



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JUNDAH, MONDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 2011
COMMENCING AT 9:10 AM.**

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

CONDOLENCES

Nil

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.01

That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Barcoo Shire Council held on 11th July, 2011, be confirmed as a true account of the events.

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

BUSINESS ARISING

- Ergon Energy - Windorah subdivision power supply
- Digital Television update

ATTENDANCE:

The Council broke for morning tea at 10:00am and resumed at 10:25am.

The Mayor suspended standing orders.

BUDGET 2011/12

Minimum Rates

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.02

That Council adopt the following minimum rates for the 2011/12 financial year.

<i>Category 1</i>	<i>\$ 360.00</i>
<i>Category 2</i>	<i>\$ 360.00</i>
<i>Category 3</i>	<i>\$ 360.00</i>
<i>Category 4</i>	<i>\$ 300.00</i>
<i>Category 5</i>	<i>\$ 20,000.00</i>
<i>Category 6</i>	<i>\$ 300.00</i>
<i>Category 7</i>	<i>\$ 360.00</i>
<i>Category 8</i>	<i>\$ 400.00</i>
<i>Category 9</i>	<i>\$ 440.00</i>

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

Differential General Rates in the \$

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.03

That Council adopt the following rates in the \$ for the 2011/12 financial year.

<i>Category 1</i>	<i>\$0.044cents in \$</i>
<i>Category 2</i>	<i>\$0.032 cents in \$</i>
<i>Category 3</i>	<i>\$0.056 cents in \$</i>
<i>Category 4</i>	<i>\$0.008774 cents in \$</i>
<i>Category 5</i>	<i>\$0.036 cents in \$</i>
<i>Category 6</i>	<i>\$0.036 cents in \$</i>
<i>Category 7</i>	<i>\$0.036 cents in \$</i>
<i>Category 8</i>	<i>\$0.036 cents in \$</i>
<i>Category 9</i>	<i>\$0.036 cents in \$</i>

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

Water Charges

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.04

That Council adopt the following schedule of water charges for the 2011/12 financial year.

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

BUDGET 2011/12

Utility Charges

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.05

That Council apply the following charges:

- a) *A fixed amount representing the provision of infrastructure which is chargeable on all land capable of being connected to a main with an allocation of treated and raw water deemed by Council in the Water Charges Schedule below, to be of sufficient quantity to service the needs of the rate assessment. (Initial Allocation - **Treated Water 2.19 Kl per Unit & Raw 6.57 Kl per unit**)*
- b) *A charge **\$0.50 per kilolitre treated water** for each kilolitre consumed over the initial allocation (the allocation is determined by the Units Charged as per Water Charges schedule)*
- c) *A charge of **\$0.20 per kilo litre raw water** for each kilo litre consumed over the initial allocation (the allocation is determined by the Units Charged as per Water Charges schedule)*

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

Cleansing Charges

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.06

*That Council apply a charge of **\$150.15 per service** or multiples thereof plus **\$33.84 per extra bin** for the 2011/2012 financial year.*

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

Revenue Statement

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.07

That Council adopt the Revenue Statement for the 2011/12 financial year.

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

Revenue Policy

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.08

That Council adopt the Revenue Policy for 2011/12 financial year.

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

BUDGET 2011 2012

Debt Policy

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.09

That Council adopt the Debt Policy for the 2011/12 financial year.

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

Procurement Policy

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.10

That Council adopt the Procurement Policy for the 2011/12 financial year.

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

Investment Policy

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.11

That Council adopt the Investment Policy for the 2011/12 financial year.

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

Audit Policy

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.12

That Council adopt the Audit Policy for the 2011/12 financial year.

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

2011/12 Financial Year Budget

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.13

That Council adopt the budget for the 2011/12 financial year represented by:-

- *Revenue and Expenditure Statement 2011-12*
- *3 year Income Statement*
- *3 year Balance Sheet*
- *3 year Cash Flow Statement*
- *Proposed Capital Works Program (1 year specific 9 year indicative)*
- *Proposed Plant Replacement Program (1 year specific 9 year indicative)*
- *Change in Equity Statement 2011-12*

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

BUDGET 2011 2012

Special Rate - Wild Dog Control

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.14

*That Council adopt of **Special Rate of \$0.01c** per hectare of land for those lands described as Category 4(rural lands) in Council's Revenue Statement, with a minimum area of 1000ha (in accordance with the Barcoo Shire Planning Scheme - minimum area for rural subdivision), on this Special Rate. The Annual Implementation Plan and Overall Plan for the service is as described in Section 7 of Councils 2011/2012 Revenue Statement.*

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

The Mayor resumed standing orders.

ATTENDANCE:

Council broke for lunch at 12:40pm and resumed at 1:43pm Ms Kim Corbett, Manager Corporate Services was not in attendance when the meeting resumed. Mr Mike Chuck, DCQ, Mr Bill Pitman, Works Supervisor and Mr Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer, was in attendance.

The Mayor suspended standing orders.

Mr Mike Chuck, Desert Channels Qld - Discussing the outcomes from the meetings in Jundah, Stonehenge and Windorah in regards to the use of town commons.

ATTENDANCE:

Mr Mike Chuck, Desert Channels Qld, left the meeting at 2:48pm.

The Mayor resumed standing orders.

WORKS & SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.15

That the Works Report be received and noted.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mr Bill Pitman, Works Supervisor, left the meeting at 3:40pm.

LAND & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.16

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

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

RLO to report back on a potential Dog Trapper

ATTENDANCE:

Mr Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer, departed the meeting at 4:05pm.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.17

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

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

Holidays Act 1983

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is required to nominate a day each year for a Show Public Holiday, and advise the Minister, to enable gazettal as a holiday.

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.18

That Council considers what day to be submitted for gazettal as a public holiday for a Show.

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

EXECUTIVE REPORT cont.

Bus Service Offer for Windorah, Jundah & Stonehenge

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Mr John McCallum, Jundah, is the carer for 2 mentally impaired people. These people are registered in programs that are held in Longreach on a Monday and on a Friday.

Since Mr McCallum will be travelling two days per week to Longreach, he is willing to offer his services (free of charge) to the three communities as the driver of the Shire bus, and taking members of the community to Longreach on these days.

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.19

That Council requests from Mr McCallum, letters of support from people willing to use this service on a regular basis, and a business plan in relation to Council's contribution for a twice a weekly bus service.

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Pidgeon

LOST: 3/2

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.20

That Council advertise for Expression of Interest from potential regular users of a once a week bus service to Longreach, from Windorah to Jundah to Stonehenge and return, at times when the bus is not being used for its intended purposes.

Moved: Cr Pratt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Request Financial Assistance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Windorah Development Board has requested financial assistance to install a coffee and cold drink vending machine at the Windorah Airport.

RESOLVED:

That Council agree to in principle to the proposal, however, further information is requested in regards to financial outlays and operational & responsibilities.

CEO REPORT cont.

Roads to Recovery Request for Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Australian Local Government Association will be launching local government's Road to Recovery campaign at the 2011 National Local Roads and Transport Congress.

The campaign is requesting the support of all councils.

The motion calls for the Roads to Recovery Program to be made permanent at a rate that recognises the backlog of needs on local roads and a continuation of the current popular and successful arrangements.

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.21

That Council supports the Australian Local Government Association to:

- *recognise the successful delivery of the Roads to Recovery Program by Local Government since 2000;*
- *Continue the Roads to Recovery Program on a permanent basis to assist local government meet its responsibilities of providing access for its communities;*
- *Continue the Roads to Recovery Program with the current administrative arrangements; and*
- *Provide an increased level of funding under a future Roads to Recovery Program that recognises the shortfall of funding on local roads of \$1.2 billion annually*

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

CEO REPORT cont.

T03 2011/12 Purchase of 2 (two) New 14ft Motor Graders

<u>CJD Equipment Pty Ltd</u>	
Volvo G940 Motor Grader	\$407,500 Plus GST
Price for 2	\$795,000 Plus GST
<u>Hitachi Construction Machinery Australia Pty Ltd</u>	
John Deere 770G Motor Grader	\$360,400 Plus GST
Price for 2	\$720,800 Plus GST
770GP Motor Graders	\$384,100 Plus GST
Price for 2	\$768,200 Plus GST
<u>Hastings Deering</u>	
Caterpillar 140M Motor Graders	\$422,500 Plus GST
Price for 2	\$826,400 Plus GST

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.22

That Council accept the offer submitted by Hastings Deering for 2 (two) 140m Graders, with greaser option to be negotiated.

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

CEO REPORT cont.

T04 2011/12 Sale of 2 Used 14ft Motor Graders, Plant 2 & 16

	Plant 2*		Plant 16	
	ex GST	Inc GST	ex GST	Inc GST
QLD Heavy Equipment Pty Ltd	\$165,250.00	\$181,775.00	\$145,250.00	\$159,775.00
Clein Excavations & Tipper Hire	\$153,136.36	\$168,450.00	\$143,545.45	\$157,900.00
Mulara Flats Grazing	\$159,090.91	\$175,000.00	\$159,090.91	\$175,000.00
Hastings Deering	\$152,000.00	\$167,200.00	\$135,000.00	\$148,500.00
Laudiston Valuers Auctioneers	\$173,409.09	\$190,750.00	\$150,454.55	\$165,500.00
RECOMMENDED RESERVE	\$185,000.00	\$203,500.00	\$165,000.00	\$181,500.00

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.23

That Council not accept any tenders at this stage and the CEO to advertise the items for sale at the reserves set and to negotiate with interested parties on a 'as is where is" if necessary.

Moved: Cr Pidgeon

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

CORRESPONDENCE

July 2011 Australian Workers Union	Notification of proposal to make a certified agreement and intends to begin negotiations
July 2011 Windorah Development Board	Request Council support to erect new 'Welcome to Windorah' signage CEO to Reply with Advice on the Windorah Town beautification project which includes town signs

Enterprise Bargaining Agreement

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.24

That the CEO be authorised to commence negotiations with all parties concerned with a view to having one agreement which will take the place of the two existing agreements.

Moved: Cr Batt

Seconded: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

INFORMATION BULLETIN

June 2011	Qld Regional Natural Resource Management Groups: Achievements of Qld natural resource management 2007-2011
June 2011	Planning Institute Australia: Expression of interest QYPG Rural & Regional work experience program
June 2011	DERM: Annual report on the administration of EPA local government component
June 2011	LGAQ: Skilling Queenslanders for work, First Start Program & First Start Green Army Program. Continuation of assistance
July 2011	Bob McNeil: Thank you for the 2011 Australia Day Award
July 2011	LGAQ: Member subscriptions 2011-2012

LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Community Memorial Restoration Program

Proposed Outback Regional Water Group & Outback Regional Water Technical Group

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.25

That the Council commit to being part of the proposed Outback Regional Water Group with Council nominating Mayor Bruce Scott as Council's representative and Greg Clarke as its technical representative.

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

MEMBERS BUSINESS

Cr Batt

- Ray Wilson request for grid at Thurles Beatrice Road

RESOLVED;

That the "Turtles" - "Beatrice Downs" boundary grid be included on the grid replacement program for this financial year and that the owners be advised accordingly.

Cr Groves

- nil

Cr Pratt

- Community Plan meetings
- Overgrown allotments and non-conforming uses

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.26

That Council seek an Expression of Interest for a facilitator to undertake the Community Plan process for the Barcoo Shire Council.

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

Cr Pidgeon

- nil

Cr Scott

Attendance at meetings

Date	Function	Place
19 th July	March Flooding & Drought Freight Subsidy Claims - Lew Markey DEEDI	Moothandella
21 st July	Scope of Works & Priorities for the next 4 years - Eric Denham DTMR	Barcaldine
26 th July	Jundah Water Supply & loss of depth of standing water level in Thomson River	Jundah
27 th July	RAPAD Board Meeting	Longreach
28 th July	ORRG Meeting	Longreach
3 rd August	Barcoo Shire Local District Disaster Group Meeting	Windorah

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.27

That Council approve the Mayor's representations.

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

MEMBERS BUSINESS

Clean energy initiative. Connect Stonehenge, Jundah to Windorah

Clean Energy Initiative

BACKGROUND:

Australian Government has legislated the 20 per cent by 2020 expanded Renewable Energy Target and is investing \$5 billion through the Clean Energy Initiative to support the development of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies.

The Clean Energy Initiative (CEI) consists of:

The [Carbon Capture and Storage Flagships Program](#) that supports the construction and demonstration of large scale integrated carbon capture and storage projects in Australia, which may include gasification, post-combustion capture, oxy-firing, transport and storage technologies. Complementing this program is the National Low Emissions Coal Initiative and National CO2 Infrastructure Plan, which aim to accelerate the development and deployment of capture and storage technologies that will reduce emissions from coal use.

The [Solar Flagships Program](#) supports the construction and demonstration of large scale, grid connected solar power stations in Australia. In addition, the Government has established the [Australian Solar Institute](#) (ASI), which aims to increase the cost-effectiveness of solar technologies and accelerate the capacity of solar industries in Australia.

The [Australian Centre for Renewable Energy](#) (ACRE), which will promote the development, commercialisation and deployment of renewable technologies through a commercial investment approach. ACRE funding will be used to establish the [Australian Biofuels Research Institute](#) (ABRI). ACRE will also manage grants awarded under the following programs:

- The [Renewable Energy Demonstration Program](#)
- The [Second Generation Biofuels Research and Development \(Gen2\) Program](#)
- The [Geothermal Drilling Program](#)
- The [Advanced Electricity Storage Technologies Program](#)
- The [Renewable Energy Equity Fund](#)
- The [Renewable Energy Venture Capital Fund](#)
- The [ACRE Emerging Renewables Program](#)

The Renewable Energy Future Fund, announced as part of the 2010 Budget, provides funding for a range of CEI programs.

The federal government will set up a \$10 billion fund to invest in clean and renewable energy as part of its carbon pricing package.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

The Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) will be run by an independent but government-appointed chair and a board comprising experts in banking, investment management and renewable energy.

It will invest \$10 billion over five years from 2013/14 in businesses seeking funds to get innovative renewable and clean energy proposals up and running.

It will also help existing manufacturers transform to help them meet new demand in the clean energy sector for goods like wind turbine blades and solar panels.

The government also confirmed it would also set up an Australian Renewable Energy Agency to manage \$3.2 billion in existing renewables funding and a \$200 million Clean Technology Innovation Program.

The government wants 20 per cent of Australia's energy to come from renewable sources like wind, solar and geothermal by 2020.

RESOLUTION: 2011.08.28

That Council seek support from the Queensland State Government and Ergon Energy, to explore the potential for access funds from the Federal Government Clean Energy Initiative or the Clean Energy Fund, to connect renewable energy sources in the towns of Stonehenge, Jundah and Windorah to the State and National Electricity Grid. This would enable more efficient use of current renewable energy installations and projects in the towns and allow for expansion of more renewable and zero emission technologies, such as solar geothermal energy. This would also support the decommissioning of 2 power station using diesel generators, burning carbon emitting fuel and the unsustainable use of fossil fuels for this purpose.

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

Next Meeting: 12th September 2011, Jundah

Meeting Closed: 5:35pm

Mayor Cr Bruce L Scott: _____