

BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JUNDAH, ON MONDAY, 10TH MAY, 2010 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM

ATTENDANCE:

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

Mayor Cr Scott opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONDOLENCES

Council expressed condolence for the recent passing of Mrs Cheryl Geiger.

CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.01

That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Barcoo Shire Council held on Monday 12th April, 2010 be confirmed as a true account of the events subject to alteration Item 2 on Cr Pratt's business should be Cr Groves and Page 8 should be 'pellets' instead of 'pallets'.

*Moved: Cr Groves
Seconded: Cr Pratt*

CARRIED: 5/0

BUSINESS ARISING

Leave Arrangements for Outside Staff

The CEO advised that employees are entitled to 45 days per annum (25 days annual leave, 10 days Statutory Holidays and 9.5 days RDO), and the breaks are split over the year.

Budget Items

Separate discussion to be held.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Item 1

Cr Pratt

- Upgrade internet connection to Stonehenge Community Centre – budget allocation
- Tidy up of Stonehenge lots prior to visit by Governor General
- PA System for Stonehenge Community (Council to share cost)
- Wild dogs becoming prevalent in region

Item 2

Cr Groves

- Weed and grass control at the cemeteries in each town – consider sterilising the soil

Item 3

Cr Batt

- Stonehenge Rodeo Grounds – need for extension of power to camp and bronco branding area
- Winton Road gullies need attention (past Tonkoro turnoff)
- Causeway on southern access to Stonehenge needs attention

Item 4

Cr Pidgeon

- Mayne crossing on Winton Road – options for improvement needs consideration
- Tree at corner of Dickson & Perkins Street needs trimming to improve vision

Item 5

Cr Scott

Attendance at Meetings and Deputations

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.02

Meeting	Date	Place
Communications Day Summit	20 th 21 st April	Sydney
Wild Rivers Forum	4 th May	Longreach
Air Users Group	22 nd April	Bedourie
Agforce Dinner	30 th April	Windorah
ERGON Visit	5 th May	Windorah
WQLGA Conference	6 th 7 th May	Bouli
Minister for Local Government Visit	6 th May	Windorah
ENRAC Visit	6 th May	Windorah
Wild Rivers Information Day	11 th May	Windorah

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

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Attendance:

Council broke for morning tea at 10:45am and resumed at 11:05am. When the meeting resumed, Mr Mike Brown, Works Manager, was in attendance.

With the permission of Council, Council considered the Works & Plant Report.

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.03

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

- Maxvale fencing and grid removal. Dept of Main Roads requires a direct approach from land owner.
- Temporary signage for hazards to be investigated

Attendance:

Mr Brown departed the meeting at 11:47am. Mr Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer, attended the meeting at 11:48am.

LAND & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Mr Pidgeon presented a verbal report to Council.

*Land and Animal Management Report***RESOLUTION: 2010.05.04**

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

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Town Common Management Issues.

A letter to be written to all users of the Commons advising that the Local Law will be adhered to, random musters will be conducted, and action taken when the Local Law is contravened.

Wild Dog Control

Cr Pratt recommended to Council that co-ordinators of baiting syndicate be appointed to engender participation of all landholders in baiting programs.

LAND & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT cont.

Agistments

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.05

That Council approve the following Agistment applications.

Geoffrey Seawright – 20 head of cattle

Lorraine Steedman – 15 head of cattle

Raymond Steedman – 20 head of cattle

Dan Pitman – 10 head of cattle & 6 horses

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Attendance:

Mr Pidgeon departed the meeting at 12:36pm.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Executive Report

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.06

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

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Agenda 10.05.10 Item 6

Sustainable Planning Act 2009 and Amendment to the Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On 18th December 2009, the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (SPA) came into effect. To accompany SPA, the Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009 was also introduced.

The Regulation gives effect to many of the planning powers under SPA, such as establishing development that is to be assessable development, and defining referral agencies and their jurisdictions.

On 26th march 2010, the Building and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No.1) 2010 (Qld) was passed which:

- Amends Schedule 4 Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009 (Qld) allowing Local Governments, by resolution, to decide whether the exemption to the Material Change of Use application should apply to duplexes (i.e. 'opt' into the exemption applying); and
- Amends the Building Regulation 2006 (Qld) to require the adoption of a new mandatory part of the Queensland Development Code for duplexes.

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.07

That Council agree to apply the exemption to the Material Change of Use applications for duplexes.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 10.05.10 Item 7

Barcoo Shire Water Supply Total Management Plan - Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council at present has a Total Management Plan (TMP) for its three water supplies. The Plan was completed in 2006.

Engineering Consultants, OPUS, have been engaged to provide Council with an Asset Management Plan, for all classes of Assets, to comply with the requirements of the new Local Government Act 2009.

During my discussions with OPUS about the Asset Management Plan, I sought an indication from them as to the cost of a full review of the existing TMP to bring it into line with industry standards, including the Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008 and the International Infrastructure Management Manual.

I would recommend that review, including the development of a Strategic Asset Management Plan, which would incorporate the Total Management Plan, a Drought Management Plan and Drinking Water Quality Management Plan.

Further, full mapping for all water assets would be provided.

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.08

That Council consider, in the formulation of the 2010-2011 financial year budget, an allocation of \$35,000 for a full review, and update to industry standards to Council's existing Total Management Plan for water.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 10.05.10 Item 8

Acquisition of Land for Industrial Purposes - Windorah

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council has sought the acquisition of land in Windorah, suitable for industrial development.

The land is to be excised from the town common.

Council has commenced the process of the acquisition of Native Title Rights and Interests in the land. Notices as required have been issued, and the last date for the receipt of objections was 9th April, 2010.

No objections have been received, so the formal application process can now proceed.

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.09

That Council proceed with the acquisition of Native Title Rights and Interests that may apply over that area of land to be excised from Lot 31 on Plan SP204910, for the purposes of industrial land development in Windorah.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Agenda 10.05.10 Item 9

NAIDOC Week School Initiative Competition

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council has been requested to financially support the 2010 NAIDOC Week colouring-in/short story and creative/essay writing competitions. Entry is open to all primary and secondary school students.

A contribution of \$450 is sought to go towards the cost of printing and distribution to students.

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.10

That Council contribute \$450 to assist in holding the 2010 NAIDOC Week student competitions.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 10.05.10 Item 10

Offer to Purchase land - Stonehenge

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council has received an offer of \$2,250 to purchase Lot 905 on Plan S3502, situated in Stratford Street, Stonehenge.

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.11

That Council accept the offer, purchase of Lot 905 on Plan S3502 on the condition that the land is suitably fenced (chain wire) within 12 months of date of purchase, and that building approval is sought for a suitable residence (minimum 2 bedroom) within 2 years of date of purchase.

Moved: Cr Batt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Agenda 10.05.10 Item 11

South West Tourism Group Restructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The tourism group formerly known as the South West Outback Qld Tourism group, held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 21st April, in Quilpie. Council is a member of the group, and I am the Chair.

The group accepted a proposed to restructure and assume full control of its activities. This involves a member Council (members are Paroo, Bulloo, Murweh, Quilpie, Barcoo and Diamantina Shires) controlling the financial activities of the newly formed "Corner Country Tourism" group.

Each Council is entitled to two representatives, whether elected members or employees, and also a third representative, nominated by the private tourism operators from that Shire, and approved by Council.

I have been re-elected as Chair of the group, with Mrs Doreen Pitman to be Secretariat.

Approval of Council is sought to have Barcoo Shire hold the funds of the group in its Trust Fund.

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.12

That the Barcoo Shire Trust Fund Account hold the funds for the Corner Country Tourism group, and pay accounts as approved from the funds.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 10.05.10 Item 18

Outback Regional Road Group Bureau Service

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Barcoo Shire provides the Chair of the ORRG, (Cr Bruce Scott), and also the Secretariat (CEO).

The ORRG resolved to have a Bureau Service perform the role of coordinator to provide the following deliverables:

- Asset data management
- Reporting
- Safety
- Resourcing
- Program deliver, and planning for Local Roads of Regional Significance
- Training
- Administration
- Secretariat services

A Tender process was conducted by Local Government Infrastructure Services (LGIS) on behalf of the ORRG.

This involved a lengthy tender evaluation process, and interviews, conducted by LGIS, Barcoo Shire Chief Executive Officer, Winton Shire Director of Engineering, and Transport & Main Roads representative.

The recommendation made by the panel to the ORRG meeting held at Boulia on Thursday, 6th May, 2010, was to accept the submission by OPUS, for a two year service, for \$239,404.00.

This price was the highest tender, but in the recommendation based on service delivery, value for money outcomes, expertise of the personnel involved, and allocation of a senior team leader to the project.

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.13

That Barcoo Shire engage the services of OPUS to provide a Bureau Service to the Outback Regional Road Group, on a cost recovery basis, based on the advice and recommendation of the tender evaluation panel. Whilst the OPUS tender is the highest, the recommendation is based on service delivery, value for money, expertise of the personnel involved, and the allocation of a senior team leader to the project.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 10.05.10 Item 19

Sale of Land - Jundah

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council has received a verbal offer from Mr Darrel Dolgner to purchase a vacant block of land, Lot 208 on Plan J2741, at 15 Griffith Street, Jundah. The land is situated behind the Jundah Town Hall, and has an area of 2023m².

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.14

That Council advertise for sale Lot 208 J2741 by tender, with intentions of future use to be advised in the tender.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Attendance:

Council broke for lunch at 1:15pm and resumed at 1:55pm.

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Application for Community Support – Windorah Rodeo Club Inc.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Windorah Rodeo Club Inc has made application for funding assistance under Council's Community Grants program. The funding request of \$4000 would go towards the cost of insurance, entertainment and prize money for the 2010 Windorah Gymkhana, Bronco Branding, and Campdraft & Rodeo.

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.15

That Council donate \$2500 from the Windorah Rodeo Club.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda 10.05.10 Item 21

Tender – Supply of Relocatable Cabins Jundah

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Tenders have been called for supply and delivery of four (4) transportable accommodation units.

I have inspected the premises and product of the lowest conforming quote, and the second lowest.

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.16

That Council proceed with the project, and accept the lowest conforming tender submitted by Holling Constructions for the supply and delivery of four (4) transportable accommodation units for \$258,400 (excl. GST)

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.17

That Council delegate authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the purchase the land described as Lot 2 on RP818858, and situated at 8 Dickson Street, Jundah.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from Ms K Wood & Mr D Dolgner regarding the following matters:

- Perceived vendetta against them
- Dispute resolution for Council employees
- Matters taken to a Council meeting
- Agistment of cattle on Town Common and rules relating to residency
- Muster of Town Common by Council without notice
- Removal of horses from vacant land owned by Council
- Fencing of part of Griffith Street, Jundah

Contents of the letter were received and noted by Council.

Position of Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.18

That Council advertise the position of Chief Executive Officer of Barcoo Shire, with a view to a transition to the position.

Moved: Cr Batt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Corporate Services Report

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.19

That the Corporate Services Report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Cheque Register April 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.04.20

That the Cheque Register report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Revenue and Expenditure April 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.21

That the Revenue and Expenditure report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT cont.

Balance Sheet April 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.22

That the Balance Sheet report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Rates Arrears April 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.23

That the Rates Arrears report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

Trust Account April 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.05.24

That the Trust Account report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Groves

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS (2010/2011 FINANCIAL YEAR)

- Repainting Windorah toilet – Rabig Park
- Power upgrade to Jundah Hall
- Stonehenge Hall – funds to finish refurbishment
- Windorah Airstrip – hangar 100\$k

INFORMATION LIST

28/03/10	Off-Network Projects Transition to Electronic Reporting
01/04/10	Financial Management (Sustainability) Return 2009 2010
22/04/10	Windorah residential subdivision

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Next Meeting 21st June – Jundah, 8:00am

Meeting Closed: 4:15pm

Mayor Cr Bruce L Scott _____