



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 19 January 2021

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 2.08 pm.

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Roger Volz

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Cr Lyn Barnes

Mr Justin Hancock (Chief Executive Officer)

Mr Tim Rose (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

In attendance: Mrs Maree Radnedge and Ms Lorraine Mathieson (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Council noted the recent passing of Brian Facey, Noel Minnnett and Sam Speedy, and expressed their condolences to their family.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) requires Councillors to declare a Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest. The Declaration is to be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, before the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 (01/21) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Wednesday 16 December 2020

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Wednesday, 16 December 2020.

Resolution No: (01-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Wednesday, 16 December 2020 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

The Mayor provided a brief update on activities that he has undertaken since the December Ordinary Meeting of Council. Cr Mackenzie attended and participated in a range of meetings during the month including:

- 03/01/21 Jack Tully discussion about airport issues
- 11/01/21 Deputy Premier/CHO teleconference
- 12/01/21 Regional Director DAF teleconference
- 19/1/21 Visit by The Hon. Scott Morrison, MP, Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, and Regional Development, The Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, The Hon Scott Buchholz, Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport, Senator The Hon James McGrath, Deputy Government Whip, and also in attendance was the state member for Warrego Ms Ann Leahy.

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Councillors provided brief updates on activities they have undertaken since the December Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Details	Date of Meeting	Location	Mackenzie	Hewson	Paulsen	Volz	Barnes
Ordinary Meeting of Council	16-Dec-20	Quilpie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Judging Christmas lights	17-Dec-20	Quilpie		✓			✓
Business Party	18-Dec-20	Quilpie		✓	✓	✓	
RADF Meeting	15-Jan-21	Quilpie		✓		✓	
Jack Tully re Airport issues	03-Jan-21	Quilpie	✓				
Deputy Premier/CHO teleconference	11-Jan-21	Zoom	✓				

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Regional Director DAF teleconference	12-Jan-21	Zoom	✓				
Federal Government delegation	19-Jan-21	Quilpie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eromanga storm damage inspection with Brian Weeks	03-Jan-21	Eromanga				✓	

10 STATUS REPORTS

10.1 (01/21) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Nil Reports.

10.2 (01/21) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Nil Reports.

10.3 (01/21) – Financial Services Status Reports

Nil Reports.

10.4 (01/21) – Governance Status Reports

Nil Reports.

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

11.1 (01/21) – Update on investigations at the Quilpie Sewage Treatment Plant

Following an inspection of the new sewage treatment plant in Cunnamulla by Director of Engineering Services, Mr Peter Herbert of Pensar offered to provide an Assessment Report to Council on the Quilpie Sewage Treatment plant. The completed report was presented to Council for their information.

Resolution No: (02-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council receives the report and thanks Peter Herbert and Pensar for his work. Additionally, Council will investigate sewage reuse options.

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12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 (01/21) – Animal Registration Write Offs

Following the annual issue of Council Animal Registrations, several notices remain outstanding as a result of owners and their animals leaving the Quilpie Shire.

Resolution No: (03-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approves the write off of the following amounts totaling \$300.00 in the Civica Animal Management Register System due to the owners and animals no longer residing in Quilpie Shire:

Notice Reference	Amount
2115	\$90.00
2076	\$30.00
2070	\$60.00
2217	\$60.00
2042	\$60.00
Total	\$300.00

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12.2 (01/21) – Toompine Polocrosse Request for Permission to Erect Horse Yards

Toompine Polocrosse Club has been successful in their application for funding under the Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Fund Program to purchase steel from Nutrien Quilpie for new horse yards to be constructed at the Toompine Polocrosse grounds. The Toompine Polocrosse Club is seeking Council approval to construct the new horse yards.

Resolution No: (04-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council approves the request received from Toompine Polocrosse Club to construct new horse yards at the Toompine Polocrosse grounds.

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12.3 (01/21) – Australian Motorhoming Lions Club Inc. Request for Assistance

By correspondence dated 14 December 2020, the Australian Motorhoming Lions Club Inc. has requested assistance from Council towards the Guinness Fund Raiser being held in Quilpie and Eromanga in April/May 2022.

Advice has been received that this event has been cancelled. A letter should be sent to the Australian Motorhoming Lions Club Inc. thanking them for including Quilpie in their planning for this event, and encouraging them to include Quilpie in their future event planning.

Resolution No: (xx-01-21)

Moved by: Cr

Seconded by: Cr

That Council agrees / does not agree to the following requests received from the Australian Motorhoming Lions Club Inc. in regard to their Guinness Fund Raiser being held in Quilpie and Eromanga during April / May 2022:

- 1. Exclusive use of Bulloo Park and Eromanga Rodeo Grounds at no charge;*
- 2. Several potable water taps accessible in town or at the grounds for vehicles to utilize;*
- 3. Several dump points available for vehicles (may include temporary points);*
- 4. Industrial rubbish bins / wheelie bins available to ensure no littering at sites;*
- 5. Access to amenity blocks and cleaning of amenity blocks at venues;*
- 6. Use of power (where available);*
- 7. Provision of a shuttle bus (if required between Caravan Park and Bulloo Park);*
- 8. Upgrade of grounds and amenities at Eromanga to a level suitable for use; and*
- 9. Paths graded at Eromanga Rodeo Grounds (if grounds are covered in burrs) to allow participants to move around.*

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13 FINANCE

13.1 (01/21) – Financial Services Report for Month Ending 31 December 2020

The Finance report for the period ending 31 December 2020 was presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution No: (05-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 December 2020 as presented in Item 13.1 of the accompanying Agenda.

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 (01/21) – 2020/2021 Operational Plan 2nd Quarter Review

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

Section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a written assess 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.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Roger Volz left the meeting at 3.25pm.

Resolution No: (06-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That the 2020-21 Operational Plan be reviewed for the second quarter and noted.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Roger Volz returned to the meeting at 3.30pm.

14.2 (01/21) – Review of Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Boonthamurra People and Barcoo and Quilpie Shire Council

By letter from the Queensland South Native Title Services dated 29 September 2020, the Boonthamurra People have requested a five-year review of the operation of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Boonthamurra People and the Barcoo and Quilpie Shire Council's.

Resolution No: (07-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council appoint:

1. *The Mayor and CEO to participate in a five (5) year review of the operation of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement ('ILUA') between the Boonthamurra People and Barcoo and Quilpie Shire Council (QI2015/21); and*
2. *Ms Jenny Humphris, Partner, Holding Redlich to act for Council in this matter.*

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14.3 (01/21) – Carbon Farming – Rating Review

Carbon farming is becoming more and more prevalent in the south-west particularly in the shires of Paroo, Murweh and Quilpie. Acknowledging the potential significant impact on the economy within

the Shire, Council could consider introducing a comprehensive rating strategy to ensure equitable compensation is provided. Council has been provided with a quote from the Mead Perry Group to complete an Economic Impact Study and Rating Category Strategy regarding carbon farming within the Quilpie Shire.

Resolution No: (08-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulson

That Council accept the quotes from Mead Perry for the Economic Analysis of Carbon Farming and Impacts for the amount \$5,610.00 plus GST and a quote from Mead Perry for a general rate review for an amount of \$12,750.00 plus GST.

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15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No Reports.

16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No Reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.55pm and resumed at 4.03pm.

17 LATE ITEMS

17.1 (01/21) – Tender for Flood Damage Repair Works-2020 Package Q -T24 20-21

Council is carrying out flood damage repair works on Council's road network as part of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) program approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

Resolution No: (09-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council award Tender RFT T24 20-21 Package Q: 2020 Flood Restoration Works (Earlstoun, Pinkilla, Tebin, Warrabin, and Wallyah Roads) to APV Contracting Pty Ltd for a total cost of \$245,023.78 including GST.

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ATTENDANCE

Council's Director Community and Corporate Services, Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 4.10pm.

PRESCRIBED CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared he has a prescribed conflict of interest (as defined by sections 150EI of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in item 17.2 (Eromanga Natural History Museum Opening Stage 2 Phase 1) as follows:

Cr Mackenzie is Chair of the Outback Gondwana Foundation which operates the Eromanga Natural History Museum and Cr Mackenzie's wife is the Collections Manager of the Eromanga Natural History Museum. The Eromanga Natural History Museum stands to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter.

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

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mackenzie left the meeting at 4.11pm and Cr Hewson assumed the position of Chair.

17.2 (01/21) – Eromanga Natural History Museum Opening Stage 2 Phase 1

The purpose of this report is to confirm the opening for Eromanga Natural History Museum opening for Stage 2 Phase 1 as funded under Building Better Regions Fund and Building Our Regions Fund.

Resolution No: (10-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council ratify to conduct an opening for the Eromanga Natural History Museum - Stage 2 Phase one and allocate up to \$30,000 in the 2020/2021 budget to cover this acknowledgement event.

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ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 4.33pm and resumed the Chair.

17.3 (01/21) – RADF Round 1 Application 2020/2021

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the RADF Round 1 2020/21 Applications for approval.

Resolution No: (11-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council approves applications for the RADF Round 1 2020/2021

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Quilpie Cultural Society	Various Workshops	\$10,682.75
Quilpie Shire Council	ArTour Western Touring Circuit Performances	\$5,265.00

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18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillors were invited to raise any matters they wished to discuss. Matters raised included:

- Welcome new CEO Justin Hancock;
- Housing shortage;
- Ministerial visit 19 January 2021
- Request for Council support for a school bus for children on Toompine Thargomindah Rd
- Airport refueling
- Brolga Street streetscaping
- Weather station data collection
- Somerfield Rd business entrances
- Youth and sport community worker
- Ricky Milosevic Memorial
- Town signage
- Weighbridge
- Wellspring project
- Toompine Bore
- Buy Local program
- Christmas Lights competition
- Australia Day nominations
- Corporate Plan review
- Vote of thanks and presentation to Tim Rose as Acting CEO, for last 4 months

18.1 (01/21) – Wild Dog and Pest and Weed Investment Strategy

The benefits of developing a Wild Dog Investment Strategy, Wild Dog Communication and Engagement Strategy, and updating the Pest and Weed Management Plan concurrently ensure each document is aligned, and based on informed stakeholder consultation maximise and value add community input. The Plans will be compatible with current Government strategies, plans and initiatives to ensure maximizing any funding opportunities.

It is recommended that Council engage Mr Alison to deliver this project, because of his superior local knowledge of the topic and the region, and Local Government requirements.

Resolution No: (12-01-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council engage Craig Alison to develop a Wild Dog Investment Strategy, Wild Dog Communication and Engagement Strategy, and to update the Pest and Weed Investment Program at a cost of up to \$39,850 plus GST. Council have appointed Mr Alison in accordance with Section 235 of the Local Government Regulation 2020 because of the specialised nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders. Mr Alison has been selected to perform this work due to his local knowledge of the topic and prior engagement with agencies within the Shire to deliver Pest and Weed Management Services.

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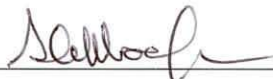
19 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 19 February 2021 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.05pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Tuesday, 19 January 2021.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday, 19 February 2021



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

19/02/21

Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council