



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 8 November 2016

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie Qld 4480





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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8.52am.

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Cr Bob Hall

Cr Roger Volz

Mr Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

In attendance: Mrs Nina Burges (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONDOLENCES

Condolences have been sent to the family of the late Michael Paulsen.

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (11/16) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Friday 07 October 2016

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 7 October 2016.

Resolution No: (01-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 7 October 2016 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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6 MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Stuart Mackenzie provided a verbal report on activities undertaken since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council.

- A meeting of the Tourism Business Development Group was attended by the Mayor and a number of other councillors;
- Councillors Mackenzie, Hewson and Hall attended the Local Government Association of Queensland annual conference. Prior to the conference the Mayor attended the Regional Road and Transport Group Assembly in his capacity as Chair of the South West Regional Road and Transport Group. A deputation was also convened with Minister Dr Anthony Lynham MP to discuss issues associated with small scale mining operations;
- The Mayor attended the Australian Regional Tourism Conference in Roma. He also attended an Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) meeting in Brisbane, together with the 2016 Outback Queensland Tourism Awards and Symposium hosted by Barcoo Shire Council. Cr Mackenzie was re-elected as President of the OQTA;
- Mayor Mackenzie, Cr Hewson and Cr Volz attended the 'all of workforce' staff meeting and the Challenge Cup fundraising event; and
- Cr Mackenzie will be attending the Institute of Public Works Engineering (Queensland) conference awards dinner where the Quilpie Shire Council Works Depot Project has been nominated for an award.

DEPUTATION

The following persons attended the meeting at 9.14am to discuss a range of issues associated with obtaining permits for small scale mining activities:

Mr Peter Donaghy – Regional Director Department of Natural Resources and Mines;

Mr Greg Hunter - Mining Registrar Field and Land Access Quilpie;

Mr Kevin Phillips - President Queensland Opal Miners' Association;

Ms Sue Cooper – Secretary Queensland Opal Miners' Association; and

Mr Ashely Theuerkauf – Vice President Queensland Opal Miners' Association.

The parties departed the meeting at 9.46am.

7 STATUS REPORTS

7.1 (09/16) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

7.2 (09/16) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

7.3 (09/16) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

7.4 (09/16) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

8 ENGINEERING SERVICES

No reports.

9 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.1 (10/16) – Quilpie Centenary Celebrations - Bar Services

Expressions of Interest were distributed to community groups, local businesses and the community in general for the provision of bar and catering during the Quilpie Centenary Celebrations. Quilpie Golf Club Inc. submitted their interest in bar services at the official welcome on Thursday 27 April at Bulloo Park and also at the lunch service on Saturday 29 April at Bulloo Park. No other Expressions of Interest were received for these events.

Resolution No: (02-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council accepts the offer from the Quilpie Golf Club Inc. to conduct two (2) bar services during the Quilpie Centenary Celebrations.

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ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 9.55am.

9.2 (11/16) – Quilpie Centenary Celebrations - Catering

Expressions of Interest were distributed to community groups, local businesses and the community in general for the provision of bar and catering during the Centenary Celebrations.

Resolution No: (03-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That this matter be deferred for consideration to the December Ordinary Meeting of Council following confirmation of the terms and conditions of the various tenders for catering for events and a re-evaluation of options during the Quilpie Centenary Celebrations.

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9.3 (11/16) – Quilpie Centenary Celebrations - Accommodation

A shortage of accommodation was identified in the planning of the Quilpie Centenary Celebrations and current accommodation is fully booked out. 'Tent City Hire' have provided a quote for their services and subsequent discussions regarding their proposal and costs have been held.

Resolution No: (04-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council accept the proposal from Tent City Hire for a minimum of fifty tents and that all bookings are handled through Tent City Hire.

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ATTENDANCE

Mrs Hamlyn left the meeting at 10.55am.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.55am and resumed at 11.15am

DEPUTATION

Mr Daniel Westall (Director Energy Projects - Local Government Infrastructure Services), Mr Dave Shepard (Ergon SWQ Asset Manager) and Mr Guy McPherson (Ergon Energy Quilpie) attended the meeting at 11.15am to make presentation to Council on the potential of utilising geothermal power generation in Quilpie. Additional information on the proposal has been requested and Council will further consider this matter.

Mr Westall, Mr Shepard and Mr McPherson departed the meeting at 12.17pm.

10 FINANCE

10.1 (11/16) – Finance Report Ending 31 October 2016

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

Resolution No: (05-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

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

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11 GOVERNANCE

11.1 (11/16) – Request to Upgrade Footpaths

By letter of 05 October the Principal of the Quilpie State College is requesting Council upgrade footpaths along Boonkai and Chulungra Streets in the vicinity of the school. The estimated cost of the works is \$28,000. No provision has been made in the 2016/17 budget although an allocation of \$70,000 has been made to undertake various footpath repairs around Quilpie.

Resolution No: (06-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council consider the footpath upgrades in Boonkai Street and Chulungra Street, Quilpie, in the 2017-2018 budget deliberations.

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11.2 (11/16) – Community Grants Policy Review

Council considered Round 1 of the 2016/17 Community Grant applications at the August 2016 Ordinary Meeting of Council. At that meeting staff were requested to review the policy.

Resolution No: (07-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council adopt the amended Community Assistance Policy as presented.

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11.3 (11/16) – Request for Assistance – Eromanga Rodeo Association

By email of 11 October 2016, the Eromanga Rodeo Association are enquiring if there is some form of financial support available to assist them to hold a New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance. The function would be held at the Eromanga Hall.

Resolution No: (08-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council decline the request from the Eromanga Rodeo Association for funding for a New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance.

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11.4 (11/16) – Councillor Composition – Request to Consider Adjustment

By correspondence dated 03 October 2016, Mr Rob Rennick has written to Council proposing a change to the current Council composition, namely increasing the number of Councillors to seven (7) including the Mayor.

Resolution No: (09-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That following consideration of this matter Council does not support an increase in councillor numbers at this point in time.

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11.5 (11/16) – South West Regional Road and Transport Group

The Statements of Intent for Council's Local Roads of Regional Significance are updated periodically to reflect improvements undertaken and to ensure works are identified for consideration in the Roads and transport Alliance four year rolling works program.

Resolution No: (10-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council adopt the Statements of Intent for Adavale Charleville Road, Eulo Road, Kyabra Road, Mt Margaret Road, Napoleon Road and Old Charleville Road as presented and approve the draft four year South West Regional Road and Transport group works program insofar as it applies to Quilpie Shire Council as presented.

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DEPUTATION

Ms Bernadette Plummer (A/Principal Planner) and Ms Maria Johnson (A/ Senior Planning Officer) from the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning addressed the meeting at 1.20pm in order to provide Council with an update on the development of Council's new planning scheme.

Ms Plummer and Ms Johnson left the meeting at 2.30pm.

11.6 (11/16) – 2016 Staff Survey

A staff survey is undertaken annually to obtain feedback on a range of issues. The 2016 survey was distributed in September and the results have now been collated. The results of the survey were presented to Council for information.

Noted.

11.7 (11/16) – RADF Round 1a

The Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, provides Regional Arts Development Funds (RADF) to councils. Councils also provide financial and in-kind support to RADF delivery as local projects, initiatives and grants programs. A late application under Round 1 of the program has been received and was submitted for Council consideration.

Resolution No: (11-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council approve the late application for RADF Round 1, 2016-2017 from Quilpie State College for the "Kontraband Studio" graffiti art project for the amount of \$6,721.00 ex GST.

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11.8 (11/16) – Bulloo Park Various Projects

Council has made provision for various projects at Bulloo Park in the 2016/17 budget. In addition to these works the open grassed area at the front of the main pavilion needs replacing. To do this properly a minor drainage system will have to be installed as well as a new irrigation system. The expected cost of these works is \$40,000.

Resolution No: (12-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council provide an additional \$40,000 for landscaping and drainage at Bulloo Park.

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11.9 (10/16) – Adoption of Annual Report

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 2015-2016 financial year has been completed and an audit opinion provided. The statements for Council were certified without qualification by the Auditor General.

Resolution No: (13-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council adopt the 2015-2016 Annual Report as presented.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2.51pm and resumed at 3.05pm.

DEPUTATION

Ms Jane Hammond and Ms Bernadette Pilling (Directors, House of Communications) attended the meeting at 3.05pm to present an update and gauge feedback on the work undertaken to date on Council's Tourism Strategy.

Ms Hammond and Ms Pilling left the meeting at 5.06pm.

12 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (14-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 5.07pm to discuss the following items:

- *Applications for Mining Claims (various);*
- *Lease Renewals (various);*
- *Quotations and Tenders (various); and*
- *Eromanga Common.*

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Resolution No: (15-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 6.00pm.

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12.1 (11/16) – Application for Mining Claim No. 300115

By email 11 October 2016, Council was provided the opportunity to object to the application for a mining claim (300115).

Resolution No: (16-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council offers no objection to the Mining Claim Certificate for Mining Claim No.300115.

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12.2 (11/16) – Renewal of Special Lease 10/49355

By email of 18 October 2016, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines 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 Special Lease 10/49355 over Lot 1 on WLA5.

Resolution No: (17-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That the Department be advised that Council requests that all outstanding rates associated with Lot 1 on WLA 5 be paid in full prior to the renewal of Special Lease 10/49355. Council has no other requirements in relation to the proposed renewal of Special Lease 10/49355 over Lot 1 on WLA5 and Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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12.3 (11/16) – Renewal of Term Lease 0/208981

By email of 12 October 2016, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines 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 Special Lease O/208981 over Lot 3 on PO11.

Resolution No: (18-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council has no requirements in relation to the proposed renewal of Term Lease O/208981 over Lot 3 on PO11 and that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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12.4 (11/16) – Q19 1617 Nominal 1.5T Mini-Excavator

Quotations have been called for the purchase of a 1.5 tonne excavator in-lieu of the backhoe attachment for the recently purchased bobcat.

Resolution No: (19-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council award quotation Q19 16-17 - Mini Excavator to Clark Equipment for the amount of \$32,400 excluding GST in lieu of previous quotation Q48 15-16.

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12.5 (11/16) – Quote Q07 16-17 Construction of Kangaroo Proof Fence at Bulloo Park

Quotes have been called for the construction of a kangaroo proof fence at Bulloo Park. This matter has been raised on several occasions by a community member who trains horses at the facility. Significant safety concerns have been expressed when training horses in the pre-dawn and early morning.

Resolution No: (20-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council accept no quote for the construction of a kangaroo proof fence at Bulloo Park.

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12.6 (11/16) – Quote Q17 16-17 Ride-on Mower

Quotes have been called for the purchase of a ride-on mower to replace the existing unit. This is a routine change-over however has not been budgeted for as staff assumed it was to be purchased from the floating plant operational fund.

Resolution No: (21-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council accept the quotation from The Mower Super Store for a Toro TOR74930 for the price of \$17,300 including GST.

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12.7 (11/16) – Bulloo Park Arbor

Holling Constructions have been invited to provide a price for a variation to the Bulloo Park redevelopment. The variation is for the construction of an arbor on the walkway between the new shelter and the new main complex.

Resolution No: (22-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approve the variation for an arbor at Bulloo Park for the price of \$21,400 plus GST.

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12.8 (11/16) – Bitumen Reseal Tender

Tenders have been called for the bitumen resealing of various roads as provided for in the 2016-17 budget. Works include Eulo Road and the Quilpie airstrip.

The tender for the works was included in the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) tender for bitumen reseals on state controlled roads across the South West. The intent of this was to attract more competitive pricing when bulked up with the much larger TMR program.

Resolution No: (23-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council award tender SWTD-1088 bitumen reseals to RPQ Spray Seal Pty Ltd for the amount of \$285,881.30 inclusive of GST.

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12.9 (11/16) – Application for Mining Claim No. 300114

By correspondence of 13 October 2016, Council was provided the opportunity to object to the application for a mining claim. The locality of the Mining Claim is on Jedburught Station 80km south west of Yaraka and Stonleigh Station via Thylungra, Eromanga.

Resolution No: (24-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council offers no objection to the Mining Claim Certificate for Mining Claim No.300114

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12.10 (11/16) – Application for Mining Claim No. 300121

By mail 14 October 2016, Council was provided the opportunity to object to the application for a mining claim. The locality of the Mining Claim is on Keeroongooloo Station.

Resolution No: (25-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council offers no objection to the Mining Claim Certificate for Mining Claim No.3001215/0

12.11 (11/16) – Eromanga Common

Council has become aware of an incident that occurred in relation to the unauthorised removal of cattle from the Eromanga Common during the weekend of 01 and 02 October 2016. Discussions took place on whether Council's proposed position was sufficient to deter a similar recurrence.

Resolution No: (26-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council write to the relevant parties re-iterating the conditions of agisting cattle on Council controlled reserves and advising that if any further incidents of a similar nature occur, Council will instruct that all stock belonging to the offending party be removed from the Eromanga Common immediately.

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13 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

13.1 (10/16) – Expression of Interest in Purchasing House and Land, Kookaburra Street Quilpie

An expression of interest in purchasing the house and land located at Lot 32 on SP165240 (Kookaburra Street, Quilpie) has been received. This matter was considered at the October 2016 meeting of Council where the matter was deferred pending further investigation by Council staff in relation to Council's current housing stock.

Resolution No: (27-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council offer lot 32 on SP165240 (3 Kookaburra Street, Quilpie) for sale by public tender.

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13.2 (10/16) – Tender T02 16-17 Sale of Building and Land Eromanga

Tender T02 16-17 closing at 2.00pm on Monday 07 November 2016 was advertised for the sale of building and land located at Lot 210 on E3051, the corner of Donald and Webber Streets Eromanga. Two tenders were received at the close of the tender period.

Resolution No: (28-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council accepts the tender received from Kimberly Smith for T02 16-17 Sale of Building and Land Eromanga for \$8,800 including GST.

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13.3 (10/16) – T03 16-17 Sale of Land-Borne Inflatable Amusement Equipment

Tender T03 16-17 closing at 2.00pm on Monday 07 November 2016 was advertised for the sale of land-borne inflatable amusement equipment. At the close of the period no tenders were received.

Noted.

14 LATE ITEMS

14.1 (11/16) – Buy Local Campaign

Both Council and the Business Development Group have requested consideration be given to the implementation of a 'buy local' campaign in the lead up to the Christmas period.

Resolution No: (29-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council commence a 'buy local' campaign and commit \$1,000 to a 'buy local' promotion competition in the lead up to Christmas.

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MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared a Material Personal Interest in the following item *(as defined in section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009)*, due to his position as Chairman of the Outback Gondwana Foundation. Cr Mackenzie dealt with this Material Personal Interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or discussion on the matter.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie left the meeting at 6.16 pm.

CHAIRING OF MEETING

Cr Hewson assumed the Chair at 6.16 pm.

14.2 (11/16) – Eromanga Natural History Museum

The Outback Gondwana Foundation (OGF) have requested assistance by way of support and funding for an Arts Impact Grant and have requested Council waive building application fees for a carport and the proposed building extension for the education program.

Resolution No: (30-11-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council approve the request for funding assistance from the Outback Gondwana Foundation for:

- *A contribution to an Arts Impact grant subject to a successful application and a contribution to signage to a combined maximum value of \$13,445 (the balance of the Eromanga Community Development Funds 2016-2017); and*
- *A waiver of Building Application fees for the carport and Eromanga Education Program extension.*

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 6.40pm and resumed the position of Chair.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 (11/16) – Lake Houdraman

Mayor Mackenzie has discussed the future management of the public use of the Lake with the property owner. The owner has raised a number of ideas regarding the future management of the lake for Council consideration. Council will continue to work with the property owner to ensure a satisfactory outcome for all parties.

15.2 (11/16) Buln Buln Street Footpath

Cr Volz has expressed concerns regarding the footpath on Buln Buln Street from outside the Post Office to the Police Station. It was noted that a number of areas of footpath where pavers are laid require some remedial attention.

15.3 (11/16) Desert Channels Group

Desert Channels Group are requesting support from local government and producers on their position that Prickly Acacia is a serious problem that is worthy of heavy investment from the Government.

15.4 (11/16) Cheepie Railway Station Relocation

The Business Development Group has provided feedback on the proposed location for the Cheepie Railway Station building in Quilpie.

It was determined that the final relocation arrangements for the Cheepie Railway station be reconsidered at the December Ordinary Meeting of Council.

15.5 (11/16) Department of Transport and Main Roads – Local Contractor Engagement

Cr Hewson raised concern at the apparent lack of local contractor employment by the Department of Transport and Main Roads who are currently undertaking maintenance and upgrade works in the Quilpie Shire Council local government area.

16 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 9 December 2016 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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 November 2016.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 9 December 2016.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

22/12/16

Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council