



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Friday 20 August 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 10.44 am.

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)

Mrs Lisa Hamlyn (Director Corporate and Community Services)

Mr Peter See (Director Engineering Services)

Ms Lorraine Mathieson (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONDOLENCES

No Condolences noted.

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 (08/21) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Friday 9 July 2021

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 9 July 2021.

Resolution No: (01-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 9 July 2021 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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6.2 (08/21) – Special Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Friday 16 July 2021

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 16 July 2021.

Resolution No: (02-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 16 July 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 July Ordinary Meeting of Council. Cr Mackenzie attended and participated in a range of meetings during the month including:

- 13/07/21 EDCA Meeting Eromanga
- 16/07/21 Contractors Meeting/Special Meeting
- 21/07/21 CAN Meeting (Zoom) – farewell and vote of thanks to Gary Steer, Director of Nursing. He noted the three top health issues in the region are: Skin cancer, motorbike accidents and heart issues
- 26/07/21 COM Meeting St George – Freight Study not yet complete
- 30/07/21 RDA Meeting Toowoomba
- 10/08/21 QTIC Meeting (Zoom)

- 13/08/21 SWQROC Carbon Farming Study Committee Meeting (Zoom) – Terms of Reference being established.

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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

Details	Date of Meeting	Location	Mackenzie	Hewson	Paulsen	Volz	Barnes
Ordinary Council Meeting	09-Jul-21	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Special Council Meeting	16-Jul-21	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Contractors Meeting	16-Jul-21	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
EDCA Meeting	13-Jul-21	Eromanga	1			1	1
CAN Meeting	21-Jul-21	Zoom	1	1			
Council of Mayors Meeting	26-Jul-21	St George	1				
LGAQ Elected Member Update	29-Jul-21	Quilpie		1	1	1	1
RDA Meeting	30-Jul-21	Toowoomba	1				
QTIC Meeting	10-Aug-21	Zoom	1				
SWQROC Carbon Farming Study Committee Meeting	13-Aug-21	Zoom	1				
Quilpie Golf Club Open BBQ	14-Aug-21	Quilpie		1	1	1	1
South West Waste Group	15-Aug-21	Quilpie				1	
Turf Management Group	17-Aug-21	Quilpie				1	

10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS

10.1 (08/21) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.2 (08/21) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.3 (08/21) – Financial Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.4 (08/21) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

11.1 (08/21) – Resealing and sealing various Shire roads Tender T01 2122 Full Bitumen Servicing Works

The purpose of the report is to provide a recommendation to Council to accept the tender of Austek Spray Seal Pty Ltd for the resealing and sealing of various Shire roads Tender T01 2122 Full Bitumen servicing works.

Resolution No: (03-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council accept the tender of Austek Spray Seal Pty Ltd for the resealing and sealing of various shire roads Tender T01 2122 Full Bitumen servicing works for \$867,277.07 incl GST.

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11.2 (08/21) – Tender for Screening of material for REPA works - 2021

This report is to brief Council on the tender for 2021 preparation of material for REPA works.

Resolution No: (04-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council award tender T02 21/22 FD 2021 - Screening 40,000m³ material to: APV Contracting Pty Ltd for a total of \$546,920.00 incl GST.

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12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 (08/21) – Application for Agistment, Warrabin Lane

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of the request received from James Donohue for permission to graze cattle, consisting of 35 - 40 head of mixed sex weaners on Warrabin Lane Reserve for an initial period of three (3) months with the possibility of an extension if seasonal conditions allow.

Resolution No: (05-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council accepts the application received from James Donohue to agist 35-40 head of mixed sex weaners on Warrabin Lane Reserve for an initial period of three (3) months, to be reviewed at the conclusion of the agistment period.

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12.2 (08/21) – Expression of Interest to Lease L39/NK84 Reserve

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider an Expression of Interest received from Mr H V Byrne to lease Lot 39 NK84 Reserve (Pound Paddock) for a period of four years to keep horses used for camp drafting and breeding as a hobby. Mr Byrne has been a resident of the Quilpie Shire for over 65 years and has stated he will take sole responsibility for all upkeep of fences and other improvements to the land at his own cost.

Resolution No: (06-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council does not agree to enter into a four-year agreement with Mr H V Byrne to lease Lot 39 NK84 for the purpose of keeping horses, as the paddock is to be retained for Shire purposes.

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13 FINANCE

13.1 (08/21) – Financial Services Report – Month Ending 31 July 2021

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

Resolution No: (07-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

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

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 (08/21) – SWQROC additional member

South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) requires notification of full membership prior to the LGAQ Annual Conference. Full membership includes the Mayor of each member council, plus one other elected member, as determined by each individual Council.

Resolution No: (08-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council endorses Cr Lyn Barnes as an additional elected member of SWQROC.

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14.2 08/21) – Transportable Homes Tender Consideration Plan

The purpose of this report is to purchase one (1) transportable home that will assist in easing the housing shortage for new staff that are required to assist in running the new Eromanga Natural History Museum and also to assist in attracting and retaining staff for the Quilpie Shire Council.

Resolution No: (09-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

- A. That Council resolve to prepare a Tender Consideration Plan for the Purchase of one (1) transportable home in accordance with section 230(1)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012
- B. That Council resolve to adopt the Tender Consideration Plan for the purchase of one (1) transportable house as outlined by the report by the CEO dated 9 August 2021
- C. That council enter into a contract for the delivery of the house to be sited at 16 Donald Street Eromanga for the cost of \$266,842.20 (incl GST) from Hoek Modular Homes
- D. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and finalise the terms of the contract with Hoek Modular and to do any acts necessary to implement council's decision in accordance with section 13(3) of the Local Government Act 2009.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.35 pm and resumed at 1.26 pm.

15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Resolution No: (10-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local government Regulation 2012 at 1.26pm to discuss the following Confidential item:

- conversion of Industrial Lease No.0/218019 to freehold tenure
- conversion of Lease No. 0/232097 to freehold tenure described as Lot 1276 on PH1540, Locality of Quilpie
- conversion of Lease No. 0/232099 to freehold tenure described as Lot 1315 on PH1615, Locality of Quilpie.

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Resolution No: (11-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 1.29 pm.

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15.1 (08/21) – Request for Views – Conversion of Lease to Freehold Lot 77 SP147938

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to provide their views to the Department of Resources on a request for conversion of Industrial Lease No.0/218019 to freehold tenure.

Resolution No: (12-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council provides no objections to the conversion of Industrial Lease No.0/218019 to freehold tenure described as Lot 77 on SP147938, Locality of Quilpie.

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15.2 (08/21) – Request for Views – Conversion of Lease No 0/232097 to Freehold Lot 1276 on PH1540

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to provide their views to the Department of Resources on a request for conversion of Lease No. 0/232097 to freehold tenure.

Resolution No: (13-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council provides no objections to the conversion of Lease No. 0/232097 to freehold tenure described as Lot 1276 on PH1540, Locality of Quilpie.

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15.3 (08/21) – Request for Views – Conversion of Lease 0/232099 to Freehold Lot 1315 on PH1615

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to provide their views to the Department of Resources on a request for conversion of Lease No. 0/232099 to freehold tenure.

Resolution No: (14-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council provides no objections to the conversion of Lease No. 0/232099 to freehold tenure described as Lot 1315 on PH1615, Locality of Quilpie.

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16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

17 LATE ITEMS

17.1 (08/21) – Expression of Interest to Purchase Land, Curlew Estate

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider an Expression of Interest received from Aaron and Robina Meehan for the purchase two (2) parcels of land known as Lot 17 on SP234965 and Lot 19 on SP234965, Curlew Estate for \$15,000.00.

Resolution No: (15-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council

- a) does not accept the Expression of Interest received from Aaron and Robina Meehan to purchase two parcels of land known as Lot 16 on SP234965 and Lot 17 on SP234965 Curlew Estate Quilpie for \$15,000.00 from Council.*
- b) authorises the CEO to negotiate the sale of Lot 16 on SP234965 and Lot 17 on SP234965 Curlew Estate Quilpie with the applicant for \$25,000.*

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17.2 (08/21) – Quilpie Motorcyclist Association, Community Assistance Grant Application

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request from the Quilpie Motorcyclist Association for financial assistance of \$2,500 plus in-kind support assist with the costs of facilitating the 2021 Motorbike Gymkhana and Enduro to be held 25 and 26 September 2021.

Resolution No: (16-08-21)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council approves the request received from the Quilpie Motorcyclist Association for financial assistance of \$2,500 plus in-kind support for the supply of 15 wheelie bins, two tents, 100 chairs and generator to assist with the costs of facilitating the 2021 Motorbike Gymkhana and Enduro to be held on 25 and 26 September 2021.

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18 GENERAL BUSINESS

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

- Cr Barnes: Contacted various Quilpie Shire business owners to assess the involvement of the oil and gas industry in the local economy in order to give the industry a high priority in the upcoming Quilpie Shire Prospectus.
- Cr Barnes: Discussions with Kerrie Richards, Merino Country regarding the possibility of wool based industry in Quilpie. Organised August visit by Merino Country to meet with Council.
- Cr Barnes: A number of tourists have complimented Quilpie Shire on its excellent attractions and presentation. Attention was drawn to the need for more signage directing visitors to the Eromanga Natural History Museum ie at the T intersection in Eromanga, and at the Opal Fossicking area explaining about opal and what to look for.
- Cr Hewson asked about the Recycling Funding – South West Councils combining to apply for funding for recycling cardboard.
- Cr Hewson asked about tyre recycling which was previously done on a one-off basis.
- Cr Paulsen asked for a progress report on the funding application for the bore at Toompine, through Great Artesian Basin Rehabilitation Program (GABRP). Council is proceeding with the funding application, which is due by 19 November.
- Cr Paulsen asked for a progress report on the Migrant resettling program, noting that finding accommodation in Quilpie is the biggest hurdle.
- Cr Paulsen asked about the change rooms to be installed at Eromanga, using the TMR recycled facilities. The only cost to Council is for relocation and renovating the building.
- Cr Barnes asked when the consultation process would be commencing for the Aquatic Park. Council is in the early planning stages, and community consultation will be included.
- Cr Barnes raised the topic of wild pig control, noting that hunters aren't able to keep up with the growth of numbers. DCCS responded that a Wild Pig Discussion Group was being established by the Department
- Signage at the front of Council Administration Office is being planned as part of the street scaping project
- Thanks and congratulations were offered to all staff from all councilors for the excellent work and outstanding efforts put in by all involved in the events held in the Shire.

19 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday 17 September 2021 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.44 pm.

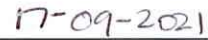
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 20 August 2021.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday, 17 September 2021



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council



Date

