MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE ON TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 8.30AM

ATTENDANCE

Councillor S Dillon (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillor M Rogers (Deputy Mayor), Councillors D Arthur, T Gleeson, C Hansen, G Peoples and R Plumb.

OFFICERS

S Gray (Chief Executive Officer), P Coulton (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaburra), J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), A Waugh (Community Engagement Coordinator), D Young (Minute Secretary), S Habib (Finance Manager), D Howard (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho) and Chris Rohan (Director of Works).

Councillor Dillon read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

Two minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Mrs Daphne Hindmarsh formerly of Barcaldine, Ms Noeleen Burns formerly of Aramac, Mrs Alma Murphy of Everton Station, Aramac and staff member David Lester of Barcaldine.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Councillor Dillon acknowledged the traditional owners of the land; past, present and emerging.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Prescribed Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Peoples under item 3.7.2 – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting that he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Aramac Bakery Report as his business would be in direct competition and he will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Rogers under items 3.4.2, 3.7.1 and 3.9.1 – continuing declaration from a prior meeting.

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Moved Cr Arthur Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/273 That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council

held on the 16 August 2022 be received.

Carried

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Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Gleeson
2022/09/274 That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council

held on the 16 August 2022 be confirmed.

Carried

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2. PETITIONS - Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 MAYOR

3.2.1 Mayor's Information Report

Summary: From the Mayor, tabling his information report to Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/275 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Arthur

2022/09/276 That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section

254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, regarding 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.

Carried

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The meeting was closed at 9.12am and reconvened in closed session at 10.59am, with Councillor Gleeson absent until 11am. The meeting moved in to open session at 11.37am.

Resolution: Moved Cr Arthur Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/277 That Council reopens the meeting.

Carried

Mayoral Minute

Summary: From the Mayor, requesting Council resolution regarding the water supply to

the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone.

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/278 That Council:

 a) Accepts the water transfer from external sources and places that water in a dedicated reserve for provision to the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone operations, and

b) Agrees to the extension of the Town Water Supply Network to the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone, with responsibility for funding this extension to be determined and approved by future resolution of Council.

Further, Council endorses the Chief Executive Officer to give effect to any documentation required to legally receive and accept the water transfer.

Carried

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Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Peoples
2022/09/279 That Council reviews the following report in conjunction with item 3.4.4

Carried

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3.2.2 Interim Audit Report

Summary: From the Mayor, tabling the 2022 Interim Audit Report from the external

auditors.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/280 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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3.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Councillor Peoples left the meeting at 11.53 am and returned at 11.54am.

3.3.1 Chief Executive Officer's Information Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling his information report to Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Hansen

2022/09/281 That Council receives the report.

Carried

3.3.2 Councillor Information Correspondence

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant

correspondence for Councillor Information.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Gleeson

2022/09/282 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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3.3.3 Planning and Development Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the Planning and Development

Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Arthur

2022/09/283 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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3.3.4 Economic Development Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the monthly economic

development report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/284 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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3.4 FINANCE

3.4.1 Financial Report

Summary: From the Finance Manager, presenting the monthly financial report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/285 That Council receives the report.

Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.16pm.

3.4.2 Project Progress Report

Summary: From the Finance Manager, reporting on the progress of the capital and

special operating projects included in the 2023 budget.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/286 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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3.4.3 Community Care Services Report

Summary: From the Finance Manager, reporting on the operations of the Community

Care Services.

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Arthur

2022/09/287 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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3.4.4 Audit Committee

Summary: From the Finance Manager, tabling the minutes from the Audit Committee

Meeting held on 7 September 2022.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Peoples

2022/09/288 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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3.4.5 Investment Policy

Summary: From the Finance Manager, tabling the draft amended Investment Policy for

endorsement by Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Peoples

2022/09/289 That Council receives the report and endorses the Policy with the following

amendments:

 3a to read - Surplus council funds to be invested with access to sufficient funds to meet financial commitments, on a daily basis, must be maintained 2c – add iv: To support financial institutions that service the local communities, where possible.

Carried

7/0

Councillor Gleeson left the meeting at 2.20pm and returned at 2.23pm. Councillor Hansen left the meeting at 2.24pm and returned at 2.26pm.

3.4.6 Entertainment and Hospitality Policy

Summary: From the Finance Manager, tabling the draft amended Entertainment and

Hospitality Policy for endorsement by Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/290 That Council receives the report and endorses the Policy with the following

amendments and an obligation to review in conjunction with the

Procurement Policy review:

 First line under 5 to read: Expenditure which is generally considered no to be reasonable and appropriate and therefore are to be treated as private expenditure are

Removal of 5c.

Carried

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3.5 Director of Works Report

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/291 That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section

254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, regarding 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.

Carried

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The meeting was closed at 3.08pm and reopened at 3.27pm.

Resolution: Moved Cr Arthur Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/292 That Council reopens the meeting.

Carried

3.5.1 Works Report

Summary: From the Director of Works, presenting the status of the scope of works

assigned to Infrastructure Services.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Peoples

2022/09/293 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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Councillor Plumb left the meeting at 3.20pm and returned at 3.21pm.

Councillor Peoples left the meeting at 3.24pm and returned at 3.25pm.

Councillor Arthur declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 3.08pm, returning at 3.28pm.

3.6 DISTRICT MANAGER - ALPHA AND JERICHO

3.6.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Alpha and Jericho, submitting to Council the

monthly Information Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Rogers

2022/09/294 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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3.6.2 Offer for Vacant Land - 34 and 36 Gordon Street, Alpha

Summary: From the District Manager – Alpha and Jericho, presenting offer for sale of

vacant land being 34 and 36 Gordon Street, Alpha from the Department of Energy and Public Works to be purchased for future employment housing.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Peoples

2022/09/295 That Council may accept the offer for vacant land being Lot 32 on SP232197

and Lot 33 on SP232197 in Alpha for \$80,000.00.

Carried

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3.7 DISTRICT MANAGER - ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

3.7.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Aramac and Muttaburra, submitting to Council

the monthly Information Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Peoples

2022/09/296 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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Councillor Peoples declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 3.39pm.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Gleeson

2022/09/297 That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section

254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, regarding 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.

Carried

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The meeting was closed at 3.40pm and reopened at 3.55pm.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Arthur

2022/09/298 That Council reopens the meeting.

Carried

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3.7.2 Aramac Bakery

Summary: Due to the increased interest in the Aramac bakery, Council listed the

Aramac Bakery for Sale or Lease and received three tenders, two have since

withdrawn.

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Plumb

2022/09/299 That Council accepts the offer from RM Rowlands for the sum of \$80,000

including GST.

Carried

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Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting at 3.56pm.

3.8 DISTRICT MANAGER - BARCALDINE

3.8.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Barcaldine, submitting to Council the monthly

information report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Arthur Seconded Cr Hansen

2022/09/300 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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Councillors Peoples and Arthur absent from room for the vote.

3.8.2 Donation Request - Barcaldine 60 and Better - Seniors Christmas Lunch

Summary: From the District Manager – Barcaldine, requesting Council to provide

donation to Barcaldine 60 and Better to host annual Seniors Christmas

Lunch.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Peoples

2022/09/301 That Council agrees to a cash donation of \$1,500.00 to Barcaldine 60 and

Better Group to host annual Seniors Christmas Lunch.

Carried

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3.9 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

3.9.1 Information Report

Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, submitting the monthly

Information Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Rogers

2022/09/302 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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3.9.2 Social Media Policy

Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, tabling the draft amended

Social Media Policy for endorsement by Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Gleeson

2022/09/303 That Council receives the amended Social Media Policy and will represent

to a future meeting after review.

Carried

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4. Questions on Notice

4.1.1 Questions on Notice – Responses August Meeting

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the responses to the August Council

Meeting Questions on Notice.

Resolution: Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Hansen

2022/09/304 That Council receives the report.

Carried

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Questions on Notice for September meeting:

Councillor Peoples – Stagmount Road to be reviewed.

Councillor Peoples - Sculpture Trail: request to grade before and after the tourist season - key road for consideration.

Councillor Peoples – follow up query (corner on Torrens Creek Road just past Cornish Creek needs vegetation cleared back from road) – RMPC requirements and cultural heritage review being determined by TMR.

Councillor Peoples – when will plumber position in Aramac be advertised.

Councillor Gleeson – road signage Aramac Road (at Lagoon Creek) – look at moving, has been raised with TMR and being followed up.

Councillor Gleeson – Artesian Hotel update.

Councillor Gleeson – road trains break down and cross road at Alpha – review for additional area/space – TMR issue for follow up.

Councillor Arthur – has council received requests to assist with clearing of Crocodile Creek.

Councillor Arthur - do we have higher priority areas around schools/health services.

Councillor Rogers – Men's Shed driveway has been washed away again in Barcaldine.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Arthur

2022/09/305 That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section

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interests of the local government.

Carried

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The meeting was closed at 4.21pm and reopened at 4.38pm. Councillor Arthur left the meeting at 4.34pm and returned at 4.35pm.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Hansen

2022/09/306 That Council reopens the meeting.

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5. Close of Meeting	g
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As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.38pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR:

DATED: 13 September 2022