



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Quilpie Shire Council
Held in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom on
Tuesday 12th April, 2011
Commencing at 8.35am.**



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)

OBITUARIES:

Resolution No: (01-04-11)

Council resolved to forward its condolences to the relatives of the late Carl Robert Pulsford and mother of Sue Jones, Toompine.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolution No: (02-04-11)

Cr Murray moved and Cr Hewson seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2011 are taken as read and confirmed, with the following amendments:

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Moved Into Closed Session

Resolution No: (06-03-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Paulsen seconded that Council enters closed session under s72 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010 at 11.28am.

The motion on being put to the vote was:

CARRIED 3-2
Crs Murray and Nowland voted against the Motion.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Change distance from 70km to 7km on Page 10 (Works General Business)
- Cr Hewson enquired if the upgrade of Adavale Hall was going ahead. The Community Services Manager advised that Gofthen Builders, Charleville were undertaking this work.

- Cr Edwards enquired if A. McKellar had responded regarding the lease of the old dairy and Public Liability insurance. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council that A. McKellar is interested in retaining the land lease.

MAYORAL NOTES:

Meetings / Events Attended:

9 th March	Disaster Management Meeting
10 th March	Meeting with Deputy Commissioner Qld Ambulance – Gavin Trembar, Toni Murray, Community Services Manager and myself
11 th March	Teleconference – SWRED Meeting
13 th – 18 th March	Regional Road Group and Infrastructure Conference Brisbane
21 st March	Meeting with Qld Health representative – Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Community Services Manager
25 th March	Exhibition Opening Local Artists
28 th March	Met with Damon Meadows and Jo Merrill – Department of Local Government Community Plan Meeting
30 th March	Karen Brook – SWRED Tourism Project JLT - Risk Management Workshop (3 hours)
31 st March	JLT - Risk Management Workshop (3 hours)
1 st April	QUT Students – Tour and Meeting re Film being done in Quilpie Shire Meeting with Qld Health – HR and Workplace Services – Community Services Manager
12 th April	Council Meeting

Issues Discussed:

Resolution – Constitutional Recognition

Resolution No: (03-04-11)

Cr Murray moved and Cr Nowland seconded that Quilpie Shire Council declares its support for financial recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution so that the Federal Government has the power to fund local government directly and also for inclusion of local government in any new Preamble to the Constitution if one is proposed, and calls on all political parties to support a referendum by 2013 to change the Constitution to achieve this recognition.

CARRIED

Cr Edwards advised Council that during discussions with Vaughan Johnson at his recent visit, the subject of shortage of housing within Quilpie was discussed. Vaughan advised that he has a brand new 3 bedroom house that he is wanting to sell and offered it for sale to Council for \$150,000.

Resolution No: (04-04-11)

After consideration of the offer to Council from Vaughan Johnson for the sale of a new 3 bedroom house in Tambo, Council resolved not to accept the offer due to high costs associated with transport and establishment.

Cr Edwards read notes to Council he recorded during his attendance at the recent Infrastructure Conference. A lot of discussion occurred regarding a wide array of issues that have come to light following the recent flood disaster.

Cr Edwards reported that a complaint had been received from the Channel Country Caravan Park regarding parties occurring at Lot 2 Kookaburra Street. The excessive noise late in the night is affecting their business and guests are leaving the facility.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised Council that the tenant could be issued with a tenancy breach. The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would issue the breach to the tenant.

Cr Edwards asked the Works Manager if a Council employee used Council equipment to grade a property road in Adavale and if the operator wore the cutter blades down.

Discussion took place regarding current situation regarding grader operators and current expressions of interest from new contractors.

ATTENDANCE:

The Works Manager left the Meeting at 9.15am.

Animal Issues within the town of Quilpie

Discussion regarding the progress of the repair of Congie Road

Cr Edwards advised that Bill Scott, Thylungra contacted him to complain about the condition of Trinidad Road. It is a mess and is becoming a creek. Environmentally, it will cut another channel into the flood plain. Cr Edwards suggested that Bill Scott submitted a letter to Council to be considered for the Meeting. No letter was received prior to the meeting. The Works Manager advised Council that Simon Bourn (Engineer) inspected the road this week and Stuart Bowen is currently working on the road.

Julie Scott also complained that their mailman will not travel across the road (Trinidad / Budgerigar) and would like the road fixed so that they can receive mail service.

ATTENDANCE:

The Works Manager entered the Meeting at 9.27am.

The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 9.29am and returned at 9.32am.

Cr Edwards requested that the Flood Damage Foreman submits a report regarding Congie Road to Council to ensure that all involved parties are satisfied with the standard of repair work.

The Chief Executive Officer read a letter received from Mr Rhett Mobbs requesting Council's consideration of allowing discount on rate assessment number: 00854-20000-000 due to road inaccessible roads and record rainfall. Investigation is occurring regarding dates for road closures during the discount period.

Cr Edwards enquired why the gate surrounding the materials in the Council Depot is never closed.

Council requested that the Stores Person is instructed that the gate is locked at all times whilst not being used due to the expense of erecting the fence for security purposes.

Cr Edwards received a letter from the Australian Rural Road Group inviting Council to become member of the group to promote the allocation of additional Federal Government funding towards rural local roads. Membership fee, \$100 per year.

Resolution No: (05-04-11)

Cr Murray moved and Cr Paulsen seconded that Council becomes a member of the Australian Rural Road Group, membership being \$100 per year.

CARRIED

Cr Edwards read a letter received from Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State advising that a response to the letter sent on behalf of the South West Local Government Association requesting an extension of time to complete flood damage works will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Discussion took place regarding a Street name for the new road in the cul-de-sac area of the new sub-development.

WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:

Roadworks

RSDP Flood Damage Widenings on Quilpie Windorah Road:

Q1: Thargomindah Rd intersection to start of 14 job completed on 31/3/11

Q2: End of 14 job to first flood way, works completed, to be sealed before Easter.

Q3: Tebin turn off to 17km gravel pit. Works commenced approx 50% to be sealed before Easter.

Q4; Short section at Cornhill Creek Works commenced, to be sealed before Easter.

Q5, Q6, & Q8 are all widening west of Thylungra.

Q5 is complete. Q6 & Q8 are 50% sealed and the remainder will be sealed before Easter.

All seals dependant on fine weather. Q7 is absorbed by an annual programme.

DTMR is full width resealing from Thargomindah intersection to end of the 14 job in approx 2 weeks.

Shire Flood Damage: Contractor crews and one shire crew are continuing on repairs.

A few shire roads have been further damaged by the latest event declared and claims for these roads will be resubmitted.

TIDS: Quilpie Shire allocation for Base TIDS in 2012/2013 is \$40,000. An application was required prior to the meeting so I lodged the application for an \$80,000 project (50/50 Shire Tids funds). A project needed to be included and I nominated concreting the footpath on the west side of Chipu Street from Quarrion street to the John Waugh Park entrance. Council can change the project if this is not suitable.

Quotes

A summary sheet is attached for the response to the Shire Flood Damage Quote.

Only 3 contractors submitted quotes, S Bowen for 2 roads, Adavale Plant Hire for 3 roads, and Eromanga Contracting for 8 roads.

The summary sheet includes the rates submitted by QSC in the 2010 claim submission for comparison.

I recommend the following;

- 1: that the quotes of S Bowen and Adavale Plant Hire are not accepted as they are expensive.
- 2: that the quote of Eromanga Contracting is not accepted as I believe the major rates are not viable and at present the contractor has not got the resources to complete the 8 roads within the time frame.
- 3: that the remaining works are completed under the current SOA arrangements. Having a dedicated Flood Damage Supervisor is allowing close monitoring of works.

Discussion took place regarding the installation of satellite trackers on all machinery working for Council.

ATTENDANCE:

David Roth and Dave Turner (DERM) entered the Meeting at 10.25am to discuss the Land Valuation Act 2010 and new arrangements for valuations. The two main issues for discussion:

1. Site value for non-rural land
2. Valuer General

There is provision in the new legislation for an annual valuation cycle. The new legislation is up for review in 2012. Unless it can be proven that there is no change in the market, a valuation will occur. (Site value – the market value of vacant land in its' present state.)

The objection and appeal process has been streamlined and objections for valuations close 4th July 2011.(60 days). The new format for objections and valuations has to be deemed to be properly made. Mr Neil Grey is the Valuer General. David Turner is main valuer for Quilpie. Quilpie shire's valuations have increased 6% since 2006.

Des Lucas director of Policy, State Valuation Service is working on an amendment to correct the figure on the display map. A Market survey will be carried out prior to the closing date of objections.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.53am and resumed at 11.16am.

David Turner and David Routh joined Council for Morning Tea.

Mammod Kahn also joined Council for Morning Tea.

Quotes – Shire Flood Damage (continued)

Resolution No: (06-04-11)

Cr Nowland moved and Cr Hewson seconded that Council accepts the recommendation of the Works Manager and the remaining works are completed under the current Standing Offer Arrangements until 30th June 2011 when Council will review the new Standing Offer Arrangements and make a decision for 2011/2012.

CARRIED

Contractors Standing Offer Tender for 2012

The tender is to be advertised in May 2011. I strongly recommend that Councillors read the current document and amend if required and approve prior to it going to advertisement.

NOTED

Quote 23: Supply and Delivery of Fitters Truck

Resolution No: (07-04-11)

Cr Murray moved and Cr Hewson seconded that Council accepts the tender received from Vanderfield Hino for the Supply and Delivery of one Hino 300 Series 816 with extras (side steps with grab rails, side walk up step with swing open door.) for \$89,268.18, exc. GST and registration costs.

CARRIED

PLANT REPORT:

TABLED

WORKS – GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Cr Nowland advised the Works Manager that David Cross had contacted him and enquired when Council would look at Keeroongoolo Road as it is a mess
- Cr Murray enquired if the dirt piles left over in Eromanga from installation of culverts will be removed.
- Cr Murray enquired of the sides of the Quilpie – Eromanga Road will be slashed.

PLUMBERS REPORT:

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RECEPTION OF TENDERS & QUOTATIONS:

Tenders

T03 10-11 Supply and Installation of Replacement Business System & Software Support.

TABLED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Southern Access Gate to Bulloo Park Complex

Maree Radnedge has requested regular access to the Bulloo Park complex via the access gate on the Southern Side, near the junction of Sommerfield Road and Larkins Roads. Maree hopes to ride her horse in the Park facility on a regular basis so she was hoping that Council would consider allowing her access to that gate, which is a more direct access to Bulloo Park than going right around to the other side of the Park for access.

Council resolved at its May 2000 meeting that the back gate on the Race Track be locked at all times, unless directed otherwise by the CEO. I gather this exception would be for an exceptional circumstance. With the pending requests of the Pony Club for regular access to a horse paddock it is perhaps time again that Council consider use of Bulloo Park. I am still waiting on Mr. McKellar to respond to the offer of sub-lease of the Old Dairy. If he does not want that land, then it can possibly become the paddock for the Pony Club.

Resolution No: (08-04-11)

Council resolved to deny the request received from Maree Radnedge for access to the gate on the southern side of Bulloo Park.

The Community Services Manager advised Council that there had been complaints received that other gates at Bulloo Park are being left open and letter are currently being written to users of the facility reminding them to ensure all gates are closed.

Town Sub-development

With the plans now registered and 38 new lots, 2 easements and a new road now registered, DERM has asked if Council had decided on a new road name. This is for the block between Galah and Sommerfield. Further to this, GBA has submitted an estimate of the sub-development costs. These are projected to cost \$600,000 for roads, drainage, water and sewerage and should be in next year's budget.

Councillors and staff were requested to present suggestions for a street name to the May meeting for consideration.

It was also discussed that applications for power supply for the new subdivisions is completed and submitted, due to Ergon Energy's timeframes.

3rd Quarter Review of operational plan

The Chief Executive Officer presented the 3rd Quarter Operational Plan to Council for review.

Received and Noted

WORKPLACE, HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT:

NIL

MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

Keep Australia Beautiful – Tidy Towns

Keep Australia Beautiful has launched its 2011 search of Queensland “Tidiest Town”, in a battered landscape littered with the debris of floods and cyclonic devastation.

There are 11 categories of awards in 2011.

1. The Friendliest Town Award
2. Australia Post Bush Spirit Award
3. RACQ Litter Prevention Award
4. Resource Recovery Award
5. Partnerships Award
6. Energy Conservation Champions Award sponsored by Ergon
7. Environmental Protection Award
8. Young Legends Award
9. Heritage Award
10. Water Conservation Award
11. Outstanding Accomplishment Award

Does Council wish to enter these awards again this year? If so do you wish to enter which towns Council want to enter in this competition?

Resolution No: (09-04-11)

Council resolved not to enter the Keep Australia Beautiful – Tidy Towns Awards 2011.

Local Sport and Recreation Job Plan

In mid 2010 we applied for funding of a local sports coordinator for multi sports to support clubs in the Quilpie Shire Area. We have just been advised that we have been successful in this application and have been approved a grant of \$156,000 (GST exclusive) to employ this coordinator over a three year period. As soon as the funding agreements have been received and signed and given the go ahead by Sport and Recreation the position will be advertised.

Received

Donation

A Red Shield Appeal letter from the Salvation Army has been received. As in past years Council has supported this organisation by way of a donation.

Resolution No: (10-04-11)

Cr Paulsen moved and Cr Murray seconded that Council donates \$500 to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

CARRIED

Regional Development Australia

The Chair of RDA Darling Downs & South West, Cr Bill Cahill, announced that as part of the Australian Government's Commitment to Regional Australia, \$1.4 billion in funding has currently been allocated to a Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) to provide financial grants to support the growth and development of Australia's regions (of which \$573 million is subject to the passage of the Minerals Rent Resource Tax MRRT) The RDAF will fund projects that support the infrastructure needs, and will enhance economic and community growth, of Australia's regions. The program funds will maximise outcomes through effective partnerships across levels of government, and the business and non-profit sectors. The program will build synergies and increase the scale of investment by ensuring that projects cross regional boundaries and support communities within those regions. Regional Development Australia committees will play a key role in identifying projects to be supported by the program.

The Application Form for the Regional Development Australia Fund is now available. Questions about the Regional Development Australia Fund or the application form should be sent to bjhewitt@rda-ddsw.org.au or bryan.gray@rda-ddsw.org.au or the RDAF Infoline on 1800 00 5494.

Cr Edwards and the Community Services Manager will be attending a Workshop in Charleville on Friday 8th April regarding this funding.

NOTED

Old Watch House - Adavale

The Community Services Manager advised Council that a letter of response was received from Queensland Police advising that in accordance with government financial management practices, QPS is happy to donate the building to Council for use as a museum in Adavale.

Upgrade – Quilpie Shire Hall Floor

The Community Services Manager advised Council that a quotation had been received from Glen Mackie to replace damaged floor boards, sand and polish the Quilpie Shire Hall floors. The quotation included Hall \$18,064, Supper Room \$4972, paint stage floor \$1090 and remove tiles in foyer and polish the concrete.

Resolution No: (11-04-11)

Council resolved that the Community Services Manager proceeds with the Quilpie Shire Hall floor upgrade project as per the quotations received from Glenn Mackie.

Channel 7

The Community Services Manager advised Council that Channel 7 would be visiting Quilpie on 3rd May to do some filming. Filming will also take place on 4th May in Eromanga – School, Hotel and Dinosaur Dig.

Eromanga District Rodeo Association

Cr Murray declared an interest in this matter and did not participate in discussion or voting.

A letter was received from Anne Whiteman, Eromanga District Rodeo Association regarding upgrading facilities at the rodeo grounds in Eromanga. Santos donated a demountable building however due to the extreme workload, they were not able to supply staff to carry out the required electrical works. Requesting Council's consideration of monetary support to complete the electrical works prior to the Easter weekend.

Resolution No: (12-04-11)

Council resolved that \$5,000 be utilized from the Eromanga Development Fund to enable required electrical works to be completed on the demountable building at the Rodeo Grounds prior to the Easter weekend.

Quilpie Airport Public Art

The Community Services Manager advised Council that Mr Bep Van Ginkel has submitted a concept design for public art to be placed in the middle garden at Quilpie Airport.

Pony Club

The Community Services Manager presented a letter of thanks and newsletter received from the Quilpie Pony Club.

Recreational Facilities

The Community Services Manager advised that Bulloo Shire Council were installing a skate park in Thargomindah for \$130,000 and a meeting has been organized with him next week to discuss ideas, plans etc for a skate park in Quilpie.

Grant Bucknell is currently designing a hedge maize for the children to be placed at Bicentennial Park.

OQTA – Outback Queensland Tourism Association

The Community Services Manager advised Council that there is an OQTA Meeting in Charleville on Thursday and Friday.

RADF

Resolution No: (13-04-11)

Cr Paulsen moved and Cr Murray seconded that Council accepts the recommendation from the RADF Committee and approves the funding application received from the Quilpie Show & Rodeo Association for \$4,500.

CARRIED

Disaster Appeal

The Community Services Manager advised Council that \$479.05 was collected at the service held to reflect on recent flood and earthquake events. These funds will be donated to an affected community eg. Grantham / Lockyer Valley.

ANZAC Day

RAAF representatives and Father Scully will be attending ANZAC Day Services.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.00pm and resumed at 2.08pm.

HEALTH PROMOTIONS OFFICER'S REPORT:

TABLED

TOURISM OFFICER'S REPORT:

TABLED

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

TABLED

SWIMMING POOL REPORT:

TABLED

RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Town Commons and Reserves

Quilpie

Repaired 7 mile holding yard

I followed the power line to the Tebin boundary, mustered common cattle back onto common. The fence is still down in places.

Checked the netting fence across Pinkilla Creek adjoining Naretha, it is still stock proof.

Mustered the Common.

Mustered cattle and horses out of the town area as the common gate had been left open.

Checked the front common fence from Thargomindah road to the back common, the fence is still lying on the ground in places.

Checked Warrabin Reserve, the fence is in good condition.

Weed Control

Mesquite – Bulgroo,

Parkinsonia – Copai

Prickly Acacia – Back Common

Pest Animal Control

Factory Baits – Munberry,

Local Laws

Dingo scalps - 4

I assisted Steve Mizen with a dog problem, one dog was put in the pound and we couldn't catch the other two dogs.

I set a cat trap at Joe Geppert's house following a report of a cat as big as a dog.
Attended 1080 training in Blackall

Quote - Panels

A quote was received from Kev Richardson to make 4 new panels to match the branding race and cradle. An amount of \$650 was budgeted; I received the quote for new panels totaling \$2200.00. It is requested that the amount of \$650 be held over for the 2011/2012 budget and additional funds will be requested.

Council agreed that this request is included in 2011/2012 budget considerations.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Cr Murray enquired when the 7 Mile fence that was previously washed down would be repaired. An advertisement to be placed for a contractor to undertake works.

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
193	Harry & Chris Houghton	Deck	John Pozzi	1a	To be assessed

Pool Inspections

Date	Pool Owner	Address	Compliant / Non Compliant	Certificate Issued
31 March 2011	P Manns and L Dowling-Manns	Lot 10 – 12 Kookaburra St	Compliant	Yes – PC No 100442000001

Common Muster

The common muster took place a fortnight earlier than planned as most of the cattle were in herds due to the presence of sandflies, making mustering much easier. A total of 82 calves were branded.

Dangerous Dogs

Environmental Health Officer, Mr Steve Mizen is to prepare a report regarding dangerous dogs belonging to Mr Kranyik, it is hoped that this report will be available to be tabled at the Council Meeting.

Group Weapons Licence

I have been advised through the Quilpie Police that a Group Licence could be applied for by writing a letter to the Weapons Licensing Branch requesting that a group licence be attached to an employee's existing weapons licence. It was suggested that Viv would be the responsible person as he currently has a weapon licence. Viv would be the responsible person to sign any weapon out and in.

Resolution No: (14-04-11)

Council resolved not to apply for a Group Licence and to utilize persons with a gun and licence and ensure that such persons are Authorized Officers.

Disaster Management Plan

During a meeting held on Tuesday with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Nick Lehmann, Sergeant and Paul Algie, Acting Executive Officer – Charleville Police, Scott Walsh Emergency Management Queensland, Carl & I updated the Disaster Management Plan to reflect changes to the Disaster Management Act 2003. Please find enclosed the amended Disaster Management Plan for Council's consideration.

Resolution No: (15-04-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Murray seconded that Council adopts the Quilpie Shire Council Disaster Management Plan as presented.

CARRIED

Pony Club Land

Further to my email to Councillors on the 16 March regarding land for use by members of the Pony Club, it was requested by the Mayor & Cr Nowland that the matter be bought back to Council for further consideration.

I have since discussed this matter with Sarah Lilburne who has advised that it is expected 6 – 10 horses would be utilising the proposed area for occasional use.

Resolution No: (16-04-11)

Cr Paulsen moved and Cr Hewson seconded that option B is offered to the Pony Club on a temporary basis, whilst a suitable alternative is investigated.



AREA B - This is the old dam paddock.

***The motion on being put to the vote was: LOST -3-2
Cr Edwards, Nowland and Murray voted against the motion***

Resolution No: (17-04-11)

Cr Murray moved and Cr Nowland seconded that Area C is offered to the Pony Club to utilise, providing the Pony Club take responsibility for fencing the area and breaking it into day yards. Further, there is no cost or responsibility to Council .

***The motion on being put to the vote Carried 3-2
Crs Paulsen and Hewson voted against the motion.***

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Community Housing Acquisition

Advice has been received from Department of Communities confirming their acceptance of stage 1 of the Community / Public Housing acquisition by Council. The first stage of the acquisition involves Council repaying the contingent liability for the following properties:

88 Quarrion Street	2 x 2 bedroom units	\$120,560.00
60 Pegler Street	2 x 2 bedroom units	No contribution required
62 Pegler Street	1 x 3 bedroom house	\$70,848.80
66 Pegler Street	1 x 3 bedroom house	<u>\$68,714.80</u>

Total **\$260,123.60**

Council Auction

The Council auction of surplus goods was held on 26th March 2011 at the Council Depot. The auction was well attended and sales totaled \$15,440.00. Quilpie Kindergarten & Limited Hours Care conducted a refreshment and light snack stall to raise money for their organisation.

Housing

Council has advertised several positions for foreman and plant operators and has had to source private rental dwellings to accommodate some of these positions. Although Council has previously advised that they wish the Tender sale of 31 Buln Buln Street to proceed following the completion of the bathroom, given the shortage of accommodation available does Council wish to retain this property at this stage.

Resolution No: (18-04-11)

Council resolved to retain the property located at 31 Buln Buln Street Quilpie at this point in time, due to the high demand for housing.

Council requested that an Expression of Interest is developed and advertised for the design and construction or supply of two (2) relocatable houses to be situated in Galah Street over Lots 18 and 19.

Pest Weed Management Meeting

I have been discussing a suitable date with Dan McCudden and Graham Hardwick to hold a Pest Weed Management Meeting. The Blueprint for the Bush "Pest Offensive" Funding program is coming to a close and there has been change of ownership of some key properties. This will be an ideal opportunity for new owners to be informed of all stakeholders expectations and responsibilities in relation to Pest Weed Control and to gather final information required for the acquittal of the "Pest Offensive" program. Date to be confirmed.

Council's Financial Management / Organisational Computer System

Tender T03 10-11 closed on Friday 8th April 2011. A summary of tenders received will be tabled at the Meeting for Council's information and further investigation and detailed analysis will occur over the following 3-4 weeks with a view that a recommendation will be made to Council at the May Meeting.

Ben Cronin and Campbell Pettersen, *Civic View* visited Quilpie once again on Tuesday 5th April 2011 to present their computer management system to myself and the Chief Executive Officer. Staff members also attended various parts of the presentation that was relevant to the positions.

Harry Gauvin and David Doyle will visit Quilpie on 19th April 2011 to present *Council Manager*. Maree McConnell, Marie Mawn and myself attended a presentation in Charleville on 9th February 2011. This will give the Chief Executive Officer and staff an opportunity to also view the computer management system in more detail.

Progress of Capital Works / Buildings

Kevin Litchfield has completed the bathroom upgrade at 62 Pegler Street Quilpie.
Kevin Phillips has completed remedial works from white ant damage in Unit 17, Gyrica Gardens.

Local Laws

At the March Meeting I presented a quotation from King & Company to perform Council's Local Law Review. Final costing will be presented to Council at the Meeting for consideration.

Resolution No: (19-04-11)

Council resolved to engage King & Company to undertake a review of Council's Local Laws.

Air Conditioning

Cr Hewson declared an interest in this matter and left the Meeting at 3.25pm.

Following advice of his successful quotation to supply and install air conditioning at 58 Boonkai Street, Ben Potter advised that he had omitted to include an air conditioner and that the price submitted in the quotation is incorrect. In view of this, I invited both Ben Potter and Hewsonhall Electrical to resubmit quotations. Quotations will be tabled for Council's consideration.

Resolution No: (20-04-11)

Cr Paulsen moved and Cr Murray seconded that the quote received from Hewsonhall Electrical Services to supply and install split system air conditioners and associated works for \$11,750.00 is accepted.

***The motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED 3 – 1
Cr Edwards voted against the motion***

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Hewson entered the Meeting at 3.37pm.

DDMG (District Disaster Management Meeting)

Cr Murray and myself attended the District Disaster Management Meeting in Charleville on Friday 1st April 2011. Attendance at this meeting was valuable to establish who was on the DDMG and what each person's role is. LDMG /Agency reports were tabled to provide a brief outline of any activity, training or issues in each area. Discussion took place regarding resources required to operate an efficient Co-ordination centre in the event of a disaster, amended legislation and organisational requirements and communication and public awareness campaigns regarding preparedness for disasters.

The Committee also reviewed the Charleville District Disaster Management Plan. Mick Gowie, Nick Lehman and Paul Algie were keen to organise an exercise involving bushfire control in Quilpie which would involve LDMG and all relevant agencies.

- Cr Paulsen enquired regarding the progress of DAMP Testing
- Cr Paulsen requested that photographs of the Councillors are included on the website within their profiles.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting adjourned for Afternoon Tea at 3.35pm and resumed at 3.47pm.

FINANCE:

Resolution No: (21-04-11)

Cr Hewson 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 \$1,014,855.89 as listed are confirmed and;

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

CEO Credit Card Payments			Mayor Credit Card Payments		
QANTAS	Return flight Charleville/Brisbane Ted Hennessy - Training	180.01	Mantra South Bank, Brisbane	Accommodation - Infrastructure Conference	1,275.50
Dept of Environ & Resource Manag	Easement	127.90	QANTAS	Return flight Charleville/Brisba ne	378.21
National Australia Bank	Card Fee	9.00	National Australia Bank	Card Fee	9.00
		<u>316.91</u>			<u>1,662. 71</u>

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Cr Murray advised Council that David Kelly wishes to attend a Council meeting to address Council regarding the merge of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence Panel and Rabbit Board.
- Cr Murray suggested that Council should write a letter of complaint to Minister for Sustainability and Climate Change, Kate Jones and RAPAD (Remote Area Planning and Development Board) regarding the selection process for the Wild Rivers Panel and questioning why there is only one representative for both Bulloo and Quilpie Shires. Also expressing concern that there is not equal representation on the panel and it should be split up to upper, middle and lower catchments.

- Cr Hewson advised Council that Peter Sheehan had approached her during the month with issues regarding the condition of the Trinidad Road and the Budget for Wild Dog Control in 2011/2012.

Cr Murray suggested that Council considers employing a local trapper for the whole shire in the 2011/2012 budget.

- Cr Nowland advised that he had received reports of 2 pig sties in Adavale. Council requested that the Building & Environmental Health Officer investigates these reports.
- Cr Paulsen and Cr Hewson voiced some concerns regarding the Community Planning Steering Committee

NEXT MEETING:

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 10th May, 2011 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 8.30am.

MEETING CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 4.34pm.

Mayor