

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WINDORAH COMMUNITY CENTRE, WINDORAH, ON MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2010, COMMENCING AT 9:05 AM.

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

CONDOLENCES

Isabelle Kidd
Matey Richards
Lyle Morton
Ross Debney (card to the Family)
Chris Ford (card to Glenys)

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cr Groves stated his interest in the Clifton Lease renewal

CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.01

That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Barcoo Shire Council held on 10th October, 2010, be confirmed as a true account of the events.

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

BUSINESS ARISING

- ACEO advised Council that Ergon Energy had contacted Council advising that they will be monitoring the power supply in Stonehenge and that a meter would be installed on the Hotel transformer.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

Cr Pidgeon

- Nil

Cr Batt

- Advised that Council should undertake talks with the owners of Beatrice Downs and Thurles Park to replace Gates on the Beatrice Downs Road. The CEO to report back on the cost to replace Gate with a Council specification grid.

Cr Groves

- Drew Council's attention to the mosquito problems in Windorah & Jundah and that Council should investigate the hiring of a fogging machine to fumigate the three towns of Windorah, Jundah and Stonehenge.
- Stated the need for Barrier Boards at the Town boundary on the Jundah –Quilpie Road – with an exception for Local Traffic only
- Flood Marker to be audited throughout the Shire – indentifying the Barcoo River crossing as one area of concern and numerous other creek around the Shire
- Advising that it would be advisable that a Works Committee to be established to discuss operational issues,
- Thanking Council work force and contractors on the good job by the profiling crew in the Stonehenge area

Cr Pratt

- Stonehenge Post Facility – requesting that Council investigate the possibility of providing an Australia Post Box at the Community Centre. The ACEO to investigate options.
- Questioning whether the Wild Game facilities are to be moved to the designated area – progress report required. ACEO to advise
- Advising that Devil's Claw is becoming a significant weed within the Shire and asking the question why it is a declared weed in other state i.e. NT, VIC and NSW - Why not Queensland? ACEO to contact Bio Security Qld and write to gain clarification on the issue, and the Rural Lands Officer to take the issue to the next SLOG meeting.

Cr Scott

- Audit Issues – Referring to the Auditor's letter in the addendum
- Advising that he had be contacted by Ken Griffth regarding undertaking works at the Stonehenge Cemetery.
- CEO to undertake a full Cemetery audit and mapping – Budget item to be created
- Report on Canberra Trip
- Digital Switch over update
- NBN Update - Barcoo/Diamantina contribution \$2.8 m
- State Minister Schwarton contributing \$2.8 m including Main Road contribution of \$1 m
- Meeting with Malcolm Turnbull

ATTENDANCE:

Peter O'Reagan attended the meeting at 10:20am.

Council broke for morning tea at 10:45am and resumed at 11:05 am.

Mr Michel Brown, Works Manager, was in attendance when the meeting recommenced.

WORKS & SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.02

That the Works & Services Report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

CARRIED: 5/0

ATTENDANCE:

Mr Michael Brown departed the meeting at 11:25 am.

Peter O'Reagan Consulting Accountant tabled a Financial Performance Report and five year analysis

Mr O'Reagan addressed Council on the need for Council to have an internal audit Plan.

Council instructed the CEO to liaise with Mr O'Reagan to draft a Plan for Council's consideration.

Mr Peter O'Reagan left the meeting at 12:25 pm

Peter and Shelia Forrest attended the meeting at 12:30 pm

- Peter and Sheila Forest gave an informal address and update of the progress to date on the Shire book and outlined the format of the two books for Council consideration.
- Council endorsed Peter and Sheila's recommendation that a local interest committee be established to proof the chapters upon drafting.

ATTENDANCE:

Council broke for lunch at 1:07pm and resumed at 2:00 pm

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Executive Reports

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.03

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

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

Agenda: 11.11.08 Item 6

Request for Support Cooper Art & Craft Assoc Inc

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.04

That Council support the expenses incurred by the Cooper Art & Craft Assoc. Inc. in all operational costs associated with the Visitor Information Centre, with the CEO writing to the Association requesting a long term plan for the land and building.

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

Agenda: 11.11.08 Item 7

Request Erection of Shed – Cooper Art & Craft Assoc Inc

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Cooper Art & Craft Assoc., Inc are seeking permission to erect a shed to house historical vehicles.

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.05

That Council permit the establishment of the proposed shed and that Council look to support the development by way of in-kind support, if needed, including the fencing of the allotment.

*Moved: Cr Groves
Seconded: Cr Batt
Carried: 5/0*

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Groves declared his interest in the following agenda item and left the meeting at 2:38pm.

Agenda: 11.11.08 Item 8

Renewal Pastoral Holding Lease

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Advice has been received from the Department of Environment & Resource Management that an application has been made to renew the following Pastoral Holding Lease:

- 10/5297 Lot 5297 on Plan PH1631 Parish of Munta

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

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.06

That Council has no interests or requirements as to the Lease renewal of 10/5297 Lot 5297 on Plan PH1631 Parish of Munta.

*Moved: Cr Pratt
Seconded: Cr Batt
CARRIED: 4/0*

EXECUTIVE REPORTS cont.

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Groves joined the meeting at 2:43pm.

Agenda: 11.11.08 Item 9

New Zealand Camp

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.07

That Council will not contribute to this request, as it is outside the current guidelines of Council's policy in relation contributions to specific individuals.

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

COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.08

That the Community and Development Report be received and noted.

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

- Council questioned the current status of the Museum Plan. The CEO is to liaise with Council's Community Development Officer Mrs. Doreen Pittman to gain an update on the Museum Plan and the progress to date.
- Council also requested that the CEO is to contact the Barcoo Historical Society requesting an update on their progress to date.
- Cr Pidgeon advised that he will be attending the next meeting of the Historical Society and that the CEO will also attend in the meeting purely as an observer.

LAND & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.09

That the Land and Animal Management Report be received and noted.

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

- Wild Dog Strategy – CEO to undertake talks with Mr Pidgeon regarding the potential of making a submission to the Wild Dog Strategy. The CEO is to contact the Department to request an extension for the submission.
- Cr Pratt requested that Council examine the Parkinsonia issues within the Shire, with specific focus on local sub catchments i.e. that Council undertake a program to eradicate Parkinsonia from all local sub catchments within the near future. CEO to liaise with the Stock Routes Supervisor to gauge the logistics and costs to undertake such a program.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.10

That the Corporate Services Report be received and noted.

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

Key Financial Statistics October 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.11

That the Key Financial Statistics report be received and noted.

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

Operating Statements October 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.12

That the Operating Statements report be received and noted.

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

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT cont.

Balance Sheet October 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.13

That the Balance Sheet report be received and noted.

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

Cash Flow Statements October 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.14

That the Cash Flow Statement report be received and noted.

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

Debtors Analysis October 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.15

That the Debtors Analysis report be received and noted.

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

Revenue & Expenditure Report October 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.16

That the Revenue & Expenditure Report be received and noted.

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

Cheque Register October 2010

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.17

That the Cheque Register be received and noted.

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

LATE BUSINESS

Col Higginson Planner – Decision Notice – Material Change of Use

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.18

That Council adopt the recommendation and conditions as per the draft decision notice drafted by Council's consulting Planner.

*Moved: Cr Batt
Seconded: Cr Groves
Carried: 5/0*

Town Entrance Signage

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.19

That the Council review the town entrance signage – Upmarket

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

INFORMATION LIST

Qld Housing Meeting	<p>Mr Bob O'Brien and Mr Michael Parker met with Qld Housing staff on Tuesday, October 12th, at Windorah.</p> <p>The discussion was centred on Councils request of two years ago to purchase the remaining interest of the State in certain Community houses.</p> <p>We were advised that Qld Housing was now progressing these requests and were well advanced with Bulloo Shire, and had commenced discussion with Quilpie Shire.</p> <p>Qld Housing also stated that they did not wish to withdraw entirely from Community Housing stock in the area, but were willing to negotiate the sale of particular stock of interest to Council.</p> <p>The sale would be based on market valuations obtained by Qld Housing, less the current percentage of ownership vested with Council. Across the 20 housing units in the Shire, Qld Housing ownership percentage varied from 60% to 80%.</p>
Statement of Interest Councillors & Councillors Related Persons	<p>The Auditor has raised the issue that some of the Statements may need a review. Forms have been distributed to prepare a new submission or you can arrange access to your current Statement to ascertain the accuracy of the details provided previously, and if still accurate, a new form does not have to be submitted.</p>
T09 – Sale for Removal or Demolition of Windorah Hall	No tenders received
08/11/10 – CEO	Capital Works Expenditure 2010-11 Financial Year

INFORMATION LIST cont.

Policy 20 – Signs

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.20

That Council adopt Policy 20 Signs.

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

DERM – Proposed Sale of Lot 9 SP2226886 (Cecil St, Windorah) Refuse Disposal

RECEIVED:

CEO to undertake discussions with the Department to gauge Council's liability.

DERM	Draft Management Plan Submission – Welford National Park
Publication	Council Confidentiality Procedure

Ringrose Button – Matters Arising from 2009 2010 Audit

RECEIVED:

That the CEO is to respond to issues raised regarding the 2009 2010 audit.

DERM	Proposed sale part R24 Jundah refuse disposal
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Hon Bruce Scott MP – Nominations Under the Australian Honours System

RECEIVED:

The CEO & Mayor to liaise with the community as to a possible nomination.

Hon Bruce Scott MP	Proposal support upgrade Birdsville Track
DTMR	Fencing section Jundah Longreach Road 'Carella Station'
DET	Response enquiry land near Windorah State School

Bursary Applications

2 Bursary applications were received, Karhlia Smith and Courtney Lloyd.

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.21

That Council commit to \$2,500 each per year as per the conditions outlined in Council's Policy.

*Moved: Cr Pidgeon
Sec: Cr Groves
Carried: 5/0*

INFORMATION LIST cont.

T10/2010 – Sale of Residence, 23 Edward Street, Windorah

RESOLUTION: 2010.11.22

That the Council delegate the CEO to negotiate with the single tender received.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Next Meeting: Friday, 17th December 2010

Meeting Closed: 5:50pm

Mayor Cr Bruce L Scott: _____