



CONFIRMED MINUTES

**GENERAL MEETING OF
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY
15 OCTOBER 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNDAH**

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1. OPENING

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 9.08 am.

2. ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICER'S PRESENT

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

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. CONDOLENCES & BIRTHS

The Council expressed their condolences to the family and friends of Mr Shane Rayment.

In regards to new arrivals, congratulations go to the following:

- Jim and Carla Pidgeon on the birth of their daughter, Ellie Lisa.
- Wayne and Louise Thomas on the birth of their son, Drew Walter.
- Peta and Tony Geiger on the birth of their son, William Mark.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Cr Pratt declared an interest in the *Central Western Queensland Wild Dog Fence*.

Mayor Groves and Cr I Groves declared an interest in the request for a letter of support from the group of "Tenham"/Clifton" property owners, regarding the proposed *Collaborative Area Management Fence*.

6. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No.: 2014.10.02

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 17 September, 2014 at the Council Chambers, Jundah be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 5/0

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

9. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.10.03

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

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

01 Events Attended

September

- 27 Acting Prime Minister Warren Truss & Hon Bruce Scott MP – Birdsville
- 29 Police Remembrance Day – Jundah
- 29 McInnes Wilson Dinner – Windorah

October

- 04 Jundah Races
- 08 Regional Managers Co-ordinators Network - Longreach

02 Teleconferences

September

- 05 RAPAD
- 18 Outback Regional Water Group (ORWG)
- 23 RAPAD – Check Fence

October

- 23 ORWG

November

- 07 RAPAD

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Postal Service Windorah

The CEO has been advised by Australia Post that Mrs Elaine Seawright is now the owner of the Windorah Postal Licence and has full control of the service, which is currently operating out of the existing post office facility. The CEO has advised all the parties concerned of the current situation and suggested that the current status quo will remain for the immediate future.

Ingenero Pty Ltd Receivership Issues

Platypus Power has supplied Council with a full assessment of the facilities and assets, together with a recommendation.

The CEO tabled a report and suggested that Council resolve to set aside capital funding for the purchase of the assets. Funding will be allocated out of the current operating surplus.

Resolution No.: **2014.10.04**

That the CEO negotiate with Ingenero Pty Ltd (Receiver appointed) and make an offer based on the Consultant's report.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

It was also decided that the CEO look into Rural Electrification loan facilities.

Fibre Project Update

The funding vehicle has now been announced and is open for submissions. The CEO has advised Diamantina Shire that Barcoo Shire is happy to prepare the submission as Council has the majority of the information already collated (this was done for the State application). The submission will be made for the maximum amount of \$10 million. This will bring the total funding to approximately \$23 million.

Shire History Book

The book has arrived and the CEO reported on the latest details regarding the delivery of the book and finalisation of the contract at the meeting.

General Issues and Future Developments

The CEO advised Council that he has volunteered the Shire to holding an end of year COWS (Ceo's of Western Shires) meeting in early November. The total function is expected to cost in the order of \$25,000 with this being recouped through a levy on each participant. Approximately 30 to 35 attendees are expected and a gala dinner for 50. The meeting will consist of a trip to a sand hill on the Thursday evening and associated BBQ, a meeting in Yaraka on Friday and a Gala Dinner on the clay pan on Friday night (6, 7 & 8th November). Councillors and Partners will be invited to the Gala Dinner. The guest speaker will be ABC's Chris Masters.

LGAQ State Conference

The CEO advised Council that he and the Mayor will be travelling to Mackay at the end of October for the LGAQ State conference.

Resolution No.: 2014.10.05

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.37 am.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed, time being 11.09 am.

10. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

2014 Flood Event – Restoration Works

Recent advice from QRA is that assessment of Council's submission is yet to be completed, but is progressing. The advice also reiterated that day labour costs are currently not eligible under the 2014 event.

Council's current 2014/15 Works Program is heavily reliant on undertaking the 2014 flood damage works with day labour. All crews have been programmed to work on the flood damage at some stage during this financial year. Council's workforce has already undertaken works on the 2014 event in order to keep the crews going. To summarise, Council has to date incurred expenditure of \$1.79 m for this work with \$345,886.20 of this being for day labour wages.

The Engineer seeks to confirm that Council will continue to use day labour to undertake these works. An accurate figure is not available for the total expected wages cost for these works, but based on the current proportion of expenditure, the total wages cost would be of the order of \$1.2m.

OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

Council delegated the CEO authority to give Operational Work's Manager the go-ahead regarding the sealing of the remaining 1.2 kilometres on the Stonehenge Access Road.

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT

FLEET ADMINISTRATION/HOUSING MAINTENANCE REPORT

Quotations Vehicle Purchases

The Fleet Administrator received the following quote from Black Toyota Group for the purchase of a Toyota Landcruiser GXL Trayback. This is to replace Plant 151 Toyota Hilux 2010 Model. The purchase price is \$73,110.00 for 2014 Landcruiser GX Trayback.

Fleet Administrator is currently waiting for a Quote for a Volkswagon Amarok to replace Plant 6115 – a 2012 Hilux Dual Cab.

Resolution No.: 2014.10.07

That Council approve the purchase of the 2014 Toyota Landcruiser GX Trayback for the price of \$73,110.00.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Resolution No.: 2014.10.08

That Council accept the reports from the Engineer, Operational Works Manager, Fleet Administration/Housing Officer.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Bureau of Meteorology

Advising that the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) will be installing an Automatic Weather Station (AWS) at Windorah and asking Council to confirm in writing that there are no Native Title Claims or Cultural Heritage considerations that may delay the project.

Resolution No.: 2014.10.09

Council resolved that the CEO advise the Bureau of Meteorology that it has no objections to the Automatic Weather Station (AWS) being installed.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

Hon David Crisafulli MP – Minister for Local Government Community, Recovery & Resilience

The Minister advised Council that on 27 August 2014, Parliament passed the *Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2014* which amended the Local Electoral Act 2011 (the Act) to enable local governments to make local decisions about how their elections will be conducted.

As part of the preparations for the 2016 quadrennial local government elections, Council is invited to review its current electoral arrangements to ensure the community has the most appropriate elected representation possible on Council. Possible changes to Council's electoral arrangements include changes to the number of Councillors and changing from being undivided to having electoral divisions for the 2016 election.

In order to allow the Change Commission sufficient time to assess any proposed changes and the implementation of the Change Commissioner's recommendations by regulation before the elections, Council must submit any proposed changes to its electoral arrangements to the Minister by **1 March 2015**.

RECEIVED

Hon Jeff Seeney MP Deputy Premier Minister for State Development, Infrastructure & Planning

Referring to a letter dated 2 July 2014 from Campbell Higginson Town Planning, on behalf of Barcoo Shire Council, seeking consideration for the approval to adopt the proposed planning scheme amendment incorporating the Priority Infrastructure Plan (PIP).

The Minister advised that Council adopt the version of the proposed planning scheme received by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) on 28 July 2014, subject to the following conditions:

- Prior to adoption, with regard to the design criteria column in section 6.5 – Desired Standards of Service, please include a footnote with the following statement: ***“It is acknowledged that the names of organisations change and documents listed in this column are updated from time to time. Where relevant, any reference to these documents should be taken to be a reference to a current version of these documents”.***

Campbell Higginson Town Planning will ensure these changes are made to the Priority Infrastructure Plan (PIP) before Council adopts it.

RECEIVED

12. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Tanya, Glenn and Becky Forsyth

Thanking Council for its support in sending Becky Forsyth to the National School Futsal Championships, representing Queensland. Also advising Council that Becky has been selected to play in the Queensland side in the *National Club Championships* in Sydney in January 2015.

It was decided the Mayor write Becky a letter of congratulations and the Deputy Mayor put forward a motion to provide sponsorship for Becky again, towards her Sydney trip.

Resolution No.: 2014.10.12

Council resolved to sponsor Becky Forsyth for the amount of \$500 to assist with costs associated with her selection to play in the Queensland side in the National Club Championships in Sydney in January 2015.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Mr Ross Groves, Secretariat, Collaborative Area Management Fence

Advising that the “Tenham/Clifton” group of property owners are proposing a *Collaborative Area Management Fence* with the intention of reducing invasive weeds species and pests, controlling total grazing pressure and increasing financial profitability. The flow-on affects to their local community of increased labour requirements, increased spending, and possible new business and population benefits as well as saving the possibility of the wool industry collapsing are just some of the benefits we foresee as a group.

Asking Council for assistance with a letter of support for the group to include with their expression of interest, which is due to SWNRM by Mid-October.

Resolution No.: 2014.10.13

That Council provide a letter of support to Secretariat, Mr Ross Groves for the proposed Collaborative Area Management Fence.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

Ms Gabby Rayment

Correspondence was received from Ms Gabby Rayment dated the 9 September 2014, advising that Downlands College will be taking a group of 15 students to Cambodia and Laos, as part of the World Challenge Expedition. The World Challenge Expedition is student lead, each person takes on their own responsibilities and they have to manage their own budget for the duration of the expedition. By planning their own itinerary and travelling to the other side of the world, to help in developing communities and through challenging terrain, their teachers, together with the World Challenge staff, believe they will come back with a different perspective on life as they 'knew' it.

Resolution No.: 2014.10.14

It was resolved that Council provide the amount of \$500 sponsorship towards Gabby Rayment's 'World Challenge Expedition' being undertaken in November 2015.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Acknowledgement of Operational Works Manager's role as Undertaker

The Mayor acknowledged the work that Council's Operational Works Manager did over the weekend in relation to the accident which occurred on the Jundah-Development road and also for all of his tireless efforts over the years in his role of Undertaker.

Mrs Julie Barr-Richards

Correspondence was received from Mrs Julie Barr-Richards requesting if their family could move into the house at 28 Garrick Street, Jundah. The letter outlined that the bedrooms, along with the lounge room in their current house are very small.

HELD OVER UNTIL AFTER LUNCH

ATTENDANCE

Operational Works Supervisor left the meeting at 1.03 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.03 pm.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed, time being 2.25 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Rates Officer and Fleet Administration/Housing Maintenance Officer attended the meeting at 2.25 pm.

Discussion was held regarding the size of each house.

Resolution No.: 2014.10.15

That Council approve the application received from Mrs Julie Barr-Richards for her family to move into the house at 28 Garrick Street, on the proviso that no more maintenance is undertaken this financial year and that they move at their own expense.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Rates Officer and Fleet Administration/Housing Maintenance Officer left the meeting at 2.47 pm.

13. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER/DEPUTY CEO'S REPORT

Policies Review

The *Community Passenger Vehicle Policy* which is due for reviewing, to comply with current legislation, was tabled for Council's consideration.

It was decided that some amendments were required before adopting.

TABLED

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.10.17

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 2015 as at 13th October, 2014.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Resolution No.: 2014.10.18

That the Queensland Treasury Corporation Financial Sustainability Ratios be received.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

14. FURTHER BUSINESS

Aussie Helpers

Discussion was held pertaining to correspondence tabled by the Mayor, which was received from Aussie Helpers and outlined pending changes to the *Drought Fodder Subsidy* by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).

15. MEMBERS BUSINESS

Mayor Julie Groves

Nil

Councillor Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor

Nil

Councillor Peter Batt

Nil

Councillor Ian Groves

Nil

16. CONSIDERATION OF LATE REPORTS

Nil

17. CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.48 pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General meeting held on **Wednesday 19 November, 2014.**

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MAYOR

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DATE