

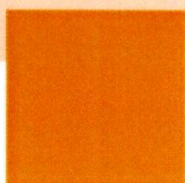


Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 21 February 2023

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie



**MINUTES OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL BOARDROOM, 50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE
ON TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 09:30AM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:30am

2 ATTENDANCE

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor) (Zoom), Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor), Cr Lyn Barnes (Zoom), Cr Bruce Paulsen, Cr Roger Volz

In Attendance: Mr Justin Hancock (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Lisa Hamlyn (Director Corporate and Community Services), Mr Peter See (Director Engineering Services), Wanda Loveday (Secretariat)

3 APOLOGIES**4 CONDOLENCES**

Condolences to the family of Matthew Ware

Condolences to the family of Vaughan Johnson

Condolences to the family of Roma Barnes

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.

Mayor Mackenzie and Cr Barnes declared an interest in Item 14.2

Cr Paulsen declared an interest in Item 11.1 and 12.2 (as President of Golf Club)

Cr Paulsen declared an interest in Confidential Item 1.1

Cr Barnes declared an interest in Confidential Item 1.2

6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023**

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC012-02-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

1. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 January 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

8 MAYORAL REPORT

- 17/01/23 - OQTA Meeting (zoom)
- 20/01/23 - SWHHS Meeting (zoom)
- 24/01/23 - Bengal Meeting (Brisbane)
- 24/01/23 - IOR Meeting (Brisbane)
- 25/01/23 - DG Natural Resources Meeting (Brisbane)
- 31/01/23 - SW Carbon Steering Committee (zoom)
- 31/01/23 - RDA Executive Meeting (zoom)
- 06/02/23 - SW Carbon Steering Committee (zoom)
- 07/02/23 - Council Workshop (zoom)
- 07/02/23 - SW Carbon Steering Committee (zoom)
- 10/02/23 - Regional Drought Implementation Plan Meeting (zoom)
- 17/02/23 - WDAC Meeting (zoom)
- 17/02/23 - State Development Meeting (zoom)

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Details	Date of Meeting	Location	Mackenzie	Hewson	Paulsen	Volz	Barnes
Ordinary Council Meeting	16-Jan-23	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
OQTA Meeting	17-Jan-23	Zoom	1				
SWHHS Meeting	20-Jan-23	Zoom	1				
Bengal Meeting	24-Jan-23	Brisbane	1				
IOR Meeting	24-Jan-23	Brisbane	1				
DG Natural Resources Meeting	25-Jan-23	Brisbane	1				
Australia Day Award Presentation	27-Jan-23	Quilpie		1	1	1	
RFDS Meeting	30-Jan-23	Charleville		1			
SW Carbon Steering Committee	31-Jan-23	Zoom	1				
RDA Executive Meeting	31-Jan-23	Zoom	1				
SW Carbon Steering Committee	6-Feb-23	Zoom	1				
Councillor Workshop	7-Feb-23	Zoom	1	1	1	1	1
SW Carbon Steering Committee	7-Feb-23	Zoom	1				
Quilpie Bushfire Preparedness Planning Meeting	8-Feb-23	Quilpie				1	
Regional Drought Implementation Plan Meeting	10-Feb-23	Zoom	1				
WDAC Meeting	17-Feb-23	Zoom	1	1		1	
State Development Meeting	17-Feb-23	Zoom	1				
MPHS Meeting	20-Feb-23	Quilpie		1			

10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS**10.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.1.1 ENGINEERING STATUS REPORT JANUARY 2023****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is about the works carried out by Engineering Services during January 2023

Noted

10.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

Nil

10.3 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**10.3.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES STATUS REPORT - JANUARY 2023****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to provide Council with an update on financial services for month ending 31 January 2023.

Noted

10.4 GOVERNANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**10.4.1 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on Tourism and Economic Development activities from February 2023.

Noted

10.4.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Chief Executive Officer's portfolio.

Noted

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Cr Bruce Paulsen declared he has a prescribed conflict of interest (as defined by sections 150EG, 150EH and 150EI of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in matters regarding the Quilpie Golf Club sponsorship.

Cr Bruce Paulsen is President of the Quilpie Golf Club, who receives sponsorship from APV Contracting . The Quilpie Golf Club stands to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of the matter.

Cr Bruce Paulsen advised that in accordance with legislative requirements he will leave the meeting while the matter is discussed.

At 10:44 am, Cr Bruce Paulsen left the meeting.

11.1 QSC FD 2022-RFQL 13 22-23 FLOOD RESTORATION WORKS 2022 SCREENING OF MATERIAL -TOBERMORY ROADS PACKAGE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a recommendation to award RFQL 13 22-23 Flood Restoration Works 2022 Screening of Material- Tobermory Roads Package for the preparation of material to undertake Restoration of Essential Public Asset Works on Tobermory, Bowallie Tobermory, Ingeberry and Mulliana Roads.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC013-02-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

1. That Council:

- a. Subject to funding approval and finalisation, award RFQL 13 22-23 Flood Restoration Works 2022 Screening of Material - Tobermory Road Package to APV Contracting for an amount of \$494,310.00 excluding GST; and
- b. Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy.

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At 10:48 am, Cr Bruce Paulsen returned to the meeting.

11.2 DEED OF MUTUAL TERMINATION - FLOOD RESTORATION WORKS PACKAGE G (RFQ09 22-23)**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the ordinary meeting of Council on 13 December 2022, Council resolved to awarded RFQL09 22-23 Flood Restoration Works 2022 Package G to SC & KG Bowen (Resolution No: (QSC215-12-22)).

On or about the 27 January 2023, SC & KG Bowen requested to be allowed to withdraw from the contract due to unfortunate circumstances.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC014-02-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Note the request from SC & KG Bowen to withdraw from the contract for Flood Restoration Works 2022 Package G;
2. Receive the signed Deed of Mutual Termination cancelling the contract and finalising the matter; and

3. Note that Council will now proceed with issuing a Request for Quote for these works to Council's Register of Prequalified Supplier of Mobile Plant and Equipment Wet & Dry Hire (TO1) via Vendor Panel.

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12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION - QUILPIE LAWN BOWLERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An application has been received from the Quilpie Lawn Bowlers requesting a direct cash contribution of \$1500 to assist with the running of the 2023 "Quilpie Open Triples Carnival".

The two-day carnival will be held 13 & 14 May 2023. This will be the second annual Triples Carnival. This event was introduced in 2022 to accommodate locals who were unable to make the field for the annual October Carnival.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC015-02-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

1. That Council approves the request for a direct cash contribution of \$1500 to assist with the running of the 2023 Quilpie Open Triples Carnival.

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Cr Bruce Paulsen declared he has a prescribed conflict of interest (as defined by sections 150EG, 150EH and 150EI of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in matters regarding the Quilpie Golf Club sponsorship.

Cr Bruce Paulsen is President of the Quilpie Golf Club, who receives sponsorship from APV Contracting. The Quilpie Golf Club stands to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of the matter.

Cr Bruce Paulsen advised that in accordance with legislative requirements he will leave the meeting while the matter is discussed.

At 11:06 am, Cr Bruce Paulsen left the meeting.

12.2 QSC FD 2022 - RFQL 08 22-23 FLOOD RESTORATION WORKS 2022 PACKAGE F – (WAREO, DUCK AND NAPOLEON ROADS)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a recommendation to award RFQL 08 22-23 Flood Restoration Works 2022 Package F for the Restoration of Essential Public Asset Works on Wareo Road, Duck Creek Road Portion A and Napoleon Road.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC016-02-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

1. That Council:

- (a) Subject to funding approval and finalisation, award RFQL08 22-23 Flood Restoration Works 2022 Package F – Wareo Road, Duck Creek Road Portion A and Napoleon

Road to Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd for an amount of \$320,939.55 excluding GST; and

- (b) Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy.

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Council voted on Option 2.

Statement of Reason:

The development of competitive local business and industry.

At 11:22 am, Cr Bruce Paulsen returned to the meeting.

13 FINANCE

13.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDING 31 JANUARY 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the monthly financial report to Council in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the period ended 31 January 2023.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC017-02-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council receive the Finance Report for the period ending 31 January 2023.

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 C.03 CARAVAN AND CAMPING POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council Policy C.03 Caravan and Camping Policy has been reviewed and is attached for Council approval.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC027-02-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

1. That Council:

(a) Receive the report; and

(b) Adopt the C.03 Caravan and Camping Policy as amended.

In Favour: Crs Stuart Mackenzie, Jenny Hewson, Bruce Paulsen and Roger Volz

Against: Cr Lyn Barnes

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Cr Lyn Barnes declared she has a prescribed conflict of interest (as defined by sections 150EG, 150EH and 150EI of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in matters regarding the Old Exchange Outback Gallery & Studio.

Cr Lyn Barnes is the owner of the Old Exchange Outback Gallery & Studio, and stands to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of the matter.

Cr Lyn Barnes advised that in accordance with legislative requirements she will leave the meeting while the matter is discussed.

At 12:29 pm, Cr Lyn Barnes left the meeting.

Cr Stuart Mackenzie declared he has a prescribed conflict of interest (as defined by sections 150EG, 150EH and 150EI of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in matters regarding the Eromanga Natural History Museum (ENHM).

Cr Stuart Mackenzie is Chair of the Outback Gondwana Foundation, which operates the ENHM. The ENHM stands to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of the matter.

Cr Stuart Mackenzie advised that in accordance with legislative requirements he will leave the meeting while the matter is discussed.

At 12:30 pm, Cr Stuart Mackenzie left the meeting.

14.2 2023 BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to review 2023 Quilpie Shire Council Business Support Program applications.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC019-02-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

1. That Council:

- (a) Accept the following 2023 Quilpie Shire Council Business Support Program applications:

Business	Town	Priority	Total project cost (GST Exc)	Council (GST Exc)	Co-contribution (GST Exc)
Adavale Pub/Store/Post Office*	Adavale	Shopfront	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
All About Online Training*	Quilpie	Business Innovation	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Ben Hall TA Knots and Plots	Quilpie	Business Innovation	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Elle's Newsagency	Quilpie	Shopfront	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Eromanga Natural History Museum*	Eromanga	Signage	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Gilby and Tonkin Mechanical*	Quilpie	Business Innovation	\$4,500.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Homelea Lass*	Quilpie	Business Innovation	\$5,500.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
Mail 555 Pty Ltd*	Quilpie	Shopfront	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Quilpie Hardware	Quilpie	Business Innovation	\$8,555.00	\$4,277.50	\$4,277.50
The Brick Hotel	Quilpie	Business Innovation	\$5,800.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00

The Old Exchange Outback Gallery & Studio	Quilpie	Business Innovation	\$4,440.00	\$2,220.00	\$2,220.00
Toogunna Plains*	Quilpie	Business Innovation	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Trober Superannuation Fund*	Quilpie	Shopfront	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Unstable Coffee	Quilpie	Signage	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

- (b) Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy.

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Council adjourned at 12:42pm for lunch and resumed at 1:15pm.

At 1:15 pm, Cr Stuart Mackenzie returned to the meeting.

At 1:15 pm, Cr Lyn Barnes returned to the meeting.

14.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - RECONFIGURING A LOT 40 WINCHU STREET, QUILPIE FORMALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2 ON Q68042

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to decide the Development Application for a Reconfiguring a Lot (One (1) lot into Eight (8) lots) on land situated at 40 Winchu Street, Quilpie formally described as Lot 2 on Q68042.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC020-02-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council

1. receive this report; and
2. Council issue a decision notice to the applicant approving the Development Application for a Reconfiguring a Lot (One (1) lot into Eight (8) lots) on land situated at 40 Winchu Street, Quilpie formally described as Lot 2 on Q68042, subject to the following conditions:

General Advice

- I. The relevant planning scheme for this development is the *Quilpie Shire Planning Scheme*. All references to the 'Planning Scheme' and 'Planning Scheme Schedules' within these conditions refer to this planning scheme.
- II. A development permit for a Material Change of Use will be required for any activity or development on the approved lot(s) that does not comply with the accepted development criteria in the *Quilpie Shire Planning Scheme*.

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- III. All persons involved in the development have an obligation to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise any biosecurity risk under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.
 - IV. New development on any of the approved lots must be provided with an adequate supply of electricity. In the event that an adequate supply of electricity cannot be achieved through efficient design and alternative energy technologies, a connection to the reticulated electricity network must be made available. Prospective purchasers and/or developers of the newly created lots are encouraged to contact the relevant electricity provider to determine the availability and costs associated with connecting to the reticulated network.
 - V. This approval lapses if a plan for the reconfiguration is not given to the Council within four (4) years of the approval taking effect.
 - VI. The plan for the reconfiguration must be duly signed by the registered proprietor of the land and the surveyor, and submitted to Council for approval in a form acceptable to Council within the relevant period.
 - VII. Unless otherwise stated all conditions shall be completed prior to the Council endorsing the relevant plan of survey.
 - VIII. The *Environmental Protection Act 1994* states that a person must not carry out any activity that causes, or is likely to cause, environmental harm unless the person takes all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise the harm. Environmental harm includes environmental nuisance. In this regard, persons and entities involved in the establishment of the approved development are to adhere to their 'general environmental duty' to minimise the risk of causing environmental harm to adjoining premises.
 - IX. It is the responsibility of the developer to obtain all necessary permits and submit all necessary plans to the relevant authorities that are associated with the approved development, including any permits/approvals required by any State Agencies.
 - X. In completing an assessment of the proposed development, Council has relied on the information submitted in support of the development application as true and correct. Any change to the approved plans and documents may require a new or changed development approval. Council should be contacted for advice in the event of any potential change in circumstances.
 - XI. All Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Queensland is protected under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and penalty provisions apply for any unauthorised harm. Under the legislation a person carrying out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. This applies whether or not such places are recorded in an official register and whether or not they are located in, on or under private land. The developer is responsible for implementing reasonable and practical measures to ensure Cultural Heritage Duty of Care Guidelines are met and for obtaining any clearances required from the responsible entity.

Development Conditions

Use

1. The approved development is for Reconfiguring a Lot (One (1) lot into Eight (8) lots), located at 40 Winchu Street, Quilpie formally described as Lot 2 on Q68042, as defined in the Planning

Act 2016 and as shown on the approved plans.

2. Complete and maintain the approved development as follows:
 - a. in accordance with development approval documents; and
 - b. strictly in accordance with those parts of the approved development that have been specified in detail by the Council unless the Council agrees in writing that those parts will be adequately complied with by amended specifications.

Compliance

3. Unless otherwise stated, all conditions must be complied with prior to the Council endorsing the relevant Survey Plan.

Approved Plans

4. The approved development is to be carried out in accordance with following approved plans and documents and subject to the approval conditions. Where there is any conflict between the approval conditions and the details shown on the approved plans, the approval conditions prevail.

Plan/Document Number:	Plan/Document Name:	Date:
Dwg No. 21/278PP01, Rev A	Lot Dimensions	16 September 2022
Dwg No. 21/278PP02, Rev A	Existing Services	16 September 2022
Dwg No. 21/278PP02, Rev A	Contours	16 September 2022

Existing buildings and structures

5. Existing buildings, structures, infrastructure and services located on the development site are not to encroach on the proposed allotment boundaries.

Services provision

6. Each approved lot must be connected to Council's reticulated water supply system in accordance with the applicable Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) publication, at no cost to Council.
7. Each approved lot must be connected to Council's reticulated sewerage disposal system in accordance with the applicable Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) publication at no cost to Council.
8. Any connection to or works associated with Council's sewerage infrastructure must be completed by a qualified plumber/drainlayer under Council supervision. No works are to be undertaken on Council sewerage infrastructure without first obtaining the express permission of Council.
9. An electricity supply must be made available to each lot. This supply must be in accordance with the relevant standards of the electricity distributor.

Note: Confirmation that an electricity supply is available and network connections can be made to all new lots from the electrical provider will be required prior to endorsement of the plan of survey.

10. Where it is necessary for existing reticulated infrastructure networks to be extended to provide the required service connections to the approved lots, such works will require development approval for Operational Works or must otherwise be completed by private works agreement with Council.

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11. Any conflicts associated with proposed and existing services shall be forwarded by the developer to the appropriate controlling authority for approval for any proposed changes.

Stormwater and drainage

12. Stormwater runoff from the site must not adversely impact on flooding or drainage of properties or roads that are upstream, downstream or adjacent to the site as a result of the development.
13. Discharge of stormwater runoff from the development shall drain freely in all cases, and no nuisance of ponding is to be created as a result of the development.

Access and roads

14. The landowner is responsible for the construction and maintenance of crossovers from the road carriageway to the property boundary and all internal vehicle access ways, and for obtaining any approvals that may be required and for complying with the applicable designs and standards.

Protection of infrastructure

15. The developer is responsible for locating and protecting any Council and public utility services, infrastructure and assets. Any damage to existing infrastructure (road pavement, existing underground assets, etc.) attributable to the development, shall be immediately rectified in accordance with the asset owners' requirements and specifications and to the satisfaction of the asset owners' representative(s) and at no cost to Council.

No cost to Council

16. All costs associated with the approved development are to be met by the developer, including costs of survey, registration, document lodgement, easement documentation preparation and plan sealing unless there is specific agreement by other parties, including the Council, to meeting those costs.

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14.4 REQUEST FOR CONSENT FOR MINING CLAIM EXTENSION ON STOCK ROUTE SR:507QUIL**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The report is to provide Council an opportunity to consider whether Council should give consent to the extension of Mining Claim MC300080 on Stock Route SR:507QUIL.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC021-02-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council:

- 1) Endorse the extension of Mining Claim MC300080 on Stock Route SR:507QUIL; and
- 2) Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this matter.

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14.5 LOCAL HOUSING ACTION PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to present Council with the final draft of the Local Housing Action Plan for Quilpie Shire. Through the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC), each of the 22 Councils have been funded to develop a Local Housing Action Plan.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC022-02-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

1. That Council adopt the Local Housing Action Plan for Quilpie Shire as amended.

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Cr Bruce Paulsen declared he has a prescribed conflict of interest (as defined by sections 150EG, 150EH and 150EI of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in matters regarding the Quilpie Golf Club.

Cr Bruce Paulsen is President of the Quilpie Golf Club. The Quilpie Golf Club stands to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of the matter.

Cr Bruce Paulsen advised that in accordance with legislative requirements he will leave the meeting while the matter is discussed.

At 1:40 pm, Cr Bruce Paulsen left the meeting.

At 1:44 pm, Cr Bruce Paulsen returned to the meeting.

15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the *Local Government Act 2012*:

1.1 Contractual Matter - Major Event

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - g of the *Local Government Act*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

1.2 Wage Disparity and Cost of Living

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - b of the *Local Government Act*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with industrial matters affecting employees.

1.3 Request for interest to be waived on outstanding rates - Assessment No: 00882-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - d of the *Local Government Act*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

MOTION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC023-02-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council move into closed session.

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MOTION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC023-02-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council move out of closed session.

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At 2:13 pm, Cr Bruce Paulsen left the meeting.

1.1 CONTRACTUAL MATTER - MAJOR EVENT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quilpie Shire Council has been approached by Golf Australia to host a major cultural event in 2024. This report outlines the cost and benefits for Council's consideration of this request.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC024-02-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approves:

- a) supporting this major sporting event in Quilpie in 2024;
- b) Approves entering into an agreement with the event provider to host an event in 2024; and
- c) Delegates power to the Chief Executive officer, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project, subject to Council's normal procurement policies and practices.

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At 2:14 pm, Cr Bruce Paulsen returned to the meeting.

1.2 WAGE DISPARITY AND COST OF LIVING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider the wage disparity that exists between employees covered under the Stream A Award compared to the Stream B and C Awards, and to consider options for an administrative wage increase to reduce the disparity. The report will also consider the rising cost of living affecting all employees, and discuss a potential once-off cost of living bonus to support staff.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC025-02-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council:

- 1) provide employees that are covered by the Quilpie Shire Council Certified Agreement 2021 (Agreement), and who are also employed under the Queensland Local Government Industry (Stream B) Award – State 2017 or the Queensland Local Government Industry (Stream C) Award – State 2017, with an administrative wage increase of 12.75% on the first pay period following the first anniversary of certification of the Agreement; and
- 2) provide all full-time employees of Council as at 22 February 2023, with a once-off cost of living bonus to the value of \$1,000.00 per employee. Part-time and casual employees will receive a pro-rata once-off cost of living bonus based on the average hours worked in comparison to a full-time employee in the twelve month period leading up to 22 February 2023.

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1.3 REQUEST FOR INTEREST TO BE WAIVED ON OUTSTANDING RATES - ASSESSMENT NO: 00882-00000-000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider a request from the applicant to remove interest charges for the years that the shire had been drought declared, on Assessment No: 00882-00000-000.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC026-02-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council does not write off the interest accrued on assessment 00882-00000-000.

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16 LATE ITEMS**NIL****17 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

- Polocrosse Club complained to Mayor about lack of communication regarding track closures
- Polocrosse Club and Race Club were notified of current track closure by email Monday 20 Feb
- User groups meeting needed to build better relationships and communications between groups

At 2:30 pm, Cr Lyn Barnes left the meeting.

- Cr Volz asked if pads under new houses be higher to facilitate better drainage
- Give-way sign at depot needs to be re-instated
- Three Mile – estimated time for this to be fixed is May/June – waiting on stabilizer
- Cr Paulsen – could we be using existing staff to promote job vacancies to friends and relatives?

18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 21 March 2023 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 09:30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:43pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Tuesday, 21 February 2023.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 21 March 2023.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council

Date