

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JUNDAH, MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2011  
COMMENCING AT 8:10 AM.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Councillors B Scott (Mayor), M Pratt (Deputy), I Groves, J Pidgeon, B O'Brien (CEO), Robyn Eastwell (EA), Bronwyn Beck

Mayor Cr Scott opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. The Mayor also congratulated Bob O'Brien in his official duties as Chief Executive Officer.

**CONDOLENCES**

The Council expressed sympathy to the family and friends of the following:-  
Mr. Bill Groves and  
Mr. Gordon Kleinschmidt (past Chairman)

**APOLOGIES**

**RESOLUTION: 2011.06.01**

*That the apology from Councillor Batt be received and a leave of absence be granted.*

*Moved: Cr Groves  
Seconded: Cr Pidgeon  
CARRIED: 4/0*

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION: 2011.06.02**

*That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Barcoo Shire Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, be confirmed as a true account of the events, with the following change "Retreat crossover signage, change to Retreat Crossing, and Reg Cloutts, should be Coutts, Cr Pratt – include "weeds and prickly acacia".*

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

## BUSINESS ARISING

- Discussion has been held with Opus, and they require Council to supply a scope of works relating to compliance and procedures in order to give a detailed quotation.

The Mayor suspended standing orders.

With the permission of Council, the Chief Executive Officer's report was tabled.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT

### RESOLUTION: 2011.06.03

*That the Chief Executive's Report prepared by Bob O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.*

*Moved: Cr Groves*

*Seconded: Cr Pratt*

*CARRIED: 4/0*

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) was established by the Federal Government as a national program to support Australia's regions and enhance the economic development and liveability of their communities. The program is administered by the Dept of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government. It aims to support localism and to leverage a better coordinate State, Commonwealth and Local Government and private investments for the long term benefit of communities.

Round 2 funding opportunities are expected to take place late in 2011. Funding of between \$500,000 and \$25 million per project will be available.

Cr Scott, during discussion for Round 1 possible projects, put forward the opportunity for funding the improvements to crossings on the Quilpie/Windorah Road.

There are eight (8) floodway crossings and two (2) bridge crossings between the junction of the Hammond Downs Road and the Quilpie/Windorah Road to the western side of Long Crossing (a distance of 12.2km)

Whilst the height of the bridge crossing cannot be changed, the lower floodway crossings can be raised to improve their flood immunity and dramatically reduce the number of days that the road is impassable with vehicular traffic due to flooding. The proposal for consideration by council is the allocation of funds in the 2011-2012 financial year budget to allow the preparation of a submission to RDAF for funding to raise the floodway crossings.

**CEO REPORT cont.**

The total cost of the work is as yet unknown. As the Quilpie-Windorah Road is a State road, any investigative work, design, submission has to be with the approval of the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Preparation of the actual funding submission does require financial outlays by Council and considerable in-kind financial support by the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Survey costs are estimated at \$20,000, and professional submission writing and design is estimated at \$10,000. The engineering and coordination of the submission content could run to \$40,000, but more if TMR are unable to provide hydraulic engineering expertise in-kind.

**RESOLUTION: 2011.06.04**

*That Council approve the commitment of \$70,000 in the 2011-2012 financial year budget for the development of a funding submission to the Regional Development Australia Fund in Round 2 for improvements to the flood immunity of the Cooper Channels crossings on the Quilpie-Windorah Road.*

*Moved: Cr Groves  
Seconded: Cr Pidgeon  
CARRIED: 4/0*

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Michael Brown, Works Manager, attended the meeting at 8:50am.

Pre-Budget meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Council and Budget meeting 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2011.

Digital Television Tender

**RESOLUTION: 2011.06.05**

*That Council accept the tender from N-com in its current form and explore a MPEG4 broadcast and that Council confer with Diamantina Shire Council to progress the final proposal.*

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

Local Counter Disaster Management Meeting – July/August 2011

## WORKS & SERVICES REPORT

The Mayor resumed standing orders.

**RESOLUTION: 2011.06.06**

*That the Works Report be received and noted.*

*Moved: Cr Groves  
Seconded: Cr Pidgeon  
CARRIED: 4/0*

- No give way sign at Emu Creek

**ATTENDANCE:**

Council broke for morning tea at 10:04am. The meeting resumed at 10:34am Mr Michael Brown, Works Manager, was not in attendance.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

**RESOLUTION: 2011.06.07**

*That the Community & Development report be received and noted.*

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

**RESOLUTION: 2011.06.08**

*That the Council write to the Historical Society congratulating them for their efforts on the Jundah Time Capsule weekend.*

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Ms Kim Corbett attended the meeting at 11:15am. The Mayor suspended standing orders.

## CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

### Proposed Changes to the annual Animal Registration charges, discount eligibility registration parameters and registration form 12.

#### **SUMMARY:**

In Accordance with section 97 of the Local Government Act and Local Law (Keeping & Control of Animals) Council enforces Dog Registration within the Shire and charges an annual fee for this Dog Registration. The last increase of this fee occurred in 2009 and the revenue received is below 50% of expenditure. Council also grants a discount if certain criteria is met and an additional discount is granted if the owner is a pensioner. There are also guiding principles of Animal Registration within the Shire which are currently being reviewed, and changed if necessary, to meet legislative requirements of the Animal Management (Cats & Dog) Act 2008.

The proposed changes, as attached, include a small increase of fees for some categories, a decrease of fees for some categories, a change of the discount period to be more in line with other discount periods within Council, format of the fees and changes schedule and general wording of the guiding principles.

#### **RESOLUTION: 2011.06.09**

*That the Council adopt the fees and charges for current dog registration fees for the 2011-2012 financial year.*

*Moved: Cr Pidgeon*

*Seconded: Cr Groves*

*CARRIED: 4/0*

#### **Budget Items 2011 2012**

- Michael Pratt presented a list of items for consideration at the next Budget meeting.

#### **RESOLUTION: 2011.06.10**

*That the Corporate Services Report for May 2011, consisting of Key Financial Statistics, Operating Statements, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statements, Debtors Analysis, Revenue & Expenditure and Cheque Register, be received and noted.*

*Moved: Cr Pidgeon*

*Seconded: Cr Groves*

*CARRIED: 4/0*

The Mayor suspended standing orders.

**ATTENDANCE:**

The Principals from Windorah - Ms H Wegert, Stonehenge – Ms S McCarthy and Jundah – Ms N Sherwood were in attendance at 12:05pm. The meeting finished at 12:55pm and Council broke for lunch. The Principals and Kim Corbett, Manager Corporate Services were not in attendance when the meeting resumed at 1:50pm and Mr Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer was in attendance. The Mayor resumed standing orders.

<b>LAND &amp; ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REPORT</b>
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**RESOLUTION: 2011.06.11**

*That the Land & Animal Management report be received and noted.*

*Moved: Cr Groves*

*Seconded: Cr Pidgeon*

*CARRIED: 4/0*

**Agistments**

*That Council approve the following agistments*

*Tom Hoad, Jundah – 2 horses*

*Bill Pitman, Jundah – 8 horses*

*Justine Schrader, Windorah – 9 horses*

*Katrina Maunsell, Jundah – 6 horses*

*Diane Ward, Windorah – 4 horses*

*Ray Steedman, Stonehenge – 20 cattle*

*Moved: Cr Pratt*

*Seconded: Cr Groves*

*CARRIED: 4/0*

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer departed the meeting at 2:32pm. The Mayor resumed standing orders.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Qld Reconstruction Authority	\$315 million Qld Local Council Package to assist disaster affected communities.
Winton Shire Council	Inaugural mayoral Mayhem – Outback dunny challenge.
DERM	Appointment of trustee Jundah Racecourse & Recreation.
Senator Stephen Conroy	National Broadband Network optic fibre backhaul extension.
Premier of Qld	One-off payment \$45,000 Community Recovery Package.
Qld Health	Staff accommodation Windorah Clinic.
Senator Stephen Conroy	National Broadband Network optic fibre backhaul extension.

## LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Jundah Race Club Inc	Request use of Council machinery
Jundah School P&C	Request sportsground to be graded, linemarked and sand for the Barcoo Shire Sports Day 15/07/11
Iffracombe State School	Request use of Barcoo Shire Bus

### **Iffracombe State School – Request use of Barcoo Bus**

*That the Council make an exemption due to the circumstances in relation to transport and hire the bus to Iffracombe State School.*

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

## MEMBERS BUSINESS

### Cr Pidgeon

- nil

### Cr Groves

- Back door of the hall does not lock and needs attention
- Council to budget for new signage at Shire entrances to advise of UHF repeater services.

### Cr Pratt

- nil

**MEMBERS BUSINESS cont.**

Cr Scott

- Honour board for Australia Day recipients – CEO to investigate the sourcing of an appropriate board

*Attendance at meetings*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Place</b>
10	Water Directorate	Jundah
12	DERM	Jundah
16	RAPAD	Longreach
17	RAPAD/ORRG/Central West Planning Advisory Committee	Longreach
20	Ray Heffernan – Broadband Regional Strategy	Brisbane
20	Josh Hannan – Transport & Main Roads Director	Brisbane
20	AGFORCE Leasehold Land Committee	Brisbane
26	Windorah School Leaders Presentation	Windorah
03	Peter O'Regan Works Committee	Jundah
8	District Disaster management Group Meeting	Longreach
14	ORRG Teleconference	

**RESOLUTION: 2011.06.0**

*That Council approve the Mayor's representations.*

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

Next Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011, Jundah

Meeting Closed: 3:40pm

Mayor Cr Bruce L Scott: \_\_\_\_\_