MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE ON WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 9.15AM

ATTENDANCE

Councillor R Chandler (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillor J Gray (Deputy Mayor), Councillors G Bettiens, A Cowper, G Peoples, P Mitchell and R Glindemann.

OFFICERS

D Howard (Chief Executive Officer), R Bauer (Executive Manager – Alpha), I Kuhn (Executive Manager – Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr. Gray read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mrs. Betty Humphries, formerly of Muttaburra.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - NII

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

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Gray informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.1.6 (as a contractor) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

Councillors Peoples and Cowper for Item 3.1.5: I declare I may have a real conflict of interest in this matter, as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, due to my membership of the Aramac Community Development Association. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. I honestly believe that I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of council's area by participating in this discussion and voting on this matter.

Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-

General Meeting – 16 December 2015.

Resolution: Moved Cr Cowper Seconded Cr Gray 2016/01/001 That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional

Council on the 16 December 2015 be received.

Carried *Unanimous*

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Cowper 2016/01/002 That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional

Council on 16 December 2015 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimous

2. PETITIONS - Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.1.1 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 15 January 2016.

Resolution: Moved Cr Glindemann Seconded Cr Gray

2016/01/003 That the report be received.

Carried Unanimous

3.1.2 Swimming Pool and Spa Safety

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer reporting on changed legislation for

swimming pool and spa safety requirements and Council's responsibility.

Resolution: Moved Cr Cowper Seconded Cr Gray

2016/01/004 That Council :-

(a) encourages residents to register their swimming pool or spa with Queensland Building and Construction Commission; and

(b) reduces the development assessment fees by 50%; inspection fees by 50% and waives the travel fee for the period 20 January 2016 to 30 June 2016 for residential owners of swimming pools and spas.

Carried Unanimous

3.1.3 Councillor Remuneration

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that the Local Government

Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal has concluded its review of remuneration for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors of local governments.

Resolution: Moved Cr Bettiens Seconded Cr Mitchell

2016/01/005 That Council requests the remuneration remain unchanged until the next

review as follows:-

Mayor \$ 97,684.00 Deputy Mayor \$ 56,356.00 Councillor \$ 48,842.00.

> **Carried** *Unanimous*

3.1.4 Elected Member Update

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that the Local Government

Association of Queensland will be running Elected Member Updates in May

2016.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Mitchell 2016/01/006 That the decision be deferred until the April meeting of Council.

Carried *Unanimous*

3.1.5 ACDA - Aramac Community Bus

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that a request has been received

from the Aramac Community Development Association for financial assistance

to purchase a new community bus.

Resolution: Moved Cr Mitchell Seconded Cr Bettiens

2016/01/007 That Council meets with the Aramac Community Development

Association to discuss the options available for the future of the

community bus.

Carried

Unanimous

Councillor Gray declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

At 10.20am the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.45am.

3.1.6 Tenders for Hire of Plant for 2016

Summary: Local Buy has called tenders on behalf of Council for the 'Hire of Plant for

2016' and has submitted a report on tenders received, for inclusion on a

'Prequalified Supplier' register for 2016.

[This is not an official copy of Council's Minutes]

Resolution: Moved Cr Cowper Seconded Cr Bettiens 2016/01/008 That Council accepts the 'Tenders for Hire of Plant for 2016 Report'

received from Local Buy and that all qualified tenders received be placed

on the 'Prequalified Supplier' register for 2016 and further that the companies on the list now be invited to register on Vendor Panel.

Carried *Unanimous*

At this stage Cr. Gray returned to the meeting.

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – January 2016

Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 31 December 2015 was presented

to Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Glindemann Seconded Cr Peoples

2016/01/009 That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 31

December 2015.

Carried *Unanimous*

3.3 MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

3.3.1 Works Report

Summary: From the Manager Engineering Services submitting for Council's advice and

consideration his report on engineering works and environmental matters in Barcaldine, Alpha, Jericho, Aramac and Muttaburra for the period ending 31

December 2015.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Gray 2016/01/010 That the Works Report for the period December 2015 be received.

Carried *Unanimous*

3.3.2 Telecommunications Infrastructure – Alpha Subdivision

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services submitting a report on

Telecommunications Infrastructure, Alpha Subdivision.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Bettiens

2016/01/011 That the report be received and Council request Telstra to undertake the

works at Council's expense subject to an acceptable quotation being

received.

Carried

Unanimous

3.4 EXECUTIVE MANAGER - ALPHA

3.4.1 General Information Report

Summary: The Executive Manager's – Alpha report was presented to Council for

information.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Cowper

2016/01/012 That the Executive Manager's – Alpha General Information Report be

received.

Carried Unanimous

3.4.2 Request for support for a Grant for a Community Garden

Summary: From the C & K Jellybeans Community Kindergarten requesting a letter of

support for its application to the Tackling Tough Times Together (TTTT)

Programme for a Community Garden in the park opposite the Jellybeans

Centre in Moore Street, Alpha.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gray Seconded Cr Mitchell

2016/01/013 That Council agrees to provide a letter of support to the C & K

Jellybeans Community Kindergarten for its application to the Tackling Tough Times Together (TTTT) Programme for the establishment of a community garden opposite the Jellybeans Centre in Moore Street,

Alpha.

Carried

Unanimous

3.4.3 Debt Collection – Michael and Sharon Cann

Summary: From King and Company reporting on progress to date on the collection of

debts from Michael and Sharon Cann.

Resolution: Moved Cr Bettiens Seconded Cr Cowper

2016/01/014 That Council :-

(a) endorses the decision of the Chief Executive Officer to instruct King and Company to take action as per their recommendation in clause 21 of their email dated 18th December, 2015; and

(b) advises King and Company that they will handle all future collection negotiations in this matter.

Carried *Unanimous*

3.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – ARAMAC

3.5.1 General Information Report

Summary: The Executive Manager's – Aramac report was submitted to Council for

information.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Cowper

2016/01/015 That the Executive Manager's – Aramac General Information Report be

received.

Carried Unanimous

3.5.2 Aramac Tennis Courts

Summary: Quotations have been received for the upgrade of two tennis courts in

Aramac.

Resolution: Moved Cr Cowper Seconded Cr Peoples

2016/01/016 That Council engage Custom Court Constructions for the upgrade of two

tennis courts including markings for netball.

Carried *Unanimous*

3.6 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – BARCALDINE

3.6.1 General Information Report

Summary: The Executive Manager's – Barcaldine report was submitted to Council for

information.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Cowper 2016/01/017 That the Executive Manager's – Barcaldine General Information Report

be received.

Carried *Unanimous*

3.6.2 Community Drought Support Fund

Summary: The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services has

approved funding to RAPAD for community drought support. Council is required to provide feedback on how its share of the funding is to be

expended.

Resolution: Moved Cr Glindemann Seconded Cr Gray

2016/01/018 That Council allocates the Drought Support Funding to the following

organisations and events:

1. Alpha – Expressions of interest to be called

- 2. Jericho Expressions of interest to be called
- 3. Barcaldine Tree of Knowledge Festival (Graham Connors Concert)
- 4. ACDA Aramac Aramac Rodeo, Ballyneety Rodeo, Aramac Pony Club and Aramac Quick Shears
- 5. MCDA Muttaburra Landsborough Flock Ewe Show Society for the annual show, Muttaburra Golf Club and Anzac Day

Carried *Unanimous*

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Bettiens 2016/01/019 That Council does not prepare a Community Drought Resilience Plan.

Carried *Unanimous*

3.6.3 Barcaldine Airport Lighting

Summary: The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has approved

funding of \$273,750 for Barcaldine Airport Lighting.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gray Seconded Cr Mitchell

2016/01/020 That Council ratifies the decision of the Chief Executive Officer to sign

the funding agreement for lighting upgrades at Barcaldine Airport.

Carried

Unanimous

Resolution: Moved Cr Mitchell Seconded Cr Gray

2016/01/021 That Council calls tenders for the upgrade of airport lighting at

Barcaldine Airport including: new runway and taxiway lighting; new

apron floodlighting; and new wind direction indicators.

Carried *Unanimous*

3.6.4 Barcaldine Swimming Pool Retiling

Summary: Tenders for the Barcaldine Swimming Pool Retiling closed on 15 January

2016.

DATED:

Resolution: Moved Cr Bettiens Seconded Cr Gray 2016/01/022 That Council does not award the contract at this stage, due to the

estimated project cost being significantly higher than the project budget

and seeks alternative options.

17 February 2016

Carried *Unanimous*

3.7	RURAL SERVICES MATTERS - Nil
3.8	CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS - Nil
3.9	NOTIFIED MOTIONS - Nil
As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.30pm.	
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD	
MAYOR:	