



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Friday 7 October 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 8.18am.

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Cr Bob Hall

Cr Roger Volz

Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

In attendance: Mrs Nina Burges (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONDOLENCES

Condolences have been sent to the family of the late Anne Watts and John Vernon.

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (09/16) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Tuesday 13 September 2016

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Tuesday, 13 September 2016.

Resolution No: (01-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Tuesday, 13 September 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 since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Cr Mackenzie attended a Regional Development Australia (DDSW) meeting in Toowoomba on 15 September 2016. In addition to strategic planning matters other discussions centred around the proposed contracted rail service with a large number of enquiries received to date. Following the meeting the Mayor met with Tourism Queensland, Mr Jim Cavaye and USQ representatives to discuss a possible 'paleo trail' for Western Queensland.

Unfortunately due to the wet weather the Mayor was unable to attend a meeting with Senator the Hon James McGrath in Morven.

An Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) teleconference was followed by a meeting with that organisation's General Manager, Mr Peter Homan, in Quilpie on 29 September. Councillors Hall and Volz were also in attendance at that meeting. Mr Homan provided a general update on OQTA activities.

The Mayor has been in discussions with representatives involved in the 'Advance Queensland Project' – a state government initiative for the development of 'innovation hubs' throughout Queensland. The South West Regional Economic Development Association (SWRED) is furthering this matter with a view to benefitting the south west region.

The SWRED meeting was held in Charleville on Tuesday 04 October and was also attended by Cr Hewson. In addition to the 'innovation hub' discussions other matters included cluster fencing, the proposed Charleville meatworks and support for the gas industry.

Cr Mackenzie has also continued discussions with and on behalf of opal miners in relation to native title issues being experienced and will further pursue this matter.

Cr Mackenzie noted that there are two (2) candidates standing for the position of President, LGAQ. This matter will be voted on at the State Conference later this month.

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

No reports.

9 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.1 (10/16) –Australia Day Ambassador Program

Each year the Queensland Government has an Australia Day Ambassador Program and local Councils are offered the opportunity to register interest in submitting an application for an Ambassador to attend their Australia Day celebrations.

Each Ambassador offers their own story to enrich the Australia Day events and inspire local communities as they celebrate this important national day. Interest must be registered with the Premier's Department prior to Friday 14 October 2016.

Resolution No: (02-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hall

That Council does not register interest in participating in the Australia Day Ambassador Program in 2017.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for the purpose of conducting executive staff interviews at 9.14am and resumed at 10.15am

9.2 (10/16) –Queensland Music Festival, Bach to Bush Tour

The Queensland Music Festival will take place in July 2017. As part of the Festival, correspondence has been received proposing that a tour "The Bach to Bush Tour" visits Quilpie in July 2017. Each of

the seven (7) destinations on the tour will include a 75 minute concert, and a schools / community workshop which will be tailored to each school's individual requirements, facilitated by QMF's education team.

Resolution No: (03-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council accepts the offer from Queensland Music Festival Fly Tour to visit Quilpie in July 2017 to deliver a concert and community workshop and agree to contribute \$7,500 toward the cost of the tour.

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10 FINANCE

10.1 (10/16) – Finance Report Ending 30 September 2016

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

Resolution No: (04-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

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

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for the purpose of conducting executive staff interviews at 10.40am and resumed at 11.40am

ATTENDANCE

Ms Jess Thomson-Gilby attended the meeting at 11.40 and provided a report on the 2016 Fringe Festival, also updating Council on 2017 preparations. Ms Thomson-Gilby left the meeting at 12.15pm.

11 GOVERNANCE

11.1 (10/16) – RADF Round 1

The Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, provides Regional Arts Development Funds (RADF) to councils. Councils also provide financial and in-kind support to RADF delivery through local projects, initiatives and grants programs.

The RADF Committee met on 31 August 2016 following the call for applications for the first round of RADF funding for 2016-17.

Resolution No: (05-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council ratifies the RADF Committee Meeting Minutes from 31 August 2016; and

That Council approve the following recommended applications for Round 1, 2016-2017:

Organisation	Project	Amount (excl GST)
ICPA – Quilpie Branch	Holiday camp	\$5,716.00
Quilpie Cultural Society	Creative soft furnishings	\$3,028.35
Quilpie Cultural Society	Innovative timber furniture	\$2,470.00
Quilpie Cultural Society	Queensland quilters	\$1,371.50
Quilpie Cultural Society	Recycled material art	\$815.10
Quilpie Cultural Society	Wool	\$913.90
Quilpie Cultural Society	Embroidery	\$1,478.75
Quilpie Cultural Society	Photography	\$1,820.00
Helen Morris	The Doiley	\$2015.00
Quilpie & District Show Society	Children's art	\$3,860.00
Quilpie Cultural Society	Mark Everingham workshop (from 2015/16)	\$1,891.50

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11.2 (10/16) – Request to Use Pound Paddock

Council has received a request from Mr Trevor Mead to extend his approval to use the "Pound Paddock" to spell horses. The original request was made in January 2016 and Council approved the use of the "Pound Paddock" (Lot 39 on NK84) for spelling horses for a period of twelve (12) months. Whilst there was no fee payable, a condition is that Mr Mead repair and maintain any fencing at his expense as required.

Resolution No: (06-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approve the use of the "Pound Paddock" by Mr Trevor Mead for a further period of 12 months to 31 January 2018.

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11.3 (10/16) – Naming of Bulloo Park Function Centre

By letter of 26 September 2016, the Quilpie Diggers Race Club has requested Council name the soon to be completed building the "Boy Speedy Memorial Function Centre".

Resolution No: (07-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council decline the request to name the Bulloo Park function centre the "Boy Speedy Memorial Function Centre".

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11.4 (10/16) – Water Supply and Sewerage Services Asset Management Plans

It is a requirement under s167 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that a local government must prepare and adopt a long-term asset management plan. The plan must:

- provide for strategies to ensure the sustainable management of the assets mentioned in the local government's asset register and the infrastructure of the local government; and
- state the estimated capital expenditure for renewing, upgrading and extending the assets for the period covered by the plan; and
- be part of, and consistent with, the long-term financial forecast.

Resolution No: (08-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council adopt the Water Supply Services Asset Management Plan and the Sewerage Services Asset Management Plan as presented.

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11.5 (10/16) – Request for Use of Bore

By letter of 23 September 2016, Terrence and Glenda Kerrish are requesting access to the bore located on Lot 210 E3051 which is owned by Council. The bore currently has no pump. The proposed use of the water is for garden purposes. The adjoining allotment owned by the applicants has access to the Council water reticulation network but it is preferable if this treated (expensive) water is not used extensively for irrigation. The applicant has advised they will pay for the pump and electricity and as such there should be no cost to Council.

Resolution No: (09-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council allow Terrence and Glenda Kerrish use of the bore located on Lot 201 E3051 for the purpose of gardening water subject to conditions.

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11.6 (10/16) – Delegations Register

The Local Government Act 2009 requires a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish a register of delegations which must record all delegations by the Council, Mayor or CEO. A number of delegations that may be delegated by Council to the Chief Executive Officer have been identified for Council's consideration.

Resolution No: (10-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, the powers referred to in the document titled "Register of Delegations – Council to CEO" are updated and adopted in accordance with the amendments proposed in Agenda Item and Report 10/16 – Delegations Register.

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11.7 (10/16) – Building our Regions Supplementary Round

The Queensland Government has announced a supplementary funding round under the Building our Regions (BoR) program. Applications for the supplementary round open for expressions of interest (EOI) on 17 October 2016 and will use a two-stage application process.

Noted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for the purpose of conducting executive staff interviews at 12.58pm and resumed at 2.10pm.

11.8 (10/16) – 2016/2017 Operational Plan 1st Quarter Review

Council's Operational Plan is the detailed business and organisational planning document and forms the basis of Council's annual budget. The plan translates our community's needs, expectations and aspirations into action.

The Operational Plan is monitored on an on-going basis to ensure Council is achieving the outcomes for the financial year.

Resolution No: (11-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That the 2016-17 Operational Plan be reviewed for the first quarter and noted.

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11.9 (10/16) – Review of Rainfall and River Gauge Stations

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) has undertaken a review of the flood warning gauge network across Queensland. The findings and recommendations of that review as they relate to Quilpie Shire were presented for Council's consideration.

Noted.

11.10 (10/16) – Motion to Repeal Resolution – Q14 16-17 and Q15 16-17 Bunkhouse Unit and Kitchenette – Eromanga Work Camp

Quotations were called for the purchase of a four (4) bed bunkhouse unit and kitchenette unit to be used at Council's Eromanga camp. At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 13 September 2016, Council resolved to accept a quotation for the purchase of a 4 bed bunkhouse and resolved not to accept any quotations for the kitchenette unit. Prior to any notification being sent to the company awarded the quotation, staff became aware of superior second hand units becoming available via public auction.

Resolution No: (12-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That in accordance with Section 262 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council repeal the following resolution 13-09-16 adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 13 September 2016:

Quotations Q14 16/17 Purchase of Bunk House Unit and Q15 16/17 Purchase of Kitchenette

Resolution No: (13-09-16)

That Council award the following quotations:

Quote	Company	Gross	Trade
Q14	A1 Portables	\$58,157.00	No trade

and that no quotation be awarded for Q15 16-17 (Kitchenette Unit) with the existing facility to be refurbished.

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Resolution No: (13-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That no quotation be awarded for Q14 16-17 (Bunkhouse Unit); and

That no quotation be awarded for Q15 16-17 (Kitchenette Unit) with the existing facility to be refurbished.

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12 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (14-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 3.08pm to discuss the following items:

- Request for Rates Review;

- *Expression of Interest in Purchasing House and Land;*
- *Potential Business Enquiry;*
- *Application for Mining Claim;*
- *Quotation Q19 16-17 – Mini Excavator; and*
- *Request For Pricing T16 A,B,C,D,E 1516 NDRRA Restoration of Essential Public Assets 2016.*

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ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 3.50pm and left at 4.10pm.

Resolution No: (15-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 5.00pm

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12.1 (10/16) – Request for Rates Review

By email dated 20 September 2016, a review of rates on assessments 00485-20000-000, 00485-60000-000 and 00485-01800-000 has been requested by the owners of those properties. In summary, the owners of the assessments have requested that:

- the differential category for assessment 00485-20000-000 be changed from "Quilpie township" to "rural";
- Council reduce the water allocation charges on assessment 00485-20000-000; and
- Council remove the garbage charges.

Resolution No: (16-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That the request to reallocate assessment 00485-20000-000 to the differential rating category of 'rural' not be approved;

That the utility charges for water for "Railway Trucking Yards" and "Railway Station Yards" be reduced to 100 units; and

A full review of Council's utility charges be undertaken prior to the 2017-2018 budget deliberations.

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12.2 (10/16) –Expression of Interest in Purchasing House and Land, L2 Kookaburra Street Quilpie

An expression of interest in purchasing the house and land located at Lot 2, Kookaburra Street Quilpie has been received.

Resolution No: (17-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That this matter be deferred for consideration to the November Ordinary Meeting of Council pending further investigation on the matter.

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13 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

13.1 (10/16) –Overnight Horse Riding Camp, Adavale Common

An email has been received from a community member advising that he is in the process of purchasing Lots 201 and 202, Klugh Street Adavale and requesting permission to conduct overnight horse riding camps on Adavale Common land. The applicant has advised that he has \$20m Public Liability Insurance.

Resolution No: (18-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council grants in-principle permission to Michael Sekulich to conduct overnight horse riding camps on Adavale Common.

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13.2 (10/16) – Application for Mining Claim No. 300113

By letter received 04 October 2016, Council has been provided the opportunity to object to the application for mining claim 300113 (located on Congie Station). Any objection is to be lodged with a Mines Lodgement Office on or before 04 November 2016.

Resolution No: (19-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council offers no objection to the Mining Claim Certificate for Mining Claim No.300113, subject to all outstanding rates associated with Mining Lease 60250 being paid in full.

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13.3 (10/16) – Nominal 1.5T Mini-Excavator

Quotations have been called for the purchase of a 1.5 tonne excavator in-lieu of the backhoe attachment for the recently purchased bobcat.

Resolution No: (20-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That this matter be deferred for consideration until the November Ordinary Meeting of Council in order that additional consultation with staff can be undertaken.

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13.4 (10/16) – RFP T16 A,B,C,D,E 1516 NDRRA Restoration of Essential Public Assets 2016

A Request for Pricing (RFP) has been issued for the majority of the 2016 Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) restoration works. The RFP was issued under T16 1516 being Council's Panel of Pre-qualified Suppliers (Contractors). The RFP was issued to four local suppliers capable of undertaking the works, namely:

- Adavale Plant Hire;
- SC & KG Bowen;
- Eromanga Contracting; and
- APV Contracting.

Pricing closed on Thursday 6 October 2016. Submissions were received from four (4) contractors for various separable portions.

Resolution No: (21-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That due to the time constraints associated with undertaking the restoration of essential public assets and the pending wet season which may hamper progress Council award RFP T16 A, B, C, D, E

1516 based on price and timeframes as follows:

Separable Portion	Contractor	Price (including GST)
T16A	Adavale Plant Hire	\$433,939.00
T16B	Eromanga Contracting	\$275,105.28
T16C	SC & KG Bowen	\$309,507.29
T16D	APV Contracting	\$480,543.74
T16E	SC & KG Bowen	\$150,183.82

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14 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 (10/16) – Unemployment Assistance Program

Concerns have been raised in relation to the recent withdrawal of the unemployment assistance program operated in Quilpie and coordinated by Max Employment.

Resolution No: (22-10-16)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council expresses its concern at the withdrawal of the Job Active – Work for the Dole scheme in Quilpie and write to relevant authorities in relation to the matter.

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15.2 (10/16) Roads and Transport

Councillors raised a number of matters for the attention of Council staff. Cr Hewson requested that enquiries to the Department of Transport and Main Roads in relation to relocating the proposed ablution facility at the 23 mile to Kyabra Creek (Thylungra) be made. Further discussions were also held on the Boolbanna Grid status. Cr Hall noted that there are a number of large trees on the Adavale (Red) Road causing damage to fencing. The Chief Executive Officer will inspect the site with Cr Hall to identify possible remedial action. Cr Volz noted that the railway road behind Brolga Street shops was in very poor condition with a number of dangerous potholes. Cr Bruce Paulsen also noted the pothole outside the bakery. Mayor Mackenzie also highlighted a number of roads that may need attention following the recent rain.

15.3 (10/16) Bulloo Park Redevelopment

Following the inaugural event at the new Bulloo Park complex very positive feedback has been received. A number of small matters for attention / rectification were raised for the attention of staff.

15.4 (10/16) South Comongin Crossing

Following the recent flooding Councillors have again received feedback from community members in relation to the South Comongin Crossing on the Quilpie-Thargomindah Road. It was also noted that elected members felt the location is dangerous for traffic regardless of any flood event and some widening needs to occur. The Chief Executive Officer will further investigate this matter.


16 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday, 8 November 2016 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.50pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 7 October 2016.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Tuesday, 8 November 2016.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council



Date