

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 43 DRYDEN STREET, ALPHA
ON WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2016
COMMENCING AT 9.20AM**

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), G Rintoul (Executive Manager – Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Chief Executive Officer Mr. Des Howard read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mrs. Vinica Coulter formerly of Muttaborra, Mrs. Thea van Lathum formerly of Alpha and Mrs. Sharon Collins of Barcaldine.

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

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor Bettiens informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.6.3 (as a contractor involved in projects) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

Cr. Dillon for Item 3.4.5 :- "I declare I may have a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, due to my Committee membership of two organisations who use the Showgrounds. 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 intend to remain in the room but will not participate in this discussion or vote on this matter."

Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-
General Meeting – 17 August 2016.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
2016/09/239 That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 17 August 2016 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2016/09/240 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Item 3.6.7 of the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 17 August 2016 be amended by deleting the words “Motorsports Association” in two occurrences and replacing with the words “Dirt Bike Club”.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2016/09/241 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 17 August 2016 be confirmed with the amendments to Item 3.6.7.

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 16 September 2016.*

Resolution: 2016/09/242 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That the report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.2 **Attendance at the 120th LGAQ Annual Conference**

Summary: *From the Chief Executive Officer advising that the 120th LGAQ Annual Conference will take place 18-20 October in the Gold Coast.*

Resolution: 2016/09/243 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend the 120th LGAQ Annual Conference in the Gold Coast 18-20 October 2016.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.3 Councillor Remuneration – 1 July 2017

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal (the Tribunal) is commencing its annual remuneration review program to determine the remuneration to be paid to mayors, deputy mayors and councillors from 1 July 2017.

Resolution: 2016/09/244 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council forwards a submission to the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal on the following grounds:-

- **That the tribunal set the amount of remuneration without an option to accept less than that set; and**
- **That provision be made for leave to be granted by Council due to sickness or other genuine reason.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.4 Project Update on IQRAP Partners

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the IQ-RAP Secretariat updating Council on the project.

Resolution: 2016/09/245 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the correspondence be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.5 Acquisition of Native Title Rights and Interests - Lot 1 on SP223511 – Waste Management Facility (Refuse Tip) Purposes

Summary: The Council to give consideration to the acquisition of native title rights and interests in accordance with Section 8 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 so that future acquisition of land proceeds in a legal manner.

Resolution: 2016/09/246 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
1. That Council adopt the Report tabled by the chief executive officer regarding the proposal to acquire:-

- (a) **all existing native title rights and interests (if any) in the land described as lot 1 on SP223511 County of Mexico Parish of Jericho containing an area of 10 hectares (“the Land”) for waste management facility (refuse tip) purposes; and**
- (b) **all non-native title rights and interests, including resource interests, and in particular, part of Coal Exploration Permit No. EPC1286 and part of Coal Exploration Permit No. EPC1156 relevant to the land described as lot 1 on SP223511 County of Mexico Parish of Jericho containing an area of 10 hectares for waste management facility (refuse tip) purposes.**

2. That after due consideration of the objections (if any) to the acquisition of:-
- (a) all existing native title rights and interests (if any) in the Land; and
 - (b) all non-native title rights and interests, including resource interests relevant to the Land,

Council is of the opinion that the Land is still required for waste management facility (refuse tip) purposes.

3. That Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of:-
- (a) all existing native title rights and interests (if any) in the land described as lot 1 on SP223511 County of Mexico Parish of Jericho containing an area of 10 hectares for waste management facility (refuse tip) purposes; and
 - (b) all non-native title rights and interests, including resource interests , and in particular, part of Coal Exploration Permit No. EPC1286 and part of Coal Exploration Permit No. EPC1156 relevant to the land described as lot 1 on SP223511 County of Mexico Parish of Jericho containing an area of 10 hectares for waste management facility (refuse tip) purposes,

and that the chief executive officer prepare and the mayor execute the necessary application for compulsory acquisition and forward the application and all required supporting documentation to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines in accordance with the requirements of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 and relevant native title legislation.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.6 Review of Local Disaster Management Plan

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling the reviewed Local Disaster Management Plan for Council's adoption.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2016/09/247 **That Council adopt the revised Local Disaster Management Plan as presented by the Local Disaster Coordinator of the Local Disaster Management Group.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.7 Regional Strategic Financial Review

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Queensland Treasury Corporation asking Council to participate in a Regional Strategic Financial Review.

Resolution: 2016/09/248 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council participates in the Regional Strategic Financial Review along with other RAPAD area Councils and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute the QTC Engagement Letter.

Carried
Unanimous

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – September 2016

Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 13 September 2016 was presented to Council.

Resolution: 2016/09/249 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 13 September 2016.

Carried
Unanimous

At 10.10am the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.30am.

At 10.30am Mr. Tony Dodge addressed Council on the Chaplaincy Programme being delivered in Alpha and Jericho. Mr. Dodge left the meeting at 11.00am.

3.3 MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

3.3.1 Works Report

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services submitting for Council's information, the status of the scopes of work assigned to Engineering Services for the period ending 31 August 2016.

Resolution: 2016/09/250 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That the Works Report for the period August 2016 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.3.2 Long Distance Coach Stop - Jericho

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services, Barcaldine Regional Council, submitting for Councils' agreement, the upgrading of the Long Distance Coach Stop at Jericho.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Rogers
2016/09/251 That Council does not agree to the upgrading of the Long Distance Coach Stop at Jericho.

Carried
Unanimous

3.3.3 Rocklea Road (Road No. 1922)

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services, Barcaldine Regional Council, submitting for Councils' approval, the categorisation of Rocklea Road.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Bettiens
2016/09/252 That Rocklea Road (Road No. 1922) be downgraded from a Category 2 road to a Category 3 road.

Carried
Unanimous

At 11.45am. Mr. Peter Homan General Manager addressed Council on the operations of the OQTA. Mr. Homan left the meeting at 12.35pm.

3.3.4 Technical Specification - Aramac Aquatic Centre

Summary: From the Water and Sewer Engineer of Engineering Services submitting a request and supporting information to appoint the specialist pool engineer for the Aramac Aquatic Centre.

Resolution: Moved Cr Bettiens Seconded Cr Rogers
2016/09/253 That Council accept the fee estimate from swimming pool specialist, JH Cockerell Consulting Engineers to provide specialist advice and technical specifications for the project planning and procurement stages, to ensure the highest possible quality for the Aramac Aquatic Centre infrastructure.

Carried
6/1

At 1.00pm the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1.50pm.

3.3.5 Kerr Street Water Main Replacement

Summary: From the Water and Sewer Engineer, Engineering Services submitting a report requesting budget to replace water mains on Kerr Street, Aramac.

3.4.3 Write-off of Debt

Summary: Due to an administrative error, a compromise request has been made to Council to write-off an amount levied on a debtor.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Gray
2016/09/258 That Council write-off the amount of \$1117.08 owing on a debt owing on 21 Shakespeare Street and 1 Scott Street, Alpha as a compromise due to an administrative error.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.4 Plant Purchases 2016/17

Summary: Council is required to decide on whether to call public tenders or quotes through Local Buy for Plant Purchases 2016/17.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Peoples
2016/09/259 That Council call quotes through Local Buy for Plant Purchases 2016/17 as follows, for Plant that is compatible with our present plant fleet:-

Plant – Alpha

Grader

Skid Steer Loader 50-60Kw

Zero Turn Ride-on Mower 72”

Small Truck D/Cab (Work Crew) GVM 6-7t

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Utility Extra Cab 4WD (RLO)

Utility S/Cab 4WD (Town Manager)

Utility D/Cab 4WD (Foreman)

Plant – Aramac

Grader

Loader

Backhoe/Loader

Tipper Trailer

Truck – Mid Range

Wagon 4WD (SWS)

Utility D/Cab 4WD (Road Maintenance)

Wagon 4WD (Mid) (HACC)

New - Pre-Mix Spreader for Skid Steer

Plant – Barcaldine

Backhoe/Loader

Zero Turn Mower 72”

Zero Turn Mower 72”

Tipper Truck with Water Tank – no crane GVM 12t

Utility S/Cab 2WD (Workshop)

Utility D/Cab 4WD (Engineer 2)

Wagon 4WD (Engineer – Manager)

New – Sewerage Eel

Carried
5/2

The Mayor called for a division. Councillors Gray and Bettiens voted against the motion with Councillors Dillon, Plumb, Peoples, Chandler and Rogers voted for the motion.

At 2.50pm Mr. Jamie Black from South Western Wireless addressed Council on the proposal for a pilot wireless internet project. Mr. Black left the meeting at 3.55pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3.30pm for afternoon tea and resumed at 3.50pm.

Cr. Dillon declared an interest in the following item. He remained in the room but did not participate in the debate or vote on the matter.

3.4.5 Local Government Grants Subsidy Programme 2016/17

Summary: Council has been invited to submit EOI's for projects to be funded under the LGGSP 2016/17 and is required to decide the priority of the projects that are to be applied for.

Resolution: 2016/09/260 **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council provides the following priorities for EOI projects submitted for funding under the LGGSP 2016/17 grant programme:-

- 1. Sewerage Upgrades (Barcaldine, Aramac and Muttaborra)**
- 2. Waste Disposal Facilities Upgrades**
- 3. Alpha Showgrounds Watering System**
- 4. Town Streets Rehabilitation**
- 5. Aramac Town Hall Air Conditioning**
- 6. Acacia Street Drainage**

Carried
Unanimous

3.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – ARAMAC - Nil

3.5.1 General Information Report

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

Resolution: 2016/09/261 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
That the Executive Manager's – Aramac General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Dillon
2016/09/262 That Council hereby resolves to sell the five (5) blocks of land as described below for arrears of rates, pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 (Section 96) and Local Government Regulation 2012 (Section 140), for all land that has rates or charges owing for four (4) years or more:-

Location Address	Property Description/Parish/County
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
52 Willow St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L3 RP602366/Barcaldine
116 Gidyea St, Barcaldine. Q 4725	L2 RP613739/Barcaldine

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 Bettiens Seconded Cr Gray
2016/09/263 That the Executive Manager's – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.2 Q4 Review – Annual Operational Plan

Summary: The Chief Executive Officer's quarterly progress report on the implementation of the Annual Operational Plan.

Resolution: Moved Cr Bettiens Seconded Cr Gray
2016/09/264 That Council receives the report.

Carried
Unanimous

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

3.6.3 Planning and Development Report - September

Summary: The Planning and Development Report for September 2016 is presented for consideration.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Gray
2016/09/265 That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for September 2016.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Cr. Bettiens returned to the meeting.

3.6.4 CHSP Client Contributions

Summary: Proposed client contributions for Commonwealth Home Support Programme (non-package) services for Council consideration.

Resolution: Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Plumb
2016/09/266 That Council adopts the following schedule of client contributions for CHSP (non-package) services:

Case Management	\$55.00 per hour
Client Care Coordination	\$55.00 per hour
Domestic Assistance	\$6.00 per hour
Personal Care	\$2.00 per occasion
Social Support (Individual)	\$0
Social Support (Group)	\$0
Nursing	\$5.00 per dressing (maximum of \$15.00 per week)
Home Maintenance	\$10.00
Transport (Car)	\$25.00 for whole trip
Transport (Bus)	\$20.00 for whole trip
Meals	\$7.00 per meal
Webster Packs	at cost
Tunstall monitoring	\$20.00 per month
Consumables	at cost
Exit Fee	\$150.00

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.5 EHP Enforcement Notice

Summary: The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has completed its compliance inspections of Council's environmentally relevant activities.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Gray
2016/09/267 That Council receives the report.

Carried
Unanimous

Mayoral Minute

Resolution: Moved Cr Chandler
2016/09/268 That the October General Meeting date be changed from 12 October 2016
to 26 October 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 4.30pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 26 October 2016
