

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE RSL MEMORIAL HALL, MUTTABURRA
ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2017
COMMENCING AT 9.15AM**

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), G Frangos (Acting Executive Manager – Alpha), G Rintoul (Executive Manager – Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and T Gray (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr Dillon read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr. Monty (Snow) Tilse of Alpha, Mrs. Libby Graham, formerly of "Brookwood" Muttaborra, Mr. Reg Mitchell of Mullabin Waters formerly of Aramac and Mrs. Mavis Dickfos formerly of Jericho.

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 3.3.2 (as a contractor) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor Peoples informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.1.5 (as a business owner and member of the committee) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

Cr. Plumb for Item 3.1.4 - 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 membership of the Barcaldine Lawn Tennis Club. 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.

Mr. Brett Walsh for Item 3.1.4 - 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 the Barcaldine Lawn Tennis Club. 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

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-
General Meeting – 9 January 2017.*

Resolution: 2017/02/012 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 9 January 2017 be received.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2017/02/013 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 9 January 2017 be confirmed.

Carried
7/0

2. PETITIONS

2.1 Bowen Downs Road and Procurement Policy

Summary: Cr Gray presented a petition containing 88 signatures regarding the condition of Bowen Downs Road and Cr Peoples presented a petition containing 54 signatures regarding Council's Procurement Policy.

Resolution: 2017/02/014 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the petitions be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration at the next General Meeting.

Carried
7/0

3. REPORTS

3.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Procedural Motion

Resolution: 2017/02/015 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Item 3.1.6 now be dealt with.

Carried
7/0

At this stage the meeting dealt with Item 3.1.6.

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 8 February 2017.

Resolution: 2017/02/016 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.1.2 Expressions of Interest - Funding provided by Tourism Events QLD for the Tree of Knowledge Festival 2017

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling Expressions of Interest received by community groups for a share in funding provided by Tourism Events Queensland for the staging of the 2017 Tree of Knowledge Festival.

Resolution: 2017/02/017 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council provides funding to community groups for the 2017 Tree of Knowledge Festival 2017 as follows:-

- **Barcaldine Motorsports Association** **\$2,000**
- **Barcaldine Goat Race Committee** **\$2,500**
- **May Day Fundraising Committee** **\$2,500**
- **Barcaldine Rugby League** **\$3,500**

subject to the approval of funding from Tourism and Events Queensland.

Carried
7/0

3.1.3 Expressions of Interest - 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour team and the Victoria Racing Club that the tender process is now open for the 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour.

Resolution: 2017/02/018 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council submit an expression of interest to have the Cup come to our region.

Carried
7/0

Executive Manager Mr. Brett Walsh declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

3.1.4 Request for Assistance – Tennis Club

Summary: Correspondence from Barcaldine Lawn Tennis Club requesting assistance from Council with the construction of a shed.

- (b) reviewing procedures and amending the procurement policy to allow for the unique circumstances applying to the supply of fuel to Council.

Carried
7/0

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – February 2017

Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 31 January 2017 was presented to Council.

Resolution: 2017/02/022 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 31 January 2017.

Carried
7/0

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 January 2017.

Resolution: 2017/02/023 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the Works Report for the period January 2017 be received.

Carried
7/0

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

3.3.2 Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services, Barcaldine Regional Council, submitting for Councils' consideration a summary of Tender No. 2016-008, Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre.

Resolution: 2017/02/031 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council approves the use of the Lake Dunn Kiosk facility for commercial purposes subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) expressions of interest (EOI) are publically called;
- (b) appropriate commercial arrangements are entered into between Council and the successful applicant; and
- (c) the applicant obtains all necessary licenses and business approvals.

Carried
7/0

3.5.4 Auction Notices to Auction Land for Arrears of Rates

Summary: From the Executive Manager regarding the issue of Auction Notices to interested parties associated with three (3) individual blocks of land which have rates owing on them for a period of greater than three years.

Resolution: 2017/02/032 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council hereby resolves to:-

- (a) issue Auction Notices to interested parties of the following properties pursuant to the section 96 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 142 Local Government Regulation 2012:
 - (i) 102 Lord St, Muttaborra Qld 4732 L9 CM159/Muttaborra
 - (ii) 7 Brigalow St, Barcaldine Qld 4725 L14 RY185/Barcaldine
 - (iii) 52 Willow St, Barcaldine Qld 4725 L3 RP602366/Barcaldine;and
- (b) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer its power to 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 these properties.

Carried
7/0

3.5.5 Plant Assessment – 3 Axle Tipper Trailer

Summary: From the Executive Manager regarding the calling of quotations for a three (3) axle tipper trailer as part of the 2016/17 plant replacement program.

Resolution: 2017/02/033 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the Barcaldine Regional Council approves the purchase of a three (3) axle tipper trailer as part of the 2017/17 plant replacement program from Biggenden Engineering Works (trading as Darben Enterprises Ltd) to the value of \$82,350.00 GST Exc delivered.

Carried
7/0

3.5.6 RADF Application and update

Summary: From the Community Development Officer reporting RADF Assessment Outcomes and Funded Project Outcome reports.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2017/02/034 **That Council accepts the application approved by the RADF Committee for the total amount of \$4,961 as follows:-**

Joanne Taylor for Wayne Singleton print making workshop under Category 2 – Building Community Cultural Capacity for a total cost of \$6,695 with a RADF Grant Amount of \$4,961.

Carried
7/0

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 Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2017/02/035 **That the Executive Manager's – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.2 Dunraven Rural Fire Brigade

Summary: Correspondence from Dunraven Rural Fire Brigade regarding the Barcaldine Town Reserve.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2017/02/036 **That Council prepares a Fire Management Plan for the Barcaldine Town Reserve in consultation with the Rural Fire Service.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.3 Request for Assistance – Tower Hill Picnic Race Club Inc.

Summary: Correspondence from Tower Hill Picnic Amateur Race Club Inc. requesting sponsorship of its annual race meeting.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2017/02/037 **That Council does not agree to sponsor the Tower Hill Picnic Races.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.4 Q2 Review – Annual Operational Plan

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

Resolution: 2017/02/038 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.6.5 Building Better Regions Fund

Summary: Applications for the Building Better Regions fund close on 31 March 2017.

Resolution: 2017/02/039 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council applies for funding from the Building Better Regions Fund for:-

- 1. Barcaldine Regional Council Community Economic Development Plan;**
- 2. Turf of the Barcaldine race track; and**
- 3. Harry Redford Cattle Drive.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.6 Building Our Regions Fund

Summary: Applications for the Building Our Regions fund close on 24 February 2017.

Resolution: 2017/02/040 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council applies for funding of \$250,000 from the Building Our Regions Fund for the amenities block, pathways, landscaping and boat ramp at the Barcaldine Water Recreation Park.

Carried
7/0

3.6.7 Barcaldine Swimming Pool Lease

Summary: A proposal to call tenders for the Barcaldine Swimming Pool Lease for the next three years.

Resolution: 2017/02/041 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council calls tenders for the lease of the Barcaldine Swimming Pool for three years from the 2017-18 season.

Carried
7/0

3.6.8 Planning and Development Report – February 2017

Summary: The Planning and Development Report for February 2017 is presented for consideration.

Resolution: 2017/02/042 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for February 2017.

Carried
7/0

3.6.9 RAPAD Drought Funding

Summary: RAPAD has received funding from the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services for community events in drought affected areas.

Resolution: 2017/02/043 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council calls for Expressions of Interest, closing Tuesday 28 February 2017, from local community organisations for funding to support local community events in accordance with the funding guidelines.

Carried
7/0

3.7 RURAL SERVICES MATTERS – Nil

3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Procedural Motion

Resolution: 2017/02/044 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council move into closed session pursuant to Section 72 of the Local Government Act 2009, for the consideration of a staff issue.

Carried
7/0

Procedural Motion

Resolution: 2017/02/045 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That the meeting move into open session.

Carried
7/0

3.8.1 Contract of Employment – Chief Executive Officer

Summary: From the Mayor advising that the Chief Executive Officer's Contract is ready to be executed.

Resolution: 2017/02/046 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer execute the Chief Executive Officer's Contract of Employment as per the offer agreed to at the December 2016 meeting (2016/12/369).

Carried
7/0

3.9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS - Nil

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.20pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 15 March 2017
