



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Quilpie Shire Council
Held in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom on
Tuesday 11th October 2011
Commencing at 8.35 am**

**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)
Annie Rutledge	(Executive Assistant)

Obituaries

Resolution No: (01-10-11)

Council resolved to forward its condolences to the relatives of the late Peter Kenny.

Resolved**Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager****Receiving / Confirmation of Minutes:**

Resolution No: (02-10-11)

**Moved by Cr Murray
Seconded by Cr Nowland**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 20th September 2011 are taken as read and confirmed.

Carried**Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer****Business arising from Previous Meeting****Kindergarten**

Cr Edwards provided Council with an update in regard to assisting Quilpie Kindergarten and Limited Hours Care in the future.

Cr Paulsen advised that she had attended the community meeting held by the Quilpie Kindergarten and Limited Hours Care. The meeting was well attended.

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Outback Gondwana Museum Project

A letter was sent to DERM requesting commencement of an application for a lease for Community and Cultural Purposes. Phil Ambridge – Inland Surveys will undertake the survey within the next two weeks.

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Wild Rivers

Cr Edwards read an email from David Arnold - RAPAD asking if NW and SW Local Governments would like to link with RAPAD to co-fund a joint Lake Eyre Basin local government response to the Wild River Codes as they apply to local government.

Resolution No: (03-10-11)

Moved by Cr Paulsen

Moved by Cr Hewson

That Council is prepared to support RAPAD to co-fund a joint Lake Eyre Basin local government response to the Wild River Codes to a maximum of \$2000.00.

Carried

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Cr Edwards advised that a meeting was held with Mark Clark ADAGOLD Aviation Pty Ltd and Council representatives following the LGAQ Conference, and that Mark or a senior staff member will be attending a Skytrans user group meeting in Quilpie on 3rd November 2011. ADAGOLD is involved in all aspects of airport operations. Adagold is preparing a proposal for Alpha Airport and that a copy of this would be forwarded to Quilpie Shire Council to provide an outline of the types of assistance they may be able to provide. Mark also advised that Claremont, Alpha and Quilpie are three towns in Queensland that they believe are moving forward in relation to air services.

Council decided to defer major works at Quilpie Airport however progress with alternative luggage access point, air conditioning within the terminal and renovation of the desk area.

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Pony Club

An alternative offer was made to the Quilpie Pony Club for Council to purchase all materials if they were prepared to erect the fence. Council is awaiting a written response.

Noted

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Cr Paulsen enquired if the speed limit signs had been installed in the main street. The Works Manager advised that the signs have been ordered.

Noted

Delegated Officer: Works Manager

Amendment on page 13 of the September Minutes –***Cyclone and Flood Warning Subsidies***

The Community Services Manager met with Neil Judd – SWNRM who advised that SWNRM had submitted a funding application of \$900,000 for the four South Western Shires for Cyclone and Flood Monitoring Equipment. South West NRM also advised that they are happy to assist the Community Services Manager to complete an application for 6 pieces of monitoring equipment for the Bulloo River on behalf of Council.

Council requested Community Services Manager to progress this application.

The Community Services Manager informed Council that the \$45,000 funding received as part of the Community Recovery Package from the State Government has a lot of restrictions involved and excessive reporting requirements.

Council requested that Community Services Manager liaises further with other shires to discuss projects they have submitted and contacts Jim Grassick – Department of Local Government and Planning. Further an expression of interest for Membership on a Human and Social Committee is advertised.

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Extension of Red Road

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council that he and the Works Manager would be meeting with Simon Bourne to discuss the extension of the Red Road on Wednesday 12 October.

Noted

Cr Murray advised Council that Jeffrey Pegler reported to him that a pipe on Wallyah had been kinked whilst Council was working in the area.

Cr Hewson reported that the gate on the outside running rail at Bulloo Park is constantly open.

Mayoral Notes**Meetings Attended:**

27 th September	Meeting and Dinner with Bruce Scott
28 th September	Meeting with Bruce Scott – Kindergarten and Limited Hours Care Farewell dinner for Jeff Brown
3-7 th October	LGAQ Conference.

LGAQ Conference

Cr Edwards provided council with an overview of the LGAQ Conference. Overall attendees from Council were disappointed with the lack of debate and time constraints for discussion of Agenda items, however were impressed with speakers Campbell Newman and John Hewson.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Joan Sheldon was available to Councillor's to provide ethics advice.

Cr Edwards read a letter from the Transport Local Government Infrastructure Committee in regards to the Stock Route Network Management Bill and an invitation for Council to make a submission to an inquiry into this Bill. Submissions close 21st October 2011.

Resolution No: (04-10-11)

Moved by Cr Murray
Seconded by Cr Hewson

That Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to seek further advice regarding this matter and compile a submission together with the Mayor to the Transport, Local Government Infrastructure Committee if required.

Carried

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Wild Dog Barrier Fence

Cr Edwards read an email received from Peter Flegg – Senior Inspector, Wild Dog Barrier Fence regarding the acquisition of Lots 901 and 910 on A2451 Adavale, on which the Wild Dog Hut is situated.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised Peter Flegg that Council's Solicitors are currently undertaking a legal process regarding acquisition of valueless land and will keep him informed regarding the status of the land.

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DAMP

The Chief Executive Officer is liaising with the DAMP Supervisor regarding reporting requirements and implementation of the DAMP.

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Designated Landing Strip

The Mayor read a letter received from Tullmack Contracting requesting consideration of declaring designated landing strips for Emergency landings on some roads within the Shire.

It had been previously discussed during a visit by the Director General and Minister for Transport and Main Roads that when upgrading and widening roads, particular sections be designated as emergency landing strips. The Chief Executive Officer was requested to follow up the progress of this matter with Kim Murphy – TMR.

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

R2R Funding

Cr Edwards tabled letters from the Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese and Warren Truss regarding R2R Road Funding 2009/2010 to 2013/2014.

Noted

2012 Quadrennial Election

Resolution No: (05-10-11)

Moved by Cr Nowland
Seconded by Cr Hewson

That Council makes application before 21st October 2011 to the Minister for Local Government and Planning to conduct the 2012 Quadrennial Election by postal vote and;
That Council supports the 2012 Quadrennial Election as outlined in correspondence received from the Queensland Electoral Commission.

Carried

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Tax Zone Review

Cr Edwards advised that Professor Ian Manning will be travelling throughout the region and meeting with Council Representatives, Staff and other interested persons regarding the review on Tax Zones and related matters. The date and time of the meeting are to be confirmed.

Noted

Leasehold Land Rent

Cr Edwards advised that discussion took place at the LGAQ Conference regarding the current methodology for calculating leasehold land rent. Most landholders are experiencing a 20% per annum increase. RAPAD will complete a submission to the Government objecting to the continual increase in leasehold land rent.

Noted

Enterprise Bargaining Negotiations

Cr Edwards tabled an email regarding Enterprise Bargaining Agreements from LGAQ, indicating the status of other Councils within the region.

Noted

Regional Road Group

Cr Edwards advised that it was decided at the informal RRG Meeting held at the Local Government Association Annual Conference to proceed with the Morisson Low Review. An independent Chair and Secretariat will be sought for the Technical Committee. Membership of the RRG will be reviewed at the next meeting being held in Thargomindah.

Noted

Attendance:

The Works Manager entered the meeting at 10.10am

Reception and Consideration of Works Manager's Report

Roadworks

The Works Manager advised Council that Consulting Engineer (GBA), Simon Bourne will be arriving in Quilpie today to inspect the Adavale Red Road job. Paul Arthur (GBA) will also be in Quilpie to survey the RSDP Projects.

Cr Paulsen enquired if the Engineer had inspected Trinidad Road at Thylungra. The Works Manager advised that this had not occurred.

Delegated Officer: Works Manager

Plant & Machinery Tracking Devices

The Chief Executive Officer enquired if the Works Manager could provide an update to Council in regard to the tracking devices for plant and machinery. The Works Manager presented documentation downloaded from the tracking device being trialled in Unit 40.

The Chief Executive Officer and Works Manager will develop guidelines regarding the implementation of the tracking devices in all major Council plant and contractors plant.

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer / Works Manager

DAMP

Cr Edwards advised that he would prefer the first round of random Drug and Alcohol testing to be carried out by an independent party.

Noted**Flood Damage**

The Chief Executive Officer informed Council that it would be prudent for Council to apply for a 12 month extension for the 2010 Flood Damage event and suggested that the 2011 Flood Damage event be assessed after the next wet season to gauge its progress.

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer / Works Manager

The Works Manager advised Council that George Bourne and Associates completed the last flood damage claim.

The Works Manager advised Council that George Bourne and Associates has advertised the Tender for Sewerage works at the Boobook Street Subdivision. He also advised that Council's Plumbers would be installing the water infrastructure. Materials are on site. The Works Manager advised that kerb and channelling is to be investigated and established if Council can perform the works or if necessary a contractor is to be engaged to undertake the works.

Cr Murray enquired if the Works Manager was aware that whilst Council was working at Cornwell Creek a pipe had been kinked and water supplies to stock troughs were cut off. The Works Manager has been on annual leave and had no knowledge of this incident.

Cr Edwards enquired as to why there was \$4319 spent on a fuel trailer from the Adavale work site. The Works Manager advised Council that he was not aware of the order for these works being raised, until after the Acting Chief Executive Officer had signed and processed the order. To his knowledge the trailer was in a road worthy condition.

Cr Murray enquired if Moore's had been contacted in regards to the crack in the Side Tipper.

The Job Crew who travel in Unit 46 have requested that airbags be installed in the job truck as the vehicle is rough. The Works Manager and Chief Executive Officer were directed to investigate, and further quotes are to be sought.

Delegated Officer: Works Manager

Plant Report**Received****Plumber's Report****Nil****Attendance**

Works Manager left the meeting at 11.12am

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 11.12am and resumed at 11.34 am

Cr Edwards advised that he had been contacted by Mr Wally Kearnan – Rural Advisor to Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding a Meeting organised to be held in Brisbane at Vaughan Johnson – Member for Gregory’s office on Friday 21st October at 3pm, to discuss issues relating to the Lease land of the Lowes and Shell Depots.

Council agreed that Cr Edwards attends this meeting.

Noted

Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report

Electoral Commission

Resolution No: (06-10-11)

Moved by Cr Paulsen

Seconded by Cr Nowland

That council makes provision for a further \$10,000 in the 2011/2012 Budget for the Local Government election 2012.

Carried

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Letter of Thanks

The Chief Executive Officer read a letter of thanks to Council from Bill and Phyllis Mowhirt, Sheepstation Creek for the work carried out on Duck Creek / Sheepstation Creek road by the Council, with particular thanks to Cr Hewson and Mr S Bowen for getting the works programmed and completed.

Received

Queensland Infrastructure Plan

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government and Planning regarding the Queensland Infrastructure Plan and submission received from Local Governments and other stakeholders which are currently being analysed.

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

ALGA

The Chief Executive Officer read a letter received from the Australian Local Government Association inviting Council to make a submission to the Expert Panel regarding Council's views on the issue of Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

Resolution No: (07-10-11)

Council resolved that the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of Council makes a submission to the ALGA Expert Panel expressing Council's strong support of the Australian Local Government Association's bid to recognise Local Government in the Constitution.

Resolved

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Workplace Health & Safety Report

NIL

Manager of Community Services Report

The Community Services Manager advised Council that a Community Meeting had taken place last week and surveys were distributed throughout the Shire. Churches of Christ Care are keen to meet with The Quilpie Kindergarten and Limited Hours Care and offer advice, however they only take over operational facilities.

The Community Services Manager advised that she had been speaking to the Mayor of Blackall Tambo Regional Council and she is currently negotiating with Churches of Christ Care. Cunnamulla's Day Care Centre is operated by them.

Noted

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Attendance

Rebecca Thompson – President of the Quilpie Kindergarten and Limited Hours Care entered the meeting at 11.55am and provided Council with an update regarding research into options for a Kindergarten / Long Day Care facility.

Rebecca Thompson left the meeting at 12.13pm

Report of the Community Services Manager Continued:

Community Recovery Package

The Community Services Manger advised Council that Brooke Winters – Regional Executive Director for South West, Department of Communities and some Executive Staff will be visiting Quilpie on 9th November at 2pm and would like to meet with Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Staff for approximately 1 hour.

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Cemetery

Resolution No: (08-10-11)

Moved by Cr Nowland
Seconded by Cr Paulsen

That a 5,000 gallon water tank and pump be purchased for use at the Quilpie Cemetery.

Carried

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

John Waugh Park Kiosk

Resolution No: (09-10-11)

Moved by Cr Murray

Seconded by Cr Nowland

That the Quotation dated 3rd October from Terry O'Connor Builders Pty Ltd for \$58,950.00 excluding GST be accepted for the proposed extension to John Waugh Park kiosk.

Carried

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Remembrance Day

A Meeting has been organised with the RSL, Schools and other interested community members in planning for this day of remembrance. The Service will commence at 10.45am at the RSL Park.

Noted

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Christmas Lights

Council agreed that the Community Services Manager conducts the Christmas Lights Competition in Quilpie, Adavale and Eromanga with the total prize money of \$1000.00 being shared amongst relevant categories.

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Australia Day Ambassador Program

The Community Services Manager proposed to Council that the Australia Day celebrations are held on Friday 20th January 2012, to allow parents and boarding school students to attend the Celebration.

Advertising and nomination forms for the Australia Day Awards will be going out throughout the community over the next few weeks to enable forms to be returned and arrangements made. Council agreed with this proposal.

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

SWRED

John Sommerfield is planning to hold workshops titled "Small Business Plan for Success". The registration fee for the workshops is \$320.00.

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Quotes

The Community Services manager advised Council that she had obtained quotations for various Woodchipper machines for Council's consideration.

It was resolved that the Chief Executive Officer and Community Services Manager liaise with the Parks and Gardens Foreperson and provide Council with a recommendation.

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer / Community Services Manager

Health Promotion Officer's Report	Received
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Sport & Recreation Coordinators Report	Received
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Tourism Officer's Report	Received
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Librarian's Report	Received
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Swimming Pool Report	Received
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Rural Land Officer's Report	Received
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Building & Environmental Planning Officer's Report

Development Applications	Noted
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Regulated Dog

A letter was received from M. Milosevic requesting Council's consideration of reviewing the Dangerous Dog Declaration on his animal. The Chief Executive Officer is to investigate further before action is taken and payment of registration is deferred until after the November Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Renewal of Term Lease

Resolution No: (10-10-11)

Moved By Cr Hewson

Seconded By Cr Nowland

That the Department be advised that Council has no objection to the renewal of Term Lease 215816 over Lot 30 on CP825944.

Carried

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Fluoride

Resolution No: (11-10-11)

Moved by Cr Paulsen

Seconded by Cr Hewson

That the factsheet 'Naturally occurring fluoride in Quilpie's drinking water' be made available to members of the community in electronic and paper form.

Carried

Delegated Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report

Digital Television

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised Council that a letter had been forwarded to Senator Conroy regarding the misinformation forwarded to the Adavale Community and confusion within the community resulting from the date of implementation of Digital Television in Quilpie printed on Centrelink Household Assistance Scheme applications. Information regarding the digital television changeover has been received from the Taskforce and will be distributed throughout the Shire.

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Computer System Upgrade

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised Council that Peter Ceyton – Technology One will be in Quilpie on 13th October to set a schedule for the implementation of the Computer System Upgrade.

Noted

Wild Dog Trapper

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised Council that 50 enquiries were received regarding the position of Wild Dog Trapper and 31 Applications were received. The Applications will be short listed in consultation with Bulloo Shire Council and a selection panel will conduct interviews within the next few weeks.

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

RatesResolution No: (12-10-11)**Moved By Cr Murray****Seconded By Cr Nowland**

That Council takes further action for recovery of Rates for Assessment 295-0.

Carried**Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer****Finance:****Register of Cheques Issued for the periods ending 30th September 2011**Resolution No: (13-10-11)**Moved by Cr Murray****Seconded by Cr Paulsen**

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 **\$1,930,918.51** as listed are confirmed and;

That the following expenditure of Corporate Credit Cards for the month of August 2011 is accepted:

CEO Credit Card Payments	Mayor Credit Card Payments		
	Riverland Motor Inn, St George	Accommodation & Meals	420.00
	Lowes Petroleum, St Gorge	Fuel	138.04
	Jacaranda Country Motel, St George	Accommodation & Meals	449.50
	Deritan, Quilpie	Meals - CEO interviews	132.50
	Skytrans Airlines	Flight - Level 4 Traffic Management Training, Toowoomba	651.31
	Aviation ID Australia	10 x Visitor Identification Cards	35.00
	Skytrans Airlines	Change flight dates	35.69
	Ergon Energy	Subdivision application fee for supply of electricity	250.00

				Qantas	Air fares LGAQ Conference, Gold Coast	1,057.26
				Commission for Children	Blue Card Application	72.50
				Mantra Phoenician	Accommodation LGAQ Conference	408.00
				Qantas	Air fares LGAQ Conference, Gold Coast	381.43
NAB	Card Fee	9.00	NAB	Card Fee		9.00
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Carried

Delegated Officer: NA

General Business

Cr Paulsen enquired regarding the progress of the Community Plan and the Community Engagement Plan. The Community Services Manager advised that she had recently met with Cath Robson – Robson Group regarding the progress of the Community Plan. The Plan must be submitted by 1st December 2011.

Delegated Officer: Community Services Manager

Local Businesses

Cr Edwards reiterated prior discussion regarding Council purchasing goods locally.

Noted

Delegated Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

NEXT MEETING:

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

CLOSURE OF MEETING:

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 2.09pm