



QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

18 November 2014 commencing at 10:00am

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom

50 Brolga Street Quilpie

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:00am

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Cr Jenny Hewson

Cr Stewart Sargent

Cr Tony Lilburne

Cr Milan Milosevic

Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

Jocelyn Hall (Executive Assistant)

3 APOLOGIES

4 CONDOLENCES

A Condolence Card was sent to the relatives of the Mrs Nancy Heinemann and Angela Michael Sheridan.

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (11/14) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Friday, 17 October 2014 at 9:28am

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 17 October 2014.

Resolution No: (01-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 17 October 2014 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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6 MAYORAL REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on meetings attended since the October Council meeting.

A Regions Q Showcase teleconference was held on 20 October in preparation for the Showcase event in Brisbane in 2015. It was raised that the South West is included with the balance of the Darling Downs, Southern Downs and Western Downs areas and Cr Mackenzie didn't feel that this gave the South West adequate representation.

Cr Mackenzie attended a South West Regional Economic Development teleconference in Quilpie with Cr Hewson on 20 October. The group has now been extended to include Maranoa Regional Council and are looking at appointing a Secretary, but further discussions will be covered at the upcoming meeting.

The annual Local Government Association Queensland Conference was held in Mackay which Cr Mackenzie, Hewson, Sargent and Lilburne attended. It was announced that a Council Benchmarking Program is being developed to assist in benchmarking against similar Councils. With the roll out of the 'Queensland Local Government Industry Award State 2014', it was noted that there will be considerable changes. Quilpie Shire Council will be covered by the new Award in November 2015 when the current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement concludes.

MacDonnells Law is currently working with Council regarding the Mardigan People Native Title claim and a teleconference to assist in reaching an agreement was conducted on the 31 October.

A visit from Queensland Senator, Mr Barry O'Sullivan, on 5 November at a Community Meeting provided the opportunity for Councillors and residents to voice concerns and issues from the ground level. Mr O'Sullivan was asked to address the SWLGA meeting on 6 November.

On 6 November, Quilpie hosted the South West Local Government Association (SWLGA) meeting in which representative from Bulloo, Paroo, Murweh, Balonne and Maranoa attended. Quilpie and Bulloo Shire Councils expressed continued concerns about the decrease in internet speeds. This issue is creating effects on schools and businesses in the region and urgent attention is required. As a result of this meeting, Cr Mackenzie was asked by the ABC Western Queensland to conduct an interview regarding this issue. State Member for Warrego, Mr Howard Hobbs MP was in attendance and stated that the Rail Review Project has been provided to the Queensland Government and the forty recommendations put forward were positively received.

A meeting with Val Heinemann identified that the Quilpie State College is keen to organise excursions within the Shire to highlight local cultural history.

Cr Mackenzie attended the Outback Queensland Tourism Awards in Charleville on 14 /15 November and presented the Local Government Award as part of the program.

7 STATUS REPORTS

7.1 (11/14) – Engineering Services Status Reports

- Towns streets have been identified as needing attention, flood damage money could be allocated to this area
- Upcoming flood damage projects discussed
- Industrial blocks – Ergon Energy has commenced installation

ATTENDANCE

Cr Lilburne left the meeting at 10:34am and returned at 10:38am

7.2 (11/14) – Community Services Status Reports

Noted

7.3 (11/14) – Financial Services Status Reports

Noted

7.4 (11/14) – Corporate Services Status Reports

Noted

7.5 (11/14) – Governance Status Reports

Noted

8 TENDERS & QUOTATIONS

8.1 No Report

9 ENGINEERING SERVICES

9.1 No Reports

10 COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1 No Report

11 CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1 No Report

BREAK

The meeting broke for morning tea at 10:43am and resumed at 11:04am

12 FINANCE REPORTS

12.1 (11/14) – Finance Report for Period Ending 31 October 2014

ATTENDANCE

The Manager of Financial Services, David Charlton entered the meeting at 11:04am

The Finance report was presented to Council for the period ending 31 October 2014.

Resolution No: (02-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 October 2014.

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ATTENDANCE

The Manager of Financial Services, David Charlton left the meeting at 11:29am

13 GOVERNANCE

13.1 (11/14) – Customer Service Standards Water Supply and Sewerage

Staff have prepared a draft Customer Service Standard Water Supply and Sewerage Services for review by Council prior to undertaken the necessary public consultation.

Resolution No: (03-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council adopt the Customer Service Standard for Water Supply and Sewerage Services and undertake the required public consultation.

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13.2 (11/14) – Conversion of GHPL 15/1715

By email of 7 November 2014, SLAM are requesting Council's views or requirements, including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values, that the department should consider when assessing an application for the conversion of GHPL 15/1715 over Lot 3 on HU45 to freehold. The proposed use of the land is grazing.

Resolution No: (04-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council has no requirements in relation to the proposed conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 15/1715 over Lot 3 HU45 and advise that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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13.3 (11/14) – Conversion of GHPL 15/1716

By email of 7 November 2014, SLAM are requesting Council's views or requirements, including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values, that the department should consider when assessing an application for the conversion of GHPL 15/1716 over Lot 1 HU15 and Lot 2 W5356 to freehold. The proposed use of the land is grazing.

Resolution No: (05-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Sargent

That Council has no requirements in relation to the proposed conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 15/1716 over Lot 1 HU15 and Lot 2 W5356 and advise that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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13.4 (11/14) – Compulsory Acquisition of Native Title Rights – OGF Site at Eromanga

Resolution No: (06-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Sargent

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 11:43am to discuss the Compulsory Acquisition of Native Title Rights – OGF Site at Eromanga

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MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared a Material Personal Interest in this matter (*as defined in section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009*), due to being the Chairman of the Outback Gondwana Foundation. Cr Mackenzie dealt with this Material Personal Interest by leaving the meeting room and taking no part in the debate or discussion on the matter

Cr Mackenzie left the meeting at 11:43am

Cr Hewson, Deputy Mayor took the chairpersons position and continued the Meeting.

Resolution No: (07-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumed the Ordinary Meeting at 11:55pm

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The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to compulsorily acquire native title rights and interests over an additional 7.32 hectares of land described as Lot 14 on unregistered plan SP253475 ("the land") to facilitate the construction of the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

Recently, Council compulsorily acquired native title over 17.08 hectares of proposed Lot 14 on SP253475. The purpose of the acquisition was to satisfy a condition of the State's offer to sell the land to Council for the purpose of constructing a Natural History Museum in Eromanga.

Since the acquisition, it has become apparent that Council will require additional land to complete the construction of the Natural History Museum and to provide for future expansion of the facility. Specifically, Council will require an additional 7.32 hectares of land to accommodate the construction of accommodation for visiting scientists and other experts.

Resolution No: (08-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

*That Council, having served a Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests ("**the Notice**") over land and waters described as Lot 14 on unregistered plan SP253475 being part of Lot 13 on SP242360, Eromanga ("**the land**") as particularised in the Notice, on the Applicants for the Boonthamurra People as the registered claimants; and*

That Council did not receive any objection to the Notice;

That Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition and instruct its solicitors, MacDonnells Law, to prepare and lodge an Application to the Minister administering the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 that any native title rights and interests in and over the land be acquired for the purpose of acquiring the land as freehold."

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 11:58am

13.5 (11/14) – Rates Hardship Allowance

Resolution No: (09-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 11:58am to discuss the Rates Hardship Allowance

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ATTENDANCE

The Manager of Financial Services Manager, David Charlton entered the meeting at 12:01pm

Resolution No: (10-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumed the Ordinary Meeting at 12:21pm

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ATTENDANCE

The Manager of Financial Services, David Charlton left the meeting at 12:22pm

Resolution No: (11-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a rates arrears payment plan in accordance with Council's "rates and Charges Recovery Policy" for the following properties:

- Lot 313,Q6801
- Lot 2, RP99366
- ML60020
- ML60395
- ML60474

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14 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

14.1 (11/14) – Correspondence in relation to Local Government Elections

This matter was tabled for discussion at the October 2014 ordinary Meeting of Council and was held over to the November meeting.

By letter of 24 September 2014, Minister Crisafulli has advised that the *Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2014* has been passed by Parliament.

Apart from outlining some of the changes, particularly in relation to a CEO being the returning officer for elections and by-elections, the Minister has provided the following advice:

1. Council can undertake a review of its current electoral arrangements, including the number of councillors and changing from being undivided to having electoral divisions for the 2016 elections. Any submission must be made to the Minister by 1 March 2015. Council's formal submission will need to set out the reasons for the proposed electoral changes and will need to have regard to the local government principles and be supported by evidence of meaningful community engagement on the proposal.
2. The deadline for Council to apply for its 2016 election to be conducted by way of postal ballot, either for the whole of its area or part of its area, is 1 July 2015.

Resolution No: (12-11-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council does not make a submission to change the current electoral arrangements for the 2016 quadrennial elections; and

That Council makes application for its 2016 quadrennial election to be conducted by way of full postal ballot.

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14.2 (11/14) – Request for support towards extreme sport participation– Travis Baker

ATTENDANCE

The Manager of Corporate Services, Lisa Hamlyn entered the meeting at 12:36pm

A letter was received from the Baker family outlining the very successful achievements of Travis Baker in his chosen extreme sport of Bull Riding. Travis's achievements during his first year in the Qld Rodeo Association in 2014 are outstanding:

- 1st Queensland Juvenile Steer Ride
- 2nd Queensland Juvenile Bull Ride
- 3rd Queensland Mens Open Bullock Ride

Travis was also invited to represent Qld Rodeo Association to compete in the Junior Bull Ride at the 2014 National Rodeo finals in Dalby during November.

Travis is extremely committed to this sport ultimately wants to be the best. His family are supporting him as much as they possibly can by travelling to the rodeos in various locations across Queensland,

which requires a lot of time and money. Costs involved in the sport include travel, nomination fees, safety clothes /equipment, bull schools and practice days.

Whilst the Baker family will continue to support Travis as necessary to achieve his goals, they have exhaustively searched for avenues of funding that may provide some level of assistance to Travis. Unfortunately, there is not much assistance available for extreme sport participation, hence the request to Council regarding any possible assistance / sponsorship to enable him to continue achieving in this sport and ultimately his goal in Bull Riding.

This matter was deferred to the December Council meeting to allow for further details to be obtained.

BREAK

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:54pm and resumed at 1:27pm

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Public meeting in Quilpie

A letter has been received from Roger Volz requesting Council's position in offering a public meeting / information session for ratepayers and residents to discuss Council's future direction and plans for the Quilpie and surrounding areas.

Action: This matter was noted for consideration

15.2 Naming of Warrego Highway

As part of the review of State Strategic Touring Route (SSTR), consultation with the Drive Alliance and other industry stakeholders identified a proposal to extend the existing Warrego Highway SSTR from Charleville where it currently ends, through to Birdsville. This requires consultation with key stakeholders across the proposed route to reach agreement on a preferred 'tourism' road name. Please note this will not affect the official road designations which will remain unchanged.

Action: Quilpie Shire Council's suggestions are as followed:

Option 1 – Channel Country Way

Option 2 - Western Rivers Way

Additional option - Cooper Way (Outback Gondwana Foundation dinosaur project / Cooper Basin / Cooper Creek)

15.3 Letter re cattle yards approval Dick Loveday

A letter was received from Peter Donohue regarding the Cattle Yard approval on Sommerfield Road.

Action: This matter was noted for consideration

15.4 QH smoking policy impacts

Quilpie Hospital has been in contact with Council as a part of the roll out of the smoking bans at all Queensland Health facilities which will be introduced as of 1 January 2015.

Action: The Chief Executive Officer is to engage with Queensland Health advising of Council's position on the matter.

15.5 Disabled parking bays

It has been identified that the park outside the Shire Hall is too close to the intersection and the one outside the Chemist is situated over a fire hydrant.

Action: The Chief Executive Officer is to review the location of the disable parking bays in Brolga Street

15.6 Eromanga Walkway

The Eromanga Development Committee has enquired about the progress of the Eromanga Walkway

Action: The Chief Executive Officer is to follow up on the progress of this project.

15.7 Drug Testing

It was noted that Council holds the relevant equipment to undertake drug and alcohol testing.

15.8 Baldy Top Lookout Safety

Safety concerns were identified at the Baldy Top lookout as the Trailblazer Rally will be holding the breakfast at this location to commence the Rally in April 2014.

Action: The Chief Executive Officer is to review the current situation at Baldy Top lookout and report back to Council on options.

15.9 Hell Hole Tours and Bush Camping at Lake Houdraman

A local business owner has expressed interest in conducting tours to and from Hell Hole National Park and offering bush camping options at Lake Houdraman.

Action: The Chief Executive Officer is to contact the business owner regarding the tour and bush camping options.

15.10 Quilpie Shire in State Electorate

It was discussed whether Quilpie Shire Council would benefit by being part of the Warrego electorate rather than being in the Gregory electorate.

Action: The Chief Executive Officer is to follow up and obtain more information on the process that should be followed if this matter was to be pursued.

15.11 Meeting with Val Heinemann – Educational Camp within the Shire

A meeting with Val Heinemann identified that the Quilpie State College is keen to organise excursions within the Shire to highlight local cultural history.

Action: The Chief Executive Officer is to work with Val Heinemann on the educational camp project within the Shire.

15.12 Weather Station

It was noted that no weather readings have been taken for Quilpie for a considerable time.

Action: The Chief Executive Officer is to undertake investigations to enable weather data to be collected for Quilpie.

15.13 Mardigan People Conference

Cr Mackenzie highlighted points raised at the Mardigan People Native Title claim teleconference.

Action: This matter was noted for consideration.

16 MEETING DATES

The next meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday, 9 December 2014 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9:30am.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:40pm

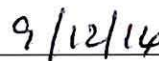
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Tuesday, 18 November 2014.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Tuesday, 9 December 2014.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council



Date