



MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council

8 March 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)

Jocelyn Hall (Executive Assistant)

3 APOLOGIES

4 CONDOLENCES

A Condolence Card was sent to the relatives of the Mr Owen (Snowy) Standley

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (03/16) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Monday, 15 February 2016 at 9:55am

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Monday, 15 February 2016.

Resolution No: (01-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Monday, 15 February 2016 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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6 MAYORAL REPORT

Cr Mackenzie provided a verbal report on meetings attended since the February Council meeting.

A Regional Development Australia meeting was attended and it was noted that Quilpie Shire Council will be making an application under the National Stronger Regions Fund for an upgrade to Kyabra Road and that Murweh Shire will be making an application on behalf of the South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) Board for the rail upgrades necessary for the Oakey Beef project to proceed.

On 1 March, Cr Hewson and Cr Mackenzie attended a South West Regional Economic Development meeting in Charleville. A deputation by Oakey Beef was provided and the meeting was advised that due to the decline in cattle numbers the facility has reduced their operating hours to four days a week. If the funding submission to upgrade the western rail network is successful this situation would improve significantly. It was noted that funds have been made available from previous Wild Dog Funding which will be used to:

- Undertake a strategic plan for SWRED;
- Prepare a strategic plan for the future of the macropod industry; and
- To undertake a freight study in light of the upcoming reduction of the freight subsidy.

The group is also undertaking a branding exercise for the six represented shires from St George and Roma west and have agreed on the *Queensland Southern Outback* name. An additional \$200,000 in funding over 2 years will enable the group to advance current and future projects which will bring both social and economic returns. In conjunction with the Regional Development Australia committee an Economic Development forum will be conducted in Charleville on 9 / 10 May 2016.

Cr Mackenzie attended the Staff Strategic Leadership Meeting on 3 March with the Chief Executive Officer updating Councillors on the training currently being undertaken and the successful completion of diploma training undertaken by various staff members.

Cr Mackenzie attended and participated on the panel of the Queensland Country Life "Grow Queensland" forum held in Quilpie on 3 March.

BREAK

The meeting broke for morning tea at 10:19am and resumed at 10:33am

7 STATUS REPORTS

7.1 (03/16) –Engineering Services Status Reports

ATTENDANCE

Manager of Engineering Services, Sam Wooden entered the meeting at 10:33am

The following points were discussed with the Manager of Engineering Services, Sam Wooden:

- Kyabra Road progress and budget update
- Flood damage works update (including Proterra update)
- Emergent works progress
- Upcoming works program and future staff arrangements
- Contractors update
- New depot progress
- RMPC

- Sommerfield Road upgrade status

Action: Manager of Engineering Services and Chief Executive Officer to update the future works program and workforce requirements.

Action: Coonaberry Creek Road needs to be inspected as there continues to be concerns over the silt over the road after each rain event.

- Skate Park Shade

Shade options were presented for discussion

Action: It was recommended that this project be held over for future budget discussions and that further investigations be undertaken in relation to more permanent and durable options.

- Hell Hole Gorge Signage

Signage proposals were emailed to Councillors for consideration.

Action: It was agreed to proceed with the signage project as proposed.

- Toompine Water Arrangements

Two water tanks were removed from Toompine for road works and enquiry was made for the availability for the upcoming Polocrosse carnival to be held on 9 and 10 July 2016.

Action: Engineering Services Manager to arrange for two water tanks to be provided for the upcoming carnival.

- Toompine Refuse Facility

Cr Hewson advised the need to inspect and take relevant action at the Toompine Refuse Facility.

Action: Engineering Services Manager to inspect and arrange suitable action at the Toompine Refuse facility.

- Grids

It was noted that two grids on Trinidad Road requires cleaning.

Cr Hewson suggested that Council use the contractor who is currently working in the area to undertake the grid cleaning works.

Action: Manager of Engineering Services to engage a contractor to clean the two identified grids on Trinidad Road.

ATTENDANCE

Engineering Services Manager, Sam Wooden left the meeting at 11:40am

7.2 (03/16) –Corporate & Community Services Status Reports

ATTENDANCE

Corporate and Community Services Manager, Lisa Hamlyn entered the meeting at 11:46am

- Library hours

It was proposed that regular Library hours be introduced:

Action: That Library hours be updated to: 10:00am – 1:00pm and 2:00pm – 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

- Farm Household Assistance Program

Officers from Centrelink will be available at the Quilpie Library to provide support for the Farm Household Assistance program on 9 and 10 March 2016.

- Wild Dog Advisory Committee

It was noted that the next Wild Dog Advisory Committee meeting be held in late March 2016 with the baiting being conducted from 7-16 April. Concerns were raised about the effectiveness of the baiting program as there is not full participation from properties within the Shire.

Action: Corporate and Community Services Manager to table the baiting concerns at the upcoming Wild Dog Advisory Committee meeting.

- Housing Tender

31 Buln Buln, 64 Pegler and 68 Pegler Street houses are currently being advertised for tender with closing date being 29 March 2016.

- Quilpie Centenary

An update and progress report were discussed.

7.3 (03/16) –Financial Services Status Reports

Nil

7.4 (03/16) –Governance Status Reports

Nil

8 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil

9 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.1 (03/16) - Land-Borne Amusement Equipment – Review of Hire Arrangements

There is increasing publicity regarding the risks associated with the hire of inflatable amusement equipment. Following the freak windstorm which occurred during Australia Day celebrations in 2015, concerns have been raised and require consideration in determining the liability and responsibilities of Council and Community Organisations in relation to the hire of the inflatable equipment in the future.

Resolution No: (02-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council call for expression of interest for the management rights to Council's Land-Borne Amusement Equipment.

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ATTENDANCE

Corporate and Community Services Manager, Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting at 12:56pm

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The meeting broke for lunch at 12:56pm and resumed at 1:45pm

10 FINANCE REPORTS

10.1 (03/16) – Finance Report for Period Ending 29 February 2016

The Finance Report was presented to Council for the period ending 29 February 2016.

Resolution No: (03-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 29 February 2016.

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10.2 (03/16) – 2015-2016 Budget Amendments

The 2015-2016 proposed budget amendments were presented.

Resolution No: (04-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council adopted the amended 2015-2016 budget as presented.

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11 GOVERNANCE

11.1 (03/16) – Eromanga Rodeo Committee – Various Requests

By letter of 9 February 2016, Scott Pegler, on behalf of the Eromanga Rodeo Committee, is requesting Council assistance by taking over the electricity account for the Eromanga Recreational Reserve.

The Committee would also like Council to consider extending the sealed road to the kitchen and cattle load-out / camping areas in the next budget.

Resolution No: (05-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council agree to take over the electricity supply account for the Eromanga Recreation Grounds; and

That Council consider the extension of the sealed road at the Recreation Grounds as part of the 2016/17 budget deliberations.

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12 CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

13 CONSIDERATION OF LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Resolution No: (06-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 2:12pm to discuss the following items:

- *RFT T09 15-16 Sealing Works for Kyabra Road*
- *Technical Coordinator Contract review*

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Resolution No: (07-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Sargent

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumed the Ordinary Meeting at 2:24pm

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13.1 (03/16) – RFT T09 15-16 Sealing Works for Kyabra Road

Tenders have been called for the bitumen sealing of the Kyabra Road upgrade project.

The tender for the works was called using Local Buy with relevant details provided below.

RFT09 15-16: Kyabra Road Bitumen Sealing

Reference: VP44746

Closes: 04 March 16, 2:00PM

Details: Full service bitumen sealing works.
- 2 site visits required
- Each visit will consist of a primerseal and a seal

Lists: Civil Construction & Road Resurfacing Type: Pre-Qualified Suppliers, Contract Name/Number: BUS 242-1013

Categories: Civil Construction - Road Resurfacing
1: Tier 1 Contractors (TMR Pre-Qualified)

Tenders were invited from seven (7) reputable pre-qualified suppliers.

Approval has not been obtained from the Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment for Council to make a major policy decision on this matter during the caretaker period however it is hoped that this approval is forthcoming in the near future.

To allow the works to proceed Council could delegate the authority to the Chief Executive Officer to accept a tender if and when approval is obtained from the Minister.

Resolution No: (08-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to award tender RFT T09 15-16 Sealing Works for Kyabra Road to SRS Roads for the amount of \$226,684.58 inc GST plus approved variations subject to approval being obtained from the Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment for Council to make a major policy decision on this matter during the caretaker period.

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13.2 Technical Coordinator Contract review

The Technical Coordinator has requested a contract review in relation to an annual increase.

Resolution No: (09-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council agrees to provide an annual increase based on the average CPI increase of the eight capital cities for the Technical Coordinator position.

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14 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

14.1 (03/16) – Late Report – National Stronger Regions Fund Application

Council are preparing a submission for funding under the National Stronger Regions Fund. The application requires several commitments from Council by way of a resolution. The project being put forward is the completion of the upgrading of Kyabra Road. The commitments required from Council are:

- Evidence confirming partner funding
Council have committed to this project by way of matching Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) funding in the approved 4 year works program.
- Contingency arrangement for overruns
A contingency has been included in the project estimate.

Resolution No: (10-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council commit to the upgrading of Kyabra Road and confirm the following in relation to an application being made for funding under the National Stronger Regions Fund:

- *That Council has committed \$595,000 to the project in 2016/17 which will be matched dollar for dollar by the Department of Transport and Main Roads under the approved Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme 4 year works program; and*
- *That Council will include a contingency in the project estimate and will be responsible for any cost overruns on the project.*

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14.2 (03/16) – Late Report – Toompine Progress Association Request for Funding

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Milosevic declared a Material Personal Interest in this matter (*as defined in section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009*), due to being on the Executive of the Association. Cr Milosevic dealt with this Material Personal Interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or discussion on the matter.

Cr Milosevic left the meeting at 2:34pm

By letter of 7 March 2016, the Toompine Progress Association Inc are requesting further financial assistance for their upcoming project to upgrade the ablution block at Toompine. An oversight in assessing the quote for the project has resulted in a funding shortfall of \$8,390.

Council has used this year's Toompine community allocation on this project however progress to date would indicate that the project will span two financial years. As such it would be relatively easy to allocate part of the 2016/17 allocation to this project.

Resolution No: (11-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council commit to additional funding for the amenities block upgrade at Toompine and fund the Toompine Progress Association Inc to the value of \$8,390 exc GST from the 2016/17 Toompine Community Development Program.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Milosevic returned to the meeting at 2:36pm

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Community Drought Support Funding – St Finbarr’s additional contribution

Quilpie State College and St Finbarr’s Parish School have been approved for \$5,000.00 through the Community Drought Support Funding to engage a qualified gymnastic coach to work with the children to develop their skills in this area. Notification has been received from St Finbarr’s regarding additional cost associated with this project.

Resolution No: (12-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Sargent

That Council commit an additional \$600.00 exc GST towards the combined school gymnastic project.

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15.2 Rail Museum Project

An update on the rail museum project was provided. Queensland Rail have now relaxed a condition that was stalling the project.

Resolution No: (13-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council re-instates the Cheepie Rail project in the 2015-2016 budget for the original value of \$60,000.00.

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15.3 International Legends of League

Council have been invited to again sponsor the International Legends of League for the 2016 event to be held on 22 and 23 April.

Resolution No: (14-03-16)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council sponsors the International Legends of League Charleville and District Events for the amount of \$1,100 inc GST.

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15.4 End of Council Term

Cr Mackenzie thanked fellow Councillors for the past term of Council. The past term has achieved many successful outcomes.

15.5 Local Buy

It was noted that the Quilpie Hardware are developing the nursery range and would encourage Council to make use of them as a local supplier.

15.6 Tourism Advertising within local business

It was suggested that a tourism poster be made available for display in all businesses within the Quilpie Shire outlining things to see and do.

Action: That this matter be referred to the next Business Development Group meeting.

15.7 Give Way signs in Quilpie

It was discussed whether give way signs should be installed throughout Quilpie due to an apparent lack of knowledge by some drivers as to the give way rules at cross intersections.

Action: No action to be taken.

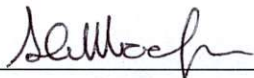
16 MEETING DATES

The next meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday, 12 April 2016 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9:30am.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:58pm

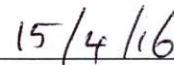
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Tuesday, 8 March 2016.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Tuesday, 12 April 2016.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council



Date