



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Friday 8 December 2017

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 9.46am.

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

Nil.

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (11/17) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Friday 17 November 2017

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 17 November 2017.

Resolution No: (01-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 17 November 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 November 2017 Ordinary meeting of Council.

The Mayor attended a Community Advisory Network (CAN) meeting at the Quilpie Hospital and chaired the Local Disaster Management Group Meeting (LDMG) the following day. An Enterprise Bargaining Agreement meeting with management representatives was also convened.

Cr Mackenzie participated in a video conference meeting for the Advancing Regional Innovation Program (ARIP). Funding under this program is being utilised to develop regional 'digital hubs'.

A meeting of the Outback Queensland Tourism Authority (OQTA) was held in Brisbane and attended by Cr Mackenzie in his role as a member of that committee. Cr Mackenzie was pleased to advise that OQTA will be engaging an officer to work specifically with the south west member councils.

Cr Mackenzie and Cr Hewson attended the South West Regional Economic Development Group (SWRED) meeting held in St George. Topics discussed included tourism and promotion of the area, a restructure of the group, and issues currently impacting on the air services out of Charleville. A meeting of the South West Regional Roads and Transport Group (SWRRTG) was also held in St George and attended by the Mayor.

A meeting of the Eromanga District Community Association (EDCA) provided Cr Mackenzie an opportunity to discuss relevant Council matters such as the Eromanga Landfill location and current availability of housing in Eromanga.

In addition to the above, Cr Mackenzie attended the Quilpie State College awards night and opening the swimming carnival.

8 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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

Cr Jenny Hewson attended the Community Advisory Network meeting and the SWRED meeting along with Cr Mackenzie. Cr Hewson also attended both the Quilpie State College and St Finbarr's awards evenings, and attended a meeting of the Mulga Mates Committee. Cr Hewson also attended the Christmas in the Gallery opening.

Cr Bruce Paulsen congratulated the workforce on the productivity and quality of work undertaken during the year, and the office staff on their Christmas attire initiative. Cr Paulsen attended both school end of year evenings, and participated in the Enterprise Bargaining meeting with Crs Mackenzie and Hall. Cr Paulsen noted that a rugby league committee has been formed and also noted the success of the ICPA youth camp.

Cr Bob Hall provided a detailed overview of the Queensland Audit Office meeting for Audit Chairs held earlier in the week. Cr Hall also noted the performance and behaviour of the Eromanga State School students at the swimming carnival and congratulated the school. Cr Hall was strongly supported by the rest of Council in offering his congratulations on the success of the recently established tag football.

Cr Roger Volz also attended the Local Disaster Management Group meeting with Cr Mackenzie. Cr Volz escorted a number of residents to the Eromanga Natural History Museum as part of the Council famil tour. He advised the group stopped for lunch at the Eromanga Hotel and also visited the Living History Museum while in the area. Cr Volz would like to see a second tour to ENHM before the next tourist season for those who couldn't attend and is also eager to the see the Hell Hole Gorge famil tour held.

Cr Volz attended the public social media training held in Quilpie with Liz Ward from Tourism Tribe, noting good attendance and enthusiasm of those who participated. Cr Volz also held discussions with various community members discussing matters such as tourism and childcare.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.29am and resumed at 10.46am.

9 STATUS REPORTS

9.1 (12/17) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

9.2 (12/17) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

9.3 (12/17) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

9.4 (12/17) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

10 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil.

11 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Financial Services, Ms Arminda David, attended the meeting at 10.46am and left at 11.00am.

12 FINANCE

12.1 (12/17) – Finance Report Ending 30 November 2017

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

Resolution No: (02-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

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

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13 GOVERNANCE

13.1 (12/17) – Acquisition of Native Title Rights

On 18 August 2017 Council resolved to compulsory acquire native title rights and interests and non-native title rights and interests over a number of sites to regularise tenure.

On 25 August 2017 Notices of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests were served on the native title party, the registered claimants for the Mardigan People for the Toompine Cemetery and Toompine Land fill Sites, a Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests was served on the representative body, Queensland South Native Title Services for the Adavale Site as there is currently no registered claim over the Site.

On 25 August 2017 Notices of Intention to Resume Non-Native Title Rights and Interests were also served on Black Gold Oil Pty Ltd, the resource interest holder for the Toompine Cemetery Reserve and Toompine Landfill.

No objections were received by Council to the Notices and Council's solicitors assisting in this matter, have advised that there is no legal impediment to the continuation of the compulsory acquisition of native title rights and interests and resumption of the resource interest over the Sites.

Resolution No: (03-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That:

- a) Council, having served a Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests and a Notice of Intention to Resume Non-Native Title Rights and Interests ("the Notices") over land and waters described as part of Lot 10 on BL013 (the Toompine Cemetery) as particularised in the Notices served on the registered claimants for the Mardigan People Native Title Claim QUD26/2007 and the Resource Interest Holder, Black Gold Oil Pty Ltd for the Toompine Cemetery; and
- b) Council did not receive any objection to the Notices; and
- c) Council, having served a Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests and a Notice of Intention to Resume Non-Native Title Rights and Interests ("the Notices") over land and waters described as part of Lot 10 on BL013 (the Toompine Landfill) as particularised in the Notices served on the registered claimants for the Mardigan People Native Title Claim QUD26/2007 and the Resource Interest Holder, Black Gold Oil Pty Ltd for the Toompine Landfill; and
- d) Council did not receive any objection to the Notices; and
- e) Council, having served a Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests over land and waters described as part of Lot 36 on MCK5320 (the Adavale Refuse Tip) as particularised in the Notice served on Queensland South Native Title Services, the representative body for the area for the Adavale Refuse Tip; and
- f) Council did not receive any objection to the Notice;

Council resolves to:

- a) proceed with the compulsory acquisition of native title and resumption over the Toompine Cemetery, Toompine Landfill and Adavale Refuse Tip;
- b) apply to the Minister administering the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 that any native title rights and interests and any non-native title rights and interests in and over the Toompine Cemetery be acquired for the purpose of Cemetery Reserve; and
- c) apply to the Minister administering the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 that any native title rights and interests and any non-native title rights and interests in and over the Toompine Landfill be acquired for the purpose of Waste Management Facility (refuse tip and refuse transfer station); and
- d) apply to the Minister administering the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 that any native title rights and interests in and over the Adavale Refuse Tip be acquired for the purpose Waste Management Facility (refuse tip and refuse transfer station); and

instruct its solicitors to prepare and lodge the applications to acquire native title and the resource interest to the Minister for the Department of Natural Resources and Mines to gazette the acquisitions.

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13.2 (12/17) – G.14 Student Cadetship Policy

Council has recently advertised to recruit a second Cadet Technical Officer with applications for this role closing on Thursday 7 December 2017. As part of this process, the associated Student Cadetship policy has been reviewed for Council's consideration.

Resolution No: (04-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council adopt the G.14 Student Cadetship policy as tabled in the accompanying agenda.

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14 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (05-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 11.21am to discuss the following matters:

- contracts proposed to be made by Council; and
- the appointment of employees.

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Resolution No: (06-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 11.48am.

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14.1 (12/17) – Conversion of Term Lease 0/233957

By email of 26 November 2017, 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 Term Lease 0/233957 over Lot 439 on SP231072.

Resolution No: (07-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council has no requirements or objection in relation to the proposed conversion of Term Lease 0/233957 over Lot 439 on SP231072 and that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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15 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

15.1 (12/17) – Tender T03 1718 Eromanga Recreation Grounds Ablution Block

A tender for the construction of a new ablution block at the Eromanga Recreation Grounds was advertised on 10 November 2017 by way of an advertisement in the Warrego Watchman, Public Notices, Council's website and Council's Facebook site.

At the close of the tender period one (1) only tender was received.

Resolution No: (08-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council not award Tender T03 17-18.

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MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared a Material Personal Interest in the following matter (*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 11.52pm

CHAIRING OF MEETING

Cr Hewson assumed the Chair at 11.52pm.

15.2 (12/17) – Tender T04 1718 Eromanga Natural History Museum Kitchen / Laundry

A tender for the construction of a new kitchen / cleaning facility at the Eromanga Natural History Museum was advertised on 10 November 2017 by way of an advertisement in the Warrego Watchman, Public Notices, Council's website and Council's Facebook site.

At the close of the tender period one (1) only tender was received.

Resolution No: (09-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council not award Tender T04 17-18.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 11.54pm and resumed the position of Chair.

16 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 (12/17) – Request for Formal Apology

By email dated 04 December 2017, Mr Ed Lunney (Snr) is requesting a formal apology from Council in relation to discussions held at a previous deputation with Council.

The email from Mr Lunney was noted.

17.2 (12/17) – Request for Support – Paroo Contact Children's Mobile

Paroo Contact Children's Mobile (PCCM) has written to Council seeking further support following the Department of Education and Training's (DET, Australian Government) recent decision not proceed with the proposal to transfer contractual arrangements from (PCCM) to Contact Inc. (Contact).

Resolution No: (10-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council continue to support the endeavours of Paroo Contact Children's Mobile (PCCM) to transfer contractual arrangements.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.01pm and resumed at 12.36pm.

17.3 (12/17) – Social Media Training Review

ATTENDANCE

Council's Executive Assistant, Ms Hollie McCarthy, and Senior Administration Officer, Mrs Nina Burges, presented Council with an overview of the recently conducted social media training.

Ms McCarthy left the meeting at 12.56pm.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Dave Burges, left the meeting at 12.56pm and returned at 1.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Engineering Services, Mr Casey de Pereira, Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn, and Manager Finance, Ms Arminda David, attended the meeting at 1.32pm.

17.4 (12/17) – Capital Works Review

The Chief Executive Officer provided Council with an update on progress and expenditure of the capital works program for 2017-18.

Noted.

17.5 (12/17) – Eromanga Community Development Funds

The Eromanga District Community Association (EDCA) has provided a list of potential items for council consideration as part of the Eromanga community development fund annual budget allocation.

Noted.

17.6 (12/17) – Private Works Invoice Query

Council has received a request to waive a private works invoice for works undertaken to assist in removing bogged machinery.

Resolution No: (11-12-17)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council waive the private works fee for excavator hire.

The motion was lost on voting 2/3

17.7 (12/17) Councillor Requests

Councillors were invited to raise any matters for consideration.

- A request was made to clean out various gutters around town where water is ponding;
- Staff were requested to investigate options for clearing out the 'Miranda' weed in the dam near John Waugh Park;
- Attention was drawn to a pothole located on Sommerfield Road;
- Cr Paulsen noted that the landscaping / gardens around Quilpie are being well maintained by staff.
- It was noted that some culverts have reeds growing and require cleaning (noting Dukamurra and Quarrion Streets in particular);
- Council will investigate the installation of a baby change room / disabled toilet at the Eromanga Hall in the 2018-19 budget;
- It was noted that the drainage outside the Eromanga Living History Museum requires cleaning out; and
- It was also noted that the access walkway to Knotosaurus Park in Eromanga has been washed out and requires some remedial attention.

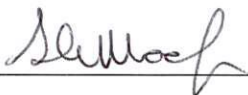
18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday, 16 January 2018 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.27pm.

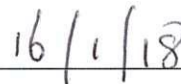
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 8 December 2017.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Tuesday, 16 January 2018.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council



Date