



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Friday 11 June 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 10.02 am.

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Roger Volz

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Cr Lyn Barnes

In attendance:

Mr Justin Hancock (Chief Executive Officer)

Mrs Lisa Hamlyn (Director Corporate and Community Services)

Ms Lorraine Mathieson (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONDOLENCES

Condolences noted for Arthur Lee, Marilyn Morris.

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 (06/21) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Friday 14 May 2021

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 14 May 2021.

Resolution No: (01-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 14 May 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 May Ordinary Meeting of Council. Cr Mackenzie attended and participated in a range of meetings during the month including:

- 21/05/21 Budget and Rates workshop
- 26/05/21 Infrastructure Australia Workshop – issues raised included housing, water security, digital connectivity, road and rail
- 03/06/21 DD & SW Regional Plan Workshop as part of the State Infrastructure Strategy
- 03/06/21 DAF Director Andrew Langton conference – issues relating to roads, grids, sheep and goat blueprint
- 8/6/21 ENHM Species Announcement
- 9/6/21 ENHM Open Day
- 10/6/21 RDA Meeting – issues relating to inland rail development, digital connectivity
- 11/6/21 Proterra Contract Meeting.

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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

Details	Date of Meeting	Location	Mackenzie	Hewson	Paulsen	Volz	Barnes
Ordinary Council Meeting	14-May-21	Quilpie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Region Alliance of Councils Conference	16-17-May-2021	Richmond		✓			
JOSS LDMG Meeting	18-May-21	Quilpie				✓	
Budget / Rates Review Workshop	21-May-21	Quilpie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TMR	24-May-21	Quilpie		✓		✓	
Infrastructure Australia Workshop	26-May-21	Zoom	✓				
Weathering Well Performance	26-May-21	Quilpie		✓	✓	✓	✓
Gallery exhibition opening	28-May-21	Quilpie			✓	✓	✓
Opera at Baldy Top	29-May-21	Quilpie		✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael Atkinson Fund Raiser	30-May-21	Quilpie		✓	✓	✓	✓
Intrust Super Cup Planning	03-Jun-21	Zoom			✓		
DD & SW Regional Plan Workshop, State Infrastructure	03-Jun-21	Zoom	✓				
DAF Director Andrew Langton Conference	03-Jun-21	Zoom	✓				
ENHM Scientific Paper Announcement	07-Jun-21	Eromanga	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ENHM Open Day	08-Jun-21	Eromanga	✓	✓			✓
Aus Industry Meeting Dept ISER	09-Jun-21	Quilpie					✓
RDA Meeting	10-Jun-21	Zoom	✓				
CWAATSICH Health Day	10-Jun-21	Quilpie				✓	
Proterra Contractors Meeting	11-Jun-21	Quilpie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS

10.1 (06/21) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.2 (06/21) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.3 (06/21) – Financial Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.4 (06/21) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil report.

12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 (06/21) – Community Assistance Program Application – Quilpie Magpies Rugby League Club

The purpose of the report is for Council to consider a request from the Quilpie Magpies Rugby League Club for a cash contribution of \$3,913.62 toward the permanent erection of a facility scoreboard, park sign and In-Kind support for installation.

Resolution No: (02-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council approves the Community Assistance Program Grant Application request received from the Quilpie Magpies Rugby League Club for a cash contribution of \$3,913.62 toward the permanent erection of a facility scoreboard, park sign and in-kind support for installation.

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12.2 (06/21) – Community Assistance Grant Application – Quilpie Polocrosse Club Inc.

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a Community Assistance Grant Application received from Quilpie Polocrosse Club Inc. requesting in-kind use of the Council tractor to assist in the preparation of playing fields at Bulloo Park and a cash donation of \$1,000 towards the cost of an Ambulance for the Annual Quilpie Polocrosse Carnival being held 19 and 20 June, 2021.

Resolution No: (03-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council approves the request received from the Quilpie Polocrosse Club for in-kind use of the Council tractor to assist in the preparation of playing fields at Bulloo Park and a cash donation of \$1,000 towards the cost of an Ambulance for the Annual Quilpie Polocrosse Carnival.

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12.3 (06/21) – Community Assistance Grant Application – Quilpie & District Tennis Tour

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a Community Assistance Grant Application for a Quilpie & District Tennis Tour to be delivered by Dean Stansell, Tennis Maranoa, in Toompine, Eromanga and Quilpie from 8 – 10 July 2021.

Resolution No: (04-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council approves the Community Assistance Grant Program Application request received for a cash contribution of \$3,000.00 toward a Quilpie & District Tennis Tour to take place in Toompine, Eromanga and Quilpie from 8 – 10 July 2021.

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13 FINANCE

13.1 (06/21) – Financial Services Report for Month Ending 31 May 2021

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

Resolution No: (05-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

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

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 (06/21) – Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal Report 2020

The purpose of this report is for Councilors to consider the Local Government and Discipline Tribunal Report for the financial year 2021/2022.

Resolution No: (06-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council accept the recommendation of the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal, 2020.

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14.2 (06/21) Contribution to South West Regional Organisation of Councils Regional Carbon Farming Study

The purpose of this report is for Councilors to consider contributing \$5,000 to a Regional Carbon Farming Study being sponsored by the South West Regional Organisation of Councils (SWROC), and to provide feedback regarding the Terms of Reference for the study.

Resolution No: (07-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council:

- 1. provide feedback regarding the Carbon Farming Study Terms of Reference; and*
- 2. approve a budget allocation of \$5,000 towards the Carbon Farming Study in conjunction with SWQROC and State and Federal support.*

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15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Resolution No: (8-06-21)

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 12.10 pm to discuss the following Confidential item:

Special Lease Renewal Over Reserves

Write-Off Debtor Account

Wellspring (Aquaponics)

And also consider the following Late Confidential Items:

Request for views – Conversion of Perpetual Lease to Freehold 10/329

Request for views – Conversion of Perpetual Lease to Freehold 10/3265

Request for views – Conversion of Perpetual Lease to Freehold 10/3262

Request for views – Conversion of Perpetual Lease to Freehold 10/3273.

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Resolution No: (9-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 12.25 pm.

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15.1 (06/21) – Special Lease Renewal Over Reserves

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

Resolution No: (10-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council resolves to offer the current lessee a Trustee Lease or Trustee Permit over the subject area in accordance with Section 57 of the Land Act 1994 and Policy PUX/901/210 – Leases over reserves over Lot 6 on TH21.

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15.2 (06/21) – Write-Off Debtor Account

This report is to request Council's authorization to write off an amount in Council's Debtor System due to the agreement between debtor and Council that the land is gifted to Council in lieu of the debt being written off.

Resolution No: (11-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Rover Volz

That Council authorises the write-off of the following amount totaling \$72,391.74 in the Civica Debtor System due to the transfer of ownership into the name of Quilpie Shire Council.

Debtor	Description	Amount
	Lot 65 on Q6803	\$72,391.74

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15.3 (06/21) – Wellspring (Aquaponics)

Council discussed the Wellspring (Aquaponics) report. No resolution was made.

16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

16.1 (06/21) – Request for views – Conversion of Perpetual Lease to Freehold 10/3293

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to provide their views to the Department of Resources on a request for conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease.

Resolution No: (12-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council provides no objections to the conversion of land described as Lot 2 on Crown Plan LO71 & Lot 8 on Crown Plan LO75, Locality of Adavale from Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease to freehold tenure.

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16.2 (06/21) – Request for views – Conversion of Perpetual Lease to Freehold 10/3265

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to provide their views to the Department of Resources on a request for conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease.

Resolution No: (13-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council provides no objections to the conversion of land described as Lot 5 on LO72, Locality of Adavale from Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease to freehold tenure.

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16.3 (06/21) – Request for views – Conversion of Perpetual Lease to Freehold 10/3262

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to provide their views to the Department of Resources on a request for conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease.

Resolution No: (14-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council provides no objections to the conversion of land described as Lot 1 on Crown Plan LO69, Locality of Adavale from Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease to freehold tenure.

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16.4 (06/21) – Request for views – Conversion of Perpetual Lease to Freehold 10/3273

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to provide their views to the Department of Resources on a request for conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease.

Resolution No: (15-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council provides no objections to the conversion of land described as Lot 5 on Crown Plan LO76, Locality of Adavale from Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease to freehold tenure.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.31pm and resumed at 1.01pm.

17 LATE ITEM

17.1 (06/21) – New Home Owner Grant Policy, Procedure and Application Form

Council have developed the New Home Owner Grant Policy to provide a financial incentive for the construction of new residential dwellings in the Quilpie Shire Council Residential Development Area.

Resolution No: (16-06-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council adopt the:

- 1) *New Home Owner Grant Policy;*
- 2) *New Home Owner Grant Procedure; and*
- 3) *New Home Owner Grant Application Form*

As presented in the accompanying Agenda.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

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

- Cr Barnes was contacted by a tourist regarding condition of RV dump point at John Waugh Park, reporting that the area was muddy around the facility making it difficult to use. Suggested that a one metre apron of concrete would solve the problem and that a second tap would help for tank rinsing
- Cr Barnes had discussions with woolen garment manufacturer re the development of biochemical wool scouring
- Cr Paulsen has been involved in developing a tennis tour in Toompine, Eromanga and Quilpie, which will be held 8 – 10 July
- Cr Paulsen reported that the Touch football competition is running well with four teams competing
- Cr Paulsen attended a career information day at the State College, describing his work and career to the students
- All councillors requested that a letter be written to ENHM / OGF offering congratulations on the calibre and professionalism of the Open Day event, and the species announcement
- Cr Hewson raised the issue of the limited space at the airport for re-fueling, due to the placement of the tie down area. CEO responded that the fuel tank relocation was budgeted for next financial year, which would resolve the problem. The reassessment of the runway surface is also being considered, and funding sought
- All councillors thanked staff for the amazing events that had been held in town this month; great leadership was shown, and the atmosphere of the town has elevated

- Cr Volz suggested that public consultation should be undertaken regarding the changes to the airport
- Cr Volz questioned why the Queensland flag was still not being displayed
- Cr Paulsen raised the issue of youth crime. Director CCS responded that she had spoken with the school chaplain (Charleville), who described an Early Intervention Save the Community grant offered by Min David Littleproud, which would offer funding for a community centre to be operated by community groups, health workers, youth services, police, council etc. Council agree to support the concept
- Cr Paulsen raised the issue of the vacant spaces currently on offer for the common muster permits. Director CCS responded that there was a waiting list of three. Currently 10 cattle are allowed per permit, with a 5-year maximum lease. Community groups are prioritized to be awarded permits. Councillors requested that an updated Pasture Policy be brought before the July OCM

ATTENDANCE

Cr Volz left the meeting at 2.07pm.

- Cr Paulsen raised the issue of the exclusion fence strategy, noting that the Committee meeting was deferred until next fortnight
- Exclusion pest strategy was also discussed. Director CCS requested more information

ATTENDANCE

Cr Volz returned to the meeting at 2.11pm

- Cr Barnes asked about progress on cleaning up the Eromanga Common Area
- Cr Barnes asked about clearing the rubbish from the Quilpie Common Area
- Cr Barnes asked when signage for the new opal fossicking area at the Airport would be installed
- Cr Barnes asked about the kitchen and bathrooms being updated at Cultural Society rooms
- Cr Mackenzie asked about funding another round of exclusion fencing, and was advised that it would be implemented this year
- Cr Mackenzie advised that he is being appointed to the Wild Dog Barrier Fence Board
- Councillors requested that a letter be written to Bridgeport and Santos offering to coordinate the reinstating of the beam pump near Eromanga

ATTENDANCE

Director CCS Mrs Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting at 2.44pm

- Cr Barnes asked about installation of a tourism sign at the Top of Grey Range, at the watershed.

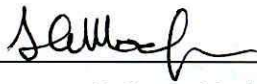
18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday 9 July 2021 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

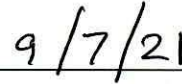
There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.45 pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 11 June 2021.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday, 9 July 2021



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council