



CONFIRMED MINUTES

**GENERAL MEETING OF
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY
20 AUGUST 2014
COMMUNITY CENTRE
STONEHENGE**

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COMMENCING AT 9.23 AM

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1. OPENING

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 9.23 am.

2. ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE

Cr Julie Groves, Mayor
Cr Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor
Cr Craig Lasker
Cr Peter Batt
Cr Ian Groves (Via Teleconference)

OFFICER'S PRESENT

Mr Bob O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Ian Kuhn, Corporate Services Manager/Deputy CEO
Ms Sue McConachy, Executive Assistant

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. CONDOLENCES & BIRTHS

The Council expressed their condolences to the family and friends of Mrs Beris Aird, late of Jundah.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

6. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No.: 2014.08.01

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 16 July, 2014 at the Council Chambers, Jundah be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

Resolution No.: 2014.08.02

That the Minutes of the Budget Meeting held Wednesday 23 July, 2014 at the Council Chambers, Jundah be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 5/0

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

9. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.08.03

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

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

01 | **Events Attended**

July

- 21 2015 Trailblazer Planning meeting - Windorah
- 23 Budget Meeting
- 30 Wild Dog Check Fence – Stonehenge

August

- 04 Local Disaster Group meeting – Windorah
- 05 Regional Managers Co-ordinators Network meeting – Longreach
- 06 Outback Regional Water Group – Longreach
- 06 Central West Regional Pest Management Group – Longreach
- 06 RAPAD – Longreach

- 06 Red Ridge - Longreach
- 07 Outback Regional Roads & Transport Group – Longreach
- 11 Local Govt Infrastructure Services – Jundah

02 Teleconferences

Nil

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Electoral Changes – Consultation

The Chief Executive officer advised Council of the changes to the *Local Government Act* in relation to Local Government Elections. These are as follows:

1. Providing CEO's with the first offer to be returning Officers
2. Aligning Ballot Paper provisions with State Elections
3. Electronic Voting
4. Numbering candidates in first-past-the –post elections

Ingenero Receivership Issues

The Chief Executive Officer discussed the potential outcomes of the recent Ingenero receivership announcement. Council has an agreement with Ingenero for a twenty year period.

The initial capital outlay was in the order of \$700,000 plus and the returns last financial year were \$47,244, plus from Ergon Energy. Council over the five year period to date has paid Ingenero \$236,346, an average of \$47,269 per year. An analysis of the assets, their condition, the operational costs and expenses associated with the systems is needed before Council could make an informed decision regarding the purchase. If all is positive the CEO recommends that Council look very seriously at this project as an offset to Council's electricity expenses.

Resolution No.: 2014.08.04

That the Chief Executive Officer compiles a report for Council's consideration in regards to the potential outright ownership of the assets.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

Fibre Project

The current situation is that Council is currently waiting for the Deputy Prime Minister to release the \$1bn *Stronger Regions* funding. This will allow the two Councils to make application for funding under the *Stronger Regions* program. A successful application would facilitate an announcement of funding in the next Federal Budget. If an announcement is made in the last quarter of the next financial year, Telstra may have the opportunity to commence work on or near May 2015. By using the State contribution first, followed by Council's contribution, the Federal Government funding would complete the project.

Barcoo Shire History Book

Dealings continue with Mr Peter Forrest and Council is nearing the final sign off. The agreed printing payout will be forwarded upon final approval. The Mayor and the CEO updated Council on the outcome.

Resolution No.: 2014.08.05

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

10. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Winton Shire Council

Following the *Regional Roads Forum* held in Longreach this year the Interim Working Group has been working towards the development of Queensland Western Roads Action Plan. A second meeting of the Chairs of the respective Roads and Transport Groups is being held in Mount Isa on 28 August 2014 to further progress the plan.

Attached to this correspondence was a letter from the Chair of the Interim Road Working Group seeking financial support to fund the work of the group. The suggested contribution from each local government is \$3,000.

Resolution No.: 2014.08.06

That Council contribute \$3,000 towards the Interim Road Working Group to assist with funding the work of the group.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30 am.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed, time being 11 am.

11. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Resolution No.: 2014.08.07

That Council close the meeting to the public to go into Committee to discuss confidential reports and updates from Active Assurance, the time being 11 am.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr I Groves left the teleconference and EA Sue McConachy left the meeting at 11.am.

12. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

Resolution No.: 2014.08.08

That Council open the meeting to the public, time being 11.40 am.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr I Groves and EA Sue McConachy returned to the meeting at 11.40 am.

13. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

FINANCE

Resolution No.: 2014.08.09

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 2015.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER/DEPUTY CEO'S REPORT

Policies Review

The *Staff Uniform Policy, Drug and Alcohol Policy* and the *Social Media Policy* which are due for review to comply with current legislation were tabled for Council's consideration.

With reference to **Sections 195, 196, 197 and 198** of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council prepared and adopted each of the following:

Staff Uniform Policy

Resolution No.: 2014.08.10

That Council adopt the Staff Uniform Policy.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Resolution No.: 2014.08.11

That Council adopt the Drug and Alcohol Policy.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Social Media Policy

Resolution No.: 2014.08.12

That Council adopt the Social Media Policy.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.54 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Manager Corporate Services/Deputy CEO Ian Kuhn left the meeting at 12.54 pm.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed, time being 2.04 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Rural Lands Officer attended the meeting at 2.04 pm.

Councillor I Groves re-joined the meeting.

14. CONSIDERATION OF LAND AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Rural Lands Officer's Report

- Discussion was held pertaining to the next wild dog aerial baiting program.
- Funding of \$50,000 (drought money) has been received.
- Results achieved from using cameras to record wild dog movements.
- State Land Conference attended in Longreach.
- Rural Lands Officer tabled a copy of the *Central West Bio-Security Plan*.

Agistment

Correspondence received from Mr Herb George seeking permission to lease the *Bottom Six Mile Reserve* for a period of 12 months. If this is not possible, would the Council grant agistment for 50 head of cattle for a three month period?

Resolution No.: 2014.08.13

That Council grant Mr Herb George permission to agist 50 head of cattle for a period of three months on the Bottom Six Mile Reserve.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

Applications for Agistment

- Neville Geiger - (20 head of cattle) - approved
- Kim Geiger & Matt Lampard - (3 head of cattle & 3 horses) - approved
- George Gorringer - (20 head of cattle) – approved
- Tanya Forsyth (4 horses) - approved

Resolution No.: 2014.08.14

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

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Rural Lands Officer left the meeting at 2.43 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Strategic Works Manager Steve Sigler and Operational Works Manager Bill Pitman attended the meeting at 2.43 pm.

15. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Automatic River Height Stations

Two quotes have been received for the supply and installation of two telemetry platforms and associated equipment at Bogewong and Windorah as follows:

Pentair/Greenspan Technology	\$57,820.00 (excl. GST)
Prospect Group Pty Ltd	\$64,890.00 (excl. GST)

The above quotes do not include the concrete footing for the platforms and the associated conduiting from the river bank to the platform. These will be provided by Council. Both companies have undertaken similar work for other Councils.

The above is preliminary information, as a more detailed assessment of the quotes and reference checks are yet to be undertaken.

Tender No. T01-2014/15 – Bitumen Surfacing Works

Resolution No.: 2014.08.15

That Council accepts the tender from Rock n Road Bitumen Pty Ltd for bitumen surfacing works and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the formation of a contract with the preferred tenderer to undertake the works.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

FLEET ADMINISTRATION/HOUSING MAINTENANCE REPORT

Water Tanker Quotations

Below is the price schedule for each water tanker quote.

Supplier	Price Excluding GST	Delivery
Mick Murray Welding - Townsville	\$105,000.00	Approx 4 weeks from order
Hastings Deering Truck Centre - Brisbane	\$108,279.00	Not stated
Anysteel Services - Forest Glen	\$113,256.00	8 Weeks Delivery from Order
Krueger Transport Equipment – Salisbury	\$121,540.00	10 Weeks Delivery from Order

Resolution No.: 2014.08.16

That Council accept the quote from Hastings Deering Truck Centre of \$108,279 for the water tanker.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.08.17

That Council accept the reports from the Engineer, Strategic Works Manager, Operational Works Manager, Fleet Administration/Housing Officer and Workplace Health & Safety Advisor.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Windorah Development Board (WDB)

Advising Council of community issues that were raised at their recent WDB meeting.

- Telescope for Windorah
- Lawn bowls
- Emergency airstrips
- Caravan Park signage
- Portable toilets

RECEIVED

Australian Election Company

Correspondence received from the Australian Election Company regarding potential changes to the *Local Government Act* in relation to Local Government Elections. These are as follows:

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RECEIVED

17. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS (CONTINUED)

COMMUNITY, CULTURAL & TOURISM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.08.18

That Council accept the report from the Community, Cultural & Tourism Supervisor.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

18. LATE CORRESPONDENCE (CONTINUED)

Mayor Groves received an email from Mrs Tanya Forsyth advising that their daughter Becky has been selected to compete in the National School Futsal Championship and seeking sponsorship from Council.

Resolution No.: 2014.08.19

That Council contribute \$500 sponsorship towards the cost of Becky Forsyth's trip to the National School Futsal Championships.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

19. FURTHER BUSINESS

Windorah Post Office

The Chief Executive Officer addressed Council regarding the future of the Windorah Post Office.

The following options were discussed by all Councillors:

- Could staff from the Windorah Information Centre also run the Post Office?
- Could you leave the Windorah Information Centre where it is and then place a donger or a small building next to it, to run the Post Office out of?
- Is there a possibility for the Post Office to go into an already established business and Council could possibly provide sponsorship for a certain timeframe?

It was decided that Council go back to Australia Post and undertake further negotiations.

20. MEMBERS BUSINESS

Mayor J Groves

Nil

Councillor Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Cr Pratt tabled the results from the Community Consultations for the Wild Dog Fence Project.

It was agreed that a teleconference be held this month with all Councillors, regarding this draft report.

Councillor Peter Batt

Nil

Councillor Craig Lasker

Nil

Councillor I Groves

Nil

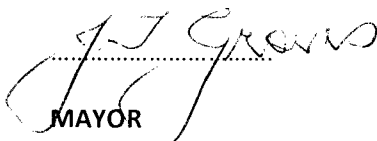
21. CONSIDERATION OF LATE REPORTS

Nil

22. CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.58 pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General meeting held on **Wednesday 17 September, 2014**


MAYOR

26/09/2014

DATE

Confirmed Minutes – General Meeting held Wednesday 20 August 2014