



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:37am.

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Cr Bob Hall

Cr Roger Volz

Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

Minutes Secretary: Nina Burges (Senior Administration Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Council extended condolences to the relatives of the late Walter (Boy) Speedy, Reggie Castles and Karen Dare.

Council observed a one minute silence in memory of former Mayor Walter Speedy.

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (04/16) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 9:55am

The unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Tuesday 8 March 2016 were tabled for Council's confirmation and endorsement.

The March 2016 Ordinary Meeting of Council was attended by Cr Stuart Mackenzie and Cr Jenny Hewson. Councillors Mackenzie and Hewson confirmed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Resolution No: (01-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Stuart Mackenzie

That Council endorses the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Tuesday, 8 March 2016 and takes them to be confirmed as presented.

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5.2 (04/16) – Post-Election Meeting of QSC held on Friday 1 April 2016 at 9:00am

The unconfirmed minutes of the Post-election Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday 1 April 2016 were tabled for Council's confirmation and endorsement.

Resolution No: (02-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That the minutes of the Post-election Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 1 April 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 activities undertaken since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council. Meetings attended included:

- Community Advisory Network (CAN) meeting in Quilpie;
- Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) monthly meeting on 11 March. It was noted that OQTA workshops were also held in Quilpie and Charleville during March;

- A Bulloo Park User Group meeting on 15 March was held to evaluate final plans for the design of Stage One of the Bulloo Park Redevelopment Project;
- A Regional Development Association (Darling Downs and South West) (RDADDSW) meeting in Toowoomba on 17 March 2016; and
- A final *Rural Debt and Drought Taskforce* teleconference to finalise that group's submission to Treasurer Curtis Pitt for consideration.

The Mayor also noted the recent successful outcome for the approved rail siding project which has been lobbied for over a significant length of time. A journalist from the Gold Coast Bulletin recently visited the area with subsequent media promotion. It was also noted that a Western Queensland Economic Development Forum will be held in Charleville on 09 and 10 May and Cr Mackenzie also provided a brief update on the ongoing issues experienced by Local Post Offices in the region.

7 STATUS REPORTS

7.1 (04/16) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

7.2 (04/16) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

7.3 (04/16) – Financial Services Status Reports

Noted.

7.4 (04/16) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

8 ENGINEERING SERVICES

9 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.1 (04/16) – Feral Cat Control

Correspondence has been received from Mr Gregory Andrews, Threatened Species Commissioner for the Federal Department of Environment. Mr Andrews is requesting Council consider the adequacy of its current management of feral cat populations in the Shire.

Noted. In conjunction with the next wild dog baiting program Council shall promote the benefits that this program provides in relation to feral cat control across the Shire.

9.2 (04/16) – Rates Discount Request

Council has received written correspondence from the owner of property assessments 00460-00000-000 and 00274-00000-000 requesting Council grant the rates discount of 10 % to these properties despite payment being made after the prompt payment discount due date.

Resolution No: (03-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council declines the request from the owner of property assessments 00460-00000-000 and 00274-00000-000 to award the rates discount of 10%.

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10 FINANCE

ATTENDANCE

Manager Finance, Mr David Charlton attended the meeting at 10:13am.

10.1 (04/16) – Finance Report for period ending 31 March 2016

The Finance report was presented to Council for the period ending 31 March 2016. Mr Charlton also provided Council with a broad overview of the accounting processes and requirements for local government authorities.

Resolution No: (04-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

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

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ATTENDANCE

Mr Charlton left the meeting at 10:55am.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:55am and resumed at 11:17am.

DEPUTATION

Coordinator of the 2016 Quilpie Outback Fringe Festival, Ms Jess Gilby attended the meeting during morning tea to provide Council with an update on the upcoming event preparations.

Ms Gilby left the meeting at 11:16am.

ATTENDANCE

Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 11:21am.

Mrs Hamlyn provided an update on Anzac Day Ceremonies and attendances by elected members. Discussions were also held on wild dog control and progress in implementing control projects with neighbouring shires as a result of receiving external funding for this purpose. The potential of utilising some of this funding for the purpose of trialling 'injectors' was also discussed.

This will be further considered at the next Wild Dog Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Friday 22 April at 10.30am.

ATTENDANCE

Mrs Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting at 11:30am.

11 GOVERNANCE

11.1 (04/16) – Community Engagement Program

In accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy and associated guidelines, a range of community consultation activities are undertaken throughout the year. Information on various activities was provided to assist Council to make an informed decision in evaluating and implementing community engagement strategies and programs to June 2017.

Noted. Staff to commence producing a monthly community newsletter commencing April 2016 in an endeavour to improve the dissemination of information on Council activities to the community.

11.2 (04/16) – 2015/2016 Operational Plan 3rd Quarter Review

Council's Operational Plan is the detailed business and organisational planning document and forms the basis of Council's annual budget. The plan translates our community's needs, expectations and aspirations into action.

The Operational Plan is monitored on an on-going basis to ensure Council is achieving the outcomes for the financial year.

The third quarterly review of the 2015/16 Operational Plan was presented to Council.

Resolution No: (05-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the 2015-16 Operational Plan be reviewed for the third quarter and noted.

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11.3 (04/16) – Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangements – 2014 Event

Council was provided with an update on the position of the Australian Government in relation to the eligibility of plant hire expenses for the 2014 natural disaster event under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

Resolution No: (06-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council note the implications of this decision from the Australian Government on the 2015/16 and subsequent budgets; and

That Council write to the relevant Federal Ministers requesting this matter be reconsidered.

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11.4 (04/16) – Representation on Various Committees and Groups

Elected member representation is required on a number of regional, shire or internal groups or committees. With the commencement of the new Council a review of the various committees and groups and subsequent appointment of Councillors as representatives / members is required.

Resolution No: (07-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council appoints elected members to various committees and groups as detailed below:

South West District Disaster Management Group

Cr Roger Volz

Cr Jenny Hewson

South West Queensland Local Government Association

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

South West Regional Road & Transport Group

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

South West Regional Economic Development Board

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Cr Jenny Hewson

<i>Wild Dog Barrier Fence Committee</i>	<i>Refer to SWRED</i>
<i>Quilpie Shire Local Disaster Management Group</i>	<i>Cr Stuart Mackenzie</i> <i>Cr Roger Volz</i>
<i>Quilpie Pest Weed Management Committee</i>	<i>Cr Bob Hall</i>
<i>Sport & Sporting Complex Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Cr Bruce Paulsen</i> <i>Cr Bob Hall</i>
<i>Regional Arts Development Fund Committee</i>	<i>Cr Jenny Hewson</i>
<i>Community Recovery Committee</i>	<i>Cr Stuart Mackenzie</i> <i>Cr Roger Volz</i>
<i>Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Advisory Group</i>	<i>All encouraged to attend</i>
<i>Community Advisory Network</i>	<i>Cr Stuart Mackenzie</i> <i>Cr Jenny Hewson</i>
<i>Tourism Business Advisory Group</i>	<i>All encouraged to attend</i>
<i>Enterprise Bargaining Committee</i>	<i>Cr Stuart Mackenzie</i> <i>Cr Bob Hall</i> <i>Cr Bruce Paulsen</i>
<i>Enterprise Risk Management Group</i>	<i>Cr Roger Volz</i> <i>Cr Bruce Paulsen</i>
<i>Asset Management Steering Committee</i>	<i>All encouraged to attend</i>
<i>Audit Committee</i>	<i>Cr Bob Hall (Chair)</i> <i>Cr Roger Volz</i> <i>All encouraged to attend</i>

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11.5 (04/16) – Mobile Black Spot Program – Round 2

The Federal Government recently launched Round 2 of the Mobile Black Spot Programme (MBSP). While the Queensland Government is still considering state co-funding, they are requesting a prioritisation listing and Council co-contribution amount for any proposed project areas. This information must be submitted urgently.

Resolution No: (08-04-16)

Moved by: *Cr Jenny Hewson*

Seconded by: *Cr Bruce Paulsen*

That Council advise that the Quilpie Windorah section of the Diamantina Development Road is the first priority for MSBP implementation followed by Duck Creek, Old Charleville Road and Charleville Adavale Road respectively. Council will not make a co-contribution.

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11.6 (04/16) – Naming of Road

The owners of Lot 17 NK22 have requested Council name the road recently constructed at their expense for the purpose of providing access to their property. A road address is a requirement of service providers such as Telstra. As a dedicated and named road, Council would have responsibility for the on-going maintenance of the road.

Resolution No: (09-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council name the road accessing Lot 17 on NK22 Rosella Road.

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11.7 (04/16) – Election of LGAQ Policy Executive District Representatives

Quilpie Shire Council is one of six (6) Councils forming District 5 (South West) for the purposes of establishing the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Policy Executive. Nominations for candidates to the Policy Executive for 2016-2020 are now open and Council is invited to nominate a candidate within the District.

Noted.

11.8 (04/16) – National General Assembly of Local Government

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly of Local Government will be held in Canberra from 19 – 22 June 2016.

Noted.

11.9 (04/16) – Disability Discrimination Act Compliant Coach Stop – Quilpie Heritage Motor Inn

Translink Infrastructure, as part of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), have alerted Council to a potential upgrade of the long-distance coach stop at the Heritage Motor Inn, Quilpie being required for Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance.

Council must submit formal proposals to TMR for funding of long-distance coach projects to consider. Any funding arrangements would be based on a 50/50 funding partnership between Council and TMR's Passenger Transport Facilities Program.

Resolution No: (10-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council not make an application for funding for the upgrade of the long-distance coach stop at the Heritage Motor Inn, Quilpie, to Disability Discrimination Act compliant standards.

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11.10 (04/16) – New Planning Scheme

Council has agreed to a project being undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning for the Department to develop fit for purpose planning schemes for four (4) member Councils of the South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) Board. As part of the legislative requirements associated with the development of new planning schemes Council is required to pass a resolution confirming its decision to make a scheme.

Resolution No: (11-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council propose to make a planning scheme for the Quilpie Shire Council area.

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11.12 (04/16) – Shire Wide Wild Dog Exclusion Fence

A report was presented to Council providing an update on the position of the former Council on the matter of wild dog exclusion fencing and to provide the new Council an opportunity to document its position on this matter. Correspondence has also been received from Mr Roly Hughes requesting Council give consideration to collaborating with Bulloo Shire Council to construct a wild dog fence on the eastern side of the Quilpie and Bulloo Shires between the existing fence in the north east of the Quilpie Shire and the NSW fence east of Hungerford. The length is estimated at 500km.

Resolution No: (12-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council support the long term establishment of strategically placed (from a whole of shire perspective) wild dog exclusion fencing / check fences with the view of ensuring optimal benefits to

shire residents. Council will actively pursue opportunities to secure external funding for this purpose as opportunities arise.

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11.13 (04/16) – Superannuation for Councillors

Council may, for its Councillors, establish and amend a superannuation scheme or take part in a superannuation scheme. At the August 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council it was resolved to offer contributory superannuation arrangements for Councillors. As there are a number of options involving superannuation available to elected members, it is recommended they obtain professional advice for their individual circumstances.

Resolution No: (13-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council make superannuation contributions of 9.5% for Councillors.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Bob Hall left the meeting at 2:40pm.

11.14 (04/16) – Business Development Group

The last meeting of the Business Development Group was held on 08 March 2016. The minutes of that meeting were presented for information and discussion.

Resolution No: (14-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council receives the minutes of the Business Development Group meeting held on 08 March 2016. The next meeting of the Business Development Group will be held on 25 May 2016 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 6.00pm.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Hall returned to the meeting at 2:45pm.

11.15 (04/16) – 2016/2017 Regional Arts Development Fund Program

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program is an annual program administered by Arts Queensland. Based on a co-contributory basis Council needs to consider its financial commitment to the RADF Program for 2016-17 to enable application to be made in May.

Resolution No: (15-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council commit up to \$12,857 in the upcoming budget deliberations for the Regional Arts Development Program 2016/17.

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11.16 (04/16) – Quilpie All-Sports Centre

At the March 2016 Ordinary Meeting of Council staff were requested to prepare a funding application for a Quilpie All-Sports Facility under round 2 of the Get Playing Plus funding program administered by the Department of National Parks, Sports and Racing.

Staff have been working with the newly formed committee to progress the matter and a Master Plan for John Waugh park is currently being prepared. The new Council's position on this matter is requested.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson left the meeting at 3:05pm and returned at 3:10pm.

Resolution No: (16-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council submit an application under the Get Playing Plus funding program to undertake priority upgrades to the sporting facilities at John Waugh Park including a multi-purpose sports centre and commit to co-funding the project to a maximum contribution of \$150,000 if successful.

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11.17 (04/16) – Common User Group Meeting

A Meeting of the Quilpie Common User Group was held on 11 February 2016.

Resolution No: (17-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council receive the Common User Group Meeting minutes from the meeting held on 11 February 2016.

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ATTENDANCE

Manager Finance, Mr David Charlton attended the meeting at 3:22pm.

11.11 (04/16) – Offer of QTC Loan Facility

Council formalised their intent to undertake borrowings to partly fund the construction of the new depot and workshop facility when they undertook the annual review of the Debt Policy in June 2013. The policy was again reviewed and adopted in 2014 and 2015 reflecting a similar intent.

To date, no borrowings have been drawn down from the loan facility established with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) for this purpose. The offer from QTC remains open until 09 May 2016 and as such Council must make a decision on this matter.

ATTENDANCE

Manager Finance, Mr David Charlton left the meeting at 3:38pm.

Resolution No: (18-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council accept the offer of the Queensland Treasury Corporation loan facility and review the matter at the May and June Ordinary Meetings of Council to assess the need to draw on the facility.

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12 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (19-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 4:00pm to discuss the following items:

- Conversion of various Grazing Homestead Perpetual Leases to freehold;
- Sale of Council houses – Tenders T10 15-16, T11 15-16 and T12 15-16; and
- Administrative Action Complaint received from Mr Ed Lunney (Snr).

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Resolution No: (20-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 4:17pm.

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12.1 (04/16) – Conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Leases to Freehold

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) State Land Asset Management (SLAM) unit is requesting Council's views or requirements that the Department should consider when assessing an application for the conversion of a number of Grazing homestead Perpetual Leases to freehold.

Resolution No: (21-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council has no requirements in relation to the proposed conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Leases as follows:

- GHPL 10/3017 (Lot 2 on NK64)
- GHPL 10/3115 B (Lot 2 on NK16)
- GHPL 10/3013 (Lot 1 on NK64)
- GHPL 10/3016 (Lot 3 on NK17)
- GHPL 10/3014 (Lot 4 on NK17)
- GHPL 10/3122 (Lot 3 on NK23)
- GHPL 10/3149 (Lot 5 on MCY30)

and that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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12.2 (04/16) – Tenders T10 1516; T11 1516 and T12 1516

Tenders have been called for the sale of three (3) houses currently owned by Council. Council owns and maintains a comprehensive range of housing stock which is regularly reviewed to ensure it is adequately managed. The most recent review identified that the sale of three (3) houses for a variety of reasons would be appropriate.

At the close of the tender period two (2) interested persons submitted tenders on three (3) and two (2) houses respectively.

Resolution No: (22-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council award the following tenders:

Tender No	To	Price (Incl GST)
T10 1516	Christina Wensley	\$100,000
T11 1516	No tender accepted	N/A
T12 1516	Skye Loveday	\$90,000

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12.3 (04/16) – Formal Complaint Mr Ed Lunney (Snr)

Mr Ed Lunney (Snr) has submitted a formal complaint to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in relation to the conduct of the Mayor during the 2016 local government election caretaker period.

Noted. Mr Lunney is to be invited to the May Ordinary Meeting of Council to discuss various matters of mutual interest.

13 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

14 LATE ITEMS

14.1 (04/16) – Channel Country Ladies Day Sponsorship Request

By letter of 12 April 2016 Kiri Broad, Sponsorship Coordinator, Channel Country Ladies Day Committee is offering Council the opportunity to sponsor the 2016 event to be held at Betoota. Five (5) categories of sponsorship are offered or, alternatively, a donation to Red Ridge Foundation can be made.

Resolution No: (23-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council agree to be a SILVER sponsor of the 2016 Channel Country Ladies Day by making a cash donation of \$1,000.

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15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 QUILPIE CENTENARY DATES

As 2017 approaches, it will be necessary to confirm set dates for the Centenary Celebrations. Council confirmed that the dates 26 to 30 April 2017 inclusive are the most appropriate for the celebrations. Council will further consider holding the annual 'bank holiday' on Friday 28 April in lieu of the traditional November Melbourne Cup Day holiday. This matter will be further discussed and considered at the Councillor briefing session to be held Friday 29 April 2016.

15.2 SOUTH WEST NRM COLLABORATIVE AREA MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL

The South West NRM Group are seeking nominations from local governments in their region, to be part of the assessment panel that will determine successful applications for funding for the Collaborative Area Management Phase 2 Project.

The objective of the project is the establishment of cluster exclusion fencing for the mitigation of wild dogs and other invasive animal impacts.

Resolution No: (24-04-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council nominate Cr Bob Hall for a position on the South West NRM assessment panel for the Collaborative Area Management Phase 2 Project.

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15.3 WESTERN QUEENSLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The South West Regional Economic Development Association (SWRED) with support from the Department of State Development (Darling Downs and South West Queensland), are presenting an Economic Development Forum in Charleville on Monday 09 and Tuesday 10 May 2016.

It was noted that Cr Mackenzie, Cr Hewson and Cr Hall will attend.

15.4 LGAQ ELECTED MEMBERS UPDATE – QUILPIE

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Elected Member Update will be held in Quilpie on Tuesday 03 and Wednesday 04 May 2016. Available Councillors are strongly encouraged to attend.

15.5 DEPOT OPENING

The opening of the new Council Depot will take place on Saturday morning 07 May 2016. The facility will be officially opened by Hon Lachlan Millar, MP Member for Gregory.

15.6 ADAVALE WATER SUPPLY – COOL WATER SHORTAGE

Cr Hewson advised on ongoing issues with insufficient cool water availability in Adavale when events are being held. The Chief Executive Officer will further investigate and liaise with Council's Water and Sewerage Supervisor to identify the most appropriate remedial action.

15.7 SHADE STRUCTURE – MURAL PARK

Cr Volz enquired as to whether there were options for installing a shade structure over the existing seating in Mural Park adjacent to the Visitor Information Centre. The Chief Executive Officer will investigate costs and include this item in upcoming budget deliberations.

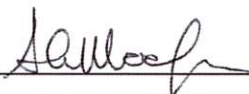
16 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 13 May 2016 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9:30am.

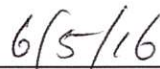
The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:58pm.

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

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 6 May 2016.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council