



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**GENERAL MEETING OF
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY
16 APRIL 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNDAH**

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1. OPENING

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 9.18 am.

2. ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICER'S PRESENT

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

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. CONDOLENCES & BIRTHS

Nil

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The CEO declared an interest in the Community Support Grant Application submitted by the Jundah Golf Club.

6. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No.: 2014.04.01

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 19 March, 2014 at the Council Chambers, Jundah be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Discussion was held regarding the Agitator Truck Council is in the process of purchasing.

9. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Optic Fibre Update

Bruce Scott, Leon Love and Ray Heffernan have visited Canberra and a full report was compiled by Bruce Scott.

Resolution No.: 2014.04.02

That Telstra be awarded the preferred supplier status and that the evaluation team continue its activities to negotiate a better deal for Council.

Negotiation points are:

1. *Unrestricted access to certain fibres for Council's use. At a minimum for the Council's \$2.5M investment Telstra should give access to a fibre linking Windorah, Jundah and Stonehenge to facilitate Council operations.*
2. *Improved price. Leveraging the Defence fibre build (between Stonehenge and Isisford) is estimated to save Telstra \$4M. The cost of the Telstra 3G towers is estimated at \$1.4M each.*
3. *Other terms and conditions as appropriate.*

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

RAPAD Road Funding Announcement

At the last *Outback Regional Roads Group* meeting held two weeks ago, very little was achieved in regard to Barcoo Shire, however Diamantina Shire managed to get a significant allocation redistributed from Boulia Shire.

Council Housing and Planning

Council is currently awaiting the tender documents for the delivery of 3 x 3 Bedroom Houses. These documents will be forthcoming and once tendered; Council can make the decision to continue or to postpone.

The final documentation will be forwarded onto Campbell Higginson Town Planning in regards to the Development Approval for the Jundah Service Centre. Once the DA is submitted Council will be calling *Expressions of Interest* in a fuel system and associated management tools and software.

Boundary Review

Correspondence was received from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines. The report explains the three areas for amendment. There are no real issues with these minor changes and Council would like to see a larger review carried out, to fix some road and community interest issues.

Resolution No.: 2014.04.03

That Council write to Local Government Change Commissioner to assess the proposed changes under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 and also advising the Bulloo and Quilpie Shires of Barcoo Shires decision.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

3rd Quarter Review

The Council continues to improve its financial position; it is envisaged that this position can be kept at this level for the next few months. The overall situation is in line with the budget and operational plans. The area which is having the biggest impact is the 50 % spend on Capital Works Program. At present \$4 million has been spent out of the Budget of \$8 million. The other notable cost impact is depreciation which currently stands at 60%. This will be updated in the near future to show the true situation. This will impact on the Operating Statement, but not in the Cash Flow Statement.

Once again the Council continues its healthy progress and it awaits the two Federal and State Budgets to gauge its situation going forward into the next budget.

General Issues and Future Developments

Upcoming Events

- WQLGA Tambo – 30th April to 2nd May
- Gas Field Commission – meeting 6th May
- Financial Summit and Future Leaders LGAQ 6th May to 10th May
- Rate Discount Day Tuesday 13th May
- Council Meeting 21st May

Resolution No.: 2014.04.04

That Council accepts the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.50 am.

RESUMPTION

The Meeting resumed, time being 11.22 am.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: **2014.04.05**

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

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

01 **Events Attended**

April

- 01 Regional Manager's Meeting - Longreach
- 02 Outback Roads Regional Transport Group - Longreach
- 02 RAPAD Meeting - Longreach
- 03 District Disaster Management Group- Longreach
- 03 Fire Management Meeting - Longreach
- 04 Community Meeting – Windorah
- 05 Yaraka
- 08 Qld Treasurer and Minister for Trade – Longreach

02 **Teleconferences**

March

- 21 ORWG Outback Regional Water Group

The Edge – Get On It

A proposal for the *Far West Alliance Group of Councils* (Bouliia, Diamantina, and Barcoo) compiled by Kelsey Neilson from Bouliia Shire Council was discussed.

RECEIVED

Community Meetings

Discussion was held regarding matters raised from the Community meetings held in Stonehenge, Jundah & Windorah.

ATTENDANCE

Ian Kuhn Deputy CEO/Manager Corporate Services and Sarah Uhrhane Finance Officer attended the Meeting at 11.49 am.

10. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Resolution No: 2014.04.06

That Council receive the following Financial Statements pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 30 June 2014.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

CAMPBELL HIGGINSON TOWN PLANNING – FEE & CHARGES

An outline of Town Planning Fees and Charges was received from Campbell Higginson Town Planning for Council's consideration.

CARRIED OVER TO THE BUDGET

ATTENDANCE

Ian Kuhn Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CEO and Sarah Uhrhane Finance Officer left the Meeting at 12.45 am.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

MRS RAE MATHESON

Correspondence received from Mrs Rae Matheson applying for the Shire Bursary program 2014 on behalf of her son Dwayne (Boof) Matheson to compete in the State Rugby League Championship in Brisbane on the 30th April – 4 May 2014.

Resolution No.: 2013.04.07

That Council provides sponsorship for the total of \$500 towards Dwayne Matheson's attendance at the State Rugby League Championship in Brisbane on the 30th April – 4 May 2014.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE

The CEO declared an interest in the following *Community Service Grant Application* for the Jundah Golf Club and left the Meeting at 12.59 pm.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION - JUNDAH GOLF CLUB

A *Community Support Grant Application* was received from the Jundah Golf Club, outlining the purpose of the grant is to install toilets and showers for the use of competitors and to act as an *Emergency Centre* during times of natural disaster. The Golf Club and the nearby Primary Health Centre are located on the highest point close

to town with access from a number of directions. Improving facilities at the Club will allow the Community another choice of catering/entertainment facilities.

Resolution No.: 2013.04.08

That Council approve the Community Support Grant Application from the Jundah Golf Club applying for a \$3,000 grant.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.07pm.

RESUMPTION

The Meeting resumed, time being 2.06 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Strategic Works Manager Steve Sigler, Operational Works Manager Bill Pitman attended the Meeting at 2.06 pm.

12. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2013.04.09

That Council accept the reports from the Strategic Works Manager, Operational Works Manager and Workplace Health & Safety Advisor.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Strategic Works Manager Steve Sigler and Operational Works Manager Bill Pitman left the meeting at 3.19 pm.

13. CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED

2014 QLD ORIGIN DROUGHT RELIEF FAN DAY COMMITTEE

2014 Qld Origin Drought Relief Fan Day Committee has written to Council seeking financial assistance to the value of \$500 towards activities for the Qld Origin Fan Day on the 10th June 2014 in Longreach.

Resolution No.: 2013.04.10

That Council provide sponsorship to the value of \$500 towards the activities for the Qld Origin Fan Day and supply a Barcoo Shire Council banner.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 5/0

WINDORAH DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Outlining concerns raised at the recent Windorah Development Board meeting.

- Mobile Phone Signage – CEO will look into this.
- Safety at Cooper's Creek Bridge – CEO will consult with the Department of Transport & Main Roads.
- Proposed Event in Windorah – Mayor will contact the WDB regarding this.

WINDORAH DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Correspondence received from the Windorah Development Board regarding the updated proposal for the Windorah Community Gym to be housed in the Windorah Hall.

Some points made were:

- Council need to supply the lock & determine the pin.

Resolution No.: 2013.04.11

That the CEO draws up an agreement in line with the proposal with changes subsequent to Council's requirements and the risk assessment.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 5/0

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM

Forwarding documentation regarding 'Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) Contestable Funding Grant Scheme' and 'Contestable Funding Application 2014/15'.

Resolution No.: 2013.04.12

That to support the ongoing success of the Outback Queensland Tourism and the Eventures Campaign the Barcoo Shire Council confirm to contributing the sum of \$5,000 to further market and promote events in Outback Queensland.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

14. FURTHER BUSINESS

Nil

15. MEMBERS BUSINESS

Councillor Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Cr Pratt asked if it would be possible if Council could call upon its' Contracted *Environmental Health Officer* to undertake reviews of the Community Houses, to take the onus off Council's Housing Maintenance Officer/s.

Councillor Ian Groves

Nil

Councillor Craig Lasker

Nil

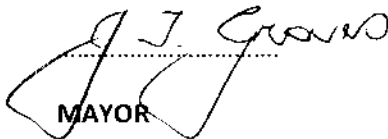
Councillor Peter Batt

Nil

16. CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 4.34 pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on **Wednesday 21 May, 2014.**


MAYOR

28/4/14

DATE