



MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council

15 February 2016 commencing at 9:55am
Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom

50 Brolga Street Quilpie

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.55am

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Cr Jenny Hewson

Cr Stewart Sargent

Cr Tony Lilburne

Cr Milan Milosevic

Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

Minutes Secretary - Nina Burges (Senior Administration Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Condolence cards were sent to the relatives of the late Clarence Henry 'Clarrie' Larkins and Kathleen Rach.

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (02/16) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Tuesday, 12 January 2016 at 9:44am

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Tuesday, 12 January 2016.

Resolution No: (01-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Tuesday, 12 January 2016 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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6 MAYORAL REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on activities undertaken since the January 2016 Ordinary Meeting of Council:

- Cr Mackenzie attended the Australia Day activities at Bulloo Park. An excellent turnout by the community was noted;
- A Regional Development Australia (RDA) meeting was attended in Toowoomba with discussions including the current *Stronger Regions* Funding program and a reduction in co-contributions by applicants now in effect. RDA will be conducting an economic development forum in Charleville during May 2016 with further details to be provided;
- Drought Taskforce meetings were held in Gympie and Brisbane, both of which were attended by Cr Mackenzie; and
- An Outback Queensland Tourism Association meeting was convened in Brisbane which Cr Mackenzie attended. Discussions included the potential coordination of tourism packages targeting fly in visitors.

7 STATUS REPORTS

7.1 (01/16) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

7.2 (01/16) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

7.3 (01/16) – Financial Services Status Reports

Noted.

7.4 (01/16) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.16am and resumed 10.30am.

ATTENDANCE

Manager Engineering Services, Mr Sam Wooden, attended the meeting at 10.30am.

8 ENGINEERING SERVICES

8.1 (02/16) - Gyrica Street Widening

Following verbal advice from elected members, an estimate to widen the narrow section of Gyrica Street to the full width has been prepared in response to public reaction.

Resolution No: (02-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Tony Lilburne
Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That a decision on the widening of Gyrica Street be deferred for consideration until the next inclusion of Gyrica Street in the annual reseal program.

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ATTENDANCE

Manager Engineering Services, Mr Sam Wooden, left the meeting at 11.32am.

9 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

ATTENDANCE

Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn, attended the meeting at 11.33am.

9.1 (02/16) - Quilpie Shire Hall

Correspondence has been received from Mrs Kara Marsh and Mrs Lyn Barnes providing recommendations for possible improvements to the Quilpie Shire Hall in order to assist in maintaining and attracting quality events within the Shire.

Resolution No: (03-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council agrees to undertake the following improvements to the Quilpie Shire Hall:

- *Painting to the back of the stage;*
- *Installation of sink and mirror in each dressing room;*
- *Remove storage from dressing rooms;*
- *Installation of new sound system; and*
- *Further investigate cost of stage curtains for Council consideration.*

Other recommendations will be tabled for consideration in future budget deliberations.

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ATTENDANCE

Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn, left the meeting at 12.03pm.

10 CONFIDENTIAL

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No: (04-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 12:05pm to discuss the following matters:

- Conversion of Lease GHPL 10/2992
- Conversion of Lease GHPL 10/3233
- Request for Assistance – Rates – Mr Lunney

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Resolution No: (05-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Stewart Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resume the Ordinary Meeting at 12:15pm

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10.1 (02/16) – Conversion of GHPL 10/2992

By email of 22nd January 2016, SLAM are requesting Council's views or requirements, including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values, that the department should consider when assessing an application for the conversion of GHPL 10/2992 being Lot 6 on Crown Plan BLO16 on to freehold. The proposed use of the land is grazing.

Case Id: 2015/006752

Objections to the application, and any views or requirements that may affect the future use of the land, are required by close of business on 22nd February 2016. If Council offer an objection to the application, a full explanation stating the reason for the objection must be provided.

Resolution No: (06-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Tony Lilburne

Seconded by: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council has no requirements in relation to the proposed conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 10/2992 being Lot 6 on BLO16 and that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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10.2 (02/16) – Conversion of GHPL 10/3233

By email of 10 February 2016, SLAM are requesting Council's views or requirements, including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values, that the department should consider when assessing an application for the conversion of GHPL 10/3233 being Lot 1 on PO8 and Lot 2 on PO48 to freehold. The proposed use of the land is grazing.

Case Id: 2016/000107

Objections to the application, and any views or requirements that may affect the future use of the land, are required by close of business on 9 March 2016. If Council offer an objection to the application, a full explanation stating the reason for the objection must be provided.

Resolution No: (07-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Stewart Sargent

That Council has no requirements in relation to the proposed conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 10/3233 being Lot 1 on PO8 and Lot 2 on PO48 and that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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10.3 (02/16) – Request for Assistance – Rates - Mr Lunney

By letter of 2 February 2016 Mr Edward Lunney has queried whether Council can provide any assistance in relation to overdue rates.

Resolution No: (08-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council does not offer assistance by way of a concession for rates to Mr Lunney.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Milan Milosevic left the meeting at 12:20pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch and a tour of the new Council Depot at 12:20pm and resumed at 1.47pm.

ATTENDANCE

Manager Finance, Mr David Charlton, attended the meeting at 1:47pm.

11 FINANCE REPORTS

11.1 (02/16) – Finance Report for Period Ending 31 January 2016

The Finance report was presented to Council for the period ending 31 January 2016.

Resolution No: (09-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Stewart Sargent

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 January 2016.

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11.2 (02/16) – Annual Report 2014-2015

In accordance with sections 182(1) and (2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a local government must prepare an annual report for each year and the annual report must be adopted within one month after the day the auditor-general gives the auditor-general's audit report about the local government's financial statements for the financial year to the local government.

The audit for the 2014-2015 financial year has been completed and an audit opinion provided. The statements for Council were certified without qualification by the Auditor General. The Internal Audit Committee has reviewed the Annual Report 2014-15.

Resolution No: (10-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Tony Lilburne

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Internal Audit Committee and adopts the Annual Report for the 2014-2015 financial year.

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ATTENDANCE

Manager Finance, Mr David Charlton, left the meeting at 2:00pm.

DEPUTATION - AURIZON

Aurizon representatives Annelise Proctor and Sean Mower, together with Department of Transport & Main Roads representative Anthony Spoto attended the meeting at 2:00pm to make presentation to Council in relation to the *Aurizon Transport Services Contract*. The deputation concluded at 3:08pm.

ATTENDANCE

Tourism Development Officer, Mrs Janelle Cassol attended the meeting at 3:10pm.

DEPUTATION – MS JESS GILBY

Fringe Festival Coordinator, Ms Jess Gilby attended the meeting at 3:10pm to provide Council with an update on the planning for the event being held on Saturday 02 July 2016. The deputation concluded at 3:31pm.

ATTENDANCE

Tourism Development Officer, Mrs Janelle Cassol left the meeting at 3:33pm.

12 GOVERNANCE

12.1 (02/16) – Art and Cultural Plan

In April 2015, Council engaged Stephen Clark to develop a five year Art and Cultural Plan as a strategic project with funding assistance through Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

Consultation with various community groups was undertaken. A draft plan was made available in December 2015 and presented to the Quilpie Shire community for feedback. Feedback was received from the following:

- The Quilpie Cultural Society
- Eagle gallery / Lyn Barnes
- Kylie Rutledge.

Resolution No: (11-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Tony Lilburne

That Council adopt the five year Art and Cultural Plan as presented.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Tony Lilburne left the meeting at 3:55pm.

12.2 (02/16) – Request to Utilise Land

By letter of 9 February 2016 Jack Barnes is requesting Council approval to utilise an area of land adjoining their property to spell horses.

Resolution No: (12-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Stewart Sargent

That Council not approve the request from Jack Barnes to utilise a section of land adjoining their property in Sommerfield Road to spell horses.

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12.3 (02/16) – Request for Sponsorship – Quilpie Senior Rugby League Club

By letter of 7 February 2016 the Secretary of the Quilpie Senior Rugby League Club is requesting sponsorship for the 2016 year.

Minor sponsorship is \$220 including GST and entitles the sponsor to the following:

- 1 x supporter shirt
- Business name of the back of the supporter shirts; and
- Advertising at QSRL home games.

Resolution No: (13-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Stewart Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council accept the offer of minor sponsorship for 2016 from the Quilpie Senior Rugby League Club at a cost of \$220 including GST.

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13 CONSIDERATION OF LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

14 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

14.1 (02/16) – Fundraising Request – Quilpie State College P & C

By letter dated 12 February 2016, Quilpie State College P & C is requesting permission to collect old vehicle batteries from the Quilpie Shire Council Depot as a fundraising initiative.

Resolution No: (14-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Stewart Sargent

That Council approve the request from the Quilpie State College P & C and grant permission for the collection of old batteries from the Quilpie Shire Council Depot.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Tony Lilburne returned to the meeting at 4:00pm.

14.2 (02/16) – Community Drought Support Package 2015-2016

At the December 2015 Ordinary Meeting of Council it was resolved to distribute the funding available under the Community Drought Support Package 2015-16 to a number of local organisations. Advice has since been received that \$25,000 of the total allocation must be directed towards a flexible financial hardship support program.

Resolution No: (15-02-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Tony Lilburne

That further to their offer of assistance, Council engage the Charleville Neighbourhood Centre to coordinate the \$25,000 flexible financial hardship support program component of the 2015-2016 Community Drought Support Package, with the remaining \$75,000 to be distributed to the organisations identified at the December 2015 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

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15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 2016 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour

Applications are now open for Quilpie Shire Council to be included in the 2016 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour. The Cup last visited Quilpie in 2014.

15.2 Eromanga Clean up and Shed Location

Discussions were held in relation to the construction of the new Council shed in Eromanga. It was agreed that the shed be constructed on Council land adjacent to the IOR facility and Council housing with that allotment to be cleaned up to ensure a more aesthetically pleasing appearance.

15.3 Works Program including Western Roads

Discussions in relation to the current works program and the upcoming works under the Western Roads Upgrade program were held, with some concerns expressed in relation to the availability of work for outside crews as the end of financial year approaches.

15.4 Business Development Group Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Business Development Group will be held at 5:30pm on Tuesday 08 March 2016.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Tony Lilburne left the meeting at 4:12pm.

15.5 Centenary Preparations

Cr Hewson enquired as to the status of the Centenary Preparations. The Chief Executive Officer advised that a report is forthcoming from the Coordinator in the near future.

15.6 Space Debris Donation

Cr Mackenzie advised he has received an offer from the owner of a property near Cheepie who is wishing to donate 'space debris' found on his property a number of years ago.

15.7 Ergon Energy

Cr Mackenzie has received feedback from a concerned resident in relation to the resourcing of Ergon Energy in Quilpie. While staffing levels are satisfactory there is concern at the lack of equipment available locally to ensure timely rectification of fault issues. Cr Mackenzie and the Chief Executive Officer will make further enquiries in relation to this matter.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Tony Lilburne returned to the meeting at 4:26pm.

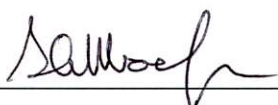
16 MEETING DATES

The next meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday, 8 March 2016 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9:30am.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:33pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Monday, 15 February 2016.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Tuesday, 8 March 2016.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council



Date