



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

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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 9.20am.

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

Council noted the recent passing of Winton Shire Council Mayor, Cr 'Butch' Lenton, former Quilpie Shire Council accountant Barb Scott, Mr 'Moss' Crotty and expressed their condolences to their families.

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (09/17) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Friday 08 September 2017

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 8 September 2017.

Resolution No: (01-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 8 September 2017 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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6 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil.

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mackenzie provided a verbal update on activities he has undertaken since the September 2017 Ordinary meeting of Council.

Mayor Mackenzie advised that there has been some media interest in relation to the possible reintroduction of wild rivers (or similar) legislation. Channel Ten television show, 'The Project' visited Eromanga and interviewed Cr Mackenzie. A news article was also published in the Brisbane Times. Following attendance at a meeting of the South West Local Government Association (SWLGA) in Thargomindah, Cr Mackenzie advised that a resolution opposing the reintroduction of this legislation was passed by the Association.

Cr Mackenzie attended a meeting of the Regional Development Association (Darling Downs and South West) via teleconference. Due to a restructure of the RDAs across the country, all Chairs and Executive Officer positions have been called with incumbents required to reapply.

The Mayor also attended a meeting of the Eromanga District Community Association (EDCA). EDCA will be holding another meeting later this month to discuss and consider future plans for the Living History Museum.

A meeting of the South West Regional Roads and Transport Group (SWRRTG) was held in Thargomindah. Cr Mackenzie is currently Chair of the six (6) council member group. The organisation will be making a submission to the Department of Transport and Main Roads, requesting a renaming of roads currently identified as 'developmental'. There is concern that tourists and travellers may avoid travelling these roads as the word developmental suggests they are sub-standard.

Cr Mackenzie hosted a visit to Eromanga, the Natural History Museum and Quilpie by Senator James McGrath. Director General of the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, Mr Frankie Carroll, and Director General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Mr Neil Scales also visited Quilpie. Cr Mackenzie and Cr Bob Hall escorted Senator McGrath and Mr Carroll on an inspection of works currently underway or recently completed in Quilpie.

A meeting of the South West Regional Economic Development Association (SWRED) was attended by Cr Mackenzie in Charleville. Freight logistics issues were discussed at length. A meeting of the tourism development sub-group was also held.

Cr Mackenzie participated in a teleconference initiated by Senator Barry O'Sullivan and also attended by Balonne Shire Council Deputy Mayor, Cr Fiona Gaske. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential development opportunities to help revitalise the kangaroo industry.

Cr Mackenzie advised that while he remains a member of the Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) he has now stepped down from the position of Chair. A meeting of the Association was attended by Cr Mackenzie (via teleconference) during the month.

Along with Councillors Hewson, Hall and Paulsen, Cr Mackenzie attended the first of two (2) old depot site redevelopment public meetings.

8 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Councillors provided a brief overview of activities they have undertaken since the August Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Cr Jenny Hewson attended the Quilpie Show and congratulated the organisers on its success, noting there were a number of tourists in attendance. Visitor rates were also high at the Pride of the West race meeting that Cr Hewson also attended. Cr Hewson held various discussions with a number of residents, including rural residents on a recent visit to Thargomindah. Cr Hewson has also spoken with interested community members about potential options for the old depot site redevelopment.

Cr Bruce Paulsen advised that he has been on leave since the last Council meeting. During his trip, Cr Paulsen undertook a visit to the Royal Tyrrell Dinosaur Museum in Canada with a view to identifying potential ideas for the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

Cr Bob Hall continued discussions with a number of local stakeholders and business operators in relation to freight logistics and potential cuts to existing freight subsidies. Along with Cr Mackenzie, Cr Hall also met with Senator McGrath and Mr Frankie Carroll. Cr Hall also attended the Rural Management Challenge evening events. The Challenge involved teams from eight (8) councils visiting Quilpie for two nights.

Cr Roger Volz also attended the events associated with the Rural Management Challenge. Cr Volz also acknowledged the success of the Pride of the West Festival and met with the organiser of the Outback Fringe Festival to further discuss ideas for next year's event.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.35am and resumed at 10.50am.

DEPUTATION

President of the Mulga Mates Association, Ms Alisha Moody, attended the meeting at 11.00am to provide Council with an update on activities at the centre.

Ms Moody left the meeting at 11.08am.

9 STATUS REPORTS

9.1 (10/17) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

9.2 (10/17) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

9.3 (10/17) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

9.4 (10/17) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

10 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil.

11 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

11.1 (10/17) – Application for Funding, *Game On Queensland*

A funding application, “2018 – Quilpie Get Active: Dust, Sweat & Mindset” was completed in conjunction with Quilpie Sport & Recreation Inc. and submitted to the *Game On Queensland – Game On Programs* category.

The application was for a staged program which in accordance with the program guidelines is based on “*initiatives that are aimed at increasing participation in sport or unstructured / semi-structured physical activity*”. The following activities are included in the funding application:

1. Master Trainer – Professional Development for Volunteers
2. Supply & Installation of Virtual Fitness System
3. Launch to community – “Free” Come & try various group fitness options

Resolution No: (02-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council endorse the application for Game On Funding submitted with support from Quilpie Sport and Recreation Inc. and the in-kind funding contribution of \$1,500 associated with the project.

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ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn, attended the meeting at 11.16am.

11.2 (10/17) – Christmas Lights Competition

Each December Council promotes a Christmas Light Competition to foster the Christmas Spirit within the Shire. The competitions take place in Quilpie, Eromanga and Adavale. A rural property competition is also included and judged by photographs submitted via email.

Resolution No: (03-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council confirms the Christmas Lights Competition will take place in 2017 and the categories, prize money and details will be as follows:

Quilpie: Best House and Yard - \$500

Best Outdoor Tree - \$150

Spectacular Senior - \$150

Judges Choice - \$100

Best Decorated Business - \$200

Eromanga: Best Lights Display - \$150

Adavale: Best Lights Display - \$150

Rural: Best Outback Christmas Display - \$150

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11.3 (10/17) – Eromanga Exclusion Fence

Further to previous discussions, Council has received a proposal to erect an exclusion fence around the township of Eromanga in conjunction with exclusion fencing currently under construction by a neighbouring property.

Resolution No: (04-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council proceed with the construction of an exclusion fence for the township of Eromanga as part of the adjacent property fencing project (to a maximum cost of \$9,777 for materials and \$7,500 for labour).

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ATTENDANCE

Mrs Hamlym left the meeting at 11.46am.

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Council's Manager Finance, Mr David Charlton, attended the meeting at 11.48am.

12 FINANCE

12.1 (10/17) – Finance Report Ending 30 September 2017

The Finance report was presented to Council for the period ending 30 September 2017.

Resolution No: (05-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 30 September 2017.

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12.2 (10/17) – 2017/18 Budget Amendments

Council adopted the 2017-2018 budget on the 14 July 2017. Legislation provides that Council may amend the budget at any time. It is prudent financial management to review the budget periodically and amend where necessary.

The budget as presented contained a few errors, the corrections of which need to be formally adopted.

Resolution No: (06-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council adopt the following capital expenditure amendments to the 2017-2018 budget and the capital expenditure shown in the cash flow and financial position statements be amended to the correct amount of \$6,331,000:

- Buildings - \$1,143,000 in lieu of \$1,043,000;
- Other - \$720,000 in lieu of \$820,000;
- Plant - \$868,000 in lieu of \$1,668,000; and
- The unallocated capital expenditure budget amount of \$800,000 be re-allocated to the approved Works for Queensland projects.

In addition the balance of cash brought forward from 2016-17 to be corrected to \$16,303,352.

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ATTENDANCE

On leaving the meeting at 12.11pm, Cr Mackenzie thanked Mr Charlton for his services to Council over the past three (3) years and wished him well in his retirement.

13 GOVERNANCE

13.1 (10/17) – Request for Assistance – Quilpie ICPA

By email of 13 September 2017, Quilpie ICPA have requested assistance by the provision of assets, asking that the hire fees for the Shire Hall, Quilpie Pool and Bus be waived for their Holiday Camp in December.

Resolution No: (07-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council approve the request from Quilpie ICPA for in-kind assistance to waive hire costs of venues and vehicles.

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13.2 (10/17) – 2017/2018 Operational Plan 1st Quarter Review

S174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the chief executive officer to present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of not more than 3 months.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Paulsen left the meeting at 12.45pm and returned at 12.59pm.

Resolution No: (08-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That the 2017-18 Operational Plan be reviewed for the first quarter and noted.

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13.3 (10/17) – Moble-Nerrigundah Exclusion Fence and Araluen-Trinidad Cluster Exclusion Fence

By letter of 20 September, Mrs Kylie Rutledge is requesting approval to construct an exclusion fence across various roads and stock routes. The fence will follow the Moble boundary.

By email dated 06 October 2017, Mrs Wendy Sheehan is requesting permission to install a gate across stock route as part of the Araluen-Trinidad cluster exclusion fence.

Local Government and/or Department of Transport and Main Roads approval must be received by property owners wishing to construct exclusion fences across roads or stock routes.

Resolution No: (09-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council approve the construction of an exclusion fence across roads and stock routes for the Moble – Nerrigundah exclusion fence project.

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Resolution No: (10-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council approve the installation of a gate as part of an exclusion fence across stock routes for the Araluen-Trinidad exclusion fence project.

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13.4 (10/17) – New Planning Scheme

In accordance with section 84 of the *Sustainable Planning Act* (SPA), a local government may make a planning scheme for its planning scheme area. A planning scheme is a local planning instrument that provides for development to be planned and undertaken in a strategic way encompassing the entire local government area.

A draft scheme has been prepared and the public consultation has been completed. Council considered submissions at the August 2017 meeting.

Resolution No: (11-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council endorse the proposed 2017 Quilpie Shire Council Planning Scheme and submit the scheme to the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning for approval.

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14 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (12-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 1.17pm to discuss the following matters:

- *contracts proposed to be made.*

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Resolution No: (13-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 1.18pm.

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15 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

15.1 (10/17) – Application for Mining Claim No. 300154

By mail received 10 October 2017, Council were provided the opportunity to object to the application for mining claim 300154. The claim is 9.3 Hectares and located on Ray Station.

Resolution No: (14-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council offers no objection to the Mining Claim Certificate for Mining Claim No. 300154.

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16 LATE ITEMS

16.1 (10/17) – Location Eromanga Landfill

By email 29 August 2017 Joshua Radloff, Environmental Officer – Department of Environment & Heritage Protection advised that it was noted during an inspection on the 21 July 2017 that the Eromanga Landfill was not located as described on Quilpie Shire Council's environmental authority.

The landfill is located on the Cooper Development Road, road reserve and not on a separate lot and plan.

Resolution No: (15-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council investigate the current landfill site to determine its longevity prior to applying for an amendment to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection to reflect the current location of the landfill.

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16.2 (10/17) – Request for Assistance – Autism Queensland

Education Support & Therapy Services - Quilpie provides parents and teachers access to professional services otherwise unavailable to the community, benefiting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the school suffering from poor social skills, causing social isolation and conflict.

Autism Queensland Limited, being the legal entity for the organisation is seeking funding assistance to conduct a number of workshops. The amount requested is \$2,000 of a total project budget of \$14,665.

Resolution No: (16-10-17)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approve the request from Autism Queensland for funding to the value of \$2,000 for a program of workshops to be held in Quilpie.

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17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 (10/17) – Quilpie Landfill

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection have issued a notice to Council requiring an adjustment to some operational procedures currently performed at the Quilpie Landfill. This will result in increased maintenance costs at the facility.

Noted.

17.2 (10/17) – Bridges Renewal Program

The Australian Government will provide \$420 million from 2015-16 to 2020-21, with an on-going commitment of \$60 million each year following to upgrade and replace bridges to enhance access for local communities and facilitate higher productivity vehicle access. Successful applications for round 3 of the Program were recently announced. There is currently no confirmed date for the opening of applications under round 4.

It was agreed that Council will continue to lobby for safety improvements to South Comongin Bridge, requesting the installation of road signage and implementation of a speed reduction zone.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn, attended the meeting at 2.14pm.

17.3 (10/17) – Staff Housing

Council is still experiencing a critical housing shortage for staff accommodation. There may be an opportunity to lease a currently vacant four (4) bedroom residence in Curlew Estate.

Noted

ATTENDANCE

Mrs Hamlyn left the meeting at 2.31pm.

17.1 (10/17) Councillor Requests

Councillors were invited to raise any matters for consideration.

- It was noted that the work undertaken at the 't-junction' at the Brolga Street / Sommerfield Road intersection has resulted in a significant improvement;
- A request has been received to consider changing the annual show holiday to the day before the annual show. This will be considered when making application to the State Government for the 2019 show holiday;
- A suggestion was made to publish council works underway / staff more frequently on social media and in community newsletters;
- The condition of Canaway Road was reported as poor and an inspection requested;
- Council staff are to inspect and ensure fire hydrants in Eromanga are easily identifiable and accessible;
- A request was made to clean out the grid approaching the Quilpie landfill;
- An inspection of street signs to be undertaken to ensure all are uniform (eg Anzac Drive sign is in a different font to other signs); and
- A request was made to install a blue directional sign to the Golf Club on Eagle Drive.

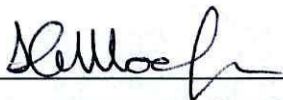
18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 17 November 2017 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.46pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 13 October 2017.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 17 November 2017.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

17/11/17

Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council