



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Thursday 22 December 2016

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 9.12am.

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 (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONDOLENCES

Condolences have been sent to the families of the late Heather Mazurek and Jimmy Notaras.

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (12/16) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Tuesday 08 November 2016

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Tuesday, 8 November 2016.

Resolution No: (01-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Tuesday, 8 November 2016 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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6 MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Stuart Mackenzie provided a verbal report on activities undertaken in the past month:

- Mayor Mackenzie attended the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) Queensland awards night where Quilpie Shire Council in conjunction with Brandon and Associates was awarded a Highly Commended for the new works depot.
- Attending the State Tourism Awards in Brisbane, Cr Mackenzie noted that the Outback Region won five (5) awards.
- Other meetings attended included Darling Downs South West RDA in Toowoomba, a meeting with Mark Mayfield of Santos in Eromanga and a Centenary Celebrations planning meeting in Quilpie.
- Cr Mackenzie attended both the departure from Quilpie and arrival in Oakey of the inaugural Oakey cattle train. Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games, Hon Stirling Hinchliffe and Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Economic Development, Hon William (Bill) Byrne were also in attendance at Oakey.
- Travelling to St George on 01 and 02 December with Deputy Mayor, Cr Jenny Hewson and CEO Dave Burges a number of meetings were conducted including the South West Regional Road and Transport Group (of which Cr Mackenzie is Chair), South West Regional Economic Development Group (SWRED), a meeting in relation to rural health training and the South West Local Government Association conference.

Cr Mackenzie noted two (2) projects currently being undertaken by SWRED, namely a tourism industry training initiative and a meat export study focused on exports out of Toowoomba.

- Mayor Mackenzie also participated in the Senior Management Team Strategic meeting with senior staff members, attended an Outback Queensland Tourism Association meeting in Brisbane (Cr Mackenzie is Chair of that organisation) and also advised the meeting he has recently accepted an offer to hold a position on the state wide Tourism Industry Council.

7 STATUS REPORTS

7.1 (09/16) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

7.2 (09/16) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

7.3 (09/16) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

7.4 (09/16) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

8 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil reports.

9 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

CHANGE OF ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Item 9.1 – Quilpie Cultural Society Air Conditioning. This matter was deferred for consideration until later in the meeting pending further information on the quotations received.

9.2 (12/16) – Australia Day Bar Services – Expression of Interest

An Expression of Interest was called for the provision of bar services at the Australia Day Celebrations 2017 being held at Bulloo Park on Friday 20 January 2017. At the close of the advertised period, three (3) expressions of interest were received.

Resolution No: (02-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council awards the Expression of Interest for the provision of bar services at the 2017 Australia Day Celebrations to the Motorbike Gymkhana Sub Committee (Quilpie & District Show Society Inc.).

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9.3 (12/16) – Land-borne Amusement Equipment

Following previous reports to Council in relation to the safety requirements and correct use of the land-borne amusement equipment, a tender for the sale of this equipment was advertised in September 2016 with no submissions received.

Resolution No: (03-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council sell the land-borne amusement equipment.

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9.4 (12/16) – Quilpie Centenary Celebrations – Catering and Sponsorship

In preparation for the Quilpie Centenary Celebrations, a number of expressions of interest were advertised in relation to catering for the event. Following discussions at the November Ordinary Meeting of Council this matter was deferred to the December meeting.

Resolution No: (04-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council awards catering for the Quilpie Centenary Celebrations as follows:

Date	Event	Organisation
27 April 2017	Mural Park Lunch	Off Shears Bakery
27 April 2017	Official Opening Bulloo Park Dinner	Off Shears Bakery
28 April 2017	Bi-Centennial Park Lunch	Off Shears Bakery
29 April 2017	Street Parade / Markets Lunch Bulloo Park	Off Shears Bakery
29 April 2017	Centenary Ball	Glyn and Robyn Dare
30 April 2017	Farewell Breakfast – Lake Houdraman	Glyn and Robyn Dare

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.38am and resumed at 10.46am in the absence of Cr Bob Hall.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Hall returned to the meeting at 10.56am.

10 FINANCE

10.1 (12/16) – Finance Report Ending 30 November 2016

The Finance report was presented to Council for the period ending 30 November 2016.

Resolution No: (05-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 30 November 2016.

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11 GOVERNANCE

11.1 (12/16) – LGAQ Finance Summit

The Local Government Association of Queensland has invited expressions of interest for the 2017 Finance Summit. Proposed attendance will be considered at the January 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Noted.

11.2 (12/16) – SES Grant Contribution

Council has made application under the State Emergency Services (SES) Non-Recurrent Subsidy Program for an upgrade to the Quilpie SES shed. At a total cost of \$39,300.00 the application guidelines require Council to make a contribution of 25% of this cost.

Resolution No: (06-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council confirm their contribution of 25% (\$9,825.00) to the grant application for the 'Shed Upgrade' project as part of the State Emergency Services Non-Recurrent Subsidy Program.

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11.3 (12/16) – Buy Local Campaign

At the November Ordinary Meeting of Council, the implementation of a 'buy local' campaign in the lead up to the Christmas period was approved. The associated competition and publicity has drawn a number of positive comments from the community.

Resolution No: (07-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council continue to actively promote the benefits of supporting local business and agree to provide funding of \$2,000 for conducting a 'buy local' competition in November / December 2017.

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11.4 (12/16) – Quilpie Shire Commons

A status report on the current depasturage levels on the shire town commons was presented to Council for information and consideration. There are currently eight (8) applications on a wait list for depasturage on the Quilpie Town Common.

Resolution No: (08-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approve depasturage permits for Mr Dan Springall, Mr Tom McWaters, Quilpie State College and the Quilpie Kindergarten on the Quilpie Common and amend the current depasturage policy to allow for a maximum of eight (8) cattle per permit holder on the Quilpie Town Common.

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11.5 (12/16) – Eromanga Recreation Grounds

The Eromanga District Rodeo Association have requested improvements to the power supply and electrical issues at the Eromanga Recreation Grounds. Quotations based on prioritising the works requested have been received.

Resolution No: (09-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council accept the following quotations from Great Western Electrical for the upgrade of the electricity supply at the Eromanga Recreation Grounds:

- Main switchboard upgrade at Eromanga Sports Complex - \$2,457.04 inc GST;
- Kitchen upgrade to mains power - \$1,317.43 inc GST;
- Band switchboard under grounds - \$1,298.97 inc GST;
- Run new power over to rodeo grounds - \$1,954.99 inc GST; and
- Extra generator point on main switchboard - \$1,671.51 inc GST.

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11.6 (12/16) – Building Better Regions Fund

The \$297.7 Million Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) will open for applications on 18 January 2017. The program will fund projects in regional Australia outside the major capital cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Canberra. A lengthy discussion was held in order that Council can make a determination on eligible project/s to be applied for under this program early in 2017.

Noted.

12 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (10-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 1.04pm to discuss the following items:

- *Purchase of Community Bus;*
- *Staffing Matters;*
- *Application for Mining Claim;*
- *Council Housing;*
- *Road Opening Applications; and*
- *Upgrade of Corowa Road*

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Resolution No: (11-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 2.34pm.

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12.1 (12/16) – Community Bus

Following the community meeting held in Eromanga in June 2016 and subsequent deliberations by Council, quotations have been called for a new community bus. The existing Toyota Commuter bus will be relocated to Eromanga for use by that community with the new vehicle to be based in Quilpie.

Resolution No: (12-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council accept the quotation from South West Ford for a new community bus without the option of hydraulic chairlift and with the addition of a steel bull bar and towbar.

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12.2 (12/16) – 2017 School Based Traineeship

An application has been received for a two (2) year school based traineeship to be undertaken with Quilpie Shire Council's Administration Office during 2017 and 2018.

Resolution No: (13-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council is unable to accept the application to engage a school-based trainee for 2017-2018.

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12.3 (12/16) – Application for Mining Claim No. 300130

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines has provided Council an opportunity to object to a Mining Claim Application Certificate for Mining Claim No. 300130. The locality of the claim is on Nickavilla Station.

Resolution No: (14-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council offers no objection to the Mining Claim Certificate for Mining Claim No. 300130.

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12.4 (12/16) – Council Housing Status

Council has requested a report on the occupancy rates of Council owned housing. This report was presented to the meeting for information.

Noted.

13 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

13.1 (12/16) – Road Opening Lot 2 W524

Council has received a request to make application for a road opening for public access to Lot 2 on W524, in particular to the location of the shearing sheds located on the property on which Lake Houdraman is situated.

Resolution No: (15-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council apply for road opening to Lot 2 W524 for public purposes via the Diamantina Development Road and through private property described as Lot 3 NK100 subject to the approval of the owner of Lot 3 on NK100. This application will be made subject to the owners of Lot 2 W524 paying all legal, survey and infrastructure costs and obtaining all permits and approvals required associated with the road opening.

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13.2 (12/16) – Road Opening Lot 54 SP102367

Council has received a request to make application for a road opening for public access to Lot 54 on SP102367 (location of former Quilpie railway quarters).

Resolution No: (16-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council apply for road opening to provide access to the eastern boundary of Lot 54 SP102367. This application will be made subject to the owners of Lot 54 SP102367 paying all legal, survey and infrastructure costs and obtaining all permits and approvals required associated with the road opening.

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13.3 (12/16) – Corowa Road Upgrade

Mr Bill Pegler has raised concerns about Corowa Road and access to various properties. Sections of Corowa Road can be closed for up to a month or more at a time after a decent storm due to the extensive clay pans and various creeks and channels.

Resolution No: (17-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council agree to upgrade various sections of Corowa Road and request quotations in accordance with Council's procurement policy to undertake the works.

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14 LATE ITEMS

14.1 (12/16) – Relaxation of Boundary Setback – 56 Boonkai Street Quilpie

A building application has been made that requires a side boundary relaxation. The proposed work is for the construction of a shed at the rear of the property.

Resolution No: (18-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council approve the relaxation of boundary setback application for 56 Boonkai Street Quilpie from 1.5 metres to 0.75 metres.

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14.2 (12/16) – Request for Assistance – Quilpie State College

By letter dated 30 November 2016 the Principal of Quilpie State College is requesting financial assistance to jointly fund a teacher aide to allow the College to offer a distance education program for students undertaking years 11 and 12.

Resolution No: (19-12-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council agree to make contribution of \$4,000 to assist with the employment of a teacher-aide to assist distance education students to 30 June 2017 with further assistance to be considered at that point in time.

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15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 (12/16) – Inquiry into the Impacts of Invasive Plants (Weeds)

Queensland Parliament's Agriculture and Environment Committee has invited submissions on their inquiry into the impacts of invasive plants (weeds) and their control in Queensland.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bob Hall left the meeting at 2.58pm and returned at 3.03pm.

15.2 (12/16) Relocation of Cheepie Railway Building

Subsequent to the November Ordinary Meeting of Council, a final determination on the placement location for the relocated Cheepie Railway Building was discussed. It was agreed the location be in accordance with the recommendation submitted by Mr Kos Siwers.

CHANGE OF ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Following verbal receipt of additional information, item 9.1 was tabled for discussion.

9.1 (12/16) – Quilpie Cultural Society, Air Conditioning

Correspondence has been received from the Quilpie Cultural Society requesting an upgrade of the current evaporative air conditioning system. The system is aged and not cooling the building sufficiently for participants to work comfortably during workshops, which at times restricts the usage of the building to the cooler months. Two quotations for the upgrade have been received.

This matter was deferred subject to confirmation on the scope of works required as contained within the quotations.

15.3 (12/16) Meeting Dates

The Chief Executive Officer presented a proposed program of workshops and meetings for 2017 for Council consideration and confirmation.

15.4 (12/16) Draft Tourism Development Strategy

The Draft Tourism Development Strategy developed by 'House of Communications' was presented to Council for discussion and consideration. It was agreed that elected members would thoroughly review the strategy and provide feedback in order that the strategy can be finalised and received by Council in January 2017.

15.5 (12/16) Quilpie Centenary Book

Cr Hewson raised some issues in relation to the contents of the draft Quilpie Centenary Book. A meeting between available Councillors and the Manager Corporate and Community Services will be scheduled to discuss these matters.

15.6 (12/16) Congie Road

Cr Hewson advised that some maintenance work is required on Congie Road. The Chief Executive Officer will follow this matter up.

15.7 (12/16) Galah Street Drainage

Cr Volz advised that there is ponding of water and grass growing in the drain along Galah Street at the Racecourse end. This was noted for actioning.

15.8 (12/16) Quilpie Shire Hall Stage

Cr Volz enquired as to whether fans could be installed above the stage in the Quilpie Shire Hall.

15.9 (12/16) Old Town Bore

Cr Volz suggested that the old town bore could be promoted as an historic feature of the town. An information board and improved appearance (painting etc.) will be further considered.

15.10 (12/16) Pound Paddock

Mayor Mackenzie requested clarification on the historical use of the pound paddock by staff engaged in the rural lands sector.

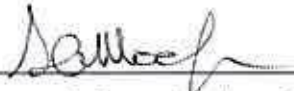
16 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 13 January 2017 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.40pm.

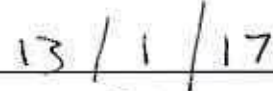
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Thursday, 22 December 2016.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 13 January 2017.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council



Date