



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Quilpie Shire Council
Held in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom on
Tuesday 11th January, 2011
Commencing at 8.40am.**



PRESENT:

Cr PD Edwards (Mayor), Cr DP Murray (Deputy Mayor), Cr JC Hewson, Cr RJ Nowland, Cr C Paulsen ,
Carl Ninine (Chief Executive Officer)
Lisa Hamlyn (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)
Monica James (Community Services Manager)
Ted Hennessy (Works Manager)

DONATION TO FLOOD APPEAL

Resolution No: (01-01-11)

Cr Edwards moved and Cr Paulsen seconded that Council donates \$10,000.00 to the Premier's Flood Appeal to assist affected victims and towns.

CARRIED

OBITUARIES:

Resolution No: (02-01-11)

Council resolved to forward its condolences to the relatives of the late Len Myles, Jeffrey Hansen, Janet Tiller and Patrina Kranyik.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolution No: (03-01-11)

Cr Paulsen moved and Cr Murray seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 14th December, 2010 are taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Cr Paulsen enquired if any feedback was received from staff regarding Council's offer to extend the current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement until 2012, with a view to offer 5% wage increase to staff and a new agreement be negotiated following the Local Government Election March 2012. The Chief Executive Officer advised that only one enquiry was received from an inside staff member.
- Cr Murray enquired if the grid on Bellalie Road has been cleaned out. The Works Manager advised that the grid was being cleaned out today.

- Cr Edwards informed Council that the Mayor of Bulloo Shire Council, Cr Ferguson advised that Cr John Cobb will represent Quilpie and Bulloo Shires on the Lake Eyre Basin Wild Rivers Panel.
- Cr Edwards enquired regarding the methodology behind the \$250 Pool Inspection Fee. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council that the fee was established in consultation with the Environmental Health Officer and Building Surveyor.
- Cr Murray enquired if any contractors commenced Flood Damage over Christmas period.
- Discussion took place regarding plant lists submitted by Contractors in Tender T08 2009/2010 Standing Offer Arrangement and outstanding works.

Cr Murray expressed strong views regarding a grader that was included in the Tender submitted by Steve Bonsey Transport and not being utilised. The Works Manager advised Council that he was unaware that the contractor had listed these plant items in their tender and the contractor had not mentioned this plant to him. The Works Manager advised that he will review the original tender submitted to Council.

MAYORAL NOTES:

Meetings / Events Attended:

16 th December	Community Disaster Recovery Teleconference
21 st December	Judging of Christmas Lights
December	Meeting held with Alf McKellar re Block
7 th January	Meeting with Principal, Eromanga State School

Cr Edwards tabled the following correspondence:

- Expression of Interest in Vertebrate Pest Animal Control – Feral Force
- Freshwater Fishing and Stocking Association of Queensland – Invitation to assist in enhancing recreational fishing in Queensland.
- NACAP – QSN3 Project Update
- Executive Newsbrief December 2010
- Cr Bruce Scott – Optic Fibre Information and map
- Wild Rivers – Cooper Creek Basin Wild River Declaration Proposal

Issues Discussed:

- Grass at Bulloo Park on mound is dead
- Council maintaining vacant blocks in Broilga Street
- Cadaghi trees at entrance to town and town surrounds look great
- Cr Edwards enquired why the information relating to damage to Plant No: 4 was not included in the December Plant report.
- Discussion took place regarding the condition of the Quilpie refuse tip and progress of employing a contractor to keep the site maintained as previously directed by Council.

WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:

Staff will return on 17th January 2010. The Works Manager advised Council of the major re-structure of outside work force.

Resources required for the next two years have been reviewed (plant, staff and contractors) to enable works to be completed.

Contractors: One crew has commenced flood damage repairs and the other two crews should be ready to start in late January.

Staff: Additional plant (roller) operators will be required when the shire flood damage crew commences .

Plant: With the restructure and write off of Unit 37 (Mitsubishi Canter Job Truck) we are short of two vehicles. Also I have been advised that the SES vehicles for Eromanga will not be available until at least March.

Recommendation No.1:

The Shire Flood Damage Crew will need a job truck. Council will receive \$36,000 insurance for the write off of Unit 37. The price of a replacement vehicle would be around \$75,000.

I recommend that Council purchase a replacement vehicle using the quickest option available. This will allow the shire crew to commence flood damage repairs on shire roads.

If the unit was booked to flood damage restoration for 18 months it would recoup approximately \$93,000.

Resolution No: (04-01-11)

Cr Murray moved and Cr Nowland seconded that Council authorises the purchase of a replacement vehicle for Unit 37 (Hino) utilising Local Buy as the procurement resource.

CARRIED**Recommendation No.2:**

With the restructure of staff, there is no spare vehicle for the Flood Damage Supervisor.

I recommend that Council purchase a Dual Cab 4WD as soon as possible. The current Ford Rangers cost \$40,950 each in September 2010.

If the unit was booked to flood damage restoration for 18 months it would recoup approximately \$44,000.

Resolution No: (05-01-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Paulsen seconded that Council authorises the Works Manager to seek quotations and purchase one 4WD dual cab vehicle as soon as possible.

CARRIED

WORKS – GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Correspondence was received from Mr Robert Rennick, Gumbardo Station drawing Council's attention to :
 1. Road closure and signage on Cheepie – Adavale Road
 2. Indicators on Blackwater Creek, Adavale not showing the true depth of water over the crossing.

Council discussed the "road closed" signage and it was decided that if roads are closed, they are to be closed to all traffic and signage placed at the affected location on the road.

The Depth Indicator on Blackwater Creek, Adavale will be checked and faults will be reported to Main Roads.

The Works Manager advised that scouring at Pingine Creek has been logged and repairs have been approved.

- Discussion took place regarding the need for authentic Road Reports for Shire Roads, particularly over Public Holiday periods. Contact persons need to be established to provide condition reports strategically throughout the Shire.
- The Works Manager suggested that road condition signage is purchased to be placed on the Adavale Road, Thargomindah Road, Windorah Road, both ends of Kyabra Road and 23 mile.
- Cr Murray received a request from Pam Towns for Council to remove the excess stones etc. remaining after prior Council works in King / Berella and Burt Streets to allow the areas to be cleaned and maintained properly.
- It was also requested that next time a Council Grader is in Eromanga, the entrance to the Eromanga Cemetery is levelled. There are also trees in the Cemetery that are dying and require attention.
- Council requested that the Works Manager seeks a contractor as a matter of urgency to complete the works required at the Eromanga Refuse Site.

PLANT REPORT: **NIL**

PLUMBERS REPORT: **NIL**

RECEPTION OF TENDERS & QUOTATIONS: **NIL**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**Quilpie Kindergarten**

The Quilpie Kindergarten & Limited Hours Care Inc. received notice that its' Limited Hours Care funding from the Office of Early Childhood is certain until June 30 2011. However, with the withdrawal of funding from the Federal Government funding arrangements beyond this date are uncertain. The Kindy has asked Council for any form of assistance to resolve this uncertain situation.

The state government has continued to lobby the federal government at a ministerial level to maintain these funding arrangements. The Kindy gets 80% funding for its operations including wages.

Resolution No: (06-01-11)

Council resolved that the Chief Executive Officer forwards a letter of response to Quilpie Kindergarten and Limited Hours Care advising that the Community Services Manager has progressed this matter through Regional Development Australia (RDA) and Council will monitor the situation and endeavour to assist where possible.

Confirmation of survey plans for Quilpie and Toompine

I request Council considers and confirms the survey plans for Quilpie and Toompine as attached. Once confirmed I will forward to Land Titles for registration. There is some interest in available land in Quilpie and Greg Dax had already offered to buy Lots 701 and 100 in Toompine.

The survey plan for Quilpie is the old Lot 82 on SP 153662, proposed to be Lots 9 – 46, on SP 234965. The existing drain that goes from Lot 9 south onto Sommerfield ending about Lot 22 will be filled in and drainage will be redirected along Dukamura. The drainage from the cul-de-sac will be through easements on Lots 34 and 23, each 4 meters wide. The survey plan for Lots 1- 8, on SP 234966 replacing Lot 56 on SP 106862 is not ready for registration. Council may confirm it now, however it cannot be registered yet as Lot 56 is still owned by the state.

Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer advises the Engineer / Surveyor that the easement, EMT B on Survey Plan SP234965 is to be concreted.

Further investigation is required into Survey Plan SP234962, Toompine as it is believed changes were previously made in relation to particular Lots in Toompine.

Resolution No: (07-01-11)

Cr Nowland moved and Cr Hewson seconded that Council:

- A) Confirms Survey Plan SP234965 Lots 9-46 and Easements A and B in Lots 23 and 34 respectively;
- B) Confirms Survey Plan SP234966 Lots 1 – 8

CARRIED

Council Meeting Dates

10 th May	Ordinary Council Meeting
13 th May	Works Committee Meeting
14 th June	Ordinary Council Meeting
15 th June	Pre Budget meeting
12 th July	Ordinary Council Meeting / Budget Meeting
15 th July	Chief Executive Officer's Final Day of Work

ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.46am and resumed at 11.09am.

WORKPLACE, HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT:

NIL

MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:**Tourism Queensland**

Matt Bron from Tourism Queensland has requested Council's support in relation to a television advertising campaign as in April 2010. TQ are requesting a contribution of \$7,000 per Council and are looking at buying \$100,000 of advertising. There is nothing in particular in the previous advertisement regarding the Quilpie Shire. Matt has asked for Council's confirmation for this commitment of \$7,000 contribution for this TV campaign by 30th January, 2011.

Resolution No: (08-01-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Murray seconded that the Community Services Manager contacts Matt Bron, Tourism Queensland and advises that Council does not wish to participate in the TV campaign.

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Workabout Australia

Barry Brebner, Workabout Australia has contacted me regarding renewal of the Alliance between Workabout Australia and Quilpie Shire Council. This cost would be \$3,300 (gst inc.) for 2011, 2012 and 2013. Barry has made some recommendations regarding upgrading the Quilpie Shire Feature on the Workabout Australia website, listing of major employers within the Shire, expanding the Quilpie Attractions, Features and Business opportunities.

Resolution No: (09-01-11)

Cr Paulsen moved and Cr Murray seconded that Council approves the renewal of the Alliance between Workabout Australia and Quilpie Shire Council for 3 years (2011 – 2013) for \$3,300 gst inc.

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SWRED Tourism Project Officer

Several meetings have been held with John Sommerfield from DEEDI regarding the Tourism Project Officer position funded through SWRED. Expressions of interest are to be called. Three short contracts should provide the following outcomes.

Part 1

- Collate / collect existing tourism products, services and features for the South-West region, encompassing the four shires – Bulloo, Paroo, Quilpie and Murweh
- Develop a map showing information and locations of tourism businesses which affiliate with the "Home of Natural Sciences" brand
- Supply and deliver tear – off maps for distribution
- Develop Logo to Badge Home of the Natural Sciences
- Develop signage for road side erection

- Identify locations and erect signage to mark the incoming boundaries of the Home of the Natural Sciences.

Part 2

- Training regional tourism staff to manage the implementation of the strategies for Home of the Natural Sciences concept
- This training to be delivered on site at local visitor information centres in Thargomindah, Cunnamulla, Quilpie and Charleville

Part 3

- Deliver training to Council staff to activate live links to Council's web sites to show videos of activities mentioned on their sites.
- This training to be delivered on site in at local shire centres of Thargomindah, Cunnamulla, Quilpie and Charleville

DEEDI Principal Regional Development Officer - Tourism

Advice has been received that Denis Kenny was the successful applicant for the A)*Principal Regional Development Officer (Tourism) with DEEDI. Denis commences his duties on 17th January in the Charleville Office. He will drive tourism development across the South West and southern parts of the Central West. Denis has been involved in business and tourism planning, promotion, marketing, investment attraction and industry development for over 25 years.

Sky Trans

Advice has been received that there will be an increase, effective January 2011, in the price of Skytrans airfares. A fare increase of 2.9% has been granted by the Queensland Government in line with the movement of Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Bi Centennial Park Fencing

A quote has been received to erect the Polvin fencing on the northern side of Bi centennial Park for a total of \$10,807.50 (GST incl).

A further quote was received to erect the Polvin fencing on the southern side of the Park for a total of \$3,943.50 (GST incl).

It was also suggested that mowing bumper strips be installed to save damage from mowers and whipper snippers to the fence line. Two options have been received with costs of Option A – Mowing bumper strip \$11,642.40 and Option B – Mowing bumper strip and edging \$17,314.00.

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Paulsen left the Meeting at 11.24am

Australia Day Celebrations

The Australia Day Ambassador is Chris Scott. Chris is a Paralympic cyclist, winning gold at the Sydney Paralympic Games and breaking a world record in the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games. Chris will be arriving in Charleville on Tuesday 25th January and will return to Brisbane on Skytrans Friday.

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Paulsen returned to the Meeting at 11.28am.

Bi Centennial Park Fencing (continued)

Resolution No: (10-01-11)

Cr Nowland moved and Cr Murray seconded that Council accepts Option A on the quote received "Commercial In Confidence" to erect the Polvin fencing on the northern side of Bi Centennial Park for \$10,807.50 gst inc., the southern side of Bi Centennial Park for \$3,943.50 gst inc. and mower bumper strip \$11,642.40 gst inc.

CARRIED**Australia Day (continued)**

The Quilpie Club Inc was successful in their Expression of Interest in completely running the bar at the function at John Waugh Park on Australia Day.

John Flynn Placement Program

The Community Services Manager advised Council that there will be a Doctor visiting Quilpie and working with Igor under the John Flynn Placement Program between 12th – 28th January 2011.

Swimming Pool

David Almond advised that there has been great attendance at the swimming pool throughout the month with numbers attending much higher than last year.

Land / Buildings

Discussion took place regarding the possible acquisition of land / buildings within Quilpie. The Chief Executive Officer was requested to contact a valuer and enquire regarding the current value of identified properties.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer was requested to investigate options and costings for steel based re-locatable and removable dwellings for Council's information at the February Meeting.

TOURISM OFFICER'S REPORT: NIL

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: NIL

SWIMMING POOL REPORT: NIL

RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT: NIL

BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Development Applications

For Information

DA No	Applicant	Details	Builder	Classification	Status
154	Eromanga State School	Pergola			Waiting for further details
191	Tim & Theresa Welk	Extension to existing workshop	Tom Saunders - Statewide Sheds	8	Waiting on an assessment by Queensland Fire & Rescue as the size of the building including the extension is over 500m ²
192	Christian & Maree Radnedge	Shed	Owner Builder	10a	Approved with conditions

Home Business

Lesleigh-Ellen Butcher has sought permission from Council to operate a home business from Council Housing currently leased to Ergon Energy. Lesleigh intends to operate her massage business from the premise with no employees.

Resolution No: (11-01-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Murray seconded that Council grants Lesleigh – Ellen Butcher permission to operate a massage business from 57 Galah Street, Quilpie.

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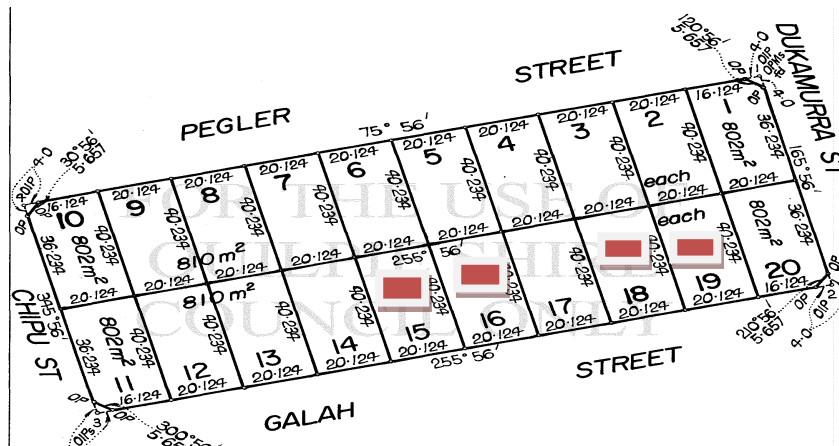
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Community Housing Acquisition

Following Council's decision at the December meeting, correspondence has been forwarded to the Department of Communities confirming Council's acceptance of the offer to purchase the Department's interest in Social Housing properties, staged over a five year period.

Land

1. Ben Potter has confirmed his intention to purchase Lot 18, SP143306 to further develop his business. All land has now been sold in Kookaburra and Winchu Streets.
2. I have had several discussions over the past 3 months with a person who wishes to establish a business in Quilpie. This business would require land zoned Mixed Use under the Quilpie Shire Planning Scheme and there is not land within this zoning available. Alternative options are being investigated.
3. There are four blocks of land available for purchase in Galah Street.



Sale of Housing

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer reported that there are 3 long term tenants interested in purchasing the dwelling they are currently renting. Exemption from the Local Government Act is required before these transactions can commence.

The House situated at 31 Buln Buln Street will be tendered.

New Land Development

Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer contacts the Surveyor requesting an update in regard to the delay in lodgement of the Survey Plan for the Industrial, Mixed Use and Rural Residential subdivisions. The Chief Executive Officer advised that when Survey Plans A, B and C are received from the Surveyor and accepted by Council, the Mayor can commence lobbying to have the survey plans registered.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Resolution No: (12 -01-11)

Cr Paulsen moved and Cr Murray seconded that the reports of the Administration and Finance sections of Council are received and that the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure as presented is received and adopted; that payment of accounts totalling \$2,231,627.31 as listed are confirmed and;

That the following expenditure on Corporate Credit Cards for the month of December is accepted:

CEO Credit Card Payments			Mayor Credit Card Payments		
Skytrans Airlines	Travel for Diploma Env. Health Course	336.39	Qantas	Flight – QDOG Meeting, Brisbane	528.2 2
United Petroleum	Fuel	84.64	Need It Now	Accommodation – QDOG Meeting Brisbane	522.8 5

Quilpie Hardware	House Repairs	17.00	Hayes Bistro, Charleville	Meals SWLG Meeting, Charleville	44.00
Isubscribe P/L	Library Sub'ns	805.90	Young Tiger, Charleville	Meals SWLG Meeting Charleville	42.00
Hayes Bistro, Charleville	Lunch for Meeting	26.00	Mulga Country Motor Inn, Charleville	Accommodati on for SWLG Meeting, Charleville	290.0 0
Dept. Premier/Cabinet	Australia Day Awards	135.00	B & W Brisbane	Taxi Fare for QDOG Meeting, Brisbane	44.29
Young Tiger, Charleville	Meals for SWLGA Meeting	94.00			
Shell Charleville	Fuel	115.10			
Queensland Government	Pool Safety Inspect Applic/Lic Fee – Angie Hennessy	450.00			
Queensland Government	Pool Safety Inspect Applic/Lic Fee – Ted Hennessy	450.00			
Queensland Government	Pool Safety Inspect Applic/Lic Fee – Mike Castles	450.00			
National Australia Bank	Card Fee	9.00	National Australia Bank	Card Fee	9.00
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CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Cr Paulsen requested that the Parks and Gardens staff poison grass growing up through footpaths throughout Quilpie, particularly outside the swimming pool and schools.
- Cr Edwards enquired regarding the stonework required in Eromanga. The Works Manager advised that he has to gain approval from Main Road before works can commence. Council advised that they have no objection to Main Roads carrying out this work.
- Cr Edwards discussed improvements to housing and Council buildings / facilities and the progress of the capital budget.
- The Chief Executive Officer was requested to contact Mr Chris Gothmann regarding the re-stumping and upgrade of Adavale Hall.
- Cr Edwards advised that the Annual Roads Conference will be held in Brisbane on the 9th & 10th March 2011. The Annual Infrastructure Conference will be held in Brisbane on 14th, 15th and 16th March 2011.
- The Community Services Manager advised Council that the consultation meeting that was scheduled to be held on 11th January regarding Wild Rivers Draft Paper has been cancelled due to flooding.
- The Works Manager advised that the 14 job is complete and came in under the allocated budget figure.
- Cr Edwards discussed Main Roads' consideration of possibly placing 4m seal on Old Charleville / Napoleon Road as a solution to provide an alternative route to Bulloo Shire during flood times.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 8th February 2011 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 8.30am.

MEETING CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1.00pm.