

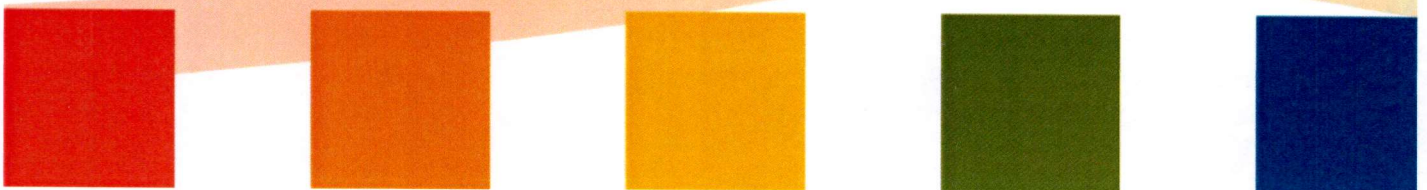


Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 20 June 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, 20 JUNE 2023 AT 09:30AM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:10am.

2 ATTENDANCE

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor), Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor), Cr Lyn Barnes, 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) and Wanda Loveday (Secretariat).

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.

Cr Barnes has declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 12.1

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC086-06-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

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

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6.2 SPECIAL MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC087-06-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

1. That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 30 May 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

8 MAYORAL REPORT

- 19/05/23 - SW Carbon Review Meeting (zoom)
- 24/05/23 - LDMG Meeting (Quilpie)
- 25/05/23 - Audit Committee Meeting (Quilpie)
- 25/05/23 - SWQROC Meeting (Cunnamulla)
- 26/05/23 - SWRRTG Meeting (Cunnamulla)
- 26/05/23 - SWQWSA Meeting (Cunnamulla)
- 30/05/23 - Special Meeting (Quilpie)
- 08/06/23 - Council of Mayors Strategy Meeting (St George)
- 09/06/23 – DDSWQ COM Meeting (St George)
- 13/06/23 - Arts Qld Meeting (Brisbane)
- 14/06/23 - Dept. Tourism DDG Meeting (Brisbane)
- 14/06/23 - Dept. Housing Meeting (Brisbane)
- 14/06/23 - Asst. Minister Boyd Meeting (Brisbane)
- 15/06/23 - OQTA Meeting (Brisbane)
- 16/06/23 - RDA Meeting (zoom)

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Details	Date of Meeting	Location	Mackenzie	Hewson	Paulsen	Volz	Barnes
Ordinary Meeting of Council	16-May-23	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
ENHM Growing Regions Grant Meeting	18-May-23	Quilpie			1	1	1
Uluru Statement	18-May-23	Online				1	
SW Carbon Review Meeting	19-May-23	Zoom	1				
LDMG Meeting	24-May-23	Quilpie	1			1	
Audit Committee Meeting	25-May-23	Quilpie	1			1	1
SWQROC Meeting	26-May-23	Cunnamulla	1				1
SWRRTG Meeting	26-May-23	Cunnamulla	1				1
SWQWSA Meeting	26-May-23	Cunnamulla	1				1
Open House Boobook Place	27-May-23	Quilpie				1	1
Queensland Opera - Lady sings the Maroons	27-May-23	Quilpie			1	1	1
Special Meeting of Council / Councillor Workshop	30-May-23	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Council of Mayors Strategy Meeting	8-Jun-23	St George	1				
Council of Mayors Meeting	9-Jun-23	St George	1				
Quilpeta Night Show	12-Jun-23	Quilpie			1	1	1
Arts Qld Meeting	13-Jun-23	Brisbane	1				
Department Tourism DG Meeting	14-Jun-23	Brisbane	1	1			
Department Housing Meeting	14-Jun-23	Brisbane	1	1			
Asst Minister Boyd Meeting	14-Jun-23	Brisbane	1	1			
OGF Funding Meeting	14-Jun-23	Brisbane		1			
Land Audit Meeting	14-Jun-23	Brisbane		1			
OQTA Meeting	15-Jun-23	Brisbane	1				
Opening of Under 8s Week Mural Park	15-Jun-23	Quilpie				1	1
DAF Meeting (Quarries)	15-Jun-23	Quilpie				1	1
RDA Meeting	16-Jun-23	Zoom	1				

10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS**10.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.1.1 MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES MAY 2023****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is about works carried by Engineering Services during May 2023.

Noted

10.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**10.2.1 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Pest and Livestock Management Coordinator's portfolio.

Noted

10.2.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Director of Corporate and Community Services portfolio.

Noted

10.2.3 NDIS COORDINATOR STATUS REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to inform and update Council on National Disability Insurance Scheme activities and programs.

Noted

10.3 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**10.3.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES STATUS REPORT - MAY 2023**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Noted

10.4.2 GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update of the Governance and Compliance area.

Noted

10.4.3 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**11.1 DISPOSAL OF REPLACED PLANT AND EQUIPMENT BY AUCTION.****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council have replaced plant items over the last twelve-month period as per the Council budget. The replaced plant items are to be disposed of by online auction. Council also intends to auction other redundant items.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC088-06-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

1. That Council:

(a) Approve the following assets to be disposed of via online auction:

MAKE	UNIT NUMBER	KM'S/HOURS
Hino Truck	56	123410
Mitsubishi Truck	96	141539
Amman Flat Drum Roller with padfoot shells	134	
Honda Motorbike	4502	
Suzuki Motorbike	4501	
Pallet of Steel Rims	n/a	
Trailer Tyres x4	n/a	
Portable Bench with Roller	n/a	
Mixed pallet- Pump Kohler	n/a	
Trailer Axels and Wheel Carrier	n/a	
Generator Agrison 37 KVA	n/a	30 hours
Ford Ranger	Unit 93	102559
Compressor on Skid	n/a	
Portable Compressor	n/a	
Portable Generator Yanmar	n/a	
Honda 2 Inch Pump	Unit 324	
Metal Master Press	n/a	
Marari Sprinkler (irrigator)	Unit 292	
Portable Fuel Trailer 1000L	Unit 813	
Ford Ranger	Unit 1104	
Hino Truck	Unit 85	
Kenworth Prime Mover	Unit 50	
Amman Roller	Unit 3200	
Komatsu Grader	Unit 3001	7495 hours
Mixed pallets of redundant filters and parts (6 of)		

- (b) invite three (3) auction houses to provide reserve prices for the full plant and equipment listing;
- (c) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to engage an auction house that provides best value for money to Council; and
- (d) 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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Director of Engineering Services tabled correspondence from RPQ Spray Seal Pty Ltd.

11.2 REQUEST FOR QUOTATION RFQL 22-23 93B WIDENING SEAL WORKS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Request for Quotation was called for bitumen surfacing works for a Department of Transport and Main Roads project on the Diamantina Developmental Road 30-38 km west of Quilpie. This report recommends the award of the Request for Quotation.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC089-06-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council:

- a) Subject to funding approval and finalisation accept the Request for Quotation RFQL 22-23 93B Widening Seal Works from Austek Spray Seal Pty Ltd for the sum of **\$399,503.44 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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12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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 Channel Country Ladies Day.

Cr Lyn Barnes is Artist in Residence for the Channel Country Ladies Day. The Channel Country Ladies Day 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 10:48 am, Cr Lyn Barnes left the meeting.

12.1 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - CHANNEL COUNTRY LADIES DAY 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to give consideration towards a request from The Channel Country Ladies Day Committee towards sponsorship for its 2023 Channel Country Ladies Day Event to be held in October at Bedourie in the Diamantina Shire.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC090-06-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council purchases a Bronze Sponsorship package valued at \$1,000 to support 2023 Channel Country Ladies Day Event to be held in Bedourie during October.

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At 10:50 am, Cr Lyn Barnes returned to the meeting.

12.2 APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF GHPL 0/214254 OVER LOT 4 ON SP126461

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr S and Mrs A Tully, Bunginderry, submitted an application for conversion of GHPL 0/214254 over Lot 4 on Plan SP126461 (freehold) to Department of Natural Resources in June 2021. Mr and Mrs Tully received a response from the Department, dated 12 May 2023, advising that as part of the department's assessment of the application, it was identified that there are relevant stock routes which intersect the subject land which will need to be retained by the State as part of the conversion process. The result of this assessment proposes to impose several onerous requirements onto Mr and Mrs Tully to progress their application for conversion of this land to freehold. Mr and Mrs Tully are seeking Council's support in objecting to the requirements outlined in the correspondence from the Department of Natural Resources, due by 14 June 2023.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC091-06-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

1. That Council endorse the flying minute issued on 12 June 2023 to write to the Department of Natural Resources and Minister for Resources, the Hon. Scott Stewart MP, supporting the strong objection of Mr S Mrs A Tully in relation to the proposed requirements outlined by Department of Natural Resources relating to their Application for Conversion of GHPL 0/214254 over Lot 4 on SP126461.

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13 FINANCE

13.1 POLICY REVIEW - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC092-06-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the Council adopt the Related Parties Disclosures Policy.

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13.2 PRESENTATION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OBSERVATION REPORT - INTERIM AUDIT REPORT FOR 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On behalf of the Mayor, this report presents the Auditor-General's Observation Report (Interim Audit Report) for 2023.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC093-06-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council receive and note the Auditor-General's Observation Report (Interim Audit Report) for 2023.

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13.3 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDING 31 MAY 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 May 2023.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC094-06-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

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

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13.4 ANNUAL LAND VALUATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received correspondence from the Valuer-General on 6 June 2023 seeking Council's views in relation to the proposed inclusion of Quilpie Shire in the 2024 revaluation program.

Council's last land revaluation assessment was completed in 2020 with an effect date of 30 June 2021 and a significant number of valuations were amended. A response to the Valuer-General is due by Friday 13 July 2023.

The Valuer-General will consider Council's views in deciding whether a revaluation should take place in the area.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC095-06-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council recommend to the Valuer-General that a valuation of all rateable land in Quilpie Local Government Area be undertaken effective 30 June 2024.

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13.5 REGISTER OF COST-RECOVERY FEES AND COMMERCIAL CHARGES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present a new Register of Cost-Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges to be effective from 1 July 2023.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC096-06-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Adopt the fees in the Register of Cost-Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges;
3. Resolve that, in relation to those cost-recovery fees to which Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* applies:
 - (i) the applicant is the person liable to pay these fees; and
 - (ii) the fee must be paid at or before the time the application is lodged; and
4. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to amend commercial charges to which section 262 (3) (c) of the *Local Government Act 2009* applies.

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13.6 DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE STORE ITEMS BY AUCTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has undertaken a complete stocktake of store items over the last few months and identified obsolete stock to be disposed of by online auction. It is intended to include these in the auction of replaced plant and equipment – under separate report in this agenda *Disposal of Replace Plant and Equipment by Auction*.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC097-06-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

1. That Council
 - (a) approve the disposal of the obsolete store items via online auction; and
 - (b) include these items with the next online auction of Council plant and equipment.

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the final analysis from the Community Satisfaction Survey 2023 which was conducted from 27 February to 3 May 2023.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC098-06-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council note and accept the Quilpie Shire Council Community Satisfaction Survey 2023.

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At 12:14 pm, Cr Jenny Hewson left the meeting.

At 12:17 pm, Cr Jenny Hewson returned to the meeting.

At 12:17 pm, Manager Governance and Compliance joined the meeting.

14.2 SPECIAL HOLIDAY 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Holiday's Act 1983 provides for the granting and observance of special holidays which includes show days. Each year local governments are invited to request special and show holidays for the following year.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC099-06-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council nominate Friday 9 September 2024 (Quilpie Show Day) as the 2024 Special Holiday

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14.3 AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report will present the Audit Committee Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2023.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC100-06-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council receive and note the Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2023.

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14.4 WONGKUMARA NATIVE TITLE CLAIM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide Council with an update on the progress of the Wongkumara Native Title Claim.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC101-06-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council advise Holding Redlich that council agree with the State's tenure analysis.

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14.5 RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK, POLICY AND ENTERPRISE RISK REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To formally consider and adopt the Risk Management Framework, Risk Management Policy and Enterprise Risk Register

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC102-06-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council adopt the Risk Management Framework, Risk Management Framework Policy and the Enterprise Risk Register.

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14.6 POLICY UPDATE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Purpose of this report is to present a review of the Investigation Policy, the Administrative Complaints Policy and the Acceptable Requests Guidelines Policy.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC103-06-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That the Council Adopt the Investigation Policy, the Administrative Complaints Policy and the Acceptable Requests Guidelines Policy.

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At 12:39 pm, Manager Governance and Compliance left the meeting.

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:39pm and resumed at 1:05pm.

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:

15.1 Legal Advice regarding Request for Road Realignment

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - e 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 legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

15.2 Request for rates be written off 00845-91700-000 non-current mining claim.

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.

15.3 Request for allowance of discount Assessment 00285-00000-000.

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.

15.4 Water Charge Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - c 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 the local government's budget.

15.5 Request for Rating Concession - Assessment 00292-00000-000

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.

15.6 General Rate Benchmarking

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - c 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 the local government's budget.

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC104-06-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council move into closed session at 1:05pm.

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At 1:06pm Manager Governance and Compliance joined the meeting, and left the meeting at 1:18 pm.

At 1:15pm Manager Finance and Administration joined the meeting, and left the meeting at 2:16pm.

MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC105-06-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council move into Open Session at 2:16pm.

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15.1 LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING REQUEST FOR ROAD REALIGNMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide an update on the Request to Realign Lockabie Road

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC106-06-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That council resolve to accept the update and instruct the Chief Executive Officer to continue to pursue Option 4 of the legal advice received.

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15.2 REQUEST FOR RATES BE WRITTEN OFF 00845-91700-000 NON-CURRENT MINING CLAIM.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To request that Council write off outstanding rates on assessment 00845-91700-000 on a non-current mining claim that expired 07/10/2022 and a renewal application was not lodged.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC107-06-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That council write-off \$371.48 of outstanding rates on assessment 00845-91700-000.

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15.3 REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF DISCOUNT ASSESSMENT 00285-00000-000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider a request to allow the prompt payment discount on assessment 00285-00000-000 and write off any interest that has accrued.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC108-06-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council does allow the discount on assessment 00285-00000-000 and write-off any interest.

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15.4 WATER CHARGE REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a review of the water utility charge as part of the budget deliberations for 2023/24 financial year.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC109-06-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

- (1) Include the recommendations as outlined in the Water Charge Review V2 report in the draft budget for 2023/24; and
- (2) Consult with the affected landowners about the proposed changes.

5/0**15.5 REQUEST FOR RATING CONCESSION - ASSESSMENT 00292-00000-000****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The landowner has written to Council requesting a rating concession by way of the interest charged on the outstanding rates and charges for assessment 00292-00000-000 being put on hold.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC110-06-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council write to the landowner to advise of Council's *Recovery of Overdue Rates and Charges Policy* and advise they may make application for a payment commitment for the outstanding rates and charges to be paid by instalments.

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15.6 GENERAL RATE BENCHMARKING**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present the benchmarking of Council's differential general rates with other Queensland Councils to support Council's budget deliberations for 2023/24.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC111-06-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council receive and note the General Rate Benchmarking information.

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16 LATE ITEMS**17 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

- DCCS has received a response from the Medical Practice concerning viability of practice and has forwarded on to consultants to analyse the information.
- Cr Volz raised the following matters:
 - Noted that the updated Council logo has not been distributed to community groups or used consistently on Council documents. CEO advised that an offer has been made to a Media and Communications Officer, this role will be responsible for rolling out the new style guide.
 - Noted that electronic speed signs in Quilpie are not working. DES advised they have tried to fix them but are considering sending them back to supplier to find the fault.
 - Rick's Memorial approach needs advance warning signs 1 kilometre from turn off. DES to follow up on the procurement of the signs.

- A ratepayer suggested to Cr Volz that a plaque be erected at Adavale and/or Eromanga for people to purchase plaque and attach to allow local families to recognise their heritage in the area. DCCS to investigate.
- The potential of the VIC lawned area to be used for private functions was raised. Big screen could be used more community-based events. MTED to provide an update to Council on the plans around an alternative access to the rear of the VIC and the potential uses of the facility.
- Noted the local events being promoted on the electronic notice boards. An update was requested on the Toompine electronic sign, DES advised that Council are awaiting an inspection from an electrician.
- NBN installation is progressing well, further work to commence in August. Council to continue to promote the roll out to maximise the number of residents that register to receive the infrastructure for free.
- Cr Volz raised the previously discussed suggestion around providing 1 set of free solar Christmas lights to each household in order to improve the participation in the annual Christmas light displays. DCCS to investigate.
- Suggested that the two railway water tanks be listed with the State Heritage to preserve their history. Quilpie water tank is listed as one of only two tanks of that type. MGC to enquire around having the water towers in Quilpie and Cheepie heritage listed by the State Government.
- Asked if tenants had been decided for the two new council houses. CEO advised that the new houses are not in a state to be tenanted, once they are ready Council's Housing Policy will be used to allocate housing. Council is still withholding advertising a number of positions due to no housing being available.
- Requested an update on the shower blocks at hall as it is the designated evacuation centre, but could also be used by school groups for their camps. DES has provided options Council, Councillors to decide on the preferred option and if they wish to proceed with the current scope of the project.
- Cr Paulsen raised the following matters:
 - Queried of the proposed lighting project at Baldy Top should be designed by a lighting consultant. CEO advised that a consultant can be engaged however the current scope only allowed for an extension of the current lighting infrastructure purchased. Council to provide direction on the desired project outcome and appropriate budget allocation.
 - A local business raised concerns around a recent procurement purchase by Council, DES provided further details on the procurement process and decision made in line with Council's policy.
 - There is a lot of interest in the Hole in One from top of Baldy Top at the Golf Masters and Cr Paulsen thanked Council staff for their help with this event.
 - Cr Paulsen noted a new television program on SBS called 'Jurassic Cash'. Due to the palaeontologist connection to the Quilpie Shire some residents may find this show of interest.
- Cr Barnes raised the following matters:
 - Requested an update on the Eromanga Pool – CEO and DOE advised that draft pricing of 3 options have been received, these will be presented to Council in the near future.
 - A complaint has been received from a local resident around trucks parking at Bicentennial Park. CEO has received this complaint and will respond accordingly.
 - Cr Barnes was to question update on Toompine power however this was queried by Cr Volz.
 - A complaint was recently received by all Councillors and CEO on the use of fires in the Quilpie Township. MGC is currently assessing the complaint and will provide a response.
 - Mentioned that flag at Rick's Memorial is frayed and should be replaced. DCCS to follow up.

- A resource company in the Cooper Basin has recently surrendered leases to the State Government. Council to write to the Minister in support of having these leases reissued.
 - Cr Barnes advised that the ICPA have won an increase in the living away from home allowance for parents wishing to send their children away to school. Council to promote this to potential staff.
 - Queried how the carbon ready assessment of the Quilpie Shire was progressing. CEO advised that he had been speaking to one consultant, but was seeking two further quotes from consultants to conduct the assessment.
 - Cr Barnes suggested that following an interview with the ABC, Council needed to follow up lobbying for a radar in South West Queensland.
 - Queried the progress of the South Comongin design. DES advised that TMR will be able to provide an update at the July Council Meeting.
- Cr Mackenzie raised the following matters:
 - Regulatory Impact Statement for the Queensland Lake Eyre Basin has been released, Council to provide feedback by 25 August 2023. This is to be discussed in July.
 - Council were aware of the potential lack of a doctor in early July however this has now been resolved.

18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 18 July 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 3:53pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Tuesday, 20 June 2023.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 18 July 2023.


Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council

18/07/2023
Date