



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Thursday 5 September 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 9.28am.

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 Nina Burges (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONDOLENCES

Council noted the recent passing of Judy Hall, Fred Bell and Noel McConnell and expressed their condolences to their families.

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.

No declarations were made at this point in time.

6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 (09/19) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Friday 14 June 2019

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 9 August 2019.

Resolution No: (01-09-19)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 9 August 2019 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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7 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil.

8 MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mackenzie provided a verbal update on activities he has undertaken since the August 2019 Ordinary meeting of Council. Cr Mackenzie attended and participated in a range of meetings during the month.

Representatives of the intermodal developers in Toowoomba, Seaway and Interlink, met with Councillors and interested members of the public in Quilpie to discuss rail freight issues and to gain feedback on potential ways to address the difficulties.

Cr Mackenzie also participated in a South West Regional Economic Development group (SWRED) Tourism Committee meeting as well as travelling to Cunnamulla for the regular SWRED meeting.

Senator Gerard Rennick travelled to Quilpie during the month and met with Councillors to discuss a number of matters relevant to Council.

Council also received a visit by the Hon Mark Furner MP, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries. Minister Furner was eager to be briefed on the Quilpie Wellspring Project and wild dog exclusion fencing activity.

Cr Mackenzie participated in a teleconference coordinated by Darling Downs and South West Trade and Investment Queensland and Regional Development Australia (DDSW). A major focus of the discussions centred on the regional visa program which will commence in November.

Finally, the Mayor attended the Wild Dog Committee meeting. Concerns were raised by some members regarding the state of the wild dog barrier fence in certain locations.

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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

All Councillors attended the visit by Minister Furner.

Cr Jenny Hewson also attended the meeting with Senator Rennick. She was a joint judge for the 'jam drop' competition held as part of seniors week festivities, congratulating staff on the well organised and comprehensive line up of activities for the week.

Opening the Samantha Meurant art exhibition, Cr Hewson commented on how well staff had set up the display. In other activities, Cr Hewson travelled with the Mayor to Cunnamulla for the SWRED meeting and also attended the staff social evening at Bulloo Park.

Cr Bruce Paulsen attended the rail freight meeting and opened the sports carnival at the Quilpie State College. Cr Paulsen also participated in Book Week at the school and noted the significant increase in numbers of people attending the Quilpie Open Golf weekend.

Travelling to Ayers Rock during the month, Cr Bob Hall took a keen interest in researching tourism and business activities throughout the outback. Cr Hall undertook an inspection of the Thargomindah Road where works on floodways are being undertaken, attended the staff social and met with Senator Rennick. Finally, Cr Hall travelled to Roma for a land policy consultation meeting to discuss the future operations of the Stock Route Network.

Cr Roger Volz attended the CWA 100th celebrations at RSL Park and congratulated the CWA on this initiative. In addition to meeting with Senator Rennick, Cr Volz attended the opening for the St Finbarr's multi-purpose court shade cover, the Kindy meet and greet function and the Samantha Meurant exhibition opening. Cr Volz drove the seniors out to Moble for the Seniors week lunch and visited the Cultural Society during an art workshop.

10 STATUS REPORTS

10.1 (09/19) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.2 (09/19) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.3 (09/19) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

10.4 (09/19) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil Reports.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Director of Engineering, Mr Peter See and Director of Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn, attended the meeting at 10.39am.

12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 (09/19) – 2020 Australia Day Programs

Expressions of interest have been invited for the Australia Day Ambassador Program and for the Great Australian Bites program.

Resolution No: (02-07-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council does not submit an Expression of Interest to participate in the Australia Day Ambassador Program or the Great Australian Bite Program.

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ATTENDANCE

Mrs Hamlyn left the meeting at 11.02am.

ATTENDANCE

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.11am and resumed at 11.25am.

Council resolved to amend the order of business to allow reports on plant and operations to be discussed while the Director of Engineering Services was in attendance.

17 LATE ITEMS

17.1 (09/19) – Quote RFQ16 19-20 Quad Axle Spreadable Trailer

Quotations for the supply of one new or second hand spreadable trailer were called via Local Buy on Monday 05 August 2019. Two (2) quotations were received by the closing time.

Resolution No: (03-09-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council accepts the offer from Iveco (Black Truck and Ag) for a new quad axle spreadable trailer for a price of \$184,910.19 excluding GST for Quotation RFQ16 19-20 "Purchase of one new or second hand spreadable trailer".

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17.2 (09/19) – Quote RFQ11 19-20 John Waugh Park Exclusion Fence

Quotations for the construction of an exclusion fence around JW Park were called from the following local contractors on Council's pre-qualified supplier register:

- Transforma Carpentry;
- Outback Carpentry & Concreting;
- Halliebec Towing & Contracting; and
- Peter Donohue.

Quotations closed on Thursday 29 August 2019.

Resolution No: (04-09-19)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council accepts the offer from Peter Donohue for the construction of an exclusion fence around JW Park for a price of \$154,067.00 excluding GST for Quotation RFQ11 19-20 "John Waugh Park Exclusion Fence".

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17.3 (09/19) – Quote RFQ08 19-20 Supply of Water Tanker

Quotations have been called for the supply of one new water tanker in accordance with Council's capital works program. Three quotations were received on Vendor Panel by the closing time.

Resolution No: (05-09-19)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council accepts the offer from PACCAR (Mick Murray Welding) for one new water tanker for a price of \$121,818.18 excluding GST for Quotation RFQ08 19-20 "Purchase of one semi water tanker".

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ATTENDANCE

Mr See left the meeting at 11.52am.

14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 (09/19) – AgForce Queensland Request for Support

By email of 19 August 2019, AgForce Queensland have advised they have a goal is to design a whole of Queensland sheep industry “Blueprint” that aims to encourage a return to operating sheep and wool enterprises in Queensland. A prospectus was attached to the email and was forwarded to Councillors on 19 August.

The Prospectus identifies the needs to:

- Educate governments and the financial services sector about the benefits that sheep and wool enterprises bring to rural communities and the Queensland economy;
- Promote continuation of private and public investment into exclusion fencing to protect Queensland’s sheep flock from predation by pest animals;
- Improve extension services capacity and capability to ensure productivity gains are achieved, thereby validating the public investment into cluster exclusion fencing projects; and
- Promote greater awareness of Queensland’s sheep and wool industries, including economic returns, to encourage new entrants to industry.

Resolution No: (06-09-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council provide a letter of support to AgForce Queensland in relation to their plan to design a whole of Queensland sheep industry “Blueprint”.

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15 CONFIDENTIAL

No items.

16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No items.

17 LATE ITEMS (CONTINUED)

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

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

Cr Volz has been approached to conduct a woodwork workshop for the Quilpie Cultural Society and as such stands to benefit a financial gain subject to Council's decision on the following matter.

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

ATTENDANCE

Cr Volz left the meeting at 11.54am.

17.1 (09/19) – RADF – Round 4, Replacement Application

Council has received an application from the Quilpie Cultural Society to replace the "Hat Mobile" Workshop which has been cancelled with a Woodwork Workshop. The received application being for Round 4, 2018-19 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program.

Resolution No: (07-09-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council approves the following application for Round 4, 2018-2019:

Organisation	Project	Amount (Exc GST)
Quilpie Cultural Society	Woodwork Workshop	\$1,412.00

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Volz returned to the meeting at 11.56am.

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Council's Manager Finance, Ms Arminda David, attended the meeting at 11.59am.

17 FINANCE

17.1 (09/19) – Finance Report for Month Ending 31 August 2019

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

Resolution No: (08-09-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

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

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ATTENDANCE

Ms David left the meeting at 12.23pm.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillors were invited to raise any items for discussion or consideration. A number of matters were raised for the attention of the Chief Executive Officer. In addition decisions were made on the following items:

18.1 (09/19) – Quilpie Wellspring – Collaboration Proposal

Climate Kic Australia has submitted a proposal to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Council. The purpose of the MOU is to design and test financial models to attract private sector investment for sustainable transition in rural regions, with a focus on the Quilpie Wellspring Project.

Resolution No: (09-09-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council enter into an agreement with Climate Kic Australia to design and test financial models to attract private sector investment for sustainable transition in rural regions, and in particular, the Quilpie Wellspring Project, on the understanding that there is no financial cost to Council.

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18.2 (09/19) – Land Consultation Planning Meeting (Stockroutes)

Resolution No: (10-09-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council ratify Cr Bob Hall's attendance at the land consultation meeting held in Roma on Tuesday 03 September 2019.

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18.3 (09/19) – Diamantina Developmental Road (Quilpie to Windorah)

Discussions were held on the safety issues associated with the Diamantina Developmental Road and the need for upgrading and widening of sections to improve safety. Council will seek public assistance to gather data on 'near miss' and other dangerous incidents for future funding applications.

19 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday 11 October 2019 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 1.45pm.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.45pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Thursday, 5 September 2019.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 11 October 2019.

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council