



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Friday 12 October 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 11.26am in the absence of Councillor Jenny Hewson.

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Bob Hall

Cr Roger Volz

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Mr Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

In attendance: Mrs Nina Burges (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONDOLENCES

Council noted the recent passing of Mrs Bettina Duff, Mrs Patsy Donohue and Mr Peter Peterson and expressed their condolences to the families.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Division 5A of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) requires Councillors to declare a Material Personal Interest or a Conflict of Interest should either apply regarding a matter that is before a Council meeting (refer Sections 175C and 175E of the Act). The Declaration should be made at the commencement of the meeting and prior to the matter being considered and voted upon by Council.

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared he has a material personal interest (as defined by section 175B of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in item 17.4 (Transport and Tourism Connections Program) as follows:

Cr Mackenzie is Chair of the Outback Gondwana Foundation which operates the Eromanga Natural History Museum and Cr Mackenzie's wife is the Collections Manager of the Eromanga Natural History Museum. The Eromanga Natural History Museum stands to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter.

Cr Mackenzie advised that in accordance with legislative requirements he will leave the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 (10/18) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Friday 21 September 2018

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Broлга Street Quilpie on Friday, 21 September 2018.

Resolution No: (01-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 21 September 2018 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson attended the meeting at 11.31am.

7 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil.

8 MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mackenzie provided a verbal update on activities he has undertaken since the September 2018 Ordinary meeting of Council.

Mayor Mackenzie and all Councillors participated in a full day training session in Quilpie, held by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs. The purpose of the training was to ensure elected members and senior staff are aware of a number of legislative changes introduced following a series of investigations into councillor conduct across Queensland. The changes serve to increase the transparency and accountability of Councils across the State.

All Councillors also attended a workshop with Mr Robert Prestipino in relation to the old depot site redevelopment. Further public consultation in relation to the project will be undertaken in November.

Cr Mackenzie attended and officially opened the Quilpie State College Centenary celebration weekend.

Participating via teleconference, Cr Mackenzie attended a meeting coordinated by Agforce for Mayors of drought declared local governments. A teleconference was also held between Western Council Regional Road Group Chairs to discuss road funding matters.

Cr Mackenzie spoke with the office of the Federal member for New England, Hon Barnaby Joyce MP regarding current drought conditions in Quilpie Shire and met with Drought Commissioner Vaughan Johnson for similar discussions.

Cr Mackenzie attended a meeting of the Wild Dog Advisory Committee and participated in a teleconference with Cr Fiona Gaske (Balonne Shire Council) and Liz Ward (Tourism Tribe) to discuss tourism promotion opportunities for the South West Regional Economic Development Board (SWRED) region. SWRED comprises the six (6) Council areas of Balonne, Bulloo, Maranoa, Murweh, Paroo and Quilpie.

Cr Mackenzie advised he has been contacted by the Gympie State High School in relation to fundraising efforts by the Year 10 cohort who will be making a donation to the Quilpie Shire as a drought relief effort.

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Councillors provided a brief overview of activities they have undertaken since the September Ordinary Meeting of Council. In addition to the Councillor training session and the old depot site redevelopment workshop attended by all Councillors:

- Cr Roger Volz attended the Quilpie State College centenary celebrations and participated in a South West Hospital and Health Board meeting held in Quilpie. Cr Volz also visited the Visitor Information Centre staff to discuss tourism in his role as portfolio holder for that area of council activity;
- Cr Bob Hall also attended the South West Hospital and Health Board meeting, noting he found the session very informative. Cr Hall attended the Wild Dog Advisory Committee meeting;
- Cr Bruce Paulsen advised he was on leave for most of the previous month however in addition to the workshop and training session he has held further discussions with CWAATSICH in relation to a potential regional sporting event in Quilpie; and
- Cr Jenny Hewson attended the official opening of the State College Centenary celebrations and congratulated the organisers on the event. Cr Hewson spoke with Drought Commissioner Vaughan Johnson during his visit to Quilpie and has spoken with the *Social Justice Centre* in Warwick, obtaining information to assist the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) support group recently established in Quilpie.

10 STATUS REPORTS

10.1 (10/18) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.2 (10/18) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.3 (10/18) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

10.4 (10/18) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil

12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 (10/18) – Quilpie Wild Dog Advisory Committee

Council has committed \$500,000 under the Drought Communities Program Extension Funding towards subsidising an Exclusion Fence Project.

Following a meeting on Wednesday 03 October 2018, the Quilpie Wild Dog Advisory Committee recommend that Council form an Advisory Sub Committee to review funding applications and assist in the management of the Exclusion Fence Project.

Resolution No: (02-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council accepts the recommendation from the Quilpie Wild Dog Advisory Committee to form an Exclusion Fence Sub-Committee and the nominated membership is endorsed by Council as follows:

<i>Dave Burges</i>	<i>Quilpie Shire Council - CEO</i>
<i>Damien McNair</i>	<i>Quilpie Shire Council - PLMC</i>
<i>Stephen Tully</i>	<i>WDAC - Chair</i>
<i>Donald Truss</i>	<i>Contract Wild Dog Trapper</i>
<i>Will Treloar</i>	<i>Boothalla</i>

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13 FINANCE

13.1 (10/18) – Finance Report for Month Ending 30 September 2018

The Finance report for the period ending 30 September 2018 was presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution No: (03-10-18)

Moved by: Cr **Bob Hall**

Seconded by: Cr **Roger Volz**

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 30 September 2018 and approves the budget amendments as detailed.

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 (10/18) – Appointment to Red Ridge Sub-committee

By letter of 06 September 2018, Red Ridge Interior Queensland Ltd have advised they have been appointed as a provider for Regional Arts Services Network, an initiative of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. The Red Ridge board of directors comprise the seven RAPAD Mayors and Mr Peter Skewes (Community).

At the Red Ridge board meeting, Directors decided that an equitable approach for Regional Arts Service Delivery is as a whole of region sub-committee representing the fifteen Local Government Council Mayors or their nominated representative. The intent is to provide an inclusive collective regional voice determining arts and cultural priorities.

Resolution No: (04-10-18)

Moved by: Cr **Bob Hall**

Seconded by: Cr **Bruce Paulsen**

That Council appoint Cr Stuart Mackenzie as the Quilpie Shire representative on the Red Ridge Regional Arts Service Delivery Sub-committee and Cr Roger Volz as the proxy representative.

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14.2 (10/18) – Addition to Prequalified Suppliers (Contractors) – Steve McCann Electrical

Tenders were invited from persons or companies interested in being included on Council's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers (Contractors) for the period 2018-2020. Tenders closed on Friday 11 May 2018 and were considered by Council at their May 2018 meeting. Council has received a late application from Steven McCann Electrical for inclusion on Council's 2018-2020 Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (Contractors).

Resolution No: (05-10-18)

Moved by: Cr **Bruce Paulsen**

Seconded by: Cr **Jenny Hewson**

That Council accept the tender submitted by Steve McCann Electrical for inclusion in the 2018-2020 register of prequalified suppliers for contractors.

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14.3 (10/18) – Local Government Change Commission

By letter of 19 September, the Electoral Commission Queensland has written to Council regarding the Local Government Change Commission (LGCC), being the process for submitting local government change proposals to the Minister for Local Government.

Council has an opportunity to respond to the Electoral Commission Queensland in relation to any changes they consider appropriate for assessment by the Local Government Change Commission.

Noted.

14.4 (10/18) – 2018/2019 Operational Plan 1st 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 1st quarter review of the 2018/19 Operational Plan was presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution No: (06-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council cancel the proposed northern side Brolga Street footpath to Chipu Street, constructing a footpath from Mead's Foodworks to the corner of Buln Buln Street in lieu.

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Resolution No: (07-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the 2018-19 Operational Plan be reviewed for the first quarter and noted.

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17 LATE ITEMS

17.1 (10/18) – Future energy requirements for council facilities

By email of 05 October 2018 the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) is seeking the advice of Council to help understand the future costs of supplying electricity in rural and remote parts of Queensland.

Resolution No: (08-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council respond to the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and advise of their proposed future energy efficiency measures for council controlled facilities.

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17.2 (10/18) – Toompine Progress Association. Community Assistance Program Application

A Community Assistance Application Program has been received from Toompine Progress Association Inc. to assist with the cost of the holding the “Mulga Tree Of Life”, Unwind With Wire Workshop held in Toompine on 6th October 2018. It was noted that the application was received prior to the event.

Resolution No: (09-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council approves the application for financial assistance of \$1,400 received from Toompine Progress Association to assist with the cost of the “Mulga Tree Of Life” Unwind With Wire Workshop held in Toompine on 6th October 2018.

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17.3 (10/18) – Community Survey

The 2018 Community Consultation Survey was published in August 2018. The survey was designed to ascertain levels of satisfaction by residents across a range of council activities. The results allow Council to identify any areas of concern, or alternatively, any areas of perceived over servicing in a particular area.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson left the meeting at 1.33pm and returned at 1.45pm.

Resolution No: (10-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That the 2018 community survey report be received and that the survey be further considered at the November Ordinary meeting of Council.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie left the meeting at 1.55pm and Cr Hewson assumed the role of Chair.

17.4 (10/18) – Transport and Tourism Connections Program

By letter of 28 September 2018, the Minister for Transport and Main Roads has announced a second round of funding under the State Government's "Transport and Tourism Connections (TCC)" program. Round one of the program was called in 2016, under which Council was successful in obtaining funding for upgrade works on the Quilpie Adavale (Red) Road.

Nominations for Round two of the funding are due by the end of November and approved programs are expected to be announced by the end of February 2019.

Resolution No: (11-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

- That Council nominate Dinosaur Drive, Eromanga together with associated car parking under the Transport and Tourism Connections program; and
- That Council commit to the required funding contribution should the application be successful.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 2.12pm and resumed the position of Chair.

17.5 (10/18) – Request for Rates Discount

By letter received 11 October 2018, the owner of assessment 00879-00600-000 has requested Council give consideration to allowing the rates prompt payment discount.

Resolution No: (12-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council not allow the request to grant the discount on rates assessment 00879-00600-000.

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15 CONFIDENTIAL

Nil.

16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Resolution No: (13-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 2.57pm to discuss the following matter:

- *The appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees.*

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Resolution No: (14-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 3.05pm.

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16.1 (10/18) – Contract of Employment – Manager Corporate & Community Services

The contract of employment with Lisa Hamlyn, Manager Corporate & Community Services, expires on 30 April 2019. Under clause 4.1 of the contract, the employee is to advise Council 7 months prior to 30 April 2019 if the employee is seeking reappointment to the position.

Resolution No: (15-10-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council renews the employment contract with Lisa Hamlyn, Manager Corporate & Community Services, for a period of three years.

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18 GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 (10/18) Lighting – Quilpie, Eromanga and Adavale

Cr Bruce Paulsen suggested that Council may wish to investigate the installation of 'fairy lights' in the townships of Adavale, Eromanga and Quilpie with a view to making the towns more visually appealing at night. Staff will investigate solar powered lighting options for Council consideration.

18.2 (10/18) Buy Local Campaign 2018

The 2018 Buy Local campaign will commence in early November. It was noted that the minimum spend amount for entry will be reduced to \$30 and that the prizes will be drawn at the Business Christmas Street Party to be held on 21 December.

18.3 (10/18) Container Refund Scheme

Cr Volz advised the meeting that the Container Refund Scheme will commence 01 November. At this stage there is no identified collection point in Quilpie. Council will provide information to the public via the next community newsletter.

18.4 (10/18) Councillor Requests

- Cr Volz noted that the playing surface of the netball court may require attention in the future and suggested that artificial grass with line markings for netball, basketball and volleyball be considered at that time;
- Cr Volz requested inspections be undertaken on two (2) properties in town that he believes have the potential to cause a safety hazard and requested that an inspection of the pedestrian crossing in Buln Buln street be undertaken to ensure high visibility line marking and signage is adequately maintained;
- Cr Volz requested that consideration be given to developing a regional map to be located on the Council Administration Office external wall; and
- Cr Mackenzie requested that a 'drought support' trust account be established to assist in the monitoring and distribution of cash donations received.

19 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 23 November 2018 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

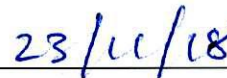
There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.33pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 12 October 2018.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 23 November 2018.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council