

BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL

CONFIRMED MINUTES

General Meeting
Wednesday, 16th September 2015
Community Centre, Windorah

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WINDORAH
ON WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2015**

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COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Julie Groves – Mayor
Cr. Peter Batt
Cr. Craig Lasker
Cr. Ian Groves

OFFICER'S PRESENT

Bob O'Brien – CEO
Lisa Russell – Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

NIL

1.0 OPENING

Cr Julie Groves, Mayor Barcoo Shire Council, welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open 9:01am

2.0 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.01

That the apology from Cr. Michael Pratt be accepted.

MOVED: CR BATT

SECONDED: CR I GROVES

CARRIED: 4/0

3.0 CONDOLENCES

The late Vernon Scott.

4.0 BIRTHS AND MARRAIGES

Nil

5.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

6.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil



7.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – FOR CONFIRMATION

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.02

That the Minutes of the General Meeting of Barcoo Shire Council held at Council Chambers, Jundah on 19th August 2015 be confirmed.

MOVED: CR BATT

SECONDED: CR LASKER

CARRIED: 4/0

ATTENDANCE:

Steve Sigler entered the meeting at 9:11am

Bill Pitman entered the meeting at 9:11am

8.0 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

Drought Communities \$1.5m funding. Bruce Scott MP has advised Minister Truss is still considering Barcoo Shire's eligibility. CEO has progressed with preparation of projects to be submitted.

Sgt Glen Arrold was presented with a National Police Medal and his 25-Years' Service acknowledged by Assistant Commissioner Tony Wright in a ceremony held at Jundah State School.

Pre-Birdsville: Local Disaster Management Group worked through a table-top exercise scenario at meeting held in Windorah. Influx of visitors through the shire over race weekend went smoothly and LDMG was not activated. Police reported no major incidents.

Aussie Helpers

Based in Jundah, delivering hay and molasses to identified properties.

Outback Regional Water Alliance

Providing financial benefits for five councils involved (Barcaldine RC; Longreach RC; Barcoo SC; Boulia SC; Diamantina SC) having received additional funding. Department to fund 50% of administration overhead cost for three years.

CWRPMG

Queensland Government \$5m available for wild dog and cat control. Several RAPAD councils interested in applying for funding for wild dog trapping. Funding targeted towards high priority drought declared areas.

Fire Truck – Windorah

New Fire Truck delivered to Windorah. QF&ES to liaise with Council to source funding for storage shed modifications.



RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.03

That Council accept the Mayor's Report and endorse the Mayor's attendance at the following events and meetings:

August

- 25** ***Aussie Helpers – Jundah
Community Meeting – Jundah***
- 26** ***Local Disaster Management Pre-Birdsville meeting – Windorah
25-Year Service, Police Medal Presentation Sgt Arrol – Jundah SS
Photography Exhibition – Jundah
Public Dinner with Assistant Police Commissioner Tony Wright – Jundah***
- 28** ***Qld Reconstruction Authorities – Jundah***

September

- 03** ***Outback Regional Roads Transport Group – Longreach
Outback Regional Water Group – Longreach***
- 04-05** ***Funeral late V Scott - Charleville***
- 07** ***New Fire Truck handover – Windorah***
- 08** ***LGAQ Better Councils Better Communities – Longreach***
- 16** ***General Meeting***

Teleconferences

September

- 04** ***RAPAD***
- 04** ***CW Regional Pest Management Group***

MOVED: CR BATT

SECONDED: CR LASKER

CARRIED: 4/0

10.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Funding

Five funding submissions have been submitted, totalling \$494,900. Council to contribute 50%:

1. Jundah Amenities Building Jundah Sports and Rec Reserve (Racecourse) Total Project \$ 162,400 50% contribution requested \$81,200
2. Windorah Street Upgrade Total Project \$330,000 50% contribution requested \$165,000
3. Stonehenge Street Upgrade Total Project \$100,000 50% contribution requested \$50,000
4. Windorah Wash-down Bay Total Project \$60,000 50% contribution requested \$30,000
5. Jundah Sports and Recreation Reserve Camp draft and Rodeo Arenas and associated yards Total Project \$175,000 50% contribution requested \$87,500

Grant Applications to be considered in future will include:

1. Extra funding for the Windorah Wash-down bay.
2. A major application for the construction of the Jundah Weir (up to \$600,000).



3. Funding for SES and Fire Station upgrades in both Windorah and Jundah.
4. Funding for a new perimeter fence around the Jundah Tennis Courts
5. Extra funding for both the Windorah and Jundah Sports and Recreation Reserves
6. Water Bores for Jundah and for Road works

Road Funding continues to be discussed.

Fibre Project

It has been suggested that Council prepare a plan in case the *National Stronger Regions* Funding is unsuccessful. CEO to forward a meeting request to Director General, Premier's Department to formulate.

QRA Visit

CEO and DCEO of QRA visited the Barcoo Shire Administration Office on 28th August 2015 as part of their tour of Western QLD. Discussions with QRA were detailed and mutually beneficial. No other updates to report.

HR, IR and EB

Unions have visited Barcoo Shire Council Administration building twice and addressed all staff. Advice from LGAQ and Unions has indicated that Councils are once again in line for one award which will be finalised by November.

Pending outcome of drought funding submissions, Council looking to advertise following positions:

- Apprentice Diesel Fitter
- Apprentice Boiler Maker
- Trainee Plant Operator
- Part Time Plant Operator
- Part Time Trades Assistant

Future Events

CW Health Board Visit 24th September
Auditors Visit 5th October, to 9th October
Barcoo Big Bash Cricket Day Stonehenge 17 & 18th October
LGAQ State Conference 19th to 21st October
October General Meeting 28th October
Meeting Australia Post 26th October

Other

Application for Mitigation Permit submitted on 16th September to cull 500 kangaroos on Jundah Common.

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.04

That Council accepts the Chief Executive Officer's Report.



MOVED: CR I GROVES

SECONDED: CR LASKER

CARRIED: 4/0

11.0 WORKS AND SERVICES – ENGINEER REPORT

2014 Flood Event – Restoration Works

As at 8th September Council has incurred a total expenditure of \$3,923,000 for restoration works. At this stage normal day labour wages for this project are not eligible for reimbursement.

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.05

That Council accept the Engineer's Report.

MOVED: CR LASKER

SECONDED: CR I GROVES

CARRIED: 4/0

12.0 WORKS AND SERVICES – STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT (DCEO)

Jundah Caravan Park

Sites/ roadways levelled, graded and trimmed. While there is still some fitting of shelves and hooks to go, it is only the 'mushrooms' that need to be fitted along with other minor electrical work that need to be completed before opening to the public.

Other

- Concrete bases for the Satellite dish upgrade have been completed in Windorah, Stonehenge and Jundah.
- UHF repeater 6 sign has been erected at Bimerah
- Posts have been secured north of the Jundah Hospital turnoff in preparation for signage.
- Council is waiting on materials to arrive to continue erecting signage for Stonehenge Access, Mayne River signage and another 23 signs highlighting repeaters throughout the shire.
- Liaised with GBA (George Bourne and Associates) with the design of the new Amenities building for the Windorah Caravan Park and requested they complete drawings of all electrical and plumbing work before preparing tender documents.
- COMTEL have received the PABX hardware that is required to be configured prior to their re-scheduled visit tentatively booked between 14th and 18th of September to complete the data link.
- Surveillance Cameras are in position and wired, they will be activated when next the contractor returns.
- 2 BBQ units have been ordered through Park quip and will be placed in the park and new caravan park.
- Additional wheelie bins have been ordered and colour coded so that each town will have direct access to them during events and functions eliminating the need to transport them from town to town.

Fleet, Building and Maintenance

Job Trucks (Hino's) will need to be considered in the next round of plant replacement. All running with high kilometres.



The garbage compactor truck and Stonehenge body truck are now nearing 200,000km.

Recommendation from Strategic Works Manager is to replace the current 'slip on' rubbish compactor with a designated truck solely for rubbish collection. This was noted by Council for future reference.

Work Health and Safety

No issues or incidents for urgent attention.

Further Business

Fees & Charges review and recommendations for adoption of amendments to fees and charges in the Budget Document.

Recommendation 1

Page 85-86 - **Workshop Labour**

Increase workshop/service truck mileage rate from \$1.00 to \$1.40

Recommendation 2

Page 86 - **Workshop Labour**

Introduce Boiler maker rates

\$75/hr

** Council noted this at August General Meeting, **RESOLUTION NO: 2015.08.02**

I would also recommend we have all work trucks and vehicles charged out at cost for all Apprentices, Fitters, Boiler makers and Supervisors

Recommendation 3

Page 86 - **Workshop items**

Introduce disposal of old tyres \$5

Recommendation 4

Page 86 - **Plumbing**

Introduce Consumables (Joiners, pipe fittings etc.) At Cost

Recommendation 5

Page 86 - **Workshop Hire - Private Contract**

Amend charging rates

Hire of Workspace – No Power or Consumables - Minimum charge \$10.00

Hire of Workspace – No Power or Consumables \$2.50/hr after first hour

Hire of Workspace –Power and Consumables - Minimum charge \$10.00

Hire of Workspace –Power and Consumables - \$7.00/hr after first hour

Hire of Workspace – Welding bay, including power- \$22.50/hr or part thereof

Recommendation 6

Page 87 – **Concrete**

Amend charging rates

Concrete blend/m3 (20 – 32 mpa)

Purchases

Up to 6 m3 - \$407.00/ m3



6 -10 m3 - \$ 395.00/ m3

Greater than 10m3 - \$ 385.00/ m3

Delivery from Batching Plant will be \$2.00 / km plus \$55/hr (or part thereof) for the driver. Delivery will be charged for sites in excess of 5km from the batching plant.

Recommendation 7

Page 88 - **Sale of Bulk Water**

Supply of water to mining / Exploration Company's \$15/kl

Delivery to mining Company camps at cost

Recommendation 8

Page 88 - **Miscellaneous Charges**

Waste removal – Vac truck rural areas (travel greater than 5km from where it is parked)

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.06

That Council accept the Strategic Works Manager's Report (DCEO) and supports changes to Barcoo Shire Council Fees & Charges in 2015-16 Budget Document.

MOVED: CR BATT

SECONDED: CR I GROVES

CARRIED: 4/0

AJOURMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am

Meeting resumed at 11:19am

13.0 WORKS AND SERVICES – OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.07

That Council accepts the Operational Works Manager's Report.

MOVED: CR LASKER

SECONDED: CR BATT

CARRIED: 4/0

14.0 RURAL LANDS OFFICER REPORT

- Spray general pest plant on roads.
- No baiting for this period. Invoices from dog trappers due which will see the end of funding provided.
- Mustered Jundah common.
- Meeting date for Barcoo Shire Dog Control Group CONFIRMED MEETING 9am on 29th September 2015.

Agistment

- Katrina Maunsell – 6 horses
- Bill Pitman – 6 horses
- R Sharpley – 3 horses

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.08

That Council accepts the Rural Lands Officer's Report and approves Agistment Applications.



MOVED: CR I GROVES

SECONDED: CR BATT

CARRIED: 4/0

15.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

- O'Regan and Partners have been working on 2014-15 Financial Statements and will provide in the next three weeks.
- Auditors due to visit 5th October 2015.
- Insurance, Registration and Workers Compensation premiums have all been paid for the year.

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.09

That Council accepts the Corporate Services Report and receives Financial Statements pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 30 June 2016.

MOVED: CR BATT

SECONDED: CR LASKER

CARRIED: 4/0

ATTENDANCE

Steve Sigler left the meeting at 12:26pm

Bill Pitman left the meeting at 12:26pm

Debtor Accounts

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.10

That Council write off Debtor Code PIDGK \$4029.00 Training Expenses and Debtor Code SIGLS \$2448.53 overcharge telephone expenses.

MOVED: CR BATT

SECONDED: CR LASKER

CARRIED: 4/0

16.0 CORRESPONSE

Windorah Post Office Development Application Decision Notice

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.11

That Council receives and notes the Windorah Post Office Development Application Decision Notice.

MOVED: CR I GROVES

SECONDED: CR BATT

CARRIED: 4/0

Council Housing Application – Clinton Oates

RESOLUTION NO: 2015.09.12

That Council do not approve Council Housing Application for Clinton Oates due to the property requiring refurbishment.

MOVED: CR I GROVES

SECONDED: CR BATT

CARRIED: 4/0



Windorah State School – eKindy Request

RESOLUTION: 2015.09.13

That Council does not support funding the employment of an eKindy facilitator at State schools in Barcoo Shire. Council recommends that funding be requested from Department of Education and Training

MOVED: CR BATT

SECONDED: CR I GROVES

CARRIED: 4/0

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2015.09.14

That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer's Report.

MOVED: CR LASKER

SECONDED: CR GROVES

CARRIED: 4/0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm

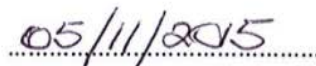
Meeting resumed at 1:57pm

17.0 CONCLUSION

There being no further business Mayor, Cr Julie Groves, declared the meeting closed at 2:15pm.

*These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on **Wednesday, 28th October 2015.***


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Cr Julie Groves, Mayor
Barcoo Shire Council


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