



BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday, 14th February 2018

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**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, STONEHENGE
ON WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 2018**

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COMMENCING AT 9:00AM**

ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr Michael Parker – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Ms Tess Patterson – Executive Assistant (EA), Minute Clerk

ABBREVIATIONS

Council – *Barcoo Shire Council*
LGAQ – *Local Government Association of Queensland*
Mayor – *Councillor Bruce Scott, Mayor, Barcoo Shire Council*
PDF – *Project Decision-making Framework*
QTC – *Queensland Treasury Corporation*
RAPAD – *Remote Area Planning and Development Board*

1. OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.02am and welcomed Councillors and staff to the February Ordinary Meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. CONDOLENCES

Council wish to pass on their condolences to family and friends of Kevin Hughes, former Councillor of Barcoo Shire Council.

Council also wish to pass on their condolences to the family and friends of Mrs Anna Sigler, mother to Kathy Zelenko and grandmother to Steve Sigler.

4. BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

Council congratulated Councillor Pratt on becoming a grandfather again, together with his daughter, Jessica, and partner Will, on the birth of 'Isabelle Hart Nason' on 2nd February, 2018.

Council also congratulated Lester Bolton & Stacey Cayton on their marriage on the 3rd February, 2018.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Pidgeon declared that she is the wife of the Barcoo Shire Council Rural Lands Officer.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

7. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.01

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barcoo Shire Council held at the Council Chambers, Jundah on the 17th January 2018, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald

CARRIED: 5/0

8. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.02

That Council receive the Mayor's Report.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald

CARRIED: 5/0

The Mayor raised the following matters in his report:

- Integrated Care Innovation Fund (ICIF) - Western Corridor Project update
- Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) Chief Digital Officer
- Remote Area Planning and Development Board update

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.03

That Council endorses the Mayor's attendance at the following events and meetings, as amended:

17 January	Meeting - January Ordinary Council - Jundah
22 January	Meeting - Meeting - Rural Financial Counselling Service North Queensland - Teleconference
23 January	Meeting - Integrated Care Innovation Fund (ICIF) - Western Corridor Project - Teleconference
30 January	Meeting - RAPAD Chief Digital Officer, Richard Chapel - Jundah and Windorah
2 February	Meeting - Remote Area Planning and Development Board - Teleconference
6 February	Meeting - Enterprise Bargaining Agreement – Jundah
7 & 8 February	Meeting – BeachCity - Windorah
9 February	Workshop - RAPAD Digital, Global Start-up Weekend - Longreach
14 February	Meeting - February Ordinary Council - Jundah
26 February	Meeting - Central West Regional Pest Management Group - Longreach

26 February Meeting – Road Hierarchy Workshop - Stonehenge
27 February Meeting - RAPAD Water and Sewage Alliance - Longreach
27 February Meeting - Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group - Longreach
27 & 28 February Meeting - Integrated Care Innovation Fund (ICIF) - Western Corridor Project - Longreach
2 March Meeting - Remote Area Planning and Development Board – Teleconference
13 March Meeting - Brendon Moon, CEO, Queensland Reconstruction Authority and Mike Lollback, Manager Client Services, LGAQ - Longreach
13 March Meeting - Longreach District Disaster Group – Longreach
20 March Meeting - Integrated Care Innovation Fund (ICIF) - Western Corridor Project - Teleconference

MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald

SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORTS

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.04

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer’s Reports, including late report.

MOVED: Cr Pidgeon

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

10.1 RECOMMENDATION & INFORMATION REPORTS

10.1(a) Investigation of Options – Swimming Pools

Council’s Corporate Plan, under the heading Sport and Recreation, at Item CD 14e requires that the Chief Executive Office ‘investigates options to develop community swimming pools in Stonehenge and Windorah’.

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.05

That Barcoo Shire Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to commence the investigation of options to develop community swimming pools in the townships of Windorah and Stonehenge, and provide to Council the following details for the pre-feasibility assessment.

- 1. Concept selection**
- 2. Options analysis**
- 3. Project risk analysis**
- 4. Whole of life costing analysis**

MOVED: Cr Pidgeon

SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald

CARRIED: 5/0

10.1(b) Local Government Association – Civic Leaders Summit

The Local Government Association of Queensland have advised that the 2018 Civic Leaders Summit will be held on the 10-11th May, immediately following the Queensland Treasury Corporation/LGAQ Financial Sustainability Summit on 8th May, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.06

That Barcoo Shire Council approves the attendance of the Mayor, Cr. Bruce Scott, and the Deputy Mayor, Cr. Mike Pratt, at the Civic Leaders and Financial Sustainability Summit from May 8th to May 11th 2018.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 3/0

10.1(c) Project Decisions Framework Policy

At the January 2018 meeting of Council, Council resolved to implement the Queensland Treasury Corporation's designed project decision making framework into its processes for consideration of capital projects prior to the budget.

The process includes the adoption of a Project Decision Framework Policy that provides that the whole of the organisation adopt a disciplined approach for consideration of the concepts or ideas, complexity and risks such that approved projects have been subjected to a reasonable level of value for money and assurance type of analysis.

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.07

That Barcoo Shire Council adopts the Project Decision Framework Policy and applies its principles to the 2018/2019 financial year budget development.

MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald

SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

10.1(d) Request – Raw Water Connection – ‘Maxvale’ Station

Council has received a request from the owners of ‘Maxvale’ Station to be permitted to connect to Council's raw (river) water reticulation network.

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.08

That Barcoo Shire Council agrees in principle to the connection to allow a raw water connection to the ‘Maxvale’ property, with restrictions on use to the environs of the residence areas only, with the Chief Executive Officer to provide Council with a full report on options for connection.

MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

10.1(e) Rural Road Names Continued Over Shire Boundary

Council has received correspondence from Longreach Regional Council regarding the need for roads that continue over the local government boundary to have a singular name. The identified roads causing confusion are:

Longreach Regional Council Name	Barcoo Shire Council Name	Suggested Name
Tonkoro Road	Westerton Road	Westerton or Ski Road
Glenloch Road	Glenloch Access	Glenloch Road

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.09

That Barcoo Shire Council agrees to the suggested name changes and renames the following roads to the names recommended by the Longreach Rural Land Advisory Committee.

Old Names:	Westerton Road	New Names:	Ski Road
	Glenloch Access		Glenloch Road

MOVED: Cr Pratt **SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon** **CARRIED: 5/0**

10.1(f) Standing Orders Policy

At the January meeting of Council, Council considered a draft Standing Orders Policy, and requested that provisions regarding attendance at meetings via teleconferencing be drafted for consideration and inclusion.

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.10

That Barcoo Shire Council adopts the Standing Orders Policy, as amended.

MOVED: Cr Pratt **SECONDED: Cr Batt** **CARRIED: 5/0**

10.1(g) Remembrance Day 2018 – Activity Overview

The Queensland Government has provided an Activity Overview to increase the public attention of the 100 year anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that led to the end of the First World War.

Resolved that Barcoo Shire Council note the content of the Activity Overview, in particular the commemorative activities that Council will be invited to host or take part in.

10.1(h) Sale of Industrial Land - Windorah

In line with a resolution of Council, vacant industrial land, described as Lot 3 on SP271707 was advertised for sale by tender, with tenders closing Tuesday, February 5th, 2018.

No tenders were received.

Resolved that Barcoo Shire Council notes the advice that no tenders were received from the public tender for the sale of industrial land in Windorah.

ADJOURNMENT & ATTENDANCE

Meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10:20am.

Meeting resumed business at 10:57am, with community member, Russell Pastoural, from Stonehenge State School in attendance.

10.2 FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.11

That Council receive the Financial Services Report.

MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald **SECONDED: Cr Pratt** **CARRIED: 5/0**

10.3 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.12

That Council receives the Work Health and Safety Advisor's Report.

MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald

SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Ms Sally O'Neil, Director Works and Services, attended the meeting at 11:30am.

Community member, Mr Russell Pastoural, left the meeting at 11:31am.

MEETING AGENDA

Council moved discussions to Item 12 of the Agenda.

12. WORKS & SERVICES REPORTS

12.1 DIRECTOR WORKS & SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.13

That Council receive the Director Works and Services Report.

MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald

SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.14

That Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to Council on the costs of extending the existing concrete path from the Jundah Hotel to the Jundah Caravan Park.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

12.2 FLEET & PLANT REPORT

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.15

That Council receive the Fleet and Plant Report.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

MEETING AGENDA

Council moved discussions to Item 14.2 of the Agenda.

14.2 CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT - EIGHT MILE PIT – WELFORD NATIONAL PARK

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.16

That Council receive the Consulting Engineer's Report, Eight Mile Pit – Welford National Park.

MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

To ensure the ongoing cost effective maintenance of Jundah-Quilpie Road, access is required to suitable gravel supplies. The Eight Mile Gravel Pit, which is located adjacent to Jundah-Quilpie Road, is currently part of the Welford National Park. This has effectively ceased the right for Council to access gravel from this pit. To gain access to this pit, it is proposed that unused road reserves within the Welford National Park, which are under Council control, be closed in exchange for the opening of road reserve over the Eight Mile Gravel Pit. A resolution is sought from Council to commence the necessary negotiations for this.

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.17

That the Barcoo Shire Council approves the commencement of negotiations with the Department of Environment and Science over the potential 'land swap' of road reserves to enable the renewal of operations at the Eight Mile Pit.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

MEETING AGENDA

Council moved discussions to Item 14 of the Agenda.

14.1 CEO REPORT - MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL FACILITIES

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.18

That Council receive the Management of Council Facilities Report.

MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

Council owned assets require a review of how they are managed, with options to be examined for Council to remove itself from day-to-day management of business undertakings like the retail store and caravan park.

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.19

That Barcoo Shire Council has decided that it would be in the public interest to invite expressions of interest before inviting written tenders, in accordance with s288(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, for management of the Jundah General Store and the Jundah, Windorah and Stonehenge Caravan Parks.

Council is of the opinion that expressions of interest, prior to submission of a tender by interested parties, are the best method of managing the process due to the unique operations of each facility.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald

CARRIED: 5/0

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Mr Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer, attended the meeting at 12:34pm.

11. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 RURAL LANDS REPORT

Cr Pidgeon declared a perceived interest in this matter; however Cr Pidgeon remained in the meeting and made the following declaration:

I declare I may have a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to my relationship with the Rural Lands Officer. 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 responsibility 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: 2018.02.20

That Council receive the Rural Lands Report.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald

CARRIED: 5/0

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Mr Stuart Speirs, consultant from Silver Lining Strategy, attended the meeting at 12:42pm.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:52pm.

Council resumed business at 1:26pm.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Ms Sally O'Neil and Mr Peter Pidgeon did not return to the meeting after lunch adjournment.

Cr Pidgeon returned to the meeting at 1:28pm.

The Mayor introduced Stuart Speirs from Silver Lining Strategy, a consultancy specialising in tourism & major event strategy and evaluation. Stuart discussed the work that he is presently doing in Longreach with the Regional Council and Tourism Events Queensland.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Cr Batt exited the meeting at 1:52pm.

Mr Stuart Speirs left the meeting at 2:09pm.

13. COUNCILLOR GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – COUNCILLOR FITZGERALD

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.21

That Council receive Councillor Fitzgerald's Report.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 4/0

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Cr Batt returned to the meeting at 2:27pm.

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.22

That Council support in principle the Bulls Masters visit to the Central West on the proviso that the Bulls Masters travel to the Barcoo Shire area and engage with a local school.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

14. LATE ITEMS

MEETING AGENDA

Items 14.1 and 14.2 of the Agenda were dealt with in earlier in the meeting.

15. CLOSED MATTERS

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.23

That pursuant to section 275(1)(e) and(f) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 2:43pm to discuss starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government, and a proposed contract to be made by Council.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Fitzgerald

CARRIED: 5/0

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.24

That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 2:57pm.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

15.1 NATIVE TITLE CLAIM NOTICE - YANDRUWANDHA/YAWARRAWARRKA PEOPLE #2

Council has received advice from solicitors previously engaged by Council in other claims, that a Native Title Claim was lodged on 3rd November, 2017, over land that included part of the Barcoo Shire Council area.

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.25

That Council be joined as a respondent party to the claim, Yandruwandha/Yawarrawarrka People #2, and that Council instruct MacDonnells Law to represent its interest in the claim.

MOVED: Cr Fitzgerald

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

15.2 PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE LAND - JUNDAH

Council has allocated funds for the construction of two (2) staff houses in the 2017/18 financial year budget. The location of the two residences is to be considered in order to obtain the best aesthetic outcome for the town, and complement existing residential precincts.

RESOLUTION NO: 2018.02.26

That Barcoo Shire Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract for the purchase of land suitable for the construction of staff housing in Jundah, in accordance with Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009.

MOVED: Cr Pidgeon

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

16. CONCLUSION

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 21st March 2018

The Mayor thanked those in attendance and, there being no further business, declared the meeting closed at 3:00pm.

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Cr Bruce Scott, Mayor
Barcoo Shire Council