

BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

General Meeting

Wednesday, 15th June 2016

Council Chambers Jundah

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**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE Council Chambers Jundah
ON WEDNESDAY, 15th June 2016**

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HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN JUNDAH.
ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE 2016
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Bruce Scott – Mayor
Cr. Michael Pratt
Cr. Peter Batt
Cr. Jill Fitzgerald
Cr. Dianne Pidgeon

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr Bob O'Brien – CEO (Chief Executive Officer)
Ms Hailey Winter – Finance Administration and Minute Clerk

COMMUNITY

1.0 OPENING

The mayor welcomed councillors and visitors and declared meeting open at 9:00am.

The mayor made special mention of the horrific events at the night club in Orlando, Florida.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Nil

3.0 CONDOLENCES

The mayor took the time to acknowledge the passing of Mr John Murray, past chairman and mayor of Quilpie Shire and Mr Boyd Speedy past councillor of Quilpie Shire.

4.0 BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

Nil

5.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr Pratt, Cr Pidgeon, Cr Batt and Mayor Scott notified council of the conflict of interest in regards to the Exclusion Fencing Proposal – Separate Rate Scheme. Cr Pidgeon declared interest in the area to which the Flexible Hardship Support Grant, was proposed to be allocated.

6.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – FOR CONFIRMATION

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.01

That the minutes of the previous General Meeting of Barcoo Shire Council held at the Community Centre, Stonehenge on 25nd May 2016, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting, with the noted member's amendments included.

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| MOVED: Cr Pratt | SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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8.0 BUSINESS ARISING

Council discussed the need to review and revise the policies and local laws for the use of Reserves and Town Commons.

9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.02

That council receive the Mayor's Report.

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| MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald | SECONDED: Cr Batt | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.03

Organisational Review

Council endorses the recommendations contained in the Mayor's Report for an external independent organisational review of Barcoo Shire Council.

This review should take into account but not limited to;

- an independent survey of our staff seeking their views on their roles and responsibilities, and the organisation performance and management processes*
- a review of the council's policies and procedures*
- a review of our current plant requirements*
- a review of plant utilisation and useful life*
- a review of plant hire rates and charge out processes*
- a review of the organisational structure and position descriptions*
- and a review any other areas of concern identified during these process*

And that council seek through an expression of interest or a request for proposals document outlining - a scope of works to canvas a preferred supplier or suppliers to perform an organisational review of the Barcoo Shire Council operations, policies and procedures based on the above dot points.

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| MOVED: Cr Pratt | SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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There was general discussion on the need to repair and grow the culture and values of Barcoo Shire, to enable and provide a happy and harmonious workplace and satisfied content communities.

The mayor and CEO made mention of the need for a review of council's risk management strategies and an assessment of council's risk appetite.

RESOLUTION NO 2016.06.04

CEO Performance Review

Council accepts the mayor's recommendation of the need to conduct a CEO Performance Review and appoints Cr Scott and Cr Pratt to a committee to perform this task.

And council approves, if the committee deems necessary, the use of an external party to assist in this process, while taking into consideration any standing arrangements with suppliers or the application of the principles of the council's procurement policy when seeking to engage a consultant or appropriate professional person.

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| MOVED: Cr Batt | SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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The mayor's travel and attendance at various events and meeting

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.05

That council endorse the mayor's attendance at the following events and meetings:

- 30 May: Windorah corporate plan review community consultation
- 31 May: Jundah corporate plan review community consultation
- 1 June: Windorah Airport Emergency Exercise
- 1 June: Stonehenge corporate plan review community consultation
- 2 June: Longreach LGAQ Elected Member Update and Training
- 3 June: Longreach LGAQ Elected Member Update and Training
- 3 June: RAPAD Board Meeting
- 6 June: Plant Replacement Meeting – Jundah
- 8 June: Meeting to discuss the shire's and the Windorah community's preparedness for the Big Red Bash

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- 22 June: Pre Budget Meeting – Jundah
- 28 June: RAPAD Board Meeting
- 29 June: Outback Regional Roads Group – Winton
- 13 July: Corporate Plan Workshop – Jundah

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| MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald | SECONDED: Cr Pratt | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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10.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT and FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.06

That council receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report including the Finance Reports.

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| MOVED: Cr Pratt | SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am for morning tea.

Meeting resumed at 11:07am.

Cr Fitzgerald raised the question if there was an oversight in the budget for the Secretary Box for the new rodeo yards in Jundah, and asked whether council was considering purchasing two units in association with Stonehenge Campdraft and Rodeo Association Inc.

Cr Batt advised that Stonehenge Campdraft and Rodeo Association Inc. has approval for the purchase of a secretary's box with external funding, and was passing on this information to council if there was the need for the same at the new Jundah rodeo area.

The CEO advised that this matter will be considered at the pre-budget meeting proposed for the 23rd June.

Cr Pidgeon declared a conflict of interest in the matter of Flexible Hardship Support Grant Funding and made the following declaration.

I declare I have a real conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*) due to personal and family interests, and propose to exclude myself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote is taken.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Pidgeon left the meeting 11:16am.

Flexible Hardship Support Grant Funding

Council resolved that additional information and program guidelines would have to be obtained before a decision could be made to change the previous council recommendation.

It was requested that documentation relating to this program is to be obtained from RAPAD (Remote Area Planning and Development Board) and tabled at the next council meeting.

Cr Pidgeon returned to the meeting 11:30am.

Exclusion Fencing Loan Scheme.

Cr Pratt, Cr Batt, Cr Pidgeon, Cr Fitzgerald and Cr Scott have declared a potential conflict of interest in the matter of the Exclusion Fencing Loan Scheme and made the following declaration as the meeting quorum would be lost if they removed themselves from the meeting.

I declare I may have a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*). I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public

interest. I will best perform my responsibilities of serving the overall public interest of the whole of council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.07

That council accept the recommendations of the CEO, to explore the concept of an Exclusion Fencing Loan Scheme.

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| MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald | SECONDED: Cr Batt | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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Jundah Town Fencing

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.0

That council terminate the implementation of the fencing for the area known as the 'Hospital Paddock', and that materials and funds for this area are redirected after further discussion and investigation with the community.

And Council approve the installation of a grid on the entrance to the Town Cemetery Reserve.

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| MOVED: Cr Pidgeon | SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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At the request of senior officers, council agreed to a change to standing orders, and will proceed to the Community, Culture and Tourism Report.

11.0 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & TOURISM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.08

That Council receive the Community, Culture and Tourism Supervisor's Report.

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| MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald | SECONDED: Cr Batt | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Report

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.09

That council receive the RADF Report and supports the committee's recommendations, to approve the shortfall in funding of \$1495 to the Windorah Development Board for their application to hold 'Laughter in the Outback'.

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| MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald | SECONDED: Cr Pratt | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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12.0 COUNCILLOR GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.10

That council receives Councillor General Business.

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| MOVED: Cr Pratt | SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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Cr Pidgeon raised the issue of shortage of cutlery and mugs at the Stonehenge Hall. The CEO has advised he will organise the purchasing of these items.

The CEO is to attend to the purchase of all necessary items in conjunction with advice from Cr Pidgeon.

Cr Pratt inquired whether there would be council and community interest for a 'Steer Competition' for Barcoo Shire. Council agreed that it is a worthy concept in principal, and encourages Cr Pratt to discuss the proposal further with the constituent involved.

Cr Pratt spoke to the need to eradicate WoNS (Weeds of National Significance) within the Barcoo Shire, and requested that council consider appropriate funds in the future to allow a sustainable program to be developed to ensure that this goal is achieved.

Cr Pratt also raised concerns in regard to non-compliant landholders in relation to general pest management of leasehold land.

ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:55pm
Meeting resumed at 1:54pm**

ATTENDANCE

The following council officers entered the meeting at 1:54pm.

Mr Steve Sigler, DCEO (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) and Strategic Works Manager

Mr Bill Pitman, Operational Works Manager

Mr Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer

13.0 RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.11

That council receive the Rural Lands Officer's Report.

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| MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald | SECONDED: Cr Pratt | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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Council resolved that a Land and Animal Management Committee be created, made up of council officers, councillors and community members.

The purpose of the committee will be to discuss, give advice and make recommendations to council for the management of land and animals within the shire, as well as the eradication of the declared

plant pests and weeds. Not limited but also include the control of the declared animal pests within the Shire.

And that a Terms of Reference for the committee is drafted for consideration by council.

Mr Pidgeon informed council that signs would be erected at the Stonehenge Sports and Recreation Reserve advising of the rules of entry.

Mr Pidgeon also advised council that a request had been received from the Windorah Rodeo Committee for council to purchase a cattle crush and head bail. And advised that these yards were available to council for the purposes of a reserves and common pound yard in Windorah.

CEO advised that funding was available for this item and that Mr Pidgeon make arrangements for the purchase under the council's procurement policy.

Discussions were held into the continuation of the dog trapping program. It was understood that this program would cease as at the 30th June 2016.

Council will consider this matter in its budget discussions.

ATTENDANCE

Mr Pidgeon left the meeting at 2:30pm.

14.0 ENGINEER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.12

That council receive the Engineer's Report.

MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald

SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

15.0 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S and STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.13

That council receive the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report and Strategic Works Manager's Report.

MOVED: Cr Pidgeon

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.14

Council accepts the DCEO and Strategic Works Manager recommendation in granting the RFDS (Royal Flying Doctor Service) a 6months pavement concession trial at the Jundah Airport to accommodate the larger Beechcraft B300 Kingair aircraft.

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| MOVED: Cr Pidgeon | SECONDED: Cr Pratt | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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Discussions in relation to illicit drug testing were held with questions to the DCEO and Strategic Works Manager on council's capacity to implement such a measure. It was identified that the Barcoo Shire Council is one of only a few councils which does not have an illicit drug monitoring program.

The mayor thanked senior staff members present for their and the council's staff contribution to the Big Red Bash event planning meeting held in Windorah on 8 June, and for the excellent initiative taken by all involved in planning and conducting a very successful aerodrome emergency exercise at Windorah airport on 1 June.

16.0 OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.05.15

That council receive the Operational Works Manager's Report.

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| MOVED: Cr Pidgeon | SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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Mr Pitman advised that the sealing of the current bitumen projects at Maxvale and Warbreccan were delayed, and further works are subject to the prevailing weather conditions.

Note: Council recommends that communities be canvassed for volunteers to become members of the SES (State Emergency Service) teams in Stonehenge, Jundah and Windorah.

ATTENDANCE

Mr Steve Sigler & Mr Bill Pitman leave the meeting at 3:22pm.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.16

That council receive the tabled correspondence.

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| MOVED: Cr Pratt | SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.17

That council approve the request from Jundah Race Club for sponsorship of \$3000.00, to support the holding of their annual race meeting.

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| MOVED: Cr Pratt | SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.18

That council approve the request from Windorah Rodeo Club for sponsorship of \$3000.00, to support the holding of their annual events.

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| MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald | SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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18.0 FURTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.19

Cr Scott requested that, council set aside four existing vacant allotments on the new estate along Cecil St, Windorah, for the purpose of a proposed future development of a police, emergency services and health precinct.

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| MOVED: Cr Pratt | SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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RESOLUTION NO: 2016.06.20


That council approves the housing application for Mr. David Ross.


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| MOVED: Cr Pidgeon | SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald | CARRIED: 5/0 |
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19.0 CONCLUSION

Next meeting: Wednesday 20 July

There being no further business the mayor, Cr Bruce Scott, declared the meeting closed at 3:56pm.


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Cr Bruce Scott,
Mayor
Barcoo Shire Council


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