



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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**GENERAL MEETING OF  
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD FRIDAY  
13 DECEMBER 2013  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
WINDORAH**

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**1. OPENING**

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 9.25 am.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Julie Groves, Mayor  
Cr Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor  
Cr Peter Batt  
Cr Ian Groves

**OFFICER'S PRESENT**

Mr Bob O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Sue McConachy, Executive Assistant

**3. APOLOGIES**

**Resolution No.: 2013.12.01**

That the apology from Cr Lasker is accepted and leave of absence be granted.

**MOVED:** Cr I Groves

**SECONDED:** Cr Pratt

**CARRIED 4/0**

**4. CONDOLENCES & BIRTHS**

- The Council expresses sympathy to the family and friends of Francie Hammond upon her passing.

**5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil.

## 6. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

## 7. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No.: 2013.12.02

*That the Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Jundah on the 20 November, 2013 be confirmed.*

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 4/0

## 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### SHIRE HISTORY PROJECT – PETER AND SHEILA FORREST

Discussion was held regarding the Shire History Book project being written by Peter and Sheila Forrest.

- 1000 books were agreed upon, along with the IMC's.
- A competition to be organised to choose a 'title' for the book and an advertisement to be placed in the community newsletter.

### MEDICAL CHEST

The Mayor outlined details of correspondence forwarded onto Mrs Leonie Nunn, President of the Stonehenge Royal Flying Doctor Service Auxiliary, in regards to the Stonehenge RFDS Community Medical Chest.

- RFDS requires one main person nominated as Stonehenge Medical Chest Holder. They are responsible for the Chest.
- There can be as many key holders as required (2 or 3 usually). In an emergency the RFDS will go through their list of key holders, until they find someone to attend the chest.
- Names of key holders cannot be publicly advertised.
- Community Cultural & Tourism Supervisor to arrange a key to the Doctor's Rooms only, at the Stonehenge Community Centre to be assigned to the main Chest holder. The key will be registered in this person's name, and signed for, in Shire Records. **Note: it is the key holder's responsibility to ensure this key is available when they are out of town and to return to Council when they no longer hold the Chest key.**
- Stonehenge Community Centre permanent/casual staff are welcome to volunteer as an RFDS Medical Chest key holder. This cannot be part of the Position Description.  
Barcoo Shire to be advised of any change to nominated Chest Key Holders: for Disaster Management Plan and to register/note the key holder in shire records.
- Phone number of the RFDS Charleville Base needs to be publicly displayed in Stonehenge (e.g. Info Centre; Caravan Park; Hall; Hotel) for those needing Medical Attention. Phone number to be included in the next Shire Telephone Book under 'Stonehenge'.
- Auxiliary to discuss: RFDS phone number to be displayed in public telephone box and procedure to be put through to RFDS base in an emergency - if dialling 000.

- Stonehenge residents/visitors to ring the RFDS direct when needing medical attention.
- Community Centre Ambulance Ramp upgrade is on Council's maintenance list.
- Council to cover telephone rental for fax located in Stonehenge RFDS Doctor's Rooms, including back payment for last twelve months rental. There is a walk-about phone in the Medical Rooms.

## 9. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORT - MAYOR

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2013.12.05

*That Council accepts the Mayor's Report and endorses the Mayors' attendances at the following events and meetings.*

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

### 01 Events Attended

#### November

- 18 Paul Russell, Science, Information Technology, Arts
- 19 Regional Managers Co-ordinators Network – Longreach
- 19 Drought Info – Stonehenge
- 29 RFDS North-West Manager – Stonehenge

#### December

- 02 LSOE Graduation
- 03 Alpha Coal Mining Field Day
- 04 Regional Development Australia Roads forum – Longreach
- 05 Local District Disaster Management – Longreach
- 05 Ergon Energy lunch - cancelled
- 05 Windorah School Awards + Christmas Tree
- 06 Jundah School Awards + Christmas Tree
- 07 Stonehenge School Awards + Christmas Tree

### 02 Teleconference

#### November

- 25 Fibre Optic
- 27 Fibre Optic
- 29 P & S Forrest

#### December

- 16 RAPAD
- 16 Central West Pest Management Group

## 10. PUBLIC NOTICE AMENDMENT – CAMPBELL HIGGINSON TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

Resolution No.: 2013.12.06

*Pursuant to section 117 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (SPA), Council resolves to amend the Barcoo Shire Planning Scheme to include a Priority Infrastructure Plan and to undertake public consultation of the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment pursuant to section 118(1) (b) (i) of SPA, for the period 17 January 2014 to 28 February 2014.*

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

### DANIELLE WESTON

A letter was tabled from Danielle Weston regarding the laneway between the service station block and the Outback Shop in Wallace Street, Windorah.

RECEIVED

### DANIELLE WESTON

Correspondence received from Danielle Weston asking if the vacant block situated in Wallace Street, Windorah, directly behind the service station would be coming up for sale in the near future.

(This block will go up for public tender).

RECEIVED

### ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer left the Meeting at 10.23 am.

### ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer returned to the Meeting at 10.25 am.

### WESTERN RIVERS WILD RIVER REVOCATION PROPOSAL NOTICE

An email was tabled which was received from Julie Lyon on behalf of Scott Buchanan, Director, Biodiversity Implementation, Ecosystem Outcomes, Conservation & Sustainability Services, Department of Environment & Heritage Protection.

The email advised that the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, Andrew Powell, will be publishing a revocation proposal notice for the Cooper Creek and Georgina and Diamantina basins Wild River Declarations in local newspapers.

The proposed revocation of the Cooper Creek and Georgina and Diamantina basins Wild River Declarations is to fulfil a Government commitment to develop alternative strategies to protect Queensland's western rivers while still allowing sustainable development to proceed.

RECEIVED

**SANDRA MCCARTHY, PRINCIPAL, STONEHENGE STATE SCHOOL - (BARCOO CLUSTER OF SCHOOLS)**

Advising Council that the Barcoo Cluster of Schools (Stonehenge, Jundah and Windorah) are holding a Swimming Camp and Carnival in Jundah from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February up to and including Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 and asking if Council will cover the cost of the trophies.

**Resolution No.: 2013.12.07**

***That Council cover the cost of the trophies and offer their full support.***

**MOVED:** Cr Batt

**SECONDED:** Cr Pratt

**CARRIED: 4/0**

**12. LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Correspondence was tabled from the Jundah Race Club seeking relief from their rates.

**Resolution No.: 2013.12.08**

***It was resolved that Council write off the excess water rates, however Council to advise the Race Club Committee that they should look into upgrading their water facilities and usage, to prevent excess water rates in the future.***

**MOVED:** Cr Batt

**SECONDED:** Cr I Groves

**CARRIED: 4/0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.47 am.

**RESUMPTION**

The Meeting resumed at 11.30 am.

**ATTENDANCE**

Finance Officer Sarah Uhrhane attended the Meeting at 11.30 am.

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Batt left the Meeting at 11.58 am, due to ill health.

### **STONEHENGE ACTION GROUP**

A letter was received from The Stonehenge Action Group Inc (STAG) advising Council they are planning a *Community Wellness Forum* in Stonehenge on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 and ask Council to consider the *Forum* as a worthy project for financial support.

Resolution No.: 2013.12.09

*That Council provide its support in the form of sponsorship to the value of \$2,000, along with free bus hire (Committee to provide fuel), along with the free hire of the Hall and Community Centre. As participants will be drawn from surrounding areas, Council asks that the Longreach Regional Council also be approached to contribute financially.*

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 3/0

### **13. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORT - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Resolution No.: 2013.12.10

*That Council accepts the report from the Chief Executive Officer.*

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 3/0

### **PROPOSED PURCHASE OF USED STABILIZER – FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS**

Resolution No.: 2013.12.11

*That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (under Section 235(e) of the Local Government Regulations 2012), to make an offer to purchase WIRTGEN Stabilizer for \$370,000 with the option to negotiate to \$450,000.*

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 3/0

### **14. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

Resolution No.: 2013.11.12

*That Council receive the following Financial Statements pursuant to and in accordance with Section 152 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 for the period ending 30 June 2014.*

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 3/0

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned for lunch, time being 1.20 pm.

**RESUMPTION**

The Meeting resumed, time being 2.16 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

Strategic Works Manager Steve Sigler attended the meeting at 2.16 pm.

**15. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS**

**STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**WATER RESTRICTIONS**

Resolution No.: 2013.12.13

*It was resolved to have the current restrictions lifted and dropped back to Level 1, as from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.*

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 3/0

**OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT**

Resolution No.: 2013.12.14

*That Council accepts the reports from the Strategic Works Manager and Operational Works Manager.*

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 3/0

**WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT**

Resolution No.: 2013.12.15

*That Council accept the report from the Workplace Health & Safety Officer.*

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 3/0

**ATTENDANCE**

The Engineer attended the Meeting at 2.55 pm.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Resolution No.: 2013.12.16

*That Council accepts the report from the Engineer.*

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 3/0

**16. FURTHER BUSINESS**

**OPTIC FIBRE**

Cr Pratt, Deputy Mayor raised some points regarding Telstra who are undertaking the line from Isisford to Stonehenge.

**17. MEMBERS BUSINESS**

**Councillor Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor**

Nil

**Councillor Peter Batt**

Nil

**Councillor Ian Groves**

Nil

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 3.46 pm.

**RE-OPENED MEETING**

The Mayor re-opened the Meeting at 3.48 pm to receive the attendance of Rural Lands Officer, Peter Pidgeon who tabled his report.

Resolution No.: 2013.12.17

*That Council accepts the report from the Rural Lands Officer.*

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 3/0

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 4.01 pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2014.

  
MAYOR

*24.1.01.14*

DATE