



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**GENERAL MEETING OF
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD THURSDAY
29 MAY 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNDAH**

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1. OPENING

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 8.19 am.

2. ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE

Cr Julie Groves, Mayor
Cr Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor
Cr Ian Groves (attended via teleconference at 8.20 am to advise Council a time he could re-join the meeting)

OFFICER'S PRESENT

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

ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE

Resolution No.: 2014.05.01

That Cr I Groves be available to undertake a teleconference to join the meeting.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 3/0

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies

Resolution No.: 2014.05.02

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

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 3/0

4. CONDOLENCES & BIRTHS

Births

The Council expressed congratulations to the family of:-

- John and Emma Douglas on the birth of their daughter, Sybella Douglas.

Condolences

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

- Mr Michael Wills
- Cr Geoff Norton

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

6. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No.: 2014.05.03

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

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 3/0

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Discussion was held regarding the Optic Fibre project.

9. MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Resolution No.: 2014.05.04

That Council close the meeting to the public to go into committee to discuss confidential management issues, time being 8.47 am.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 3/0

ATTENDANCE

Ms S McConachy, EA, left the meeting at 8.47 am.

10. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

Resolution No.: 2014.05.05

That Council open the meeting to the public, the time being 10.59 am.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 3/0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.00 am.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed, time being 11.35 am with Ms S McConachy in attendance.

ATTENDANCE

Cr I Groves joined the meeting via teleconference at 11.35 am.

Rural Lands Officer Peter Pidgeon, Engineer Greg Clark, Strategic Works Officer Steve Sigler and Operational Works Officer Bill Pitman joined the meeting at 11.35 am.

11. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Drinking Water Quality Awareness - Presentation to Council

As part of a project being undertaken through the *Outback Regional Water Group (ORWG)*, Mr Peter Mosse will be in Jundah on Tuesday 17 June, 2014. Peter has specific expertise in water treatment operations and has recently provided training to Council's Water Treatment Operators. Whilst in Jundah, Peter is available to give a presentation on *Drinking Water Quality Awareness* to Council.

The Engineer encouraged all Councillors and relevant staff to attend this presentation, which runs for approximately 1.5 hours and will be presented on Tuesday 17 June, 2014 at 8.30am in Council's Jundah Office.

STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.05.06

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

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

12. CONSIDERATION OF RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT

RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.05.07

That Council accept the report from the Rural Lands Officer.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

Agistment

- Rae Matheson – 1 horse - (approved)
- Bill Pitman – 7 horses – (approved)
- Katrina Maunsell – 5 horses – (approved)
- Bob Sharpley – 7 horses – (approved)
- Darrel Dolgner – 18 cattle & 2 horses – (approved - cattle to go up to the Top Six Mile)

Resolution No.: 2014.05.08

That Council approve the above agistment applications.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

SPRAYING OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

Deputy Mayor Cr Pratt suggested that the cost of spraying noxious weeds on properties be charged back to property owners. It was decided to put this item forward for consideration at Council's Budget meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Leesa Richardson, Senior Constable, Officer in Charge, Windorah Police Station attended the meeting at 12.49 pm to introduce herself to everyone.

ATTENDANCE

Senior Constable Leesa Richardson, Engineer Greg Clark, Strategic Works Manager Steve Sigler, Operational Works Manager Bill Pitman and Rural Lands Officer Peter Pidgeon left the meeting at 12.54 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.54 pm.

13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Resolution No.: 2014.05.09

That Council suspend standing orders to receive the deputation from the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission: Ms Lyn McLaughlin, Chair, Mr Brendan McNamara, Mr Kevin Wormald and Mr John

Rauber, Commission Members, Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience: Mr Michael Meehan, Principal Program Officer, the time being 1.55 pm.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

14. DEPUTATION

The Mayor welcomed Lyn McLaughlin, Brendan McNamara, Kevin Wormald, John Rauber and Michael Meehan to the meeting.

The Commission members presented details to Council of the following:

- The Commission's primary role
- Commission members appointed by Governor-in-Council
- Chairperson reports directly to Minister
- All funding is disbursed directly to Councils
- History of the Financial Assistance Grant
- Financial Assistance Grant – administered under:
Commonwealth & Queensland Governments
- Financial Assistance Grant
Untied Funding
- National Principles of the Financial Assistance Grant
- National Principle – Horizontal equalisation
- National Principle – Effort Neutrally
- National Principle – Minimum Grant
- National Principle – Other grant support
- National Principle – Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders
- National Principle – Identified road component
- National Principle – Council Amalgamation
- Financial Assistance Grant – 2008/09 to present
- General Purpose Grant – the basic model
- Expenditure Assessment – Categories
- Cost Adjustors
- Revenue Assessment – Categories
- Raw grant and scaling
- Road Audit Program

15. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Resolution No.: 2014.05.10

That Council resume standing orders, the time being 4.06 pm.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr I Groves re-joined the meeting via Teleconference at 4.06 pm.

16. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Council Depot Shed Construction

The new depot shed is progressing well. A Council *Action Report* was tabled in regards to the total project.

DEFERRED

General Issues and Future Developments

Upcoming Events

- Queensland Grant Commission Visit 29th May
- Council Auditors 6th & 7th June
- Queen's Birthday long weekend 7th, 8th & 9th June
- Birdsville Roads Meeting 12th June
- Council Meeting 18th June

Resolution No.: 2014.05.11

That Council accepts the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

MAYOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.05.12

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

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

01 Events Attended

April

- 25 ANZAC Day – Jundah, Stonehenge
- 30 WQLGA Conference – Tambo

May

- 01-02 Western Qld Local Government Assn Conference – Tambo
- 03 Community Drought Event - Jundah
- 06 Gas Fields Commission - Toowoomba
- 07 Financial Summit – Twin Waters
- 08-09 Civic Leaders Summit – Twin Waters

02 Teleconferences

May

29 RAPAD

29 Central West Pest Management Group

17. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS CONTINUED

FLEET ADMINISTRATOR'S/HOUSING MAINTENANCE REPORT

Tender T04/2013-14 Sale of 2004 Iveco Powerstar 7700 Prime Mover

Resolution No.: 2014.05.13

That Council accepts the price tendered of \$60,500, including GST, from Mr Cheyne Williams, Parraway Pastoral Company for the 2004 Iveco Powerstar 7700 Prime Mover.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

Resolution No.: 2014.05.14

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

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

ATTENDANCE

Ian Kuhn Deputy CEO/Manager Corporate Services and Sarah Uhrhane Finance Officer attended the meeting at 4.25 pm.

18. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Resolution No.: 2014.05.15

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 Pratt

CARRIED 4/0

ATTENDANCE

Sarah Uhrhane Finance Officer left the meeting at 4.48 am.

COMMUNITY, CULTURAL & TOURISM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Broadband Training For Seniors

Discussion was held regarding training being held in Jundah on the 2nd & 3rd June 2014 and the 1st & 2nd July 2014. Further information on the actual content of the training is still being finalised.

Quotations For New Shire Brochures

Resolution No.: 2014.05.16

That the quotation from Action Graphics be accepted.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

Resolution No.: 2014.05.17

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

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

Information Centres and Tourism

Discussion was held regarding information for tourists and it was decided Council look at purchasing weather proof tubs to place tourist brochures into, for display e.g. caravan parks, local businesses.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

Windorah Development Board

Correspondence was received from the *Windorah Development Board (WDB)* asking if Council would consider erecting a flagpole at the Windorah cemetery to support future ANZAC Day dawn ceremonies.

Resolution No.: 2014.05.18

That Council ask Boilermaker Mr Glen Forsyth to make the flag pole, however advise the Windorah Development Board that it would be up to their committee to arrange the placement of it.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 4/0

RAPAD

Advising Council that the *Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer 18-25 2015* adventure will head to Barcoo territory and Cooper Creek, then travel onto Birdsville and South Australia. Also seeking nominations for teams and outlining the costs.

RECEIVED

WINDORAH STATE SCHOOL

Requesting Council's support to fund the annual sports camp being held in Windorah from 23rd to the 27th June 2014. The coaching camp provides an opportunity for children in small schools to receive specialised instructions by professional coaches.

Resolution No.: 2014.05.19

That Council approve the sponsorship of \$250.00 towards the annual Sports Camp and also resolved to provide in-kind support for the event.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 4/0

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY HOUSING APPLICATION FORM – MR MARK WEEKES

A housing application was received from Mr Mark Weekes for the township of Windorah.

Resolution No.: 2013.05.20

That Council approve Mr Weekes's application for a one bedroom unit with the lease to be negotiated on a six monthly basis, at commercial rates.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 4/0

20. FURTHER BUSINESS

Nil

21. MEMBERS BUSINESS

Mayor J Groves

Would like to see lawn and trees planted around the Stonehenge Caravan Park.

Deputy Mayor M Pratt

These are the following items that the Stonehenge community have asked for to be considered in Council's budget:

- Employ a professional landscaper for a few days to beautify the Stonehenge Township
CEO suggested that perhaps STAG could apply for a grant and the Stonehenge Town Liaison Officer could undertake training to become knowledgeable in how to assist community groups to apply for these types of grants.
- Signage is still required to be updated.
- The restored Stonehenge State School and the Jail need to be painted.
- Maintenance on the Stonehenge Hall to be done.
- The Stonehenge community would still like to see a three bedroom house built.

Councillor Ian Groves

Nil

Councillor Peter Batt

Nil

22. CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on **Wednesday 18 June, 2014.**

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MAYOR

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DATE