



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Friday 15 February 2019

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 9.59am

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Bob Hall

Cr Roger Volz

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Mr Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

In attendance: Mrs Maree Radnedge (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONDOLENCES

Council noted the recent passing of Joan Houghton and expressed their condolences to her family.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Division 5A of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) requires Councillors to declare a Material Personal Interest or a Conflict of Interest should either apply regarding a matter that is before a Council meeting (refer Sections 175C and 175E of the Act). The Declaration should be made at the commencement of the meeting and prior to the matter being considered and voted upon by Council.

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared he has a material personal interest (as defined by section 175B of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in item 17.1 (Real Energy Petroleum Pipeline Licence Application) as follows:

Cr Mackenzie is Owner of "Plevna Downs". If the application is successful, the pipeline will lie entirely within "Plevna Downs" and as the owner, Cr Mackenzie stands to gain a financial benefit.

Cr Mackenzie advised that in accordance with legislative requirements he will leave the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 (02/19) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Friday 11 January 2019

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 11 January 2019.

Resolution No: (01-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 11 January 2019 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 10.05am.

7 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 (01/19) – Works for Queensland 2019-2021

By letter of 13 December the Director-General of the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs has advised that Council has been allocated \$1.09 million under the Works for Queensland 2019/2021 program. This was considered at the January 2019 Ordinary meeting of Council with a final decision on preferred projects now required.

Resolution No: (02-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council undertake the following projects with the funds allocated under the Works for Queensland 2019/2021 program:

- John Waugh Park exclusion fencing	\$140,000;
- Eromanga Tennis/Multi-purpose court	\$120,000;
- Road Infrastructure	\$480,000;
- Ricky Milosevic Memorial	\$130,000;
- Grid renewals	\$100,000; and
- Concrete footpaths Quilpie	\$120,000.

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ATTENDANCE

Mrs Hamlyn left the meeting at 10.13am.

8 MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mackenzie provided a verbal update on activities he has undertaken since the January 2019 Ordinary meeting of Council.

Cr Mackenzie attended a teleconference with the Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) and Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) regarding options for obtaining tourism data in outback regions.

The Mayor also held discussions with Robert Prestipino and CEO, Dave Burges regarding the Wellspring project. Mr Prestipino attended Council on Thursday 14 February 2019 to provide Council with an update on the progress of the Wellspring project. Department of State Development representatives, Mr John Bird and Ms Jody Dare were in attendance at this update session.

Councillor Mackenzie advised that progress has been made regarding the accuracy of information provided on Google maps in relation to travel times and distances in outback Queensland, advising that some issues have been corrected.

The Mayor advised that he will be meeting with the Honourable Angus Taylor MP, Minister for Energy on 20 February regarding a discussion paper by Professor Simon Bartlett in relation to investigation of Trans-Australian Interconnections.

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Councillors provided a brief overview of activities they have undertaken since the January Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Crs Mackenzie, Hewson, Volz, and Hall all attended the Australia Day celebrations which were held in conjunction with the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners visit to Quilpie. Cr Hewson expressed her thanks to Manager Corporate and Community Services, Lisa Hamlyn and the staff and community members that were involved with the event, recognizing that people went above and beyond to ensure that the weekend was a success. It was noted that Councillor Volz captured drone footage throughout the weekend which has been made available on social media. All Councillors expressed their gratitude to everyone that was involved in making the weekend a great success and noted that positive feedback has been received from visitors regarding the friendly nature of the people within the Shire and the high standard of facilities.

Councillors Mackenzie, Paulsen and Hall attended the Wild Dog Exclusion Fence meeting held in Quilpie on 14 January 2019.

Councillors Mackenzie, Hewson, Paulsen and Hall attended the Wild Dog Advisory Committee meeting on 18 January 2019.

Cr Paulsen and Hall along with Manager Corporate and Community Services, Lisa Hamlyn attended a meeting on 05 February with Mark O'Brien AM, Board Chairman of Container Exchange regarding the Container Exchange Program.

Cr Hall participated in a Dog Watch teleconference on 05 February, noting that the group is keen to conduct a face to face meeting in the future if possible. Cr Hall also conducted an inspection of the back fence of the common.

Cr Volz participated in an online meeting with Red Ridge on 06 February regarding the proposed development of common art projects in the region, including a mural trail. Councillor Volz has also been working on the Mulga Trail project at the Airport in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy. Councillor Volz advised that a draft plan will be presented to Council for consideration in due course.

It was noted that Councillors Hewson and Hall will be attending a meeting in Canberra with the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Michael McCormack MP and Federal Member for Maranoa, David Littleproud MP on 19 February regarding the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

10 STATUS REPORTS

10.1 (02/19) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.2 (02/19) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.3 (02/19) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

10.4 (02/19) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil Reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.04am and resumed at 11.25am.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 11.25am.

12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 (02/19) – Eromanga Television

Eromanga television was upgraded to a digital service at the same time as Quilpie in 2013. Whilst Eromanga has almost always experienced station "drop outs" it has become an ongoing issue that requires a permanent solution. Following their last maintenance visit, N-com Pty Ltd provided a report in which they stated the issues were a result of aging transmitting equipment and recommended that the Digital TV transmitters at the Quilpie site were upgraded and the transmitters in Quilpie were re-located to Eromanga to solve these issues.

Noted. This matter will be tabled for consideration at the March 2019 Ordinary meeting of Council.

12.2 (02/19) – Adavale Sports & Recreation Association, request for Sponsorship

Correspondence has been received from the Adavale Sports & Recreation Association requesting Council's consideration of sponsoring the cost of the Ambulance Service to be present at the 2019 Stockmans Challenge, Rodeo, Gymkhana and Bikekhana to be held on 12 and 13 April.

Resolution No: (03-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council approves the request received from the Adavale Sports & Recreation Inc. Committee to sponsor the cost of the Ambulance Service to be present at the 2019 Stockmans Challenge, Rodeo, Gymkhana and Bikekhana.

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ATTENDANCE

Mrs Hamlyn left the meeting at 12.33pm.

13 FINANCE

13.1 (02/19) – Finance Report for Month Ending 31 January 2019

The Finance report for the period ending 31 January 2019 was presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution No: (04-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 January 2019.

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 (02/19) – 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. As such, Council reviewed and adopted the updated Water Supply Services Asset Management Plan and Sewerage Services Asset Management Plan.

Resolution No: (05-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

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

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14.2 (02/19) – Application for Mining Claim No 300229

By mail received 15 January 2019, Council were provided the opportunity to object to the application for mining claim number 300229. The area is a 16 hectare site located North West of Quilpie.

Resolution No: (06-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council offers no objection to the Mining Claim Certificate for Mining Claim No.300229

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14.3 (02/19) – Application for Mining Claim No 300189

By mail received 15 January 2019, Council were provided the opportunity to object to the application for mining claim number 300189. The area is an eight (8) hectare site located North West of Eromanga.

Resolution No: (07-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council offers no objection to the Mining Claim Certificate for Mining Claim No.300189.

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14.4 (02/19) – Local Government Grants & Subsidies Program 2019/2021

In accordance with the Council resolution at the December 2018 meeting, an application has been lodged for a new bore under the 2019/2021 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP).

A second project, namely a Regional Asset Management Strategy, is being lodged on behalf of the South West Regionals Roads and Transport Group by Balonne Shire Council.

Resolution No: (08-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council ratify the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program application for the South West Regional Road and Transport Group for funding the Regional Asset Management Strategy.

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15 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (09-02-19)

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 12.56pm to discuss two (2) renewal of term lease matters.

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Resolution No: (10-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 1.04pm.

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15.1 (02/19) – Renewal of Term Lease 0/213111

By email of 9 January 2019, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) State Land Asset Management (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 of the Term Lease 0/213111 over Lot 35 on Crown Plan MCK5319.

Resolution No: (11-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council has no requirements in relation to the proposed renewal of Term Lease 0/213111 over Lot 35 on Crown Plan MCK5319 and that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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15.2 (02/19) – Renewal of Term Lease over Lot 17 on SP 118806

By email of 23 January 2019, , the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) State Land Asset Management (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 of the Term Lease over Lot 17 on SP 118806.

Resolution No: (12-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council has no requirements in relation to the proposed renewal of Term Lease over Lot 17 on SP 118806 Case Id: 2018/002988 and that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

17 LATE ITEMS

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared he has a material personal interest (as defined by section 175B of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in the following matter as follows:

Cr Mackenzie is Owner of "Plevna Downs". If the application is successful, the pipeline will lie entirely within "Plevna Downs" and as the owner, Cr Mackenzie stands to gain a financial benefit.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie retired from the meeting at 1.05pm and Cr Hewson assumed the role of Chair.

17.1 (02/19) – Real Energy Petroleum Pipeline Licence (PPL) Application

An email was received from Real Energy Corporation Limited advising that Real Energy has made application for a Petroleum Pipeline Licence (PPL) to Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy. Real Energy intends to construct a raw gas transmission pipeline from its' Windorah Gas Project in ATP927 through untenured land and into the Santos operated PL141 where it will tie in to the existing Mt Howitt facility. The proposed pipeline will be approximately 15km in length, and lie entirely within the "Plevna Downs" property (6/SP196201) within the Shire of Quilpie.

Resolution No: (13-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council resolves not to make a submission to Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy in regard to the Petroleum Pipeline Licence (PPL) made by Real Energy Queensland Pty Limited.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 1.23pm and resumed the role of Chair.

17.2 (02/19) – Coex, Container Exchange Program

The Queensland Government, through the Queensland Department of Environment and Science (previously the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection), has established a beverage container refund scheme pursuant to Part 3B of Chapter 4 of the Act (Scheme) for the purposes of

reducing the volume of waste and promoting the recovery, reuse and recycling of empty beverage containers in Queensland.

Container Exchange has been contracted to manage the container refund scheme for the State Government and has entered into an agreement to date with Murweh Shire Council and Maranoa Regional Council.

Whilst acknowledging that recycling programs considered to date in remote areas are not cost effective, this is an opportunity for Council to promote recycling through the container exchange program.

Noted. This matter will be tabled for consideration at the March 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

17.3 (02/19) – QCWA Quilpie Branch, Community Assistance Application

An application has been received from the QCWA Quilpie Branch, requesting Council's consideration for assistance by way of part payment of a Soap Making Workshop to be held on 24th March 2019.

Resolution No: (14-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council write to the QCWA Quilpie Branch to encourage an application to be made to Round 3 of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) to assist with the cost of the Soap Making Workshop.

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17.4 (02/19) – Request for Rates Discount

By letter of 12 February 2019, the owner of Rates Assessment number 00798-00000-000 has requested that Council give consideration to allowing the rates discount. Payment was made prior to the due date however a minor error in writing the cheque resulted in the amount being slightly underpaid.

Resolution No: (15-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council does allow the request to grant the discount on Rates Assessment # 00798-0000-000.

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18 GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 (02/19) – Proposed Walkway – Bulloo Park

Council has requested design information on the potential construction of a pathway from the new car park area to the new complex at Bulloo Park.

Noted.

18.2 (02/19) – Amnesty International Quilpie and Community Sponsorship

Amnesty International have requested that Council give consideration to adopting a Refugee Community Sponsorship Program.

Resolution No: (16-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council does support the adoption of a Refugee Community Sponsorship Program and write to Federal members requesting that they:

- *Adopt a more affordable visa structure for the Community Support Program (CSP) to make it more affordable to sponsors, including community organisations, families and businesses;*
- *Make the cap on the CSP additional to our current humanitarian intake, in order to recognize the generosity of our communities and businesses, rather than shifting both the costs and responsibilities to them;*
- *Provide adequate support and services to assist with resettlement and community integration; and*
- *Ensure people in need of protection are prioritised to settle in Australia.*

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18.3 (02/19) – Regional Development Australia Darling Downs and South West “Five Issues” Forum

Regional Development Australia Darling Downs and South West (RDA DDSW) has invited Council to nominate one key issue and one reserve issue to be discussed and progressed at the upcoming “Five Issues Forum” being held in Cunnamulla on 07 March 2019. The forum will be attended by representatives from local, state and federal government together with other relevant stakeholders for the purpose of overcoming barriers and nominating priorities for the region. RDA DDSW would welcome any stakeholders that Council would like to include in the forum.

Resolution No: (17-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council nominate the following issues for discussion at the upcoming Five Issues forum:

- *Population decline (key issue); and*
- *Zonal Tax rebates (reserve issue).*

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18.4 (02/19) – Restoration of Financial Assistance Grants

By way of correspondence dated 5 February 2019, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is seeking support from Council for the restoration of the value of the Financial Assistance Grants to at least one (1) percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

Resolution No: (18-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council endorses and supports the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) 2019 Federal Election Advocacy campaign to restore Financial Assistance Grants funding to a level of at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

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18.5 (02/19) – Burrumbuttock Hay Run

A discussion took place regarding the success of the recent Burrumbuttock Hay Run on the Australia Day weekend. Councillors expressed their gratitude to the organisers and volunteers associated with the hay run, noting that it was a great success.

Resolution No: (19-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council write a letter of thanks to the organisers and volunteers of the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners.

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18.6 (02/19) – Excessive Water Usage

A discussion took place regarding excessive water usage and the negative impacts associated with it.

Resolution No: (20-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council advises residents of the negative impacts of excessive water usage and encourages the efficient use of water resources.

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18.7 (02/19) – Councillor Attendance Authorisation

Following requests for deputations to various ministerial representatives, Quilpie Shire Council has been invited to meet with Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud MP and the Minister for Energy Hon. Angus Taylor MP on a range of issues.

Resolution No: (21-02-19)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council authorises:

- *Councillors Hewson and Hall to attend a meeting in Canberra with the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Michael McCormack MP and Federal Member for Maranoa, David Littleproud MP on 19 February regarding the Eromanga Natural History Museum; and*
- *Councillor Mackenzie to attend a meeting in Canberra with the Hon. Angus Taylor MP, Minister for Energy on 20 February regarding a discussion paper by Professor Simon Bartlett in relation to investigation of Trans-Australian Interconnections.*

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ATTENDANCE

Manager Engineering Services, Mr Casey de Pereira attended the meeting at 2.27pm to discuss various operational matters.

ATTENDANCE

Cadet Technical Officer, Mr Luke Hunter attended the meeting at 3.17pm to discuss the Quilpie streetscape project.

ATTENDANCE

Mr De Pereira and Mr Hunter left the meeting at 3.41pm.

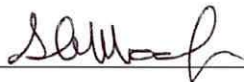
19 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 8 March 2019 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

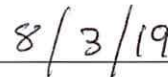
There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.46pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 15 February 2019.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 8 March 2019.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council