



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Friday 9 February 2018

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 9.32am.

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 and Ms Sue Carr (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONDOLENCES

Nil.

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (01/18) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Tuesday 16 January 2018

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Tuesday, 16 January 2018.

Resolution No: (01-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Tuesday, 16 January 2018 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 January 2018 Ordinary meeting of Council.

The Mayor participated in an Advancing Regional Innovation Program (ARIP) video conference. Cr Mackenzie is the South West Regional Economic Development Board (SWRED) representative for the projects being undertaken.

Cr Mackenzie also attended an Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) meeting where an address was made by the Department of Innovation, Tourism Industry Development and the Commonwealth Games. Mr James Dein, coordinator for the upcoming Way out West Festival in Winton was also in attendance.

8 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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

Cr Jenny Hewson conveyed her thanks to the organisers of the Australia Day activities, and also thanked the Parks and Gardens crew for their work in setting up and cleaning up after the event.

Cr Hewson attended the Mulga Mates Annual General Meeting and the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) meeting.

Noting her concerns in relation to the western mail run, it was agreed that this matter be tabled for discussion at the upcoming Business Development Group meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Engineering Services, Mr Casey de Pereira, attended the meeting at 9.53am.

Cr Bruce Paulsen advised he will be meeting with the Acting Principal and senior school students at the Quilpie State College to obtain feedback on potential youth activities they would be interested in.

Cr Paulsen also attended the Australia Day function.

Cr Bob Hall and **Cr Roger Volz** both attended the pool activities and the awards ceremony on Australia Day.

Cr Hall advised that unfortunately he has had to decline a meeting of the Boonthamurra People in Brisbane but he is hoping to be able to attend a future meeting.

Cr Volz attended the recent RADF meeting and also took time to meet with Cultural Society members. In addition to holding conversations with various community members, Cr Volz undertook an inspection of the first sealed section of the Quilpie-Adavale (Red) Road.

9 STATUS REPORTS

9.1 (02/18) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

9.2 (02/18) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

9.3 (02/18) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

9.4 (02/18) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

10 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mr de Pereira provided Council with a verbal update on current activities and progress.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Financial Services, Ms Arminda David, attended the meeting at 10.08am.

11 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil.

12 FINANCE

12.1 (02/18) – Finance Report Ending 31 January 2018

The Finance report for the period ending 31 January 2018 was presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution No: (02-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 January 2018.

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12.2 (02/18) – Budget Review

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.

Resolution No: (03-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council adopt the amendments to the 2017-2018 budget as presented in report 12.2 (02/18).

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ATTENDANCE

Ms David, left the meeting at 10.55am.

Scavenging at the Quilpie Landfill

Concerns have been raised at the practice of scavenging at the Quilpie Landfill and the potential safety risks associated with this. Council confirmed their position that scavenging is not permissible and this needs to be reinforced and addressed.

Noted. *A report will be presented to the March 2018 Ordinary Meeting with recommendations to progress this matter.*

Quilpie Thargomindah Road Widening

Resolution No: (04-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council adopt a budget amendment to provide for additional widening between the crest and the Baldy Top intersection on the Quilpie Thargomindah Road.

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ATTENDANCE

Mr de Pereira and Ms Carr left the meeting at 11.31am.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.31am and resumed at 11.49am.

13 GOVERNANCE

13.1 (02/18) – Attendance at LGAQ Financial Sustainability Summit and Civic Leaders Summit

Held bi-annually, the Local Government Association of Queensland Financial Sustainability Summit and Civic Leaders Summit is open to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEOs (as well as CFOs and Finance Committee Chairs for the Financial Sustainability Summit).

Resolution No: (05-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council approve Crs Mackenzie, Hewson and Hall to attend the 2018 LGAQ Financial Sustainability Summit and Crs Mackenzie and Hewson to attend the 2018 Civic Leaders Summit.

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13.2 (02/18) – Free Camping

By letter of 24 January 2018, Margie and Troy Minnett are requesting Council install “No Camping” signs at the Bulloo River adjacent to Quilpie.

Cr Hall advised the meeting that he had undertaken consultation with the majority of business houses on this matter and that the preferred position was not to prohibit camping along the river.

Resolution No: (06-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council not prohibit camping along the Bulloo River and that the Visitor Information Centre staff be requested to actively promote paid camping venues / businesses as enquiries are received.

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13.3 (02/18) – Policy Review - G.19 Drug and Alcohol Policy

Council was presented with a draft revised Drug and Alcohol Policy for consideration and adoption.

Resolution No: (07-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council adopt the revised policy G.19 Drug & Alcohol Policy as presented in report 13.3 (02/18).

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14 CONFIDENTIAL

Nil.

15 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

16 LATE ITEMS

16.1 (02/18) – Quilpie Men's Shed

Correspondence has been received from Mr Terry Collins, Interim President of the Quilpie Men's Shed, requesting use of the Old Plumbers Shed.

Resolution No: (08-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approve the use of the old Shire Depot facilities by the Men's Shed until such time as this site is required for redevelopment.

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16.2 (02/18) – Request for Assistance - Sponsorship Quilpie Diggers Race Club

By email of 5 February 2018, the Quilpie Diggers Race Club is seeking sponsorship for the Quilpie Centenary Cup to be held on 05 May 2018. The Club is offering five (5) levels of sponsorship ranging from \$250 to \$7,500. It is noted that the Opal sponsorship package of \$7,500 has been sold.

Resolution No: (09-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council take up Sapphire sponsorship (\$1,500) for the Quilpie Centenary Cup to be held on 05 May 2018.

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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 12.51pm.

CHAIRING OF MEETING

Cr Hewson assumed the Chair at 12.51pm.

16.3 (02/18) – RADF Round 3

Round three (3) of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program for 2017-18 closed on Friday 02 February 2018. On Monday 05 February the RADF Committee met to consider the six (6) applications received.

Resolution No: (10-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council approve approve the following applications for Round 3, 2017-2018:

Organisation	Project	Amount (Excl GST)
Quilpie Cultural Society	Crazy Quilting Embellishment	\$1,905.80
Outback Fringe Festival / Quilpie Shire Council	Creative workshops	\$10,107.50
Outback Gondwana Foundation	Fossil preparation training program	\$3,297.86
Quilpie State College	Simply Unique – Take 2!	\$7,120.00
Quilpie Shire Council	Western Touring Circuit	\$1,852.50
Quilpie Shire Council	Streetscape Project	\$12,338.18

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 12.58pm and resumed the position of Chair.

16.4 (02/18) – Request for Assistance - Quilpie Polocrosse Club

The Quilpie Polocrosse Club has submitted an application for support under Council's Community Assistance Program.

The assistance is required to undertake various field improvements prior to the Quilpie Polocrosse Carnival to be held on 30 June and 01 July 2018.

Resolution No: (11-02-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approve the request for assistance from the Quilpie Polocrosse Club to the amount of \$2,000.

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17 GENERAL BUSINESS

ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 1.00pm.

17.1 (02/18) Josh Arnold Television Program

Council has been approached to ascertain whether there is interest in Quilpie students participating in a proposed television program highlighting the lives of children in outback Queensland.

Noted. Council support the proposal in principle and will further consider this matter when more details are available.

17.2 (02/18) Town Common

Due to dry conditions, owners of horses currently agisted on the Quilpie Town Common have been advised that the horses need to be removed following a muster to be held on Monday 19 February. It was confirmed that Council is unable to assist in making alternative arrangements.

17.3 (02/18) Old Depot Redevelopment Master Planning

Mr Robert Prestipino of Vital Places will be assisting Council with the progression of master planning for the old Council depot site in Winchu Street. Mr Prestipino will be facilitating discussions with interested community members, Councillors and staff.

17.4 (02/18) Staff Fundraising Initiative

Council agreed to match funds raised by staff for the annual charity fundraising program to a maximum value of \$15,000.

17.5 (02/18) Bulloo Park and John Waugh Park Fencing

Council will progress the exclusion fencing of Bulloo Park. It was noted that similar fencing for John Waugh Park is not a feasible proposition.

ATTENDANCE

Mrs Hamlyn left the meeting at 2.06pm

17.6 (02/18) Councillor Requests

Councillors were invited to raise any matters for consideration.

- It was noted that the concrete drain in Quarrior Street (near John Waugh Park) requires cleaning and that the ponding of water near the cricket nets is to be addressed;
- An audit of tables, chairs and equipment at all venues will be undertaken;
- Reduce speed signs will be erected in John Waugh Park;
- Concern was raised at the cattle coming into town from the East side of Quilpie;
- Arrangements will be made to procure a series of street banners promoting the shire's attractions for display during the tourist season;
- The aircraft crash site memorial on the Adavale (Red) Road requires attention to improve accessibility; and
- A concrete path previously requested for Bicentennial Park is to be followed up.

17.7 (02/18) Quilpie Cattle Yards

Discussions were held on the imminent closure of the existing Quilpie Cattle Yards. Council confirmed they will not purchase the facility for a range of reasons. Council will hold discussions with impacted businesses to identify a way forward.

18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 9 March 2018 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

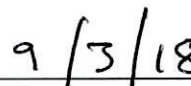
There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.25pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 9 February 2018.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 9 March 2018.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council