

BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JUNDAH, ON MONDAY, 12TH APRIL, 2010
COMMENCING AT 8:09AM**

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors B Scott (Mayor), M Pratt (Deputy Mayor), P Batt, J Pidgeon, I Groves, Acting CEO
Gordon Webley

Mayor Cr Scott opened the meeting and welcomed all.

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONDOLENCES

Council expressed condolence for the recent passing of Pat Gordon & Nora Jaeger (nee
Paynter)

CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.01

*That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Barcoo Shire Council held on Monday 15th
March, 2010 be confirmed as a true account of the events.*

*Moved: Cr Groves
Seconded: Cr Pratt*

CARRIED: 5/0

2010/11 BUDGET

Items for consideration 2010/11 Budget:

Nil

Pre Budget meeting 10th May, 2010, at Windorah

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Item 1

Cr Pidgeon

- Jundah Museum – landscaping, windmill, boring plant and well
- Pre warning sign – Windorah T/O ahead (Jundah township)

Item 2

Cr Batt

- Nil

Item 3

Cr Groves

- Jundah Town Common – mustering to be coordinated by Rural Lands Officer
- Council's portable yard panels at rodeo grounds. Should be stored at the compound.
- Review leave arrangements for outside staff
- Jundah Sports Ground – upgrade power as the circuit is overloading with cooking appliances.
- Stonehenge Hall circuit tripping at Ergon pole
- Jundah Hall yard being used as a horse yard
- Request DERM to commence proceedings to remove yard & fence on road reserve behind Jundah Hall
- Attended RADF meeting at Jundah
- Update on grid replacement on Hammond Downs/Retreat Road. New grid to be lifted 300mm and approaches to improve drainage

Item 4

Cr Pratt

- Graders filling in grids (Yaraka Road). Revisit Council Policy on Grids
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- Clean Up Australia Day
- "Dry Weather Only" road sign on Stonehenge end of southern access road (Stonehenge-Jundah Road)

Item 5

Cr Scott

- Speed limit – Windorah school zone Albert & Maryborough Street – letter to Dept Main Roads re zebra crossings

Meeting	Date	Place
District Disaster Community Meeting	11 th March	Windorah
RAPAD Board Meeting – apology due to phone outage	7 th April	Teleconference
CQLGA – Mayor & CEO not attending	15 th 16 th April	
Telecommunications Summit – RAPAD representative	20 th 21 st April	Sydney
Deputations	19 th April	Brisbane

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Executive Report

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.02

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

Moved: Cr Pidgeon
Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 6

Development of "Assistance to Community Groups and Individuals" Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is required to develop an "Assistance to Community Groups" Policy, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009, and with the existing 1993 Local Government Act.

A draft has been prepared for consideration, and input by Council.

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.03

That Council adopt the amended draft "Assistance to Community Groups" Policy No.22.

Moved: Cr Batt
Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 7

Sustainable Planning Act 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Sustainable Planning Act (SPA) 2009 came into force in December, 2009.

In order to allow the process of applications made under this legislation, Council needs to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, certain powers, that will allow applications to proceed to a Council decision.

All decisions under the SPA that require a Council resolution are exempt from the suggested delegation of authority. (These matters would still come before Council for a decision).

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.04

That Council, pursuant to Sec.472(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer, all of Council's power under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (and any subordinate legislation & statutory instruments made under that Act), including the powers of Council in the following capacities:

- (a) as the "Local Government" (including Councils capacity as "designator")*
- (b) as "assessment manager"*
- (c) as "assessing authority"*
- (d) as "referral agency (including Councils capacity as "concurrence agency" or "advice agency"*
- (e) as "public sector entity"*

Conditions of delegation of authority:

- 1. Whenever this delegated authority is exercised or written record of the exercise must be made and kept in a format that can be reported on from time to time.*
- 2. This delegation does not authorise the Chief Executive Officer to exercise Council's powers under the Sustainability Planning Act 2009 (and any subordinate legislation and statutory instruments made under that Act), if the power must be exercised by a resolution of Council.*

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 8

Fees and Charges, Windorah Community Centre

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council has requested information for consideration of hire charges for the Windorah Community Centre.

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.05

That Council prepare and implement an Inspection/Checklist Record for the hiring of the Community Centres, Public Halls and Sporting Centres throughout the Shire, and adopt the following fees and charges for the hire of the Windorah Community Centre.

Windorah Community Centre				
Meeting Room	Per	Charge	GST	Total
<i>Local & public functions</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
<i>Local private functions</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>\$50</i>	<i>\$5</i>	<i>\$55</i>
Auditorium, Kitchen & Meeting Room				
<i>Local & public function</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
<i>Local private function</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>\$100</i>	<i>\$10</i>	<i>\$110</i>
<i>Non-local function</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>\$200</i>	<i>\$20</i>	<i>\$220</i>
<i>Refundable cleaning bond</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>\$250</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>\$250</i>

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Attendance:

Council broke for morning tea at 10:22am and resumed at 10:53am. 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: 2010.04.06

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

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

- Works Manager to review Grid Policy and present to Council
- Public Notice re green waste, concrete to be dumped at the refuse tip designated areas and advise that the tipping of rubbish on the town common is prohibited. (Jundah, Stonehenge and Windorah)

Attendance:

Mr Mike Brown departed the meeting at 12:00pm.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 9

Request for Financial Assistance – Windorah Sports Camp

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council has received a request for financial assistance, from the Windorah State School, for a contribution of \$250 per Shire school attending the 2010 Sports Camp on May 24th to 28th.

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.07

That Council provide a contribution amounting to \$300 per Shire School for attending the 2010 Sports Camp on May 24th – 28th and provide in-kind assistance by providing the Windorah Community Centre at no charge for the duration of the camp.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 10

Request for In-kind Assistance – Windorah Rodeo Club

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council has received a request from the Windorah Rodeo Club for in-kind assistance, namely:-

- A water truck to water down at the Gymkhana & Bronco Branding, 10th and 11th July. (The same service for the Campdraft/Rodeo weekend on 7th and 8th August).
- A grader to rip and grade the competition area and a single cut to the racetrack.
- Extra rubbish bins and the truck to collect refuse over the two weekends.

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.08

That Council agree to the request for in-kind assistance to the Windorah Rodeo Club. Subject to the equipment being available.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

Attendance:

Mr Peter Pidgeon attended the meeting at 12:10pm. Suspension of Standing Orders to receive Rural Lands Officer report.

With the permission of the meeting, the Agenda was changed to consider the Rural Lands Officer Report.

LAND & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Land and Animal Management Report

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.09

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

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

- Wild dog destruction program. Baiting 24th April, and 10th May, 2010. Yaraka 1-2 week June.
- Pig Baiting Program under review
- 10 tonne meat estimate requirement for annual baiting program @\$3.25kg (approx.)
- Parkinsonia Field Day Wednesday 14th April, 2010. Pellets being distributed to each Council for injection into plants.
- Pest Management – Devils Claw will be added to Councils Pest Management Plan
- Agistment Application for town commons
 - J Baldry 16 cattle
 - B Mason 4 horses
 - P Geiger 18 cattle, 1 horse
 - B Sharpley 9 horses
- Town common musters to be done as soon as possible
- Jundah muster done over Easter without Rural Lands Officer attendance

Agistments

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.10

That Council grant approval to the following Agistment applications.

J Baldry – 16 cattle

B Mason – 4 horses

P Geiger – 18 cattle, 1 horse

B Sharpley – 9 horses

Moved: Pratt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

- RLO to present a report to Council on non compliance with rules regarding mustering of stock on the Jundah Town Common

Attendance:

Mr Peter Pidgeon departed the meeting at 12:55pm. The Council Meeting broke for lunch at 12:55pm and resumed at 2:00pm.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 11

Purchase of Prime Mover

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's plant replacement budget for the 2009-10 financial year included an allocation for the replacement of Unit 112, Iveco Powerstar, purchased in 2004.

Tenders have been called, and advertised in the Courier Mail on 27th February, 2010.

At close of tenders, three (3) were received, as listed hereunder.

Brown & Hurley Rockhampton	1 x Kenworth T658 Prime-mover with Cummins ISX 550 HP Motor	\$323,605.45
	GST	\$ 32,360.55
	TOTAL	\$355,965.00
Hi-Way Truck Centre Rockhampton	1 x Western Star 6964 FXC Prime-mover with Cat C15 ACERT 550HP Motor	\$321,504.00
	GST	\$ 32,150.40
	TOTAL	\$353,654.40
VCV Rockhampton Mack Rockhampton	1 x Mack Superliner Prime-mover with Cummins ISX 550HP Motor	\$287,000.00
	+ Hot Shift Hydraulics	\$ 8,747.22
	GST	\$ 29,574.95
	TOTAL	\$325,321.70

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.11

That Council accept the tender from Brown & Hurley of Rockhampton for a Kenworth T658 Prime-Mover for \$355,965.00 (incl. GST), in order to maintain a fleet of trucks in the Kenworth line, and recognising the durability of the Kenworth Truck.

Further that at this stage, Council not offer for trade or private sale Unit 112, Iveco Powerstar, due to the increased workload for plant brought on by the large amount of damaged caused to road infrastructure by flooding

Moved: Cr Groves
Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 12

Renewal of Pastoral Holding Lease – “Towrah”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Advice has been received from the Department of Environment & Resource Management that an application has been made to renew the Pastoral Holding Lease (28/3815 – Lot 3815 on Plan PH2139 Parish of Towrah).

The Department is seeking Councils views and/or any requirements that the Department should consider when assessing the renewal.

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.12

That Council offer no objection to the renewal of the lease 28/3815, Lot 3815 on Plan PH2139, Parish of Towrah.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 13

Renewal of Pastoral Holding Lease – “Carcara”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Advice has been received from the Department of Environment & Resource Management that an application has been made to renew the Pastoral Holding Lease (28/1947 – Lot 1947 on Plan PH2004 Parish of Scatterry).

The Department is seeking Councils views and/or any requirements that the Department should consider when assessing the renewal.

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.13

That Council offer no objection to the renewal of the lease 28/1947, Lot 1947 on Plan PH2004, Parish of Scatterry.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 14

Stonehenge Action Group – Request for Council to Provide Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A meeting of the Stonehenge Action Group (STAG) was held on 20th March, 2009.

STAG have requested that Council erect two large road signs, one of the Stonehenge-Longreach Road, and the other on the Jundah-Stonehenge Road (near the two town entrances).

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.14

That Council seek the approval of the Dept of Transport & Main Roads for the location of signs on the Stonehenge-Longreach Road Reserve and report back to Council for further consideration.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 15

Request by Stonehenge Action Group (STAG) to Increase Hours of Operation of the Stonehenge Community Centre

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Minutes of the STAG meeting held on 20th March, indicate an approach to Council to increase the hours at the Library/Information Centre during the tourist season, to enable the Centre to remain open all day.

CEO Comment:

Whilst actual visitor numbers are not known for the Stonehenge Centre, I could not justify a recommendation to Council for increased opening hours.

I am aware that increased opening hours may generate more visitors to the Centre, and I am aware that the Centre Manager does have some flexibility in operating hours, and does open the Centre out of hours to cater for visitors.

RECEIVED AND NOTED

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 12.04.10 Item 16

2010 National General Assembly of Local Government – Call for Nominations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2010 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra between 14th and 17th June.

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has identified three themes for the NGA and under which motions should be submitted. These themes reflect the key priorities identified by the Australian Government in the recently released third International Report and aim to build upon existing ALGA and Local Government policy priorities. The themes for motions in 2010 are:

- Population;
- Productivity; and
- Participation

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.15

That the Mayor and CEO attend the 2010 National General Assembly of Local Government 14th – 17th June, 2010.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Attendance:

Meeting adjourned for discussion with ABC Longreach representatives at 2:27pm and resumed at 2:56pm.

COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Community & Development Report

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.16

That the Land Community & Development Report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Corporate Services Report

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.17

That the Corporate Services Report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Cheque Register March 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.18

That the Cheque Register report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Revenue and Expenditure March 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.19

That the Revenue and Expenditure report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Batt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Balance Sheet March 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.20

That the Balance Sheet report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Rates Arrears March 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.03.21

That the Rates Arrears report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Trust Account March 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.22

That the Trust Account report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Batt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

LATE BUSINESS

LGAQ – Postal Ballot

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.23

That Council vote “for” each of the 5 motions presented.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

Request for Donation

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.24

The letter from the Cooper Creek Angling Club be received and tabled for further consideration, re the legal status of the committee.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Public Liability Insurance – Community Organisation Exemption

DISCUSSION

A copy of the requirements to be placed in the next newsletter. Focus on Clubs and Committees.

Advertising the Outback

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.25

That Council support the Advertising of the Outback proposal by Outback Queensland Tourism Association and make a financial contribution up to a maximum amount of \$2,500.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Next Meeting 10th May – Windorah, 9:00am

Meeting Closed: 3:58pm

Mayor Cr Bruce L Scott _____