

BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE POSTPONED GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JUNDAH, ON MONDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2010 COMMENCING AT 8:11AM

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors B Scott (Mayor), M Pratt (Deputy Mayor), P Batt, J Pidgeon, I Groves, CEO Michael Parker

Mayor Cr Scott opened the meeting and welcomed all and commented on the good rainfall received in the Shire.

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONDOLENCES

Council expressed condolence for the recent passing of Nathaniel (Bud) Dolgner.

CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.01

That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Barcoo Shire Council held on Monday 8th February, 2010 be confirmed as a true account of the events.

*Moved: Cr Groves
Seconded: Cr Pratt*

CARRIED: 5/0

2010/11 BUDGET

Councillors requested to consider items for consideration in the next two budgets.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Item 1

Cr Pratt

- Improved formation to southern access to Stonehenge
- Mudrock required in front of roo boxes at Stonehenge
- Drainage problems at rear of Stonehenge Community Centre needs to be addressed
- Clean-up Australia Day – new date needs to be set
- By-way signs needed for Stonehenge (loop road)

Item 2

Cr Pidgeon

- Anzac memorial at Stonehenge (Cr Pratt advised work was in progress to have a memorial in place by Anzac Day 2010)

Item 3

Cr Batt

- Road damage needs attention on Shire roads

Item 4

Cr Groves

- Council need to consider an alternative tree to a fig tree in town areas because of damage caused by root system

Item 5

Cr Scott

Attendance at Meetings and Deputations- Mayor

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.02

Meeting	Date	Place
Meeting with Senator Conroy – Communications Minister	17 Feb 2010	Mt Isa
Meeting with NBN Co.	24/25 Feb 2010	Sydney
District Disaster Committee Meeting	11 Mar 2010	Longreach

That Council approve the Mayor's attendance at the Meetings listed above.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Executive Report

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.03

That the Executive Report prepared by Michael Parker, Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

*Moved: Cr Groves
Seconded: Cr Pratt*

CARRIED: 5/0

Agenda 15.03.10 Item 6

Rural Doctors Association of Qld – Request for Sponsorship of a Medical Student to attend the Rural Doctor's Association Annual Conference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Rural Doctors Assoc. of Qld has written to Council requesting consideration of sponsorship for a medical student to attend the RDA Annual Conference in Mackay, in June.

The Conference provides an opportunity to expose medical students to rural medicine as a career path. Many rural doctors currently sponsor students to attend, and this year the RDA are inviting Local Government to also sponsor a student.

Sponsored students are allocated a rural doctor mentor at the conference, and are also requested to write a summary of the benefits they have gained from the conference, and forward this to their sponsor.

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.04

That Council sponsor a medical student to the Rural Doctor's Association annual conference at a cost of \$400 (incl. GST).

*Moved: Cr Groves
Seconded: Cr Batt*

CARRIED: 5/0

Attendance

Cr Pidgeon declared an interest in the next item of business and left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 15.03.10 Item 7

Footpath Improvements – Dickson Street, Jundah

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A request has been received from C & J Pidgeon seeking permission from Council to lay concrete from the kerb in Dickson Street to the entrance line of their business. This would allow all weather access to the business.

No cost would be incurred by Council.

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.05

That Council approve the request for the business owner to provide a concrete slab between the Dickson Street kerb and the business entrance, at no cost to Council, subject to suitable segmentation of the slab to allow access to underground services.

Moved: Cr Batt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

Attendance

Cr Pidgeon returned to the meeting.

Agenda 15.03.10 Item 8

Windorah Community Centre

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Community Centre is expected to be available for use by the end of March. Landscaping works remain to be completed, but will be work-in-progress over the next few months.

Conditions for use and hire fees need to be considered by Council.

At present, Councils fee structure for hire of halls is as follows:

Meetings & Training	Free hire
Parties, weddings, functions, events etc	\$ 50.00
Cleaning bond (refundable)	\$200.00

DISCUSSION

The CEO to present a suggested charge list to April meeting.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 15.03.10 Item 9

Request for Sponsorship – Finke Desert Race

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A written request has been received from Bill & Shelly Dillon seeking sponsorship of their participation in the 2010 Finke Desert Race

DISCUSSION

Council to respond with advice as to the need to formulate a Policy to advise the public what sponsorships Council will consider, and a decision on this request will be held over until that Policy is developed.

Attendance:

Council broke for morning tea at 10:00am and resumed at 10:45am. Mr Mike Brown, Works Manager, was in attendance when the meeting resumed.

With the permission of the meeting, the Agenda was changed to consider the Works Manager's Report.

WORKS & SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.06

That the Works and Services Report prepared by Michael Brown, Works Manager, be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

Late Correspondence:

Des Sippos – Maxvale Station

Consideration of fencing both sides of the road through Maxvale (13km x 2) and Jundah-Stonehenge towards top Six-Mile and Corella (4km x 2) and fencing of the Council borrow pit near the Winton-Jundah Road.

Council to obtain information from Transport & Main Roads regarding the removal of grids on their road and a contribution to fencing, and ascertain the location of the Stock Route, before considering the matter at the April meeting of Council.

Residents of Albert Street, Windorah (numbers 16 to 22)

Concern about recent flooding affecting their properties.

Mr Brown showed Councillors photographs taken during the flooding.

WORKS & SERVICES REPORT cont.

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.07

Council to cost installing two floodways in the Windorah Bypass to alleviate the flooding for consideration in the 2010/11 budget.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Windorah Deadly Peddlers

Request for assistance to construct a bike track at the south east end of Albert Street, Windorah.

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.08

That the use of Council plant be allowed to assist in the construction of the bike track on Council land in Albert Street, Windorah, and that Council fence the land.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Attendance:

Mr Brown departed the meeting at 11:40am, and Mr Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer, attended at this time.

LAND & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Land and Animal Management Report

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.09

That the Land and Animal Management Report prepared by Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

Baiting for Wild Dogs

Council requested that the RLO, Mr Peter Pidgeon, return to the April meeting of Council with a recommendation as to the involvement of Council in future baiting programs, and the cost of that involvement, and how the operation will function.

LAND & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT cont.

Pest Management Plan

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.10

That Council adopt the Pest Management Plan, as amended.

Moved: Cr Batt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Attendance:

Council broke for lunch at 12:35pm and resumed at 1:35pm. Mr Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer, was not in attendance.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 15.03.10 Item 17

Western Qld Local Government Association Annual Conference - Boulia

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

An invitation to register delegates for the 74th Annual Conference has been received. It will be held in Boulia from Wednesday, 5th May, to Friday, 7th May, 2010.

Also, Council is invited to submit motions for discussion at the Conference.

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.11

That Councillors Scott and Groves be delegates to the WQLGA Conference.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Agenda 15.03.10 Item 18

Acting Chief Executive Officer Position

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

I have requested annual leave over the Easter break, and prior to Easter will be attending the Central Qld Local Government Managers meeting, and CEO's of the West Meeting in Rockhampton. Following the Easter holidays, Cr Scott and I will be attending the Central Qld Local Government Conference in Dysart.

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.12

That Mr Gordon Webley be engaged as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 29th March to 16th April, 2010.

Moved: Cr Groves
Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

LATE BUSINESS

Position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.13

That Council make an offer of employment to the person interviewed on 20th February, 2010.

Moved: Cr Pratt
Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Proposed Subdivision - Windorah

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.14

That Council carry out the survey of the subdivision as per the Concept Plan submitted, and make the necessary Planning Scheme application to enable the subdivision to commence.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon
Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Donation of Guard-Rail

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.15

That Council donate the used guard-rail to the Jundah Race Club for use in community events at the Jundah Race Club.

Moved: Cr Batt
Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Roads-to-Recovery Future Allocations

The CEO advised Council of his attendance at a Technical Group meeting of the ORRG and that he had submitted for approval the sealing of an 8km section of the Windorah-Bedourie Road at Morney, with a contribution from future Roads-to-Recovery allocations.

Motel Units

The CEO tabled the results of the tender called for supply and delivery of four (4) motel style units in Jundah.

CEO to present again at April meeting of Council.

Flooring – Windorah Community Centre

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.16

That Council accept the quotation from Qld Timber Floors for supply and installation of a timber floor at the Windorah Community Centre for \$49,604.00, being satisfied that they are the only suppliers available to complete the work in the required time.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Corporate Services Report

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.17

That the Corporate Services Report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Cheque Register February 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.18

That the Cheque Register report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

Revenue and Expenditure February 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.19

That the Revenue and Expenditure report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Balance Sheet February 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.20

That the Balance Sheet report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt
Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Rates Arrears February 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.21

That the Rates Arrears report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt
Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT cont.

Trust Account February 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.22

That the Trust Account report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt
Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Next Meeting 12th April – Jundah 8:00am

Meeting Closed: 3:47pm

Mayor Cr Bruce L Scott _____