



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Quilpie Shire Council
Held in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom on
Tuesday 6th March 2012
Commencing at 8.38am**



Present

Cr PD Edwards (Mayor), Cr DP Murray (Deputy Mayor), Cr JC Hewson, Cr RJ Nowland, Cr C Paulsen

Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)
Lisa Hamlyn (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)
Monica James (Community Services Manager)
Ann-Maree Bonsey (Executive Assistant)

Apologies

Nil

Closed Session

Resolution No: (01-03-12)

**Moved by Cr Edwards
Seconded by Cr Murray**

That Council enters into closed session under s72 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010 at 8.39am to discuss Staff Matters.

Carried 5/0

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Attendance:

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Executive Assistant left the meeting at 8.39am.

Ordinary Meeting (Continued):**Attendance:**

The Works Manager and Construction Foreman entered the Meeting at 9.20am and left the Meeting at 10.40am.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer entered the meeting at 10.41am.

Resolution No: (02-03-12)

Moved by Cr Paulsen
Seconded by Cr Hewson

That Council moved out of Closed Session and resumed the Ordinary Meeting at 10.41am.

Carried 5/0

Attendance

The Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.41am and resumed at 10.55am.

The Community Services Manager and Executive Assistant entered the Meeting at 10.55am.

Receiving / Confirmation of Ordinary Minutes

Resolution No: (03-03-12)

Moved by Cr Murray
Seconded by Cr Hewson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 14th February 2012 are taken as read and confirmed.

Carried 5/0

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Cr Paulsen enquired if there was an Animal Control Officer working in Quilpie. The Chief Executive Officer advised that there was a visiting officer presently undertaking animal control and responsible animal ownership education in Quilpie.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the revised Local Laws have been advertised.

Cr Edwards enquired of the progress of the request received from Peter Underwood at the February Meeting in relation to exploration of the Old Lushington mine area for the purpose of opal mining. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Works Manager was awaiting a response from George Bourne & Associates advising of the required distance mining can occur from the edge of the road.

Mayoral Notes

The Mayor advised Council that he and the Community Services Manager attended the Queensland Governors visit in Thargomindah on 26th February. The Mayor also advised Council that he invited the Governor, Ms Penny Wensley to Quilpie to officially open the Craft Shop.

The Mayor held various discussions with the Chief Executive Officer regarding Council business during the month.

Executive Office Reports

Eromanga Water Supply Update

The Chief Executive Officer provided Council with an update regarding the Ecoli issues in Eromanga. A proposal has been received from Coffey Geotechnics to undertake further monitoring works and compile a water quality assessment report and provide recommendations to Council. Total cost \$12,797.00.

Council agreed with the proposal and accepted the quotation received from Geotechnics for \$12,797.00 to undertake an assessment of Ecoli issues in Eromanga.

Attendance

The Works Manager entered the Meeting at 11.07am.

4.0 Works Reports

Works Manager Status Report

Received and Noted

Early Warning Weather Stations/ River Height Gauging Stations.

The Works Manager attended a meeting in Charleville on Monday 27th February. Officers from BOM, South West NRM, Paroo, Murweh, Quilpie Shires were in attendance. (Bulloo Shire was not present) A representative from Tambo-Blackall shire also attended to gain an insight to the plan to install the early warning devices in the four shires.

BOM attended to what was planned and if there was any possibility of the technology being compatible/suitable to BOM. The result is that BOM and South West NRM technical experts will now consult to try and find equipment suitable to both groups.

South West NRM is still committed to have the system installed by December 2012.

Quilpie submitted 8 sites for the devices.

Bulloo Catchment: Adavale Township, camera and weather station, Milroy Stn, camera and weather station, Sth Comongin, camera and weather station, Winbin Creek (Quilpie-Charleville Rd), camera and weather station.

Paroo Catchment: Beechal Creek, (Quilpie-Charleville Rd) camera and weather station, Paroo River, (Quilpie-Charleville Rd) camera and weather station.

Cooper Catchment: Kyabra Creek,(Windorah Rd), camera and weather station, Belallie Creek, (Eromanga-Thargomindah Rd) camera and weather station.

As the emphasis is on "Early Warning", and the ability to monitor rainfall hourly (or even more frequently), the installation of a weather station (no camera) was suggested and recommended at Trinidad Stn, and Listowel Downs Stn.

Both of these locations would in times of a natural disaster, provide valuable information much earlier than it is available at present, to all locations downstream.

Recommendation: That Council endorse including weather stations at these two locations in the in the Quilpie Shire.

Resolution No: (04-03-12)

Moved by Cr Murray
Seconded by Cr Paulsen

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Works Manager and endorses including weather stations at Trinidad and Listowel Downs and Council negotiates sharing the cost to maintain the facility located at Paroo River with Murweh Shire Council.

Carried 5/0

Delegated Officer: Works Manager

Plant Report

Received and Noted

The following queries were received regarding the plant report:

- Cr Edwards suggested that magnets are not used on Council vehicles in future as the magnets are damaging the cars.
- Cr Edwards enquired why the street sweeper is reported to spend a lot of time in the Workshop. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council that a full review of the Plant Replacement Program is being undertaken.

Delegated Officer: Works Manager

Plumber's Report

Received and Noted

UV Treatment Units

The Plumber reported that he has been researching prices and information on UV treatment units to install at Council facilities in Eromanga. The Plumber recommended that Council purchases one unit from Samios Plumbing, Toowoomba for \$1800.00 – PureTec EMR2-40, 91lt min.

Council agreed with the recommendation of the plumber to trial one UV Treatment Unit from Samios Plumbing, Toowoomba for \$1800.00 to be utilised in the Eromanga Camp.

Delegated Officer: Works Manager

Tenders & Quotations

Nil

Executive Office Reports (continued)**2012 Quadrennial Elections Update**

As previously advised, nominations for the 2012 quadrennial elections open Saturday 10 March and close at 12:00 noon Tuesday 27 March 2012. The election period does not formally commence until a public notice of the holding of the election is published by the Electoral Commission Queensland. At the time of writing this report this Notice had not been published.

The names of candidates nominating for election, including details of the ballot paper draw, will be available on the Electoral Commission website www.ecq.qld.gov.au about mid-afternoon on Tuesday 27 March 2012, after the close of nominations for the election. The draw for position on ballot papers are held in the office of the Returning Officer shortly after the 12:00 noon deadline for nominations.

The addresses of Returning Officers will be available from the Notice of the election. Returning Officers will notify candidates of the time and place of the draw for ballot paper order.

Noted

“Tebin” Fence

It was resolved at the February 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council that the Chief Executive Officer seek legal advice confirming Council’s right of enforcement and cost recovery options in relation to the unsatisfactory condition of the *“Tebin”/Town Common* boundary fences. Accordingly, advice has been sought from King & Co in relation to this matter. The advice from King & Co will not be to hand until just before the Council meeting, however some key points of advice received verbally are provided below:-

- As the landowner has entered into a lease agreement with the state, the relevant department / minister, namely DERM, is responsible for any enforcement action regarding the non-fulfilment of the terms of the lease.
- Council should not be a party to any costs associated with the works (with reference to the *Neighbourhood Disputes Resolution Act 2011* which replaced the now repealed *Dividing Fences Act 1953*) as Council is the trustee for the land (town common) and not the owner.

Whilst at face value this may be seen to be a positive outcome, in reality it appears as though it leaves Council no options to pursue other than to lobby the state government to take action. Experience tells us that this can be challenging, especially as DERM Charleville have already indicated it would be a low priority for them.

Further advice from King & Co was tabled at the meeting.

The merits of various options available to pursue the matter were discussed and Council decided that the matter be reconsidered following the State Election.

Local Law Review

The new local law public notification period commenced on Thursday 1 March 2012 and is due to close on Monday 2 April 2012. An information sheet has been prepared and distributed to householders via the post office mail out. Should Councillors receive feedback during the consultation process, it is recommended that you urge parties to make a properly made submission as detailed in the advertising to ensure the comments can be considered by full Council prior to Council adopting the local laws.

Noted

Outback Gondwana Foundation Land Acquisition

Council and the Outback Gondwana Foundation have been investigating various options to secure the necessary land for the proposed Natural History Museum.

Council resolved to reiterate their commitment to the Chief Executive Officer pursuing the land acquisition for the Outback Gondwana Foundation Eromanga Natural History Museum Project and makes application for the land tenure to be changed to Freehold. Further, the risk of future Native Title Claims in relation to this land will be the responsibility of Outback Gondwana Foundation to resolve.

Resolved

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Outback Gondwana Foundation Agreement

Council and the Outback Gondwana Foundation need to enter into an agreement for the construction and management of the proposed Eromanga Natural History Museum if the RDA Round 2 funding application is successful. The initial draft agreement prepared by OGF was tabled for discussion at the February 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council. With the assistance of King & Co Solicitors, the comments and direction provided by Council at that meeting have been incorporated into Council's first draft, a copy of which is attached.

Council resolved that the Chief Executive Officer pursues negotiations in relation to the Outback Gondwana Foundation Agreement in accordance with the notations in the draft agreement.

Resolved

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

SWRRG Technical Committee Meeting

Resolution No: (05-03-12)

Moved by Cr Hewson

Seconded by Cr Murray

That Council nominate Adavale-Charleville Road as a Local Road of Regional Significance within the South West Regional Road Group network.

Carried 5/0

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Workplace Health and Safety Officers Report

Received and Noted

Rural Lands Officers Report

Received and Noted

Council discussed the positive feedback received from landholders regarding the Wild Dog Trapper / Coordinator and the valuable information he has mapped to date within the Shire. His wild dog control methods have also been successful on properties.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.05pm and resumed at 2.08pm.

The works Manager was not in attendance at the resumption of the Meeting.

Building and Environment Planning Officer's Report

Received and Noted

The Chief Executive Officer provided Council with an update regarding animal control undertaken in Quilpie by the Animal Control Officer whilst he has been in Quilpie.

Correspondence regarding overgrown properties was forwarded to the relevant property owners last week.

Corporate Services Reports

Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report

Received and Noted

Housing

An offer has been received from Michael Khalifa to purchase the house and land located at 64 Pegler Street Quilpie from Council for \$100,000.00.

Resolution No: (06-03-12)

Moved by Cr Murray
Seconded by Cr Paulsen

That Council offers the house situated at 64 Pegler Street Quilpie to Mr Khalifa for rental and his offer to purchase the house is considered, pending advice from the Department of Local Government & Planning regarding Ministerial Exemption in accordance with the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010.

The motion on being put to the vote was:

Carried 3/2

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Crs Edwards and Nowland voted against the motion

Notice of Intention to Sell Land under Section 74 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010.

Resolution No: (07-03-12)

Moved by Cr Edwards
Seconded by Cr Nowland

That Council resolves to sell the following properties in accordance with the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010; Chapter 2, Part 12, Division 3, Selling or Acquiring Land for Overdue Rates and Charges.

That Council approves the following properties be issued with Notices of Intention to Sell and delegates authority to the Frank Jonkind & Co Solicitors, Charleville to deal with matters relevant to the process of sale or acquisition.

L915/Q6802: Par Woorbil
L210/E3051: Par Erounghoola

Carried 5/0

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Community Services Reports

Manager of Community Services Report

Community Grant Program

Resolution No: (08-03-12)

Moved by Cr Nowland
Seconded by Cr Paulsen

That the following grant applications submitted in the second round of Community Grants 2012/2013 were considered and approved by Council subject to terms and conditions outlined in the Community Grants Policy being met.

Organisation	Project / Activity	Amount Requested	Previously Funded	Approved
St Finbarr's Parish	Removal and replacement of fencing around church gardens. Repair front step of church	\$5,600.00	No	\$5,600.00
Adavale Sport & Recreation Association	Assistance with ambulance costs	\$1,500.00	No	\$1,000.00
Toompine Progress Association	Juggling Workshops being held at the Annual Toompine Gun Shoot	\$1,200.00	No	\$1,200.00
Quilpie Senior Rugby League	10 players to attend an accredited Coaching Course in Quilpie	\$990.00	No	\$990.00
Eromanga Rodeo Association	Assistance with Ambulance Costs	\$1,000.00	Yes	\$1,000.00
Quilpie Outdoor Recreation Club	Incorporation, establishment and start up costs.	\$300.00	No	\$300.00
Quilpie Legends Swim Club	Placement & removal of road closure signs for annual triathlon.	In – kind	Yes	At cost
Quilpie Crushers Softball Club	Softball equipment for team use plus fee waiver for bus hire	\$1,000.00 + In-kind	No	\$1,000.00
St Finbarr's Parish School	To pay for movie hire for movie nights	\$924.00	Yes	\$924.00

The following grants were not accepted;

Organisation	Project	Project Cost	Reason not accepted
Eromanga Rodeo Association	Donation towards Annual Rodeo	\$1,000.00	\$1,000 approved in separate submission toward cost of Ambulance
Quilpie & District School Sports	Financial request to send 2 swimmers to state championships	\$800.00	Council happy to assist with events, however is not in favour of supporting individuals

Carried 5/0

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Quilpie Diggers Race Club**Declaration of Interest**

Cr Murray declared a Conflict of Interest in this matter and advised Council that he is a member of the Quilpie Diggers Race Club. Cr Murray remained in the meeting, but did not participate in discussion or the voting process.

Resolution No: (09-03-12)

Moved by Cr Hewson

Seconded by Cr Paulsen

That Council approves payment of \$1,000 for Silver Sponsorship of the Quilpie Diggers Race Club annual race meeting being held on 5th May 2012, commemorating Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. The Quilpie Diggers Race Club is further advised that Council will only consider sponsorship requests in the future that are submitted under the Community Grants Program.

The motion on being put to the vote was:

Carried 3/1

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Cr Edwards voted against the motion

Cr Paulsen advised Council that she had received an enquiry from a community member regarding the hire of the bus by Peter Scott on Friday nights to operate a transport service for the community. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer explained the background of this hire request. Peter Scott has not approached Council regarding waiving the hire fee.

Attendance

The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 3.12pm and returned to the meeting at 3.16pm.

Tennis Court

Resolution No: (10-03-12)

Moved by Cr Nowland

Seconded by Cr Paulsen

That Council accepts the quotation received from Qld Sport Courts for the resurfacing of the Quilpie Tennis Courts for \$14,910 exc. GST. Further, that the Community Services Manager obtains a price for the variation to include the re-surfacing of the netball court. The Community Services Manager is to liaise with the Works Manager regarding the concreting of the perimeter of the tennis courts prior to re-surfacing.

Carried 5/0

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

RADFResolution No: (11-03-12)**Moved by Cr Paulsen
Seconded by Cr Nowland**

That Council accepts the following recommendations from the RADF Committee for grant applications as detailed in the RADF Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 2nd March 2012:

Name	Project	Funding Amount
Toompine Progress Association	Quick response application – Workshops and Entertainment at Toompine Gunshoot	\$1,500.00
Quilpie Cultural Society	Artist in Residence Program for the Schools	\$5,000.00
Annabel Tully	Bunginderry Artist Camp	\$5,600.00
Quilpie State College	NAIDOC Week – Visiting artist to teach indigenous art to students and assist with native gardens	\$3,146.00
		\$15,246.00

Carried 5/0**Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager****Animating Places**Resolution No: (12-03-12)**Moved by Cr Edwards
Seconded by Cr Hewson**

That Council does not lodge an Expression of Interest to Artslink Queensland for Animating Places.

Carried 4/1**Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager****Cr Paulsen voted against the motion****SWRED**Resolution No: (13-03-12)**Moved by Cr Murray
Seconded by Cr Hewson**

That Council approves remittance of an invoice for \$5,000 to SWRED towards Stage 2 of Home of the Natural Science Project.

Carried 5/0**Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager**

Funding - Public Health

The Community Services Manager advised that Public Health advised that they were successful in receiving funding for a Cycle Strategy in South West Queensland. The Community Services Manager advised Public Health that Council could utilise four of the bicycle racks that meet Australian Standards within Quilpie. Council will be responsible for the installation of the bicycle racks.

The Community Services Manager advised Council that Tourism Queensland would be undertaking an audit of the Visitor Information Centre on Monday 2nd April 2012 for accreditation purposes.

A Wikipedia Web Training session will be held at the Quilpie Shire Library on 15th March 2012 to capture and record as much historical data regarding Quilpie as possible.

Adavale Sport & Recreation Facility

Resolution No: (14-03-12)

Moved by Cr Murray

Seconded by Cr Nowland

That firm correspondence is forwarded to the Adavale Sport & Recreation Committee requesting an explanation of the damage to the ramp at the Sport & Recreation Grounds and advising that Council expects the required repairs to the ramp to be carried out to meet required standards and is funded by the Adavale Sport & Recreation Committee. Further, direction is included in the correspondence that livestock is not to be kept in the facility during non-event times.

Carried 5/0

Responsible Officer: Community Services Manager

Sport & Recreation Co-Ordinator's Report	Received
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Tourism Officer's Report	Received
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Library Officer's Report	Received
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Swimming Pool Manager's Report	Received
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The Community Services Manager was requested to liaise with the Swimming Pool lessee to establish if there is enough storage space in the kiosk to allow the 1st aid room to be left clear of goods.

9.0 Financial Reports

9.1 Cash Management Report

9.2 Financial Management Report

9.3 Mayor's Credit Card

9.4 CEO's Credit Card

9.5 Aged Debtors Report

9.6 Aged Creditors Report

9.7 Cheque Payment List

9.8 Capital Progress Report

9.9 Statement of Revenue and Expenditure

Register of Cheques Issued for the periods ending 29 February 2012

Resolution No: (15-03-12)

Moved by Cr Nowland

Seconded by Cr Hewson

1. That the reports of the Administration and Finance sections of Council are received and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure as presented is received and adopted; that payment of accounts totalling **\$954,176.96** as listed are confirmed;
2. That the expenditure of Corporate Credit Cards for Cr PD Edwards and Mr D Burges during the month of February 2012 as presented is accepted and;

Carried 5/0

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council that the Department of Local Government & Planning Financial Sustainability return is due to be submitted by 16th March. Council indicated that they would like to view the document at the April Meeting.

Reception and Consideration of Correspondence (including listed correspondence)

Nil

Consideration and Reception of Notices of Motion

Nil

General Business

Cr Hewson advised that the road closed signage was not correct at Toompine when the Thargomindah Road flooded at South Comongin on 10/11 February and requested that the staff member responsible for closing the road at the Quilpie end contacts the Toompine Hotel and ensures that road closed signage is correct at Toompine .

Cr Hewson advised that Council endorsed a letter received from Michael Treloar, Boothulla regarding the need for river height gauges at Paroo River crossing. This letter was forwarded to Murweh Shire Council.

Cr Murray requested that the Works Manager contacts Adam Murray regarding floodway sections required whilst Council is undertaking works on Congie Road.

Council will hold a dinner at the Quilpie Imperial Hotel on Tuesday 10th April 2012, following the last Council Meeting. Councillors, partners and Senior Management will be invited to attend.

Cr Edwards commented on the need for protection on the top of the newly restored boardroom table as the surface is being damaged. Cr Hewson will provide supplier details to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer for cover material.

Fixing Dates for next Ordinary Meeting

The next meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 10th April in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 8.30am.

Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 4.28pm.
