



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Friday 19 February 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 9.58am.

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)

In attendance: Ms Lorraine Mathieson (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Nil

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 (02/21) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Tuesday 19 January 2021

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Tuesday, 19 January 2021.

Resolution No: (01-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Tuesday, 19 January 2021 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:

- Trudy Barlett RDA, regarding ID profiling software to assist with regional statistics and data for grant applications
- Australian Industry Trade College setting up in Roma for students in grades 10, 11 and 12
- Craig French, AWI re running a week long shearing school in April / May in Quilpie this year
- Angus Taylor's office, re carbon farming, to be further discussed at SWQROC meeting in Roma on Tuesday 23 February 2021.

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	19-Feb-21	Quilpie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Australia Day Celebrations	22-Jan-21	Quilpie	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sick
RDA Director, Toowoomba	22-Jan-21	Toowoomba	✓				
Sport & Recreation meeting	02-Feb-21	Quilpie			✓	✓	
Land Valuation meeting	04-Feb-21	Quilpie		✓	✓	✓	
OQTA meeting	04-Feb-21	Zoom	✓				
Carbon farming discussions with Angus Taylor's office	10-Feb-21	Phone	✓				
SEGRA webinar Looking Forward to 2021	10-Feb-21	Zoom					✓
Seniors Art Exhibition	12-Feb-21	Quilpie		✓		✓	✓
SWRED Prospectus project	12-Feb-21	Quilpie		✓		✓	
SWRED Prospectus project	13-Feb-21	Quilpie					✓
Quilpie State College Leader induction	15-Feb-21	Quilpie		✓		✓	✓
QTIC (Teams)	15-Feb-21	Quilpie	✓				
Shearing school concept - phone calls	various	Phone	✓				

Councillors Hewson and Volz commented on the successful event staged for Australia Day celebrations, and thanked the staff responsible. Cr Barnes apologized that she was unable to attend due to illness.

Cr Volz continued dialogue with Telstra to provide improved internet services to the community.

Crs Hewson and Volz attended the Seniors Art Exhibition hosted by Cr Barnes, and wished to thank Michelle Donohue, Council's Health Promotions Officer, for her continued good work for the community.

Cr Paulsen is involved in planning a cricket carnival during Easter 2022, with teams being invited from across Queensland.

Cr Barnes participated in an extensive LGAQ survey, noting that road maintenance and economic development were important issues for Quilpie. Cr Barnes was also approached by the Channel Country Ladies Day to commemorate this year's event with an enduring artwork.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.12am and resumed at 11.26am.

10 STATUS REPORTS

10.1 (02/21) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted

10.2 (02/21) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.3 (02/21) – Financial Services Status Reports

Noted. Future reports to provide summary of Council's expenditure within the region each month, and the number of local businesses benefitting from the expenditure.

10.4 (02/21) – Governance Status Reports

Community Survey will be implemented from 1 March to 1 May, 2021, results of which will help to inform the Council Budget process.

Council Budget workshops will be held In Quilpie, Toompine and Adavale.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Tourism and Economic Development Karen Grimm attended the meeting at 11.40am.

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DECLARABLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared he has a declarable conflict of interest (as defined by sections 150EI of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in discussions concerning Eromanga Natural History Museum Opening Celebration, 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. Council previously resolved (resolution 10-01-21) to conduct an opening event for the Eromanga Natural History Museum – Stage 2 Phase 1 and allocate up to \$30,000 in the 2020/2021 budget. This status report provided an update in regards to the logistics around running the Council event, no decisions were to be resolved as part of this report.

Cr Mackenzie advised that in accordance with legislative requirements he would not leave the meeting while the matters are discussed and voted on.

Councilors were unanimous in their decision for Cr Mackenzie to remain in the room and participate in this discussion. Mrs Grimm reported that logistics prevent Council's previous plans to host a dinner for the opening event, and that a targeted family afternoon event would be developed to form the event. An itinerary will be developed for the visiting dignitaries, and schools would be invited to participate in the event. It is expected at this stage that the event would be in late April.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Tourism and Economic Development Karen Grimm left the meeting at 12.02pm.

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

ATTENDANCE

Council's Director Engineering Services, Peter See attended the meeting at 11.52am.

11.1 (02/21) – Tender for Prime Mover and Water Tanker Trailer

In the 21/22 Plant replacement Budget the purchase of a Prime Mover and Water Tanker was proposed, which is now scheduled to commence the Tender process.

Resolution No: (02-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council approves the calling of Tenders for both a Prime Mover and a Water Tanker Trailer, this Financial year to enable delivery in the first half of the 21/22 Financial Year.

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11.2 (02/21) –Turf Care at John Waugh Park

During the 2019-2020 Council rebuilt the football/ cricket field at John Waugh Park. The work was done to improve the surface as the previous playing field had become largely unusable. Further remediation is now required to improve irrigation, surface and soil inconsistencies identified by Greenway Turf Solutions.

Resolution No: (03-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council receive the report and allocate funding for the implementation of the remedial actions and the annual turf management program.

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ATTENDANCE

CEO Justin Hancock left the meeting at .1.06pm

ATTENDANCE

CEO Justin Hancock returned to the meeting at .1.08pm.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Director Engineering Services left the meeting at 1.12pm.

12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

ATTENDANCE

Council's Director Community and Corporate Services, Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 1.12pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.12pm and resumed at 1.26pm.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson left the meeting at .1.25pm

ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson returned to the meeting at .1.28pm

12.1 (02/21) – Housing Report, 66 Pegler Street Quilpie

The council-owned property situated at 66 Pegler Street Quilpie was vacated by the tenant on 19th January 2021. Upon vacation an inspection of the property was carried out and it was noted that there is a large volume of maintenance and cleaning work required at this address.

Resolution No: (04-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council approves the following action/s be undertaken in relation to the property located at 66 Pegler Street Quilpie:

- 1. Engage a contractor to perform a full commercial clean, and*
- 2. Undertake a valuation of the property, and offer property for sale by public tender.*

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12.2 (02/21) – 2021 NAIDOC Week School Initiatives Proposal

In previous years, Council has been a partner in NAIDOC week celebrations. As part of 2021 National NAIDOC Week celebrations Murri Kids coordinates, with the support of various government departments and local councils, an educational component to provide a link of cultural diversity to all children with the NAIDOC Week School Initiative Competitions.

Resolution No: (05-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council approves providing support to the NAIDOC Week School Initiative with a \$450.00 contribution towards printing and distribution costs for students within Councils LGA to participate in NAIDOC Week activities.

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12.3 (02/21) – Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour 2021

The Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour Team and the Victoria Racing Club requested Quilpie to submit a tender application to host the Melbourne Cup during the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour in 2021. By registering / submitting a tender application, there is also the opportunity of winning \$50,000 to go towards a community initiative.

That the report lie on the table until the March 2021 Ordinary Meeting.

This motion was laid on the table, pending further advice from Quilpie Diggers Club.

12.4 (02/21) – Community Assistance Grant Application – Quilpie Cultural Society Inc.

Quilpie Cultural Society applied for Council's consideration for a Community Assistance Grant of \$1,600 to assist with the cost of employing an Arts Development Officer to assist with auditing, sourcing funding opportunities, preparing grant applications, acquittals, social media, website and advertising updates.

Resolution No: (06-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council approves the request received from Quilpie Cultural Society for \$1,600 to assist with the cost of employing an Arts Development Officer.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson left the meeting at 2.23pm.

ATTENDANCE

Council's Director of Corporate and Community Services Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting at 2.24pm.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson returned to the meeting at 2.25pm.

13 FINANCE

13.1 (02/21) – Financial Services Report for Month Ending 31 January 2021

The Finance report for the period ending 31 January 2021 was presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution No: (07-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 January 2021 as presented in Item 13.1 of the accompanying Agenda.

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In future, Finance Report will include conditional formatting of the percentage variation column for ease of analyzing report.

13.2 (02/21) – Second Quarter Budget Review

Council adopted the 2020 – 2021 budget on Friday 10 July 2020. 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: (08-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council adopt the amendments to the 2020-2021 budget as presented.

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 (02/21) – Proposal for Economic Development Consultancy

Council Business Solutions submitted a quote to assist Council with key strategic economic projects to increase growth within the Shire. Council is currently operating at the maximum capacity and unable to pursue additional projects in the near future.

Resolution No: (9-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council acknowledge the proposal provided by Council Business Solutions but decline to proceed with the proposal, and empower the CEO to negotiate contracting Council Business Solutions on a case-by-case basis utilizing Local Buy.

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14.2 (02/21) – John Waugh Park – Memorial Plaque

A request was received for Council to consider the installation of a memorial plaque at the John Waugh Park to commemorate those who have had their ashes spread at the park.

Resolution No: (10-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council decline the request to supply and install a plaque at John Waugh Park to commemorate those that have had their ashes spread at the park. CEO to investigate the potential for a plaque to be placed at the cemetery.

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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 14.3 (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 3.50pm and Cr Hewson assumed the position of Chair.

14.3 (02/21) – Eromanga Natural History Museum

Stage 2 Phase 1 of the Eromanga Natural History Museum (ENHM) is nearly at completion and the next stage 2 phase 3 will be submitted for the next funding round for Building Better Regions Funding Round 5. The next stage is a stand-alone stage that is shovel ready. This project will incorporate a large gallery to exhibit a full-sized skeleton of Australia's largest dinosaur.

Resolution No: (11-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That if the Building Better Regions application for Stage 2 Phase 3 for the Eromanga Natural History Museum is successful that Council cover the costs of the earthworks, sewerage and civil works to a maximum value of \$500,000 and the allocation of funding be referred to Council's 21/22 budget.

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ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 3.52pm and resumed the Chair.

14.4 (02/21) – Review of various Policies

Council undertakes regular review of various policies to ensure the improved operation and maintenance of Council assets and services.

Resolution No: (12-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council review the following policies and accept the minor amendments:

E.02 Register of Roads Policy

E.03 Private Use of Council Plant & Equipment Policy

E.04 Road Network Standard Policy.

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15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No Reports.

16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No Reports.

17 LATE ITEMS

17.1 (02/21) – Tender for Flood Damage Repair Works-2020 Package T -T27 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: (13-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council award the tender RFT T27 20-21: Package T 2020 Flood Restoration Works: - Trinidad, Springfield and Regleigh Roads to APV Contracting for a total cost of \$946,202.67 including GST.

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17.2 (02/21) – Tender for Flood Damage Repair Works – 2020 Package South – T31 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: (14-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council award the tender RFT T31 20-21: Package South 2020 Flood Restoration Works: - Old Thargomindah and Kiandra Roads to SC and KG Bowen for a total cost of \$496,610.16 including GST.

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17.3 (02/21) – Request to Utilise Toompine Depot

The Toompine Hotel has requested permission to utilise Council's Toompine Depot while electrical upgrades are being undertaken on the Toompine Hotel.

Resolution No: (15-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council approve the request by the Toompine Hotel to utilise the Toompine Depot up until 30 April 2021 while undertaking repairs to the Toompine Hotel and all utility charges (power, water etc) are reimbursed to Council at cost.

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17.4 (02/21) – Application for Agistment – Dillon's Well Reserve

A request was received from Scott and Mel Edwards for Council's consideration of approving an application to agist 30-45 head of cattle at Dillon's Well Reserve for three months and if seasonal conditions allow possible extending the period of agistment.

Resolution No: (16-02-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approves the application for cattle agistment on Dillon's Well Reserve received from Scott and Mel Edwards.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

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

- Cr Barnes suggested the Creation of a Community Award for Thompson family for 'recognition of services caring for outback community' to be presented at next council meeting, SES to be invited to attend
- Council is providing a barbecue and soft drink for the Anzac eve function
- Cr Hewson requested that funding opportunities for Toompine school bus to be sought
- Cr Volz asked the CEO to obtain quotes for electronic event signage for the Shire
- Cr Paulsen requested that the Gyrica Gardens clothes lines be replaced with fold down ones, footpaths be widened, and cotton tree stumps be removed. Cr Barnes requested that the residents be surveyed to ascertain if they support removal of the front fence
- Cr Volz raised the issue of the Adavale cooling pond
- Cr Barnes requested that the DCCS enquire about the potential of attracting a private GP
- Cr Volz raised the issue of the Toompine Bore funding
- Cr Hewson suggested that improved consultation was required between road construction and design, and residents
- Cr Volz requested the improvement of road signage to Hell Hole Gorge
- Cr Barnes noted that maintenance was required on No 1 bore signage, and Pelton wheel belt.

18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday 12 March 2021 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

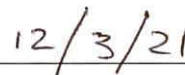
There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.42pm.

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

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday, 12 March 2021



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council