Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP)* at the June 2013 Ordinary Meeting, prior to submission of the Plan to the regulator (Department of Energy and Water Supply) for approval. After some amendments, the DWQMP has now been approved by the regulator and is to be implemented by Council. A copy of the approved DWQMP was tabled for Council's information.

Resolution No.: 2014.07.10

*That Council adopts the amended Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP).*

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 4/0

**STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**FLEET ADMINISTRATION/HOUSING MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Resolution No.: 2014.07.11

*That Council accept the reports from the Strategic Works Manager, Operational Works Manager and the Fleet Administration/Housing Officer.*

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

### Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM)

Seeking Council's opinion on whether a valuation of the Barcoo Shire should be undertaken to be effective on 30 June 2015.

The CEO to advise the DNRM that a valuation of the Barcoo Shire is not required at this stage.

### Windorah Post Office

Letter received from Mrs Carolyn Gorringer, Licensee, Windorah Post Office, advising Council that they will be forced to close the Windorah Post Office on the 30 September, 2014.

**RECEIVED**

### Wayne and Lena Thomson

*Council and Community Housing Application* received from Wayne and Lena Thomson for a two or three bedroom house or a two bedroom flat in Jundah or Windorah.

### Peter and Sheila Forrest

Providing an 'Action List' as at the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 to Council regarding the Barcoo Shire History book.

## 13. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from the Department of Housing and Public Works regarding Council's request to be released from its obligations in regard to 14 properties managed under the *Long Term Community Housing Program* (LTCHP).

**RECEIVED**

## 14. CONSIDERATION OF LAND AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

### RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT

#### Baiting Program

Rural Lands Officer advised that the next baiting program will commence on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and run until the 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

Resolution No.: 2013.07.12

*That Council accept the report from the Rural Lands Officer.*

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 4/0

#### ATTENDANCE

Rural Lands Officer left the meeting at 3.35 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

Strategic Works Manager Steve Sigler and Operational Works Manager Bill Pitman left the meeting at 4.05 pm.

**15. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Resolution No.: 2014.07.13

*That Council accept the report from the Chief Executive Officer.*

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Resolution No.: 2014.07.14

*That Council accept the Mayor's Report and endorses the Mayor's attendances at the following events and meetings.*

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

**01 Events Attended**

June

- 03 Regional Managers Co-ordination Network – Longreach
- 04 Local Disaster Management Group meeting – Jundah
- 04 Local Disaster Management Group meeting + Training - Jundah

**01 Upcoming Events**

July

- 16 General Meeting
- 23 Budget Meeting
- 25 Bruce Scott MP – Windorah
- 28 Qld State Lands Regional Workshop – Longreach
- 29 Jericho-Yaraka Road meeting – Isisford

August

- 06-07 RAPAD group meetings – Barcaldine

**02 Teleconferences**

July

- 04 RAPAD
- 04 CWRPMG

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

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July

04 RAPAD

04 CWRPMG

**MOVED:** Cr Lasker

**SECONDED:** Cr Batt

**CARRIED:** 4/0

**16. MEMBERS BUSINESS**

**Mayor J Groves**

Nil

**Councillor Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor**

- Painting of the old Stonehenge School building and the jailhouse.

**Councillor Peter Batt**

Nil

**Councillor Craig Lasker**

Nil

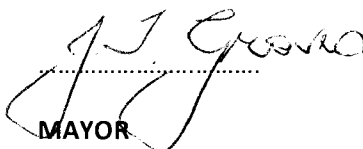
**17. FURTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

**18. CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.38 pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General meeting held on **Wednesday 16 July, 2014.**

  
MAYOR

21.08.2014

DATE