

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE DISASTER COORDINATION CENTRE
PASTEUR STREET, JERICHO
ON WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2016
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS

D Howard (Chief Executive Officer), R Bauer (Executive Manager – Alpha), I Kuhn (Executive Manager- Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), A Luyt (Senior Engineer) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr. Rogers read the prayer. The Mayor asked that Mrs. Paula Ricks, wife of Council's Engineer Mr. Jason Ricks, be included in Council's prayers.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr Kevin Creagh formerly of Barcaldine, Mr Harold Winters of Aramac, Miss Vicki Humphries formerly of Barcaldine and Mr Paul Hildebrand formerly of Aramac.

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 - Nil

Conflict of Interest

Cr. Garry Bettiens for Item 3.1.14 :- "I declare I have a real conflict of interest in this matter, as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009), due to my Committee membership of Barcaldine Aged Care Inc. I propose to exclude myself from this meeting while this matter is debated and the vote is taken."

Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

At this stage Cr. Peoples left the meeting.

Summary: *The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-
General Meeting – 16 March 2016.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2016/04/078 **That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional
Council on the 16 March 2016 be received.**

**Carried
Unanimous**

Resolution: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2016/04/079 **That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 16 March 2016 be confirmed.**

Carried
Unanimous

Summary: *The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-*
Post Election Meeting – 8 April 2016.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2016/04/080 **That the minutes of the Post Election Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 8 April 2016 be received.**

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2016/04/081 **That the minutes of the Post Election Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 8 April 2016 be confirmed.**

Carried
Unanimous

Summary: *The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-*
Special Meeting – 8 April 2016.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
2016/04/082 **That the minutes of the Special Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 8 April 2016 be received.**

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2016/04/083 **That the minutes of the Special Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 8 April 2016 be confirmed.**

Carried
Unanimous

2. PETITIONS - Nil

3. REPORTS

Mayoral Minute

Resolution: 2016/04/084 **Moved Cr Chandler**
That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve in principle wild dog cluster fence applications where those fences may cross State or Council controlled land providing there is no unreasonable cost to Council, recognising that there will be ongoing discussions and/or approvals with State Government agencies. Applicants will still need to seek any necessary approvals.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.1.1 80th Annual Western Queensland Local Government Association (WQLGA) Conference – Bedourie 2016

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Western Queensland Local Government Association (WQLGA) advising of the annual conference to be held in Bedourie on Tuesday 17th to Wednesday 18th May, 2016 and requesting details of those attending.

Resolution: 2016/04/085 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend the 80th Annual Western Queensland Local Government Association Conference in Bedourie 17-18 May 2016 as Councils representatives.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.2 Election of the LGAQ Policy Executive District Representatives 2016-2020

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the LGAQ advising that nominations are called for the election of District Representatives to the Association's Policy Executive for the period 2016-2020.

Resolution: 2016/04/086 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council nominates Cr. Rob Chandler for the election of District Representatives to the Association's Policy Executive for the period 2016-2020.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Cr. Peoples returned to the meeting.

3.1.3 Elected Member Update

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) will be running Elected Member Updates in May 2016.

Resolution: 2016/04/087 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council requests LGAQ provide an Elected Member Update in Barcaldine for all Councillors at a date to be confirmed.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.4 80th Annual Western Queensland Local Government Association (WQLGA) Conference – Bedourie 2016 – Call for Motions

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Western Queensland Local Government Association (WQLGA) requesting motions for the annual conference to be held in Bedourie on Tuesday 17th to Wednesday 18th May, 2016.

Resolution: 2016/04/088 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council representatives move the following motions at the WQLGA Conference to be held in Bedourie in May 2016:-

- **That WQLGA lobby for the continuation of the exclusion fencing programme.**
- **That WQLGA lobby State Government for funding for the sealing of the unsealed portion of Torrens Creek Road.**
- **That WQLGA lobby State Government for funding for the sealing of the unsealed portion of Clermont-Tambo Road.**
- **That WQLGA lobby State Governments regarding cut-backs to rail services particularly freight, passenger and cattle train services from Rockhampton to Winton by Aurizon/Queensland Rail.**
- **That WQLGA lobby State Government to adequately fund the QTrip Programme to allow Councils to forward plan works and security of employment.**
- **That WQLGA lobby State Government to allow local governments sufficient access to Births, Deaths and Marriages historical information for residents buried within their Council areas.**
- **That WQLGA lobby State and Federal Governments to allow Council plant hire rates to be fully recovered by Councils under the NDRRA Scheme (flood damage).**
- **That WQLGA lobby the Racing Minister to revise the Tracking to Sustainability Plan with the Queensland Country Racing Committee to provide a sustainable future for racing across country Queensland.**

- That WQLGA lobby State Government to upgrade the remainder of the Capricorn Highway from Alpha to Emerald to allow for Type 2 Road Train Access and progressively gazette.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.5 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra from 19 – 22 June

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) advising that the National General Assembly of Local Government will take place in Canberra from 19-22 June 2016.

Resolution: 2016/04/089 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend the National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from 19 – 22 June 2016 as Council's representatives.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Cr. Peoples left the meeting.

3.1.6 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra from 19 – 22 June - Call for Motions

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) requesting motions for the National General Assembly of Local Government will take place in Canberra from 19-22 June 2016.

Resolution: 2016/04/090 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council submit the following motions for consideration at the upcoming National General Assembly in Canberra in June 2016:-

- That the ALGA lobby the Federal Government to allow Council plant hire rates to be fully recovered by Councils under the NDRRA Scheme (flood damage).
- That ALGA lobby the Federal Government to continue the mobile phone Black Spot Programme.
- That ALGA lobby for the continuation of the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Programme and other pest management eradication schemes with the continuation of biological control measures.

Carried
Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 10.30am for morning tea and resumed at 10.50am.

3.1.7 2016 Landsborough Flock Ewe Show - Request for Trade Display

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Landsborough Flock Ewe Show Society asking if Council wishes to have a trade display at this year's show.

Resolution: 2016/04/091 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council undertake a trade display at the Landsborough Flock Ewe Show Society with Cr. Gray as Coordinator.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Cr. Peoples returned to the meeting.

3.1.8 Request from Desert Channels Group for Letter of Support for Australian Government Funding For a Prickly Acacia Eradication Programme and Support to Change Management Strategy

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from Desert Channels requesting Council's support for Australian Government funding for prickly acacia 2016-2020 and support to change a management strategy proposed by Biosecurity Queensland.

Resolution: 2016/04/092 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council:-

- (a) prepares a letter of support for Desert Channels Group for Australian Government funding for a prickly acacia eradication programme; and**
- (b) supports the Desert Channels Group in its endeavours to change the draft Queensland Weed and Pest Animal Strategy 2016-2020 as detailed in its correspondence.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.9 Request for Financial Support – Heart of Australia

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from Heart of Australia Pty Ltd requesting financial support to enable the Heart Bus to continue servicing Barcaldine and surrounding towns with regular cardiac and respiratory specialist services.

Resolution: 2016/04/093 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council contribute \$7,000 to Heart of Australia Pty Ltd to enable the continuation of cardiac and respiratory services currently being provided to Barcaldine and this sum of money be reviewed annually.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.10 Proposed Change to Meeting Date

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer submitting a report on the scheduled date of the June General Meeting.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2016/04/094 **That Council defer the General Meeting from 22 June 2016 to 29 June 2016 to enable the budget to be adopted.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.11 Closure of Aurizon Freight Depots

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that Aurizon has advised the freight depot staff in Alpha and Barcaldine will be withdrawn.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2016/04/095 **That Council oppose the withdrawal of staff from the Alpha, Barcaldine and Winton Aurizon freight depots on the grounds that the reduction of services and staff greatly impacts our communities.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.12 Petition – Hostel Development Boree Street, Barcaldine

Summary: At the General Meeting held on 16 March 2016, the Council received a petition regarding the hostel development at 101-105 Boree Street, Barcaldine.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2016/04/096 **That Council advise the petitioners that the issues raised regarding a development at 101-105 Boree Street, Barcaldine will be considered through the development application process.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.13 Delegation of Power – Council to CEO – Acquisition of Land Act 1967

Summary: King and Company has requested that Council resolve certain powers to the Chief Executive Officer under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 so that future acquisition of land proceeds in a legal manner.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2016/04/097 **That Council hereby resolves to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the powers, as per Register of Delegations listed below, to fulfil the legal requirements required under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967:-**

**REGISTER OF DELEGATIONS
 COUNCIL TO CEO**

Acquisition of Land Act 1967

NO	DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION	DATE AND NUMBER OF RESOLUTION	CONDITIONS TO WHICH THE DELEGATION IS SUBJECT
A	Chief Executive Officer	Power as an entity taking the resource interest to give the relevant chief executive for the resource interest written notice	Section 4B(2) <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>	27 April 2016 2016/04/097	For the purposes of acquisition of Native Title Rights and Interests for Waste Management Facilities (Refuse Tip) purposes
B	Chief Executive Officer	Power to prepare, serve and amend a Notice of Intention to Resume, to discontinue a resumption and to give notice to the land registry	Section 7 <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>	27 April 2016 2016/04/097	For the purposes of acquisition of Native Title Rights and Interests for Waste Management Facilities (Refuse Tip) purposes
C	Chief Executive Officer	Power to hear the objector, consider the grounds of objection to the taking of land and to amend the notice of intention to resume or discontinue the resumption	Section 8 <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>	27 April 2016 2016/04/097	For the purposes of acquisition of Native Title Rights and Interests for Waste Management Facilities (Refuse Tip) purposes
D	Chief Executive Officer	Power to apply to the Minister that the land be taken and to respond to requests from the Minister for further particulars or information	Section 9 <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>	27 April 2016 2016/04/097	For the purposes of acquisition of Native Title Rights and Interests for Waste Management Facilities (Refuse Tip) purposes
E	Chief Executive Officer	Power to serve the gazette resumption notice upon every person who is entitled pursuant to section 18 to claim compensation or is a mortgagee of the land	Section 12(7) <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>	27 April 2016 2016/04/097	For the purposes of acquisition of Native Title Rights and Interests for Waste Management Facilities (Refuse Tip) purposes

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Cr. Bettiens declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

3.1.14 National Stronger Regions Fund Contributions

Summary: The National Stronger Regions Fund requires Council to confirm its contributions to the lodged Round 3 funding applications due to the Local Government elections.

Resolution: 2016/04/098 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council confirms its contributions to National Stronger Regions Fund Round 3 applications as follows:

NSRF Reference	Applicant Name	Project Title	Indicative Council Funding	
			Cash	In-kind
NSRF300154	Barcaldine Aged Care Inc	Construction of Aged Care Village at Barcaldine		\$200,000
NSRF300036	Barcaldine Regional Council	Construction of an Art Gallery at Barcaldine	\$200,000	
NSRF300254	Barcaldine Regional Council	Redevelopment of the swimming complex at Aramac	\$500,000	

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Cr. Bettiens returned to the meeting.

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – April 2016

Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 17 April 2016 was presented to Council.

Resolution: 2016/04/099 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 17 April 2016.

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 Muttaborra for the period ending 31 March 2016.

3.4.2 Lease of Alpha Aquatic Centre

Summary: An expression of interest has been received to discuss the lease/caretaking of the Alpha Aquatic Facilities for 2016/17 with the view to a long term agreement, possibly for 10 years – based on the present lease agreement for the Barcaldine Swimming Pool.

Resolution: 2016/04/104 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council advertises the lease of the Alpha Aquatic Centre Facilities on the same basis as the Barcaldine Swimming Pool lease.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.3 Request for Financial Assistance

Summary: From Elizabeth Callaghan seeking sponsorship for the “Royal Flying Doctor Service” Kokoda Track Challenge 5 -15 November, 2016 in which she will be participating.

Resolution: 2016/04/105 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council agrees to sponsor Elizabeth Callaghan in the “Royal Flying Doctor Service” Kokoda Track Challenge 5-15 November, 2016 in the amount of \$ 200.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – ARAMAC

3.5.1 General Information Report

Summary: The Executive Manager’s – Aramac report was presented to Council for information.

Resolution: 2016/04/106 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the Executive Manager’s – Aramac General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.2 Footpath Area – Muttaborra PHC

Summary: A letter from the Muttaborra Primary Health Centre has been received seeking improvements to the footpath area in front of the Muttaborra Primary Health Centre.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
2016/04/107 **That the Muttaborra Primary Health Centre be advised that Council will not give consideration to this project in the draft 2016-2017 Budget.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.3 Building Our Regions Program

Summary: Applications for Expressions of Interest for the Building Our Regions Program closes at 5.00pm on Friday 29 April 2016.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
2016/04/108 **That Council submits an Expression of Interest to the Building Our Regions Program for funding of \$1,000,000 for the Aramac Swimming Pool and that Council agrees to contribute up to \$1,000,000 to the project.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.4 Notice of Intention to Sell Land for Arrears of Rates

Summary: Thirteen (13) individual blocks of land in the Barcaldine Regional Council area have rates owing on them for three (3) years and a resolution is now required to issue a 'Notice of Intention to Sell' for each block.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2016/04/109 **That Council:**

- (a) authorises the sale of the following properties ("the Land") by way of auction for overdue rates and charges pursuant to section 140(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 by issuing a Notice of Intention to Sell, as the overdue rates and charges have been overdue for three (3) years." with an auction reserve and other terms of the process to be set by the Chief Executive Officer having regard to legal requirements;**

Location	Property Description/Parish/County
Address	
26 Porter St, Aramac. Q 4726	L1 RP607145/Marathon/
102 Lord St, Muttaborra. Q 4732	L9 CM159/Muttaborra/
Osier St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L17 RY185/Barcaldine/
7 Brigalow St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L14 RY185/Barcaldine/
92 Boree St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L91 SP190908/Barcaldine/
52 Willow St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L3 RP602366/Barcaldine/
15 Coolibah St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L2 RP614306/Barcaldine/
85 Oak St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L2RP603579, L2 RP603581, L304 CPHY184/Barcaldine/
10 Ash St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L14RY179/Barcaldine/
116 Gidyea St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L2 RP613739/Barcaldine/
80 Gidyea St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L40 RY182/Barcaldine/
44 Coolibah St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L1 SP217646/Barcaldine/
6 Milton St, Alpha. Q 4724	L18 A3014/Alpha/

(b) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer, its power to:

- (i) give a Notice of Intention to Sell to all interested parties; and
- (ii) take all further steps required under sections 141, 142, 143, 144, 145 and 146 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to effect the sale of the Land.

Carried
6/1

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: 2016/04/110 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the Executive Manager’s – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.2 Get Playing Plus Funding

Summary: Applications for the Get Playing Plus programme close on 29 April 2016.

Resolution: 2016/04/111 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council submits an application to the Get Playing Plus programme for funding of \$380,508.00 for the Barcaldine Water Recreation Park and that Council agrees to contribute \$195,000.00 to the project.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.3 Barcaldine Dirt Bike Club Inc.

Summary: A letter from Barcaldine Dirt Bike Club Inc. requesting permission to develop a motor cross track on the Barcaldine Town Common.

Resolution: 2016/04/112 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council grants in-principle support for the proposal to develop a motor cross track on the Barcaldine Town Reserve and agrees to meet with the proponents to further discuss the proposal.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.4 Request to Conduct Business on Town Common

Summary: A letter from a local resident requesting permission to conduct a business on the Barcaldine Town Common.

Resolution: 2016/04/113 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council gives in-principle support for Morgan and Louise Gronold to conduct a business on the Barcaldine Town Reserve with final approval to be considered after a detailed proposal is submitted.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.5 Local Government Infrastructure Plan

Summary: The Sustainable Planning Act requires Council to prepare a new Local Government Infrastructure Plan by 1 July 2016 or apply for an extension of time from the Minister.

Resolution: 2016/04/114 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council does not prepare a Local Government Infrastructure Plan as required by the Sustainable Planning Act and that Council ceases to charge Adopted Infrastructure Charges effective immediately and that:-

(a) pursuant to section 631(3)(a) of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (SPA), Barcaldine Regional Council declares there is no adopted charge for all of the former Barcaldine, Aramac and Jericho Shire Local Government Areas; and

(b) pursuant to section 630(3) of the SPA, this resolution takes effect on 3 May 2016.

Carried
6/1

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 3.10pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 25 May 2016
