

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUTTABURRA MEMORIAL HALL, 15 BRUFORD STREET, MUTTABURRA
ON WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2019
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

Councillor R Chandler (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillors J Gray (Deputy Mayor), G Bettiens, S Dillon, M Rogers, B Plumb and G Peoples.

OFFICERS

S Boxall (Chief Executive Officer), B Walsh (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), D Howard (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho), P Coulton (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra), J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), R Rolfe (Chief Engineer) and H Winter (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr. Rogers read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr. Gerald (Gerry) Alfred Walter Fogarty resident of Barcaldine, Mr. Patrick Noel Searles resident of Barcaldine, Mr. William Jeffrey Hartley resident of Aramac, Mr. Alan Vincent (John) Hayden resident of Muttaborra, Mr. John Robert (Johnboy) Dolgner resident of Aramac, Mr. David Gordon Seddon resident of Barcaldine, Mr Ewan Mulchay resident of Alpha, Mr Gordon Adams formerly of Jericho and Mrs Denise Dillon formerly of Surbiton Station, Alpha.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, past and present.

DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

Material Personal Interest on any items of Business

Cr Peoples for Item 3.8.2 - "I declare that I have a material personal interest in the Request for Assistance – Local Business – Aramac report (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) as I stand to gain a benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter. I stand to gain a benefit or suffer a loss because I am a Business Owner. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

Cr Bettiens for Item 3.2.2 - "I declare that I have a material personal interest in the Planning and Development Report (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) as I stand to gain a benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter. I stand to gain a benefit or suffer a loss because of a related family member involvement. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

Cr Bettiens for Item 3.2.11 - "I declare that I have a material personal interest in the Plant Hire Local Business Categorisation Report (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) as I stand to gain a benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter. I stand to gain a benefit or suffer a loss because of a related family member involvement. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

participate in the meeting while this matter is discussed, including by voting on the matter.

Carried
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Cr Gray for Item 3.6.2 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Sale of Council Property Report (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) due to a related family member involvement; and I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.”

Personal Gifts and Benefits – The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer accepted a gift of rugby league game tickets in Brisbane on Thursday 18 July 2019 from Telstra Corporation Limited.

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-
General Meeting – 17 July 2019.*

Resolution: 2019/08/264 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 17 July 2019 be received.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2019/08/265 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 17 July 2019 be confirmed.

Carried
7/0

2. PETITIONS - Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.1.1 Chief Executive Officer Information Report June to July 2019

Summary: The Chief Executive Officer's report for June to July 2019 is presented to Council.

Resolution: 2019/08/266 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Report for June to July 2019.

Carried
7/0

3.1.2 Councillor Information Bulletin

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a list of items sent to Councillors in the Councillor Information Bulletin up to and including 21 August 2019.

Resolution: 2019/08/267 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.1.3 Community Care Services Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer reporting on the operations of the Community Care Services.

Resolution: 2019/08/268 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That the report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.1.4 Barcaldine Regional Council Communication Strategy

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling the Barcaldine Regional Council Communication Strategy for consideration.

Resolution: 2019/08/269 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council adopts the Barcaldine Regional Council Communication Strategy as presented.

Carried
7/0

3.1.5 Wild Dog Management Plan Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling the Wild Dog Management Plan for Council endorsement.

Resolution: 2019/08/270 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council does not endorse the Barcaldine Regional Council Wild Dog and Pest Management Advisory Committee (BRCWDPMAC), Wild Dog Management Plan 2019-2022 until further community consultation has been conducted through the Divisional Leaders of the BRCWDPMAC. Furthermore that dot point one of the indicator be amended from “enforce” to “encourage and monitor” the use of Feral Scan as a tool for recording of wild dog scalp data.

Carried
7/0

3.1.6 Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre

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Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a report on the progress of the Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre, Stage II project.

Resolution: 2019/08/271 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council endorses the proposed plan including budget and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to procure the specialised services required for the project.

Carried
7/0

3.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.2.1 Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Information Report – August 2019

Summary: The Deputy Chief Executive Officer's report for August is presented to Council.

Resolution: 2019/08/272 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council receives the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report for August 2019.

Carried
7/0

*The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:40am
The meeting recommenced at 11:12am*

Cr Bettiens and Cr Gray left the meeting at 11:26am for Item 3.2.2.

3.2.2 Planning and Development Report

Summary: The Planning and Development Report for the period ending 14 August 2019 is presented to Council.

Resolution: 2019/08/273 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council receives the Planning and Development Report.

Carried
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Cr Bettiens and Cr Gray returned to the meeting at 11:36am

3.2.3 Audit Committee Report

Summary: The Barcaldine Regional Council Audit Committee minutes are presented for Council's consideration.

Resolution: 2019/08/274 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the minutes of the Barcaldine Regional Council Audit Committee meeting held on 16 July 2019.

Carried

- a. The closure of Council Administration Offices from 12.30pm on Friday 20 December 2019 and reopening on Monday 6 January 2020, with only essential staff working between these dates; and
- b. The closure of Council Depots from 12.30pm on Thursday 19 December 2019 and reopening on Monday 20 January 2020, with only essential staff working between these dates.

Carried
7/0

3.2.8 Local Government Infrastructure Plan

Summary: A proposal for Council to decide to make a Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) under the Planning Act 2016.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2019/08/280 That Council decides to make a Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) in accordance with Section 21 of the Planning Act 2016 and the Minister's Guidelines and Rules under the Planning Act 2016.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2019/08/281 That Council engages Integrated Infrastructure Planning to prepare the LGIP for Council at a cost of \$38,000 (excl GST) and that Council resolves that it would be impractical or disadvantageous for Council to invite quotes because of the specialised nature of the services that are sought.

Carried
7/0

3.2.9 Building Our Regions Application

Summary: Funding applications are open under the Queensland Government's Building Our Regions program.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2019/08/282 That Council applies for funding of \$1,350,000 under the Building Our Regions program for The Globe – Stage 3 project and that Council co-contributes \$150,000.00 to the project in the 2020-2021 Budget.

Lost
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The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:55pm
The meeting recommenced at 1:50pm

Resolution: **Moved Cr Chandler** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2019/08/283 That Council applies for funding of \$1,500,000 under the Building Our Regions program for The Globe – Stage 3 project with no co-contribution from Council.

Carried
6/1

3.2.10 Aerodrone Strategy Development Proposal

Summary: A proposal to engage an advisor to develop the Outback Aerodrone Strategy to achieve economic development outcomes for Barcaldine Regional Council.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2019/08/284 **That Council accepts the proposal from Andrew Donald to be engaged as an advisor to Council to develop the Outback Aerodrone Strategy at a cost of \$26,000 (excl GST) and that Council resolves that it would be impractical or disadvantageous for Council to invite quotes because of the specialised nature of the services that are sought.**

Carried
7/0

Cr Bettiens and Cr Gray left the meeting 2:03pm for Item 3.2.11

3.2.11 Plant Hire Local Business Categorisation

Summary: The Register of Local Business Categorisation for Wet and Dry Plant Hire is presented to Council.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2019/08/285 **That Council receives the report with noted amendments.**

Carried
5/0

Cr Bettiens returned to the meeting at 2:07pm

3.2.12 Good Neighbour Program

Summary: A report from the Good Neighbour Program Coordinator on the progress of the project is presented to Council.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2019/08/286 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
6/0

Cr Gray returned to the meeting at 2:10pm

3.3 FINANCE

3.3.1 Financial Report

Summary: The financial report for the period ending 31 July 2019 is presented to Council.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2019/08/287 **That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 31 July 2019.**

Carried
7/0

Cr Bettiens and Cr Gray left the meeting at 2:15pm for Item 3.4.1.

3.4 MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

3.4.1 Works Report

Summary: From the Chief Engineer submitting for Council's information, the status of the scopes of work assigned to Engineering Services for the period ending 30 July 2019.

Resolution: 2019/08/288 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
5/0

Cr Bettiens and Cr Gray returned to the meeting at 2:35pm

3.5 DISTRICT MANAGER – ALPHA AND JERICHO

3.5.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Alpha and Jericho submitting the Information Report for information.

Resolution: 2019/08/289 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the District Manager's Information Report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.5.2 Alpha Cultural Group Inc.

Summary: From the Alpha Cultural Group asking Council to remove refuse collection fees.

Resolution: 2019/08/290 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council agrees to remove refuse collection and waste management fees for the Alpha Cultural Group Inc. at the Alpha Showgrounds.

Carried
7/0

3.6 DISTRICT MANAGER – ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

3.6.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra submitting the Information Report for information.

Resolution: 2019/08/291 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That the District Manager Aramac-Muttaborra report be received.

Carried

7/0

Cr Gray left the meeting at 2:56pm for Item 3.6.2

3.6.2 Sale of Council Property

Summary: *Council recently advertised a number of properties for sale in Aramac and Muttaborra.*

*28 Porter Street, Aramac – no applications
82, 86, 90, 94 Lord Street, Muttaborra – no applications
43 Bridge Street, Muttaborra – no applications*

*For sale for removal, lease or sale in situ
Muttaborra Nurser's Quarters*

Council received the attached for consideration which consists of two offers from the same entity.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2019/08/292 **That Council defers the decision relating to the sale, lease or removal of the Muttaborra Nursers Quarters until tenure/ownership issues are resolved.**

Carried
6/0

Cr Gray returned to the meeting at 3:11pm

3.6.3 Aramac Museum – Windmill Parts

Summary: *Mr Brian Attwood from Victoria visited the Aramac office and enquired if Council would be willing to dispose of some windmill parts located at the Aramac Museum. Mr Attwood is a collector and restorer of antique windmills and is passionate in the restoration of them. He has begun a museum in Victoria where he displays a number of unusual windmills.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2019/08/293 **That Council does not agree to dispose of the windmill parts currently located at the Aramac Tramway Museum.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.4 Muttaborra Campdraft - Sponsorship

Summary: *The Muttaborra Campdraft Association seeking sponsorship for their event to be held on 6-8 September 2019.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2019/08/294 **That Council agrees to sponsor the Muttaborra Campdraft Association to the value of \$500.00.**

Carried
7/0

3.7 DISTRICT MANAGER – BARCALDINE

3.7.1 Information Report

Summary: The District Manager's – Barcaldine report was submitted to Council for information.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
2019/08/295 That the District Manager's – Barcaldine Information Report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.7.2 Barcaldine & District Historical Society - Request for Reduction to Excess Water Charges

Summary: Barcaldine & District Historical Society have written requesting reduction to Excess Water Charges of \$651.90 for their property at 75 Gidyea Street.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Gray
2019/08/296 That Council does agree to the request from Barcaldine & District Historical Society to reduce Excess Water Charges of \$651.90 for their property at 75 Gidyea Street.

Carried
7/0

3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Procedural Motion

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Gray
2019/08/297 That Council moves into closed session pursuant to Section 72 of the Local Government Act 2009, for the consideration of a Report on the Independent Investigation into a Complaint.

Carried
7/0

Procedural Motion

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Rogers
2019/08/298 That the meeting moves into open session.

Carried
7/0

3.8.1 Report on Independent Investigation into Complaint

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling the Final Ferguson Report by the independent investigator engaged by Council to investigate allegations contained in a complaint.

Resolution: Moved Cr Chandler Seconded Cr Gray
2019/08/299 That Council receives the final Report.

Carried

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a report on correspondence received requesting Councils support in the establishment of a Macropod Abattoir to be located in Aramac.

Resolution: 2019/08/305 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council advises the applicant that it:

- a. Supports in principle the establishment of a Macropod Abattoir in Aramac, subject to compliance with a development approval.**
- b. And that Council will consider the infrastructure requests upon final development approval being granted.**

Carried
7/0

3.9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS - NIL

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:18pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: September 2019
