



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

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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 10.15am.

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 Mary Helton and Nancy Watts 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 (10/19) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Thursday 5 September 2019

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Thursday, 5 September 2019.

Resolution No: (01-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Thursday, 5 September 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 September 2019 Ordinary meeting of Council. Cr Mackenzie attended and participated in a range of meetings during the month.

Cr Mackenzie met with Member for Warrego, Ms Ann Leahy and Queensland Boulder Opal Association President, Mr Kevin Phillips, to discuss ongoing tenure issues associated with native title requirements.

The Mayor attended the Regional Economic Development and Planning Forum held in Quilpie and organised by the Department of State Development, noting the high attendance from representatives as far as Toowoomba to the town.

In addition to meetings such as the Local Disaster Management Group, Cr Mackenzie participated in an Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) meeting and a Darling Downs and South West Regional Development Association meeting.

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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

Councillors Jenny Hewson, Bruce Paulsen, Bob Hall and Roger Volz all attended the community consultation meeting held with Gyrica Gardens residents to discuss a potential multi purpose building on site. Crs Hewson, Paulsen and Volz also attended the social media training held recently in Quilpie.

Crs Paulsen and Hewson participated in the Mental Health Week walk and morning tea, as well as the Sport and Recreation meeting held with State Government representatives.

In addition, Cr Hewson attended the R U OK morning tea and met with Ann Leahy and Mrs Lisa Hamlyn.

Cr Hall attended the Regional Development Australia conference where he accepted the Economic Development award for Innovation (for the Quilpie Wellspring Project) on behalf of Council. He undertook an inspection of works done on the Black Road crossing and Bulloo Park drainage. Cr Hall also had discussions with Mr Paul Gray in relation to the Wild Dog Barrier Fence.

Cr Volz extended his congratulations to the Quilpie and District Show Committee and other volunteers on the Quilpie Show. Cr Volz attended the Local Disaster Management Group meeting and the Rural Economies Centre of Excellence Forum in Toowoomba. Cr Volz also participated in the inaugural South West Regional Waste Group meeting via teleconference, and the Mental Health Week morning walk.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.05 am and resumed at 11.15am

10 STATUS REPORTS

10.1 (10/19) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.2 (10/19) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.3 (10/19) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

10.4 (10/19) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

11.1 (10/19) - Replacement of Diesel Fuel Pump

A quotation has been called for the supply and installation of a new diesel hose bowser at the Council depot. The pumps on the existing facility (relocated from the old depot site) do not have automatic cut off which means that if dropped the hoses will continue to run. The hoses also store fuel which will discharge when the hose is being applied to the vehicle if care is not taken.

Resolution No: (02-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council accept the quotation from Datafuel Financial Systems Pty Ltd for a twin bowser pump and an Adblue Facility for a total cost of \$49,271.50 excluding GST.

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ATTENDANCE

Council's Director of Engineering, Mr Peter See attended the meeting at 11.22am, providing a general update to Council on activities within the engineering department.

11.2 (10/19) – Rail Trails Funding Program

The intent of the Rail Trail Local Government Grant program is to help develop walking, cycling and horse riding trails on disused state and local government rail corridors. Through the Rail Trail Local Government Grant program, the government is investing \$14 million over four years to support local governments to plan, design and construct rail trails.

Noted.

11.3 (10/19) – Quote RFQ15 1920 Prime Mover

Quotations have been called for the supply of one new prime mover in accordance with Council's capital works program. A separate tender was advertised locally for the sale of the existing truck and trailer unit.

Resolution No: (03-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council accepts the offer from PACCAR Kenworth for a Kenworth T659 prime mover for a price of \$305,231.34 excluding GST and trade unit 87 for the amount of \$54,545.45 excluding GST for quotation RFQ15 1920 'Purchase of one prime mover'; and

That Council not accept any tender for T02 1920 'Sale of Second Hand Truck and Trailer'.

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11.4 (10/19) – Replacement of Soft Fall at Bicentennial Park

A quotation has been called for the supply and installation of new Soft fall at Bicentennial Park. The Bicentennial park existing playground soft fall condition has deteriorated to a condition that requires it to be removed and replaced.

Resolution No: (04-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council not accept any quote and investigate a playground upgrade in the 2020-2021 budget.

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11.5 (10/19) – Quote Q27 1920 – Quilpie Adavale Road Bitumen Sealing

Quotations for next section of the Quilpie Adavale (Red) Road bitumen sealing, from 54.35km to 58.0km were called via Vendor Panel (LocalBuy) on Monday 30 September 2019. At the close of the quotation period four (4) submissions were received.

Resolution No: (05-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council award RFQ27 19-20 'Quilpie Adavale Road Bitumen Sealing' to COLAS Queensland Pty Ltd for the value of \$231,053.98 inc GST.

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ATTENDANCE

Mr See left the meeting at 12.00pm

12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 (10/19) – Gunnadorah Reserve

Correspondence has been received from WG & JJ Tully advising that they wish to extend the current agreement for the use of the Gunnadorah Reserve for a further five (5) years for cattle agistment. The original agreement expired on 02 September 2019.

Resolution No: (06-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council offers to enter into a Cattle Agistment Agreement on Gunnadorah Reserve with WG & JJ Tully for a period of five (5) years at a cost of \$255 per month including GST, in line with current charges for other reserves in the shire.

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12.2 (10/19) – 2019 Christmas Event Partnership

Active Attractions approached the Quilpie Show and Rodeo Committee post their 2019 event in regard to returning to the community prior to Christmas for a drought relief program and to "give back" to the community as they are grateful of the support they have received over the years from the Quilpie Show and Rodeo Committee and the community.

The proposal would include a tour of Quilpie and two other remote communities, with no charge to the community for petrol, staffing and the inflatables. However, they have requested support to provide accommodation during their stay and power supply for their equipment.

Resolution No: (07-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council support the proposed 2019 Community Christmas event in partnership with Active Attractions via the provision of accommodation and power during the event in Quilpie.

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13 FINANCE

13.1 (10/19) – Capital Works Review

A report was presented to Council to seek approval to amend various capital works allocations in the 2019/20 budget, to allocate Roads to Recovery funding and to provide an update on the status of the capital works program.

Resolution No: (08-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council amend the adopted capital works program as follows:

Capital Item	Current	Proposed
<i>Radar traffic signs</i>	\$0	\$25,000
<i>Toompine Hall ramp and access</i>	\$0	\$25,000
<i>Excavator</i>	\$0	\$250,700
<i>Replace prime mover</i>	\$275,000	\$320,000
<i>Additional gravel road resheeting</i>	\$0	\$600,000

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13.2 (10/19) – First Quarter Budget Amendment Review

Council adopted the 2019-2020 budget on 14 June 2019. Legislation provides that Council may amend the budget at any time. It is prudent financial management to review the budget periodically and amend where necessary.

Resolution No: (09-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council adopt the amendments to the 2019-2020 budget as presented in item 13.2 in the accompanying agenda

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13.3 (10/19) – Finance Report for Month Ending 30 September 2019

The Finance report for the period ending 30 September 2019 was presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution No: (10-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 30 September 2019.

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 (10/19) Q22 1920 Economic Development and Tourism Strategy

Quilpie Shire Council adopted an Economic Development Plan in 2013, with the Action Plan most recently updated in 2016. This plan identified six (6) Key Economic Directions with primary objectives identified. Some of the actions have been completed, however no new direction identified strategically.

The development of an Economic Development and Tourism Strategy was endorsed in the 2019/2020 Operational Plan for Council (5.3 Enhance the focus on tourism and develop key tourism and economic development projects). This new strategy will allow Council to review previous documents and identify where we want to be and how we are going to get there by 2024.

Resolution No: (11-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council award Q22-1920 'Economic Development and Tourism Strategy' to SC Lennon & Associates for the amount of \$23,500 excluding GST.

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14.2 (10/19) – Driver Reviver Program

Driver Reviver's operate throughout the region, particularly at Visitor Information Centres. Charleville, Windorah and Injune have all joined up as Centres and provide free tea, coffee and biscuits. These are all provided to the Centre at no cost by program sponsors.

Partnering to become a Driver Reviver location will provide the Visitor Information Centre with another opportunity to attract people to come in and have a coffee and chat.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Jenny Hewson left the meeting at 12.58pm and returned at 1.01pm.

Resolution No: (12-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council support the Quilpie Visitor Information Centre applying to become an official Driver Reviver location.

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14.3 (10/19) – Round 3 - Year of the Outback Events Funding

As part of the Year of the Outback Tourism, the Queensland Government has launched the \$3million Year of the Outback Tourism Events Program.

In 2019 and 2020, grants will be available for new events or to extend existing event, which contribute to enhancing the profile of Outback Queensland and attract new or increase the number of visitors.

Resolution No: (13-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council support an application being submitted to Round Three Year of the Outback Tourism Events Program for the Bash Break on Brolga incorporating the Golf Masters 2020.

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14.4 (10/19) – AgForce Queensland Request for Membership

By letter of 27 September 2019, the president of Agforce Queensland is requesting Council become a Corporate (Support) Member of the organisation.

Resolution No: (14-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council does not commit to becoming a Corporate (Support) Member of AgForce Queensland Farmers Limited for 2019/20.

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14.5 (10/19) – 2019/2020 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.

S174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the chief executive officer to present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of not more than 3 months.

Resolution No: (15-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That the 2019-20 Operational Plan be reviewed for the first quarter and noted.

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15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

17 LATE ITEMS

17.1 (10/19) – Gyrica Gardens Multi-function Centre Concept Design

Quotations were called for the high level conceptual design of a multi-function centre at the Gyrica Gardens complex. This matter was considered by Council at the August 2019 meeting and the project was subsequently awarded to Elia Architecture.

Chris Gay from Elia Architecture visited Quilpie on 05 and 06 September 2019 to undertake the necessary consultation and site visit.

Noted. This matter will be further considered at the November 2019 Ordinary Meeting.

17.2 (10/19) – Offer to Purchase Land, Quilpie

Council has received an offer to purchase two parcels of land known as Lot 44 on SP234965 and Lot 45 on SP234965, Curlew Estate Quilpie.

Resolution No: (16-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council accept the offer received from Di Andrews to purchase two (2) parcels of land known as Lot 44 on SP234965 and Lot 45 on SP234965, Curlew Estate Quilpie.

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17.3 (10/19) – Playground Equipment Request, Bicentennial Park

Correspondence has been received from Samantha Welk requesting Council's consideration of purchasing and installing additional playground equipment at Bicentennial Park to enhance play experiences, improve physical health, social and sensory experiences of the children / youth in our community.

This matter was considered in conjunction with Item 11.4 above.

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 (10/19) – National Economic Development Awards for Excellence

The Quilpie Wellspring Project has been nominated as a finalist in the 2019 National Economic Development Awards for Excellence (Economic Development – populations less than 15,000). To be eligible to receive the award should Quilpie Shire be successful, a representative is required to attend the awards presentation in Adelaide on 24 October 2019.

Resolution No: (17-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council ratify the approval of Cr Bob Hall's attendance at the 2019 National Economic Development Conference in Adelaide in October 2019.

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18.2 (10/19) – Rural Economies Centre of Excellence Annual Forum

An invitation to attend the Rural Economies Centre of Excellence Annual Forum was received after the September Ordinary meeting of Council.

Resolution No: (18-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council ratify the approval of Roger Volz's attendance at the Rural Economies Centre of Excellence Annual Forum held in Toowoomba on Wednesday 02 October 2019.

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18.3 (10/19) – Jonathan Thurston Visit

Council has secured a visit by Jonathan Thurston, with a range of activities planned for the 28 – 30 October 2019.

Resolution No: (19-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council confirm the expenditure for the Johnathan Thurston Academy Workshops to be held in Quilpie 28 – 30 October 2019.

4/1 – Cr Bob Hall requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

18.4 (10/19) – Adavale Rural Fire Service – Request for Assistance

By email dated 08 October 2019, the Adavale Rural Fire Service is requesting Council support to assist with the construction of a shed, should their application to purchase same be successful.

Resolution No: (20-10-19)

Moved by: Cr Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council supports the Adavale Rural Fire Service application for a shed and water tank and agrees to provide assistance by laying of the concrete slab and assist with erecting the shed and plumbing on a suitable block of land should the application be successful.

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19 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday 15 November 2019 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

A Special Meeting of Council will be held at 7.00am on Wednesday 30 October 2019 to consider tenders for construction of the Eromanga Natural History Museum Stage 2A and Tender T04 19-20 – 2019 Flood Damage Works.

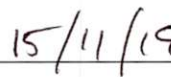
There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.15pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 11 October 2019.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 15 November 2019.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council