



CONFIRMED MINUTES

**GENERAL MEETING OF
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY
17 SEPTEMBER 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNDAH**

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1. OPENING

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 9.03 am.

2. ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICER'S PRESENT

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

3. APOLOGIES

Resolution No.: 2014.09.01

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

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 4/0

Rural Lands Officer Peter Pidgeon was unable to attend the meeting.

4. CONDOLENCES & BIRTHS

The Council expressed their condolences to the family and friends of Mr Raymond Batchelor.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

6. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No.: 2014.09.02

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 20 August, 2014 at the Stonehenge Information Centre be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 4/0

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

9. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- Local Government Act Changes
- Ingenero receivership issues
- Remuneration Tribunal submission
Council agreed that it present a submission to the Tribunal, advising of the impact to Council of the category it has been classified as, regarding Councillor Remuneration
- Keeping of animals in town

Tender 2014/2015 – Sale of Surplus Land Located in Windorah, Jundah and Stonehenge

Resolution No.: 2014.09.03

That Council advise all tenderers that their initial tenders are not acceptable, however Council has set land reserves and that highest tenders have the first offer to purchase for the reserves stated.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

Plumber/Gas Fitter Position

The CEO advised Council that a Plumber/Gas Fitter has been offered employment with Council and is just waiting to see if the offer is accepted.

Audit Committee Establishment

The CEO tabled correspondence from the Longreach Regional Council advising that at their June meeting it was resolved to establish an Audit Committee. Longreach Regional Council would like to partner with one of its adjoining Council's to have a reciprocal arrangement for the independent member on each Council's Audit Committee. Should Barcoo Council wish to participate in this arrangement, Longreach Regional Council wishes to offer Director of Corporate Services, Mr Mark Griffioen to participate in this arrangement.

Resolution No.: 2014.09.04

That the Council accept the offer from the Longreach Regional Council for Mr Mark Griffioen to participate in this arrangement and Barcoo Council's Corporate Services Manager/Deputy CEO Mr Ian Kuhn reciprocates his services to the Longreach Regional Council.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

Resolution No.: 2014.09.05

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

MAYOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.09.06

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: 4/0

01 Events Attended

August

- 13 Senator Barry O'Sullivan – Windorah BBQ
- 14 Senator Barry O'Sullivan – Jundah & Stonehenge
- 16 Stonehenge Gymkhana
- 20 General Meeting – Stonehenge
- 21 ABC - Stonehenge
- 22 Variety Club Car Rally – Windorah

September

- 03 Peter Homan & Alison Angus – OQTA; Alan Smith – Outback Aussie Tours
- 03 Yabby Races – Windorah
- 10 Ewan Cayzer – Qld Fire & Emergency Services - Jundah
- 11 Ergon Energy Street Lighting – Barcaldine

August

14 Australia Post
21 Australia Post

September

05 RAPAD

10. CONSIDERATION OF LAND AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Rural Lands Officer's Report

- Water Facilities
- Pest Animals

Applications for Agistment

- Deborah Geiger - (20 head of cattle) – Approved
- Peter Geiger - (18 head of cattle & 2 horses) – Approved
- Denise Henney - (20 head of cattle) – Approved
- Leesa Richardson – (1 head of cattle) – Approved
- Darren & Rae Matheson – (2 head of cattle & 1 horse) – Approved

Resolution No.: **2014.09.07**

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

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 4/0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.35 am.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed, including Cr I Groves, time being 11.18 am.

ATTENDANCE

Engineer Greg Clark, Strategic Works Manager Steve Sigler and Operational Works Manager Bill Pitman attended the meeting at 11.18 am.

11. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Reinstating McPhellamy's crossing; essentially restoring to what it once was
- DNR Permit - simple process which should only take a short time to get approval
- Water Infrastructure Asset rather than a Road Infrastructure
- All levels have been taken
- A PowerPoint presentation was shown by the Engineer

STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

- Flood Damage – revised list of questions from John Myaw
- Shade structure is now up over the Jundah playground equipment. SWM advised that it may need a couple of strengthening posts.
- Windorah Playground will need to be extended from 10 metres to 12 metres, so as not to cut into the softfall etc.
- Workshop building mezzanine level has had posts fitted to strengthen the superstructure.

OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

FLEET ADMINISTRATION/HOUSING MAINTENANCE REPORT

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISOR'S REPORT

ATTENDANCE

Sergeant Glen Arrol from the Jundah Police Station attended the meeting at 1.04 pm.to introduce himself to Council.

He advised that they are holding a short *Police Remembrance Service* on the 29th September, 2014 commencing at 10 am, in the Jundah Memorial Park and if everyone could please bring along a 'plate' to share for morning tea.

ATTENDANCE

Sergeant Glen Arrol and Engineer Greg Clark left the meeting at 1.11 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.12pm.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed, including Cr I Groves, time being 1.50 pm.

FLEET ADMINISTRATION/HOUSING MAINTENANCE REPORT CONTINUED

Float for Fuel Cell

Workshop Supervisor Mr Mike Ross has recently inspected a float currently owned by Champion Contracting Pty Ltd. They wish to sell this float for \$50,000.00. It has been completely rebuilt. Fleet Administration Officer asks Council to consider purchasing this float, for the purpose of mounting Beilby's camp fuel cell. Currently Council cannot move the cell when it has fuel in it. This is a costly exercise when it is empty because Council have to get two loaders to shift it. Depending on where the machines are at the time, dictates the price that it costs.

Resolution No.: 2014.09.08

That Council purchase the float from Champion Contracting for the amount of \$50,000.00.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

ATTENDANCE

Manager Corporate Services/Deputy CEO Ian Kuhn attended the meeting at 1.59 pm.

12. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Wagners Cement Pty Ltd

Informing Council that due to an error in their accounting system the freight component agreed to for Purchase Order numbers was not charged. Unfortunately this was not picked up until a recent internal audit. Wagners suggested they split the invoices over 3 months to help with the payments, as per the below amounts:

August invoice @240.5 tonnes = \$38,816.50 + gst

September invoice @456.71 tonnes = \$73,353.40 + gst

October Invoice @ 262.32 tonnes = \$41,971.20 + gst

A spread sheet was attached with a summary of all the charges, totalling \$154,141.30.

Resolution No.: 2014.09.09

That the CEO writes a letter advising Wagners Cement Pty Ltd that the flood-damage jobs are now closed and due to the error being Wagners accounting system discrepancy, Council offer to only pay half of the \$154,141.30.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

Resolution No.: 2014.09.10

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 Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

ATTENDANCE

Strategic Works Manager and Operational Works Manager left the meeting at 2.25 pm.

COMMUNITY, CULTURAL & TOURISM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Diamantina Shire Council

Letter received from Diamantina Shire Council advising that they propose that an initial project of the *Three Way Alliance* should be to jointly attend the 2015 Caravan and Camping shows in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney, along with the 4WD show in Brisbane. Relevant costs to be taken from the existing *Three Way Alliance* funds held in trust. Each shire would send a representative to each show and would be responsible for these costs.

*Also attached was correspondence from:

Boulia Shire Council

A copy of correspondence received from the Boulia Shire Council was also included with the letter from Diamantina Shire Council. Boulia Shire agrees in principle to a joint stand promoting Barcoo, Diamantina and Boulia with further discussion on the make-up of attendees and costs to Council.

Three Way Alliance Joint Promotion

The Community, Cultural & Tourism Supervisor noted the proposed joint promotion for the *Three Way Alliance* from the Diamantina Shire Council and advised the Barcoo Shire Council is a member of the Outback Queensland Tourism Association and as such are eligible to attend any of the trade shows; (Council usually name two that they can attend). Their brochures are also eligible at all trade shows, whether they are in attendance or not. Taking part in the proposed joint promotion with Diamantina and Boulia at these shows will not only set Council apart from the rest of the region, but cost Council more money. The only trade shows that Council missed out on in 2014 was the Adelaide Show, but as a member of the Caravan Parks Association Queensland, they will also display Council brochures, if Council can get their brochures to them in time.

It was decided that the CEO look into the matter further and write to all parties concerned before making a decision.

Resolution No.: 2014.09.11

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

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER/DEPUTY CEO'S REPORT

Policies Review

The *Study Assistance Policy* and the *Corporate Credit Card 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:

Study Assistance Policy

Resolution No.: 2014.09.12

That Council adopt the Study Assistance Policy.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

Corporate Credit Card Policy

Resolution No.: 2014.09.13

That Council adopt the Corporate Credit Card Policy.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

Resolution No.: 2014.09.14

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

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

Resolution No.: 2014.09.15

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 2015.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 4/0

13. DEED - LICENCE TO OCCUPY – WINDORAH DEVELOPMENT BOARD INC

A deed for a licence to occupy between Barcoo Shire Council (“Licensor”) and Windorah Development Board Inc (“Licensee”) was tabled for Council’s consideration. The Licensee is the owner of the Windorah Community Centre located on reserve land at 6 Edward Street, Windorah and described as Lot 1 on CP 893071, Parish of Murken, County of Grey, Queensland (**Premises**).

The Licensor is the Registered Trustee of the reserve land.

The Licensee intends to operate a community gymnasium from part of the Premises.

Resolution No.: 2014.09.16

That Council accept the conditions outlined in the deed for a licence to occupy between Barcoo Shire Council (“Licensor”) and Windorah Development Board Inc (“Licensee”) and go ahead with the final signatory.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Windorah School Parents & Citizens’ Association

The Windorah School P & C are seeking sponsorship for the Windorah P & C Fishing Competition being held on the 18th & 19th October, 2014.

Resolution No.: 2014.09.17

Council resolved to sponsor the Windorah School P & C Association for the amount of \$500.00.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

Council Housing Application – Raymond McIntosh

An application has been received from Raymond McIntosh seeking approval from Council for a two-bedroom house or a two-bedroom flat.

Resolution No.: 2014.09.18

That Council offer Raymond McIntosh the one bedroom Unit 4, 23 Garrick Street, Jundah.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

15. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Windorah Development Board

Correspondence received from the Windorah Development Board (WDB) outlining some community issues raised at their recent meeting.

- **Yabby Races 2015**

Seeking Council's support to install a 15amp power point in the median strip near the Hotel to run the overhead lights on the night of the Yabby Races. Also asking permission to use any Council shower/toilet blocks or portable toilets for the Tuesday and Wednesday of the Yabby Races week.

TABLED & NOTED BY COUNCIL

- **Windorah Post Office**

Advising that the whole Windorah community is very concerned about the postal service that will be provided once Carolyn Gorringer retires at the end of this month. The Windorah Post Office provides not only their mail service, but also banking and bill paying. All members of the community access this service, including townspeople, local businesses, neighbouring properties in their western mail run and the multitude of tourists that are still travelling through the town. Residents are concerned they will be void of services at the end of the month as they have not heard of any proposed solution. As this is an essential community service they hope that Council would be able to support this basic service or facilitate some form of intermediate solution. They strongly believe this service should continue and they would like to stress their concern to Council.

Council liaised with interested parties via teleconference at 4.18 pm.

Resolution No.: 2014.09.19

That Council value the need for Windorah to have a Post Office service and call on Australia Post to again consult with the proprietors of the Windorah business houses, who have expressed sustained interest in incorporating the service into their businesses and, in consultation with Australia Post, support the re-establishment of the postal service into an existing business in Windorah.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

16. FURTHER BUSINESS

Central Western Queensland Wild Dog Control Fence – CWQWDCF

A teleconference was held with Mr David Arnold, General Manager of the RAPAD at 4.48 pm, regarding a question pertaining to the auspicing for the application for Royalties for the Regions for funding for the Wild Dog Control Fence.

Resolution No.: 2014.09.20

That Barcoo Shire Council agrees to auspice the RAPAD application for Royalties for Regions funding to progress the building of the multi shire fence. This agreement shall be identified as an Auspice only for the purposes of a regional application and that a letter of support identifying this auspice shall be required from all participating Shires and the RAPAD Board.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 4/0

Resolution No.: 2014.09.21

That Barcoo Shire Council acknowledges the overwhelming regional community support for the Central Western Queensland Wild Dog Control Fence and totally endorses the project.

Council also strongly supports the inclusion of the Warbreccan Cluster Fence to be included in a regional application to both the State and Federal Governments.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 4/0

17. MEMBERS BUSINESS

Mayor J Groves

Nil

Councillor Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor

Nil

Councillor Peter Batt

Nil

Councillor I Groves

Nil

18. CONSIDERATION OF LATE REPORTS

Nil

19. CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General meeting held on **Wednesday 15 October, 2014.**


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MAYOR

20.10.14

DATE