



CONFIRMED MINUTES

**GENERAL MEETING OF
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY
19 MARCH 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNDAH**

BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
JUNDAH ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014
COMMENCING AT 9.19 AM

Table of Contents	Page
1. Opening of Meeting.....	3
2. Attendance.....	3
3. Healthcare Public Meeting – Jundah (Central West Health Service Plan)	3-4
4. Apologies.....	4
5. Condolences & Births.....	4
6. Declaration of Interest.....	4
7. Consideration of Notice of Motion.....	5
8. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings.....	5
• General Meeting held Wednesday, 26 February 2014 at the Community Centre, Stonehenge.	
• Special Financial Meeting held Thursday, 06 March 2014 at the Council Chambers, Jundah.	
9. Business Arising from Previous Meeting.....	5
10. Consideration of Executive Report – Mayor	5-6
11. Consideration of Rural Lands Officer’s Report.....	6-7
12. Consideration of Executive Report – Chief Executive Officer	7-8
13. Consideration of Corporate Services Report	8
14. Consideration of Works and Services Reports.....	8-11
• Engineer, Strategic Works Manager, Operational Works Manager, Fleet Administrator/Housing Maintenance and Work Health Safety Officer.	
15. Disaster Management Plan.....	11
16. Correspondence.....	11
17. Further Business.....	12
• Shire Bursary	
• Camp Water Tank	
• Western Queensland Local Government Association (WQLGA) – Call for Motions	
18. Members Business	12
19. Conclusion	12

BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JUNDAH
ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014
COMMENCING AT 9.19 AM

1. OPENING

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 9.19 am.

2. ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE

Cr Julie Groves, Mayor
Cr Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor (Attended Late Via Teleconference)
Cr Ian Groves
Cr Craig Lasker

OFFICER'S PRESENT

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

3. HEALTHCARE PUBLIC MEETING – JUNDAH (CENTRAL WEST HEALTH SERVICE PLAN)

Mr Michel Lok, CEO of Central West Health addressed the meeting and advised that Central West Hospital and Health Service, in collaboration with Central & North West Queensland Medicare Local (CNWQML), Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS), Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and the Remote Area Planning & Develop Board (RAPAD) are undertaking to develop a single *Health Service Plan* for Central West. The expected outcome is a single *Health Service Plan* that will guide the services delivered by all health agencies working in the region.

Some other points raised were:

- There are big issues around chronic disease, lung cancer, diabetics, heart attacks, strokes as well as injury.
- In the state of Queensland people are being admitted for cardiac reasons, some elective surgeries and property or road injuries. This forms a picture of what is going on in the Central West and what area services are being delivered.
- Why these health issues are happening, what services are they missing?
- The monthly visits are working
- Dental needs, skin checks, mental health are all a necessity.
- Dental Services are being looked at closely.

ATTENDANCE

Cr I Groves left the meeting at 10.04 am.

ATTENDANCE

Cr I Groves returned to the Meeting at 10.07 am.

- Discussion was held regarding educators in certain fields; e.g. Diabetes, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Diet and Nutrition and how important all of these are to our community. Mention was also made regarding the awareness of 'sun cancer' monitoring, 'drug & alcohol' issues, along with 'stranger danger' education.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed for morning tea at 10.20 am.

RESUMPTION

The meeting re-opened at 11.15 am.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Pratt, Deputy Mayor joined the meeting via teleconference at 11.16 am.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies

Resolution No.: 2013.03.01

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

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 4/0

5. CONDOLENCES & BIRTHS

Births

The Council expressed congratulations to the family of the following:-

- Briony Pitman and Mic Bateman on the birth of their son, Hunter Henry Bateman.
- Debbie and John Karger on the birth of their daughter, Tania Erin Karger.
- Amanda & Tossa Murphy on the birth of their son, Jack Raymond Murphy.

Condolences

The Council expressed sympathy to the families and friends of the following:-

- Thomas Fitzgerald
- Arthur Moody

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

7. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

8. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No.: 2013.03.02

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 26 February, 2014 at the Community Centre, Stonehenge be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.: 2013.03.03

That the Minutes of the Special Financial Meeting held Thursday 06 March, 2014 at the Council Chambers, Jundah be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 4/0

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Telstra Tower

Cr Pratt sought confirmation regarding the Telstra Tower that will be based at Nil Desperandum.

Windorah Post Office

Discussion was held regarding the Windorah Post Office.

ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer Bob O'Brien left the meeting at 11.59 am.

10. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORT – MAYOR

Resolution No.: 2013.03.04

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

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

01 Events Attended

March

- 05 Local District Disaster Management training – Jundah
- 07 Baked Relief + Landline - Stonehenge
- 10 Wild Dog Check Fence meeting – Longreach
- 10 Travel Boulia
- 11 Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss; Qld Minister Transport & Main Roads Scott Emerson; RAPAD Mayors - Road Funding announcement – Boulia
- 18 Stonehenge Community Meeting

02 Teleconferences

February

- 21 RAPAD teleconference

March

- 06 RAPAD Special meeting teleconference
- 14 RAPAD teleconference

ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer Bob O'Brien returned to the meeting at 12.02 am.

11. CONSIDERATION OF RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Correspondence received from Ms Rebecca Benson, Acting Manager, Macropod Management Unit, Department of Environment & Heritage Protection (EPA), Charleville

The letter states that the current legislation does not allow meat from macropods, humanely destroyed under a damage mitigation permit, to be used for any purpose. This means that roo carcasses shot under a Damage Mitigation permit cannot be given to *Wild Dog Control Committees* to be boned out and the meat used for meat baits.

The regulation that relates to this is *Section 187 of Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006* and it is under review in June 2014 and has a sunset clause of June 2015.

A copy of the *Protocol* for the production of 1080 meat baits was also attached. This document outlines the requirements for landholders and wild dog committees in relation to the use of meat, for preparing baits containing sodium fluoro acetate (1080), for the purposes of baiting declared pest animals under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*.

Copy of letter to be sent to all Councillors; Council have got until June 2014 to make a submission.

Resolution No.: 2013.03.05

Council resolved to present a submission request to utilise macropods, humanely destroyed under a Damage Mitigation permit, for wild dog and pig program control measures.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 4/0

Applications for Agistment

- Ken Field – 11 head of cattle and 4 horses (approved).
- Tanya Forsyth – 3 horses (approved).

Resolution No.: 2013.03.06

That Council accepts the report from the Rural Lands Officer and endorse the Agistment applications.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 4/0

12. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORT - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- RAPAD Road Funding Announcement
- Flood Declaration
- Valuations
- Council's Financial Position

General Issues and Future Developments

Upcoming Events

- ORRG Technical Meeting TBA
- ORRG Meeting TBA
- 4th April RAPAD meeting
- Regional Managers Meeting Longreach 1st April
- RAPAD Skilling Meeting Longreach 2nd April
- WQLGA Tambo – 30th April to 2nd May
- Gas field Commission – meeting 6th May
- Financial Summit and Future Leaders LGAQ 6th May to 10th May
- Optic Fibre Update
- Federal Road Funding Announcement - The joint government announcement was made in Boulia where Deputy Prime Minister and Infrastructure Minister Warren Truss and Queensland Transport and Main Roads Minister Scott Emerson met local Mayors and MP's, to sign off on the package of \$24.5m in joint Federal, State and local government road funding. The Federal funding of \$11m will cover work on the Queensland section of the '**Outback Way**', connecting Laverton in Western Australia to Winton, with Boulia Council expected to see \$6m spent in its shire and \$5m in Winton Shire.

The remainder of the funding (10m from the State government and \$500,000 each from Western Councils) will be used to address local road priorities among the seven Remote Area Planning and Development (RAPAD) Councils: Blackall-Tambo, Barcaldine, Longreach, Winton, Barcoo, Diamantina and Boulia.

The '**Outback Way**' will provide vital access to many remote indigenous communities across the centre of Australia and will offer a cost-effective link between mining areas of Western Australia and Western Queensland. The Outback Way Development Council estimates that the transcontinental route would save \$15,000 in moving mining equipment from one state to the other and cut five hours off the coastal route.

Resolution No.: 2013.03.07

That Council accepts the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

13. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Resolution No.: 2013.03.08

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 Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

Debtor Write-Off

Resolution No.: 2013.03.09

To write off the following Debtor Account:

- LUNNE - Outstanding Rent \$1,557.34

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 4/0

Campbell Higginson Town Planning

Fees and charges template for March 2014 covering *Town Planning* was received from Campbell Higginson Town Planning for Council's consideration.

TABLED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.10 pm.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed, time being 2.08 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Engineer Greg Clark, Strategic Works Manager Steve Sigler, Operational Works Manager Bill Pitman attended the meeting at 2.08 pm.

14. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Engineer tabled an updated Works Program, due to recent wet weather.

Queensland Water Regional Alliances Program (Q-WRAP) Stage 2 Report - Review of Governance Arrangements and New Business Models

This report was presented by Engineer, Mr Greg Clarke.

Resolution No.: 2013.03.10

Based on the draft Memorandum of Understanding and Project Plan presented at the February meeting, Council agrees to participate in the Outback Regional Water Group (ORWG) Alliance.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.: 2013.03.11

That Council accepts the report from the Engineer.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 4/0

STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

- Flood Damage
- Water Treatment Plant/Pumping/Water Supply
- Maintenance

OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

- Jundah-Quilpie Road
- Jundah-Winton Road
- Stonehenge-Warbreccan Road
- Water Tanker & Multi Roller
- RMPC Maintenance Main Roads
- Repeaters

Resolution No.: 2013.03.11

That Council accept the reports from the Strategic Works Manager and the Operational Works Manager.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 4/0

ATTENDANCE

The Engineer left the meeting at 4.15 pm.

FLEET ADMINISTRATOR/HOUSING MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

- Tender Delivery Update
- Agitator Truck
- Sale of Vehicles

ATTENDANCE

Cr I Groves left the meeting at 4.20 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Cr I Groves returned to the meeting at 4.23 pm.

- Hire of Vehicles & Damage Claim
Council received a claim for repairs to a dry hired roller used on the Yaraka-Retreat project last year.

Resolution No.: 2013.03.12

That the CEO write to owner of the hired roller advising that Council cannot accede to the claim and that Council has questions over the initial condition of the Roller and also advising that there are also questions over the repairs to i) The turbo charger and ii) the identification of the sump oil issues.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 4/0

Council will implement an inspection regime for any dry hire vehicles coming into Council before the start of hire and also when it goes off hire.

- Housing Inspections

Resolution No.: 2013.03.14

That Council accept the report from the Fleet Administrator/Housing Maintenance Officer.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 4/0

WORK HEALTH SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2013.03.15

That Council accept the report from the Work Health & Safety Officer.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 4/0

15. DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Disaster Management Plan was tabled for Council's consideration.

Resolution No.: 2013.03.16

That Council adopt the Barcoo Local Disaster Management Plan, subject to typographical changes.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 4/0

ATTENDANCE

Strategic Works Manager Steve Sigler and Operational Works Manager Bill Pitman left the meeting at 4.59 pm.

PROCUREMENT POLICY

Policy No. 1

Resolution No.: 2013.03.17

That Council adopt the Procurement Policy.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 4/0

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Sue Anderson

Council received correspondence from Mrs Sue Anderson thanking Council for the use of the catering van and donating an amount of \$100. Also asking if there could be a roll down insect screen and screen door fitted to increase the van's useability.

RECEIVED

Peter and Sheila Forrest

A memo was received from Peter and Sheila Forrest drawing Council's attention to a few matters that will need to be considered by Council.

- International Mailing Cartons (IMC's)
- Mail Order Campaign
- Pricing
- Book launch
- Publicity and Advertising
- Website
- Timing

TABLED

17. FURTHER BUSINESS

SHIRE BURSARY POLICY

- To be reviewed every year and to be viewed by the members of the community.
- Any particular points to be forwarded onto Deputy CEO Ian Kuhn.
- Due to Cr Batt being absent, further discussion regarding this policy has been put on hold until Cr Batt is present.

TABLED

CAMP WATER TANK

CEO tabled correspondence received from Mr Steve Sigler offering a 1720 litre aluminium water tank for sale.

Resolution No.: 2013.03.18

That Council purchase the 1720 aluminium water tank from Mr Steve Sigler for the price of \$1,200.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 4/0

WESTERN QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WQLGA) - CALL FOR MOTIONS

Mayor J Groves asked if any Councillors would like to submit a *Motion* at the WQLGA 78th Annual WQLGA Conference being held in Tambo on the 1st and 2nd May 2014.

The following discussion took place regarding proposed *Motions*:

- Macropod Harvesting
- Zone Allowance Rebate
- Outback Water Group
- Regional Wild Dog Control Fence

18. MEMBERS BUSINESS

Councillor Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor

Nil

Councillor Ian Groves

Nil

Councillor Craig Lasker

Nil

19. CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 5.33 pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 April, 2014.


MAYOR

17.04.14

DATE