



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Friday 12 March 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 9.48am

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 (03/21) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Saturday 20 February 2021

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Broilga Street Quilpie on Saturday, 20 February 2021.

Resolution No: (01-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 19 February 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 February Ordinary Meeting of Council. Cr Mackenzie attended and participated in a range of meetings during the month including:

- 23/02/21 SWQROC Meeting at Roma
- Discussions regarding shearing school planned for June school holidays at Wanko Shed
- 04/03/21 RDA Meeting (Zoom) – Regional Plan development discussed
- 04/03/21 CAN Meeting (Teams) – Community Nurse appointed
- 10/03/21 Director DAF Meeting (Phone)
- 11/3/21 Phone conversation with Minister Angus Taylor’s office re carbon farming

ATTENDANCE

Cr Volz left the meeting at .10.05am

ATTENDANCE

Cr Volz returned to the meeting at .10.11am

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
Council Staff Social	19-Feb-21	Quilpie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quilpie Sporting Clays Inaugural Monthly Shoot	21-Feb-21	Quilpie	☐	☐	☐	✓	
SWQROC	23-Feb-21	Roma	✓	☐	☐	☐	
Quilpie Golf Club AGM	28-Feb-21	Quilpie	☐	☐	✓	✓	☐
NDIS Team Meeting	03-Mar-21	Quilpie	☐	✓	☐	☐	☐
RDA	04-Mar-21	Zoom	✓		☐	☐	
CAN Meeting	04-Mar-21	Teams	✓	✓	☐	☐	
ANZAC Day planning meeting	04-Mar-21	Quilpie	☐	☐	☐	✓	✓
GDL discussion re proposed weighbridge	04-Mar-21	Quilpie	☐	☐	☐	✓	✓
International Women's Day Breakfast	08-Mar-21	Quilpie	☐	✓	☐	☐	✓
Senior's Lunch	09-Mar-21	Quilpie	☐	✓	☐	☐	☐
DAF Director	10-Mar-21	Phone	✓	☐	☐	☐	
Ordinary Meeting of Council	12-Mar-21	Quilpie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discussions regarding Shearing School	Ongoing	Phone	✓	☐	☐	☐	☐
Discussions with QRL	Ongoing	Phone		☐	✓	☐	☐

10 STATUS REPORTS

10.1 (03/21) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted

10.2 (03/21) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.3 (03/21) – Financial Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.4 (03/21) – Governance Status Reports

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

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

ATTENDANCE

Council's Director Engineering Services, Peter See attended the meeting at 10.55am.

11.1 (03/21) – Review of Options for Eromanga Waste Facility

An audit of Council waste facilities was carried out by officers of the Department of Environment and Science in December 2019, which found that the present facility at Eromanga is unlicensed and does not have a planning approval in place. Redleaf Environmental were engaged to carry out a material change of use application to rectify this, and recommend establishing the current site as a waste transfer station.

Resolution No: (02-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council receive the Redleaf Environmental report and amend the material change of use application to remove any future expansion option, and move towards establishing the current site as a waste transfer station subject to future budget considerations.

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11.2 (03/21) –Tender for Flood Damage Repair Works – 2020 Package East – T31 20-21

The purpose of the report is to provide a recommendation to Council to accept the tender for the repair of flood damage in Package East – Nimbooy Road.

Resolution No: (03-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Cr Volz

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council award the tender RFT T31 20-21: Package East 2020 Flood Restoration Works:- Nimbooy Road be awarded to SL and SA Travers for a total cost of \$397,597.12 including GST.

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11.3 (03/21) – Update on delivery of capital projects 2020-2021

The purpose of this report is to update Council as to the current status of the Council Capital Works program for 2020-2021.

Resolution No: (04-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council receive the Capital Works Program report for 2020 – 21 and note progress to date.

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11.4 (03/21) – Budget amendment for supply of cold water to Adavale Recreation grounds

This report is to enable Council to approve a budget amendment for the supply of cold water to the Adavale Recreation Grounds.

Resolution No: (05-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council receive the report and amend the budget to include \$20,000.00 to provide a cold water supply for the Adavale Recreation Grounds.

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ATTENDANCE

Council's Director Engineering Services left the meeting at 12.08pm.

12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil Report

13 FINANCE

13.1 (03/21) – Financial Services Report for Month Ending 28 February 2021

The Finance report for the period ending 28 February 2021 was presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution No: (06-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 28 February 2021 as presented in Item 13.1 of the accompanying Agenda.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.39pm and resumed at 12.58pm.

14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 (03/21) – Proposal for the Official Naming of an Unnamed Floodplain / Watercourse

Council have been asked to form co-applicants as part of the proposal to assist in the official naming of an unnamed floodplain / watercourse in the Eromanga District of SW Queensland and the crossing place of that watercourse by the Quilpie - Eromanga Road (Cooper Development Road).

Resolution No: (07-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council supports the proposal for the official naming of an unnamed floodplain/watercourse in the Eromanga District of SW Queensland and the crossing place of that watercourse by the Quilpie - Eromanga Road (Cooper Development Road).

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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 14.2 (Eromanga Natural History Museum - Power Reimbursement 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 1.01 pm and Cr Hewson assumed the position of Chair.

14.2 (03/21) – ENHM - Power reimbursement

Council have received a request to reimburse the Eromanga Natural History Museum for electricity expenses incurred up to 1 March 2021 utilised during the construction of Stage 2 Phase 1 of the Museum.

Resolution No: (08-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council approves the refund of \$4,316.56 to the Eromanga Natural History Museum for electricity expenses incurred up to 1 March 2021.

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ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 1.16pm and resumed the Chair.

14.3 (03/21) – Policy Review – F.05 Procurement Policy

The purpose of this report is to present Council with a revised Procurement Policy for consideration and adoption.

Resolution No: (09-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council adopt the revised policy F.05 Procurement Policy as presented.

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15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Resolution No: (10-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council enters into closed session under s 275 of the Local government Regulation 2012 at 1.18pm to discuss the following matters:

- Rates write-off, and
- Renewal of Term Lease 02/219138.

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Resolution No: (11-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 1.22.pm

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15.1 (03/21) – Rates write-off

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the write-off of outstanding general rates due to the surrender of a Mining Claim back to the State.

Resolution No: (12-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council approves the write-off of \$395.39 for assessment 11057-00000-000.

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15.2 (03/21) – Renewal of Term Lease 0/219318

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to provide their views to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) State Land Asset Management (SLAM) unit on a request to renew a term lease.

Resolution No: (13-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council has no issues in relation to the proposed renewal of Term Lease 0/219318 over Lot 18 on CP901557.

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16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No Reports.

17 LATE ITEM

ATTENDANCE

Council's Director Community and Corporate Services, Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 1.24pm.

17.1 (03/21) – Housing Lot 34, Kookaburra Street Quilpie

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the future direction in regard to the property located at Lot 34 Kookaburra Street, Quilpie. The property would require approximately \$41,000 to complete.

Resolution No: (14-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council approves the engagement of contractors to perform works to return Lot 34 Kookaburra Street Quilpie to an acceptable standard and retain for Council purposes.

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17.2 (03/21) – Offer received to purchase land, Curlew Estate, Quilpie

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider an offer received from Tom Hennessy and Tessa McDougall to purchase two parcels of land known as Lot 6 on SP234965 and Lot 7 on SP234965, Curlew Estate Quilpie for \$25,000. Further Council consideration is sought in regard to entering into a “lay-by” type agreement of longer contract agreement for purchase of the property.

Resolution No: (15-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council accepts the offer received from Tom Hennessy and Tessa McDougall to purchase two parcels of land known as Lot 6 on SP234965 and Lot 7 on SP234965, Curlew Estate Quilpie for \$25,000 and authorize the CEO to negotiate terms of the contract.

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17.3 (03/21) – Adavale Sports & Recreation Association, request for Sponsorship

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request from the Adavale Sports and Recreation Association for sponsorship by way of financial assistance of \$8,500.00 toward Ambulance Services, COVID-19 compliance, insurance and entertainment at the 2021 Stockman’s Challenge, Rodeo, Gymkhana and Bikekhana being held 9 - 11 April 2021.

Resolution No: (16-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approves the request received from the Adavale Sports and Recreation Inc. Committee to provide financial assistance of \$8,500 from the Adavale Town Development Fund.

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17.4 (03/21) – Request for Sponsorship, 2021 Youngcare Simpson Desert Challenge

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request from Michael Atkinson for sponsorship toward his participation in the 2021 Youngcare Simpson Desert Challenge.

Resolution No: (17-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approves the request received from Michael Atkinson for sponsorship toward his participation in the 2021 Youngcare Simpson Desert Challenge by way of Platinum Level sponsorship to the value of \$12,000 from the Tourism Events budget.

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17.5 (03/21) – Community Assistance Grant Application – Scott Young.

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a Community Assistance Grant Application received from Scott Young requesting \$997.50 to assist him to undertake a Certificate IV in Fitness Education through Fitnace Australia to enable him to participate as a volunteer personal trainer at the Sport and Recreation Centre.

Resolution No: (18-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council approves the request received from Scott Young for \$997.50 to assist him to undertake a Certificate IV in Fitness through Fitnace Australia.

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17.6 (03/21) – Toompine Progress Association Request for Financial Assistance

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request from the Toompine Progress Association for financial assistance to help with costs of meeting COVID-19 requirements necessary to hold the 2021 Annual Toompine Easter Gunshoot event and in-kind assistance of a generator to assist with providing power to campers at the event.

Resolution No: (19-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council approves the request received from the Toompine Progress Association for \$2,000 to assist meeting COVID-19 requirements for the 2021 Annual Toompine Easter Gunshoot and in-kind assistance of a generator to assist with provision of power at the event, if available.

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17.7 (03/21) – Eromanga Rodeo Association - Request for Assistance

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request received from the Eromanga Rodeo Association for in-kind support and assistance toward their Easter In Eromanga event being held 2 - 4 April 2021.

Resolution No: (20-03-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approves the Community Assistance Grant Application received from the Eromanga Rodeo Association to provide in-kind support and assistance in preparation for the Easter in Eromanga 2021 event, where appropriate.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

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

- Cr Barnes asked if the Opera Queensland performance at Baldy Top was going ahead, and was advised by Director of Corporate and Community services that final confirmation had not yet been received.
- Director of Corporate and Community Services advised that a funding bid was being submitted for \$75,000 for a mental health initiative

ATTENDANCE

Council's Director of Corporate and Community Services Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting at 2.37pm.

- Cr Barnes raised the issue of unsightly and potentially hazardous rubbish being left on the Common, and asked if steps could be taken to have the rubbish removed
- Cr Barnes had received an observation from a ratepayer regarding the invasive appearance of the new steps being built at Baldy Top, and was informed that once the works were completed they would be made to blend in with the landscape

- Cr Barnes had received notice from a ratepayer that maintenance was required to the tank at Bi-Centennial Park
- Cr Volz requested the refurbishment of the public toilets at Council's administration building
- Cr Volz has been following up with Telstra regarding long term solutions for internet access, and advises that NBN fibre rather than a Telstra solution is the preferred option
- Cr Volz raised the issue of the lack of weather radar, and the problem of storms not being accurately predicted or recorded.
- Cr Volz requested if the bore head on the corner block on Brolga St could be developed with an indigenous garden / rock garden / artwork. He added that he would prefer to have the oleanders removed from the main street.
- Cr Volz advised that he had spoken with Lucas Mackie, South Queensland Landscapes, noting that more sessions were to be delivered locally
- Cr Paulsen raised the possibility of increasing the number of councillors
- Cr Paulsen commented that the Golf Masters organization for 3rd July was progressing well, and the racecourse maintenance was in hand for 1st May meeting
- Cr Hewson noted that Toompine Hotel renovations were underway, and they are preparing for Polocrosse and Gun Shoot on the Easter weekend
- Business development Group Meeting to be held Monday 15th March at Imperial Hotel. Jobs and migration projects will be discussed. Tim Rose will attend, and will provide a document to state his outcomes.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson left the meeting at 3.20pm

ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson returned to the meeting at .3.24pm

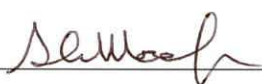
18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Thursday 8th April 2021 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

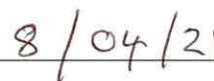
There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.27 pm.

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 March 2021.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 8 April 2021



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council