

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2023
COMMENCING AT 11.00AM**

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), J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), D Young (Minute Secretary), P Coulton (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra), D Bradford (Director of Corporate and Financial Services) and K Coomber (Acting District Manager – Alpha and Jericho).

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of the late Mrs Rosalene Balderson of Barcaldine and Mr Scott Alexander Thomas of Jericho.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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 Arthur under item 3.1.1 – Councillor Arthur informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Tenders – Flood Damage Repairs Report as a close associate, being his employer – Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd, is a tenderer for the projects. Councillor Arthur will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Arthur under items 3.7.4 and 3.9.2 – Councillor Arthur informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Request for Assistance – Alpha Tourism – Gates and Request for Assistance – Barcaldine Clay Target Club Incorporated Reports as a close associate, being his employer – Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd may be a supplier to these projects. Councillor Arthur will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Arthur under Mayoral Minute 1 – Councillor Arthur informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Steel for Fencing Barcaldine Race Club Incorporated item as a close associate, being his employer – Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd may be a supplier to the project. Councillor Arthur will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Peoples under Mayoral Minute 1 – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Steel for Fencing Barcaldine Race Club Incorporated item as he is the Chair of the Central West Racing Committee. Councillor Peoples will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Rogers under item 3.8.1 – continuing declaration from a prior meeting.

Councillor Rogers under item 3.1.1 – Councillor Rogers informed the meeting she has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Tenders – Flood Damage Repairs Report as the Sculpture Trail will be part of these projects. Councillor Rogers will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

DEPUTATION

Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: 2023/06/160	Moved Cr Hansen That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 16 May 2023 be received.	Seconded Cr Plumb
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Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2023/06/161	Moved Cr Hansen That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 16 May 2023 be confirmed.	Seconded Cr Plumb
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Carried
7/0

2. PETITIONS

Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Councillors Arthur and Rogers declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 11.06am.

Resolution: 2023/06/162	Moved Cr Peoples 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.	Seconded Cr Hansen
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Carried
7/0

The meeting was closed at 11.07am and moved in to open session at 12.03pm.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2023/06/163 **That Council reopens the meeting.**

Carried
7/0

3.1.1 Tenders – Flood Damage Repairs

Summary: Tender Evaluations for Package 1: Texas Road and Package 2: Aramac-Jericho Road for Council consideration to award.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2023/06/164 **That Council awards Packages 1 and 2 (as per recommendation by George Bourne and Associates Consulting Engineers) to Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd as per the tendered amounts of \$2.693,384.93 and \$2.130,336.23 (inclusive of GST).**

Carried
5/0

Councillors Arthur and Rogers returned to the meeting at 12.06pm.

3.2 MAYOR

Councillor Peoples left the meeting at 12.05pm and returned at 12.06pm.

3.2.1 Mayor's Information Report

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2023/06/165 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
6/0

3.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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
2023/06/166 That Council receives the report. **Seconded Cr Rogers**

Carried
7/0

Meeting was adjourned at 12.34pm and reconvened at 1.22pm.

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
2023/06/167 That Council receives the report. **Seconded Cr Hansen**

Carried
7/0

3.3.3 Planning and Development Report

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

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples
2023/06/168 That Council receives the report. **Seconded Cr Plumb**

Carried
7/0

3.3.4 Economic Development Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the monthly Economic Development Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Rogers
2023/06/169 That Council receives the report. **Seconded Cr Hansen**

Carried
7/0

3.3.5 Work Health and Safety Report

Summary: From the Work Health and Safety Specialist, presenting a report on Council's Work Health and Safety.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2023/06/170 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.6 Public Holidays 2024

Summary: From the Executive Support Coordinator, seeking endorsement of Special Holidays 2024.

That Council defers the decision until further feedback received.

3.3.7 Barcaldine Region Scholarships 2023

Summary: From the Executive Support Coordinator, submitting the list of recipients for the Barcaldine Region Scholarships 2023.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2023/06/171 **That Council acknowledges and congratulates the recipients of the Barcaldine Region Scholarship 2023 who each receive a \$4,000 bursary for further education: Amber Kelly, Caitlin Rogers, Courtney Chater, Jessie O’Sullivan, Kate Magoffin and Lily Cullen.**

Carried
7/0

Councillor Peoples left the meeting at 1.56pm and returned at 1.57pm.

3.3.8 2023–2024 Annual Operational Plan

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the 2023–2024 Annual Operational Plan on 27 June 2023.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2023/06/172 **That Council adopts the operational plan 2023–2024.**

Carried
7/0

3.4 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

3.4.1 Information Report

Summary: This report provides an update on activities and movements of the Director of Corporate and Financial Services since commencement. Highlights for included the interim external audit visit and final preparation of the budget for 2023/2024.

Resolution: 2023/06/173 Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Peoples
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Peoples left the meeting at 2.04pm.

3.5 FINANCE

3.5.1 Financial Performance Report

Summary: Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a finance report to present at each monthly meeting of the local government. The financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local government’s budget for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting is held.

The purpose of the report is to promote sound financial management and accountability by presenting the Council’s budget performance as at 31 May 2023.

Resolution: 2023/06/174 Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Rogers
That Council receive the report.

Carried
6/0

Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting at 2.26pm.

3.5.2 Community Care Services Report

Summary: This report provides an update on the Community Care Services financial progress. The financial performance of the business unit is broken up into the care packages provided by Council.

Resolution: 2023/06/175 Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Gleeson
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Dillon left the meeting at 2.27pm, Councillor Rogers took the Chair.

3.6 Director of Works Report - Nil

3.7 DISTRICT MANAGER – ALPHA AND JERICHO

Councillor Dillon returned to the meeting at 2.29pm.

3.7.1 Information Report

Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Alpha and Jericho District.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Gleeson
2023/06/176 That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.7.2 Request for Assistance – Alpha Tourism

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to cover the cost of purchasing name plaques for grave sites identified on Stations to the cost of \$1,623.00.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Peoples
2023/06/177 That Council endorses donating the cost of the plaques to support the historical work that Alpha Tourism are undertaking in the area. Request for Assistance Number RA46202223, grant funding awarded – Score 50.

Carried
7/0

3.7.3 Request for Assistance – Great Endeavour Rally Team #666 Dust Devils

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to provide donation to the Great Endeavour Rally Team #666 Dust Devils of \$1,000.00 which will be directed to the Endeavour Foundation.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Plumb
2023/06/178 That Council provides in-kind support to the Great Endeavour Rally Team #666 Dust Devils for fund-raising events within the region.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Arthur declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 2.53pm.

3.7.4 Request for Assistance – Alpha Tourism – Gates

Summary: This report is presented to Council for approval of final design for the Alpha Gates. This item was budgeted in last year's budget at \$70,000.00 (W4Q 22-24), however the cost is now \$77,711.43.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
2023/06/179 **That Council approves the final design so work can commence on the fabrication of the Alpha Town Entry Gates.**

Carried
6/0

Councillor Arthur returned to the meeting at 2.57pm.

3.8 DISTRICT MANAGER – ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

3.8.1 Information Report

Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Aramac and Muttaborra District.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2023/06/180 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.9 DISTRICT MANAGER – BARCALDINE

3.9.1 Information Report

Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Barcaldine District.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
2023/06/181 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

Councillor Arthur declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 3.09pm.

3.9.2 Request for Assistance – Barcaldine Clay Target Club Incorporated

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to provide donation to Barcaldine Clay Target Club Incorporated for assistance and support with contribution of 10% in terms of Minor Infrastructure Program Grant Funding – Score 65.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
2023/06/182 **That Council provides assistance to Barcaldine Clay Target Club Incorporated as per Request for Assistance Number RA45202223 for cash donation up to the value of \$10,000.00 to assist with contribution of 10% in terms of conditions for Minor Infrastructure Grant Funding awarded.**

Carried
5/1

*Councillor Peoples voted against the motion.
 Councillors, Rogers, Dillon, Gleeson and Hansen voted for the motion.*

Councillor Arthur returned to the meeting at 3.22pm.

3.10.1 Project Progress Report

Summary: Council has adopted a Capital Works Program for 2022/2023 financial year at its budget meeting in June 2022. At the meeting, Council also adopted a list of Special Operating Projects for this financial year. This report is a progress summary of each project to the end of May 2023.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2023/06/183 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.11.1 Information Report

Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator submitting the Information Report for May 2023.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2023/06/184 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

Carried
5/0

Councillors Arthur and Peoples returned to the meeting at 3.54pm.

2. Provision of Consulting Engineers Services

Resolution: **Moved Cr Hansen** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2023/06/188 **That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to extend the current arrangements for up to six months (on or before 31 December 2023) and negotiate for the provision of services to Barcaldine Regional Council, to be tabled at a future meeting.**

Carried
7/0

5. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.05pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: -----

DATED: 27 June 2023
