

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, JUNDAH, ON MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2010, COMMENCING AT 8:30AM.

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors B Scott (Mayor), M Pratt (Deputy Mayor), P Batt, J Pidgeon, I Groves, M Parker (CEO), B O'Brien (A/CEO)

Mayor Cr Scott opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance to the meeting of Council. At the commencement of the meeting, Councillors inspected road signage and potential sites in Jundah for caravan park development, and returned to the meeting at 9:10am.

Cr Scott welcomed Mr Bob O'Brien to the meeting and to the staff of Council.

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.01

That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Barcoo Shire Council held on 23rd September, 2010, be confirmed as a true account of the events.

*Moved: Cr Pratt
Seconded: Cr Groves
CARRIED: 5/0*

BUSINESS ARISING

Cr Pratt – need to monitor the power fluctuations in Stonehenge to keep a record for discussion with Ergon.

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.02

That Council write to Ergon Energy requesting that they log the consistency of the power supply to Stonehenge.

*Moved: Cr Pratt
Seconded: Cr Batt
CARRIED: 5/0*

MEMBERS BUSINESS

Cr Pidgeon

- Crossing on Jundah-Winton Road, about 1.5km from Jundah-Windorah Road needs attention

Cr Batt

- Nil

Cr Groves

- Barcoo River Crossing – flood markers need replacing (2m sign) and higher markers required
- Questioned whether Council was submitting a response to the Welford National Park draft Management Plan. Council requires access to water and road making material. Also ensuring a full-time Ranger was placed, and feral animals were controlled including adherence to any Regional Pest Management Plan

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.03

That Council prepare a formal submission to the Welford National Park draft Management Plan along with lines of points discussed.

*Moved: I Groves
Seconded: M Pratt
CARRIED: 5/0*

Cr Pratt

- Bimerah Rest Area – need of an all weather access to the toilets and a gravel hard-stand area for trucks on the opposite side

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.04

That Council write to TMR requesting that an all-weather access to the toilet area at Bimerah and a hard-stand area opposite for trucks.

*Moved: M Pratt
Seconded: P Batt
CARRIED: 5/0*

Rodeo & Recreation Reserve – Stonehenge

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.05

That Council consult with the Trustees of the Stonehenge Recreation & Race Reserve about signage prohibiting the depasturage of stock on the Reserve and, a public notice in the Longreach Leader advising of this action, stating that depasturage of animals can only occur with the permission of the Trustees of the Reserve.

*Moved: M Pratt
Seconded: P Batt
CARRIED: 5/0*

MEMBERS BUSINESS cont.

Cr Scott

- Discussion to be held with Ergon about access to the Clean Energy Initiative from the Federal Government

Attendance at Meetings and Deputations

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.06

| Meeting | Date | Place |
|-----------|--|----------|
| Telstra | 4 th October | Brisbane |
| Ministers | Week commencing 25 th October | Canberra |

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

*Moved: P Batt
Seconded: J Pidgeon
CARRIED: 5/0*

ATTENDANCE:

Council broke for morning tea at 10:08am and resumed at 10:37am.

Signage Policy

To be presented at the November meeting of Council.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Executive Reports

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.07

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

*Moved: J Pidgeon
Seconded: I Groves
CARRIED: 5/0*

Agenda: 11.10.10 Item 6

Christmas 2010 Break

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council in previous years closed the Administration Office for the Christmas – New Year period.

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.08

That Council close the Admin Office from Friday, December 24th to Monday, January 3rd, inclusive.

*Moved: I Groves
Seconded: P Batt
CARRIED: 5/0*

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda: 11.10.10 Item 7

Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Mr Bob O'Brien commenced work on October, 4th, 2010 with Council. During my absences on leave, Mr O'Brien will be required to act as Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with Sec.195 of the Local Government Act 2010, Council may appoint a person to act as Chief Executive Officer during any period, or all periods, when the CEO is absent.

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.09

That Council appoint Mr Bob O'Brien to act as Chief Executive Officer during all absences by Mr Parker on leave.

*Moved: I Groves
Seconded: J Pidgeon
CARRIED: 5/0*

Agenda: 11.10.10 Item 8

Employee Accommodation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the General Meeting held on September 23rd, 2010, Council requested that the CEO provide an analysis of accommodation needs, availability of land in each town, and access to capital in the future budgets that will allow additional employee accommodation.

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.10

That Council erect the following single person accommodation units in each town in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

- *Jundah 1 x 4 units 25 Garrick Street*
- *Stonehenge 1 x 2 units 4 Stratford Street*
- *Windorah 1 x 2 units 24 Cecil Street*

with the design and layout to allow for expansion of the number of units in each town on the three allotments.

*Moved: J Pidgeon
Seconded: M Pratt
CARRIED: 5/0*

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda: 11.10.10 Item 9

Caravan Parks & Tourist Facilities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the General Meeting held on 23rd September, 2010, Council requested that the CEO prepare a cash-flow forecast and details of areas suitable for development of visitor and recreational facilities.

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.11

That Council submit Planning applications for development and or expansion of caravan parks in the three towns.

- *Stonehenge – Lot 810 S3501*
- *Windorah – Plan 4982 – 1PR 10,000m² Albert & Mary Streets*
- *Jundah – Macrossan Street*

and a concept plan to be presented to the November meeting of Council.

*Moved: P Batt
Seconded: I Groves
CARRIED: 5/0*

Closure of Meeting

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.12

That Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with Sec.72(h) of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010, in order to discuss a matter which public disclosure could prejudice the interests of Council.

*Moved: I Groves
Seconded: J Pidgeon
CARRIED: 5/0*

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.13

That Council open the meeting to the public.

*Moved: M Pratt
Seconded: J Pidgeon
CARRIED: 5/0*

Delegated Authority

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.14

That Council delegate authority to the Mayor to negotiate the purchase of Lots 303-305 and 308-309 on Plan J2741.

*Moved: I Groves
Seconded: M Pratt
CARRIED: 5/0*

LAND & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.15

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

*Moved: M Pratt
Seconded: I Groves
CARRIED: 5/0*

ATTENDANCE:

Council broke for lunch at 12:30pm and resumed at 1:35pm.

COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.16

That the Community and Development Report be received and noted.

*Moved: M Pratt
Seconded: J Pidgeon
CARRIED: 5/0*

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.17

That the Corporate Services Report be received and noted.

*Moved: M Pratt
Seconded: I Groves
CARRIED: 5/0*

Cheque Register September 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.18

That the Cheque Register report be received and noted.

*Moved: P Batt
Seconded: J Pidgeon
CARRIED: 5/0*

Revenue & Expenditure September 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.19

That the Revenue and Expenditure report be received and noted.

*Moved: I Groves
Seconded: M Pratt
CARRIED: 5/0*

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT cont.

Rates Arrears September 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.20

That the Rates Arrears report be received and noted.

*Moved: I Groves
Seconded: J Pidgeon
CARRIED: 5/0*

Trust Account September 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.21

That the Trust Account report be received and noted.

*Moved: M Pratt
Seconded: P Batt
CARRIED: 5/0*

Balance Sheet September 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.22

That the Balance Sheet report to be received and noted.

*Moved: J Pidgeon
Seconded: M Pratt
CARRIED: 5/0*

Operational Plan Review September 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.23

That the Operational Plan Review for September 2010 be received and noted.

*Moved: P Batt
Seconded: I Groves
CARRIED: 5/0*

WORKS & SERVICES REPORT

Mr Parker gave a verbal update on works operations, due to the unavailability of Michael Brown, Works Manager.

Recreation Area Development – Shire

RESOLUTION: 2010.10.24

That Council write to the three organisations involved in the recreation areas in each town to organise meetings with them and Council to discuss development of facilities.

*Moved: P Batt
Seconded: I Groves
CARRIED: 5/0*



Councillor Scott, Mayor, then gave a presentation to Mr Michael Parker, on behalf of Council in appreciation of his excellent service to Council as CEO over the past four and a half years, and wished him well on his leave to be taken prior to his resignation from Council.

Next Meeting: 8th November – Windorah, 9:00am.

Meeting Closed: 3:15pm

Mayor Cr Bruce L Scott: _____