

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2019
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS

S Boxall (Chief Executive Officer), B Walsh (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), D Howard (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho), P Coulton (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra), J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), R Rolfe (Chief Engineer) and H Winter (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr Plumb read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of the late Mrs. Alice Elizabeth 'Betty' Carruthers of 'Skye' Alpha and the late Mr. Philip George Armstrong of Goldston Street Alpha.

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

Cr Gray for Item 3.2.8 - "I declare that I have a material personal interest in the Plant Purchase – Truck and Tank Report (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) as I am a partner in D Gray Grader and Loader Hire. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

Cr Gray for Item 3.4.2 - "I declare that I have a material personal interest in the Flood damage rectification Works Resulting From Ex TC Trevor March 2019 Event Report (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) as I stand to gain a benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter. I stand to gain a benefit or suffer a loss because I am a partner in D Gray Grader and Loader Hire. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

Cr Gray for Item 3.4.1 - "I declare that I have a material personal interest in Goal 3 of the Works Report (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) as I stand to gain a benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter. I stand to gain a benefit or suffer a loss because I am a partner in D Gray's Grader & Loader Hire which has carried out work on projects mentioned in the report. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

Conflict of Interest

Cr Gray for Item 3.6.1 - "I declare that I have a conflict of interest in this Information Report (as defined by section 175D of the Local Government Act 2009) as a member of my husband's family is the identified purchaser of the Muttaborra Nurses Quarters. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-
General Meeting – 20 November 2019.*

Resolution: 2019/12/421 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 20 November 2019 be received.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2019/12/422 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 20 November be confirmed with noted amendments.

Carried
7/0

2. PETITIONS - NIL

3. REPORTS

3.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.1.1 Chief Executive Officer Information Report November - December 2019

Summary: The Chief Executive Officer's report for November to December 2019 is presented to Council.

Resolution: 2019/12/423 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Report for November to December 2019.

Carried
7/0

3.1.2 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 18 December 2019.

Resolution: 2019/12/424 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.1.3 Community Care Services Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer reporting on the operations of the Community Care Services.

Resolution: 2019/12/425 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.1.4 Queensland Treasury Corporation Engagement - Business Improvement Optimisation Program

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling the Business Improvement Optimisation Program prepared by the Queensland Treasury Corporation for reception.

Resolution: 2019/12/426 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council receives and endorses the final report from the Business Improvement Optimisation Program and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to develop adjustments as per the implementation schedule with further Council consideration.

Carried
7/0

3.1.5 Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer

Summary: The Council to appoint an Acting Chief Executive Officer to cover a period of annual leave by the Chief Executive Officer.

Resolution: 2019/12/427 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the Deputy Chief Executive Officer be appointed as Acting Chief Executive Officer in the Chief Executive Officer's absence from 19 December 2019 to 20 January 2019.

Carried
7/0

3.1.6 Economic Development Report – December 2019

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling the monthly economic development report.

Resolution: 2019/12/428 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Peoples**
That Council receives the Economic Development Report for December 2019.

Carried
7/0

*Council adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:00am.
Council returned from Morning Tea at 10:25am.*

Council received a deputation from Jocelyn Chandler regarding the re-establishment of the Barcaldine Aridland Botanical Gardens at 10:25am.

Council received a deputation from Danielle Taylor from Alpha Learn-to-Swim on her Durban Swimming Conference presentation at 10:50am.

Council received a deputation from Ross Garnaut regarding the Economic Development Report – December 2019 at 11:20am.

3.1.7 Wild Dog Scalp Bounty Increase

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer providing a suggestion from the Central West Pest Management Group (CWPMG) to increase the wild dog scalp bounty.

Resolution: 2019/12/429 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council does increase the wild dog scalp bounty to \$60 on the proviso that the neighbouring Central West Councils match the increased bounty.

Carried
5/2

3.1.8 Customer Service Standard Water Supply and Sewerage Services

Summary: The reviewed and amended Customer Service Standard, Water Supply and Sewerage Services, is presented to Council for adoption.

Resolution: 2019/12/430 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council receives and adopts the reviewed Customer Service Standard, Water Supply and Sewerage Services.

Carried
7/0

3.1.9 2020 Get Gardening Expo

Summary: From the Community Engagement Officer submitting the 2020 Get Gardening Expo in Muttaborra be postponed to September 2021.

Resolution: 2019/12/431 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council postpone the 2020 Get Gardening Expo in Muttaborra to September 2021 due to Westech being held in September 2020.

Carried
7/0

3.1.10 Advertising in 2020 Wot's On In Queensland

Summary: From the Community Engagement Officer submitting a request from Wot's On In Queensland to advertise in their 2020 edition.

Resolution: 2019/12/432 Moved Cr Plumb **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council agrees to purchase:
a. a half-page advertisement at cost of \$3,300.00 in the 2020 edition of Wot's On In Queensland for Festival, Events and Markets and
b. a half-page page advertisement at cost of \$1,750.00 in the 2020 edition of Wot's On In Queensland for Highways, Byways and Roads Less Travelled.

**Carried
7/0**

3.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.2.1 Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Information Report – December 2019

Summary: The Deputy Chief Executive Officer's report for December is presented to Council.

Resolution: 2019/12/433 Moved Cr Peoples **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report for December 2019.

**Carried
7/0**

3.2.2 Planning and Development Report

Summary: The Planning and Development Report for the period ending 11 December 2019 is presented to Council.

Resolution: 2019/12/434 Moved Cr Dillon **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council receives the Planning and Development Report.

**Carried
7/0**

3.2.3 2020 Project Progress Report

Summary: The progress report on the 2020 budget projects is presented for Council's consideration.

Resolution: 2019/12/435 Moved Cr Peoples **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the Report.

**Carried
7/0**

3.2.4 2019 Auditor's Closing Report

Summary: The 2019 Auditor-General's observation report to the Mayor is presented to Council in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Resolution: 2019/12/436 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.2.5 2020 Grant Revenue

Summary: A report on the capital grants approved in the 2020 Budget and additional grants that have become available since the adoption of the Budget.

Resolution: 2019/12/437 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the report and agrees to apply the additional Drought Communities Program funding of \$1,000,000 as follows:

- a. **Alpha Community Facility - \$300,000**
- b. **Solar Installation - \$200,000**
- c. **Lagoon Creek Desilting - \$120,000**
- d. **Community LED Message Boards - \$100,000**
- e. **Muttaborrasaurus River Site - \$70,000**
- f. **Aramac Tramway Museum - \$70,000**
- g. **Barcaldine Recreation Park Jetty - \$70,000**
- h. **Jericho Skate Park Shade - \$70,000**

Carried
7/0

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:48pm.

Council returned from lunch at 2:00pm.

Council received a deputation from the Department of State Development regarding the following item at 2:05pm.

Michaela Huelin from Reel Planning was in attendance for the following two items.

3.2.6 Local Government Infrastructure Plan

Summary: The draft Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) is ready to proceed to public consultation.

Resolution: 2019/12/438 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council defers this item to the January 2020 meeting.

Carried
7/0

3.2.7 Proposed Barcaldine Regional Planning Scheme for requesting State interest review and progressing to public consultation

Summary: The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval, in accordance with the notice dated 11 April 2018 and issued under section 18(3) of the Planning Act 2016 (Planning Act), to resolve to progress the proposed planning scheme and maps for state interest review and public consultation.

Resolution: 2019/12/439 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council defers this item to the January 2020 meeting.

Carried
7/0

Michaela Huelin left the meeting at 3.22pm.
Councillor Gray left the meeting at 3:23pm for the following item.

3.2.8 Plant Purchase – Truck and Tank

Summary: Tenders have been received through LocalBuy for the purchase of a rigid truck with water tank for the Aramac Depot.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2019/12/ **That Council accepts the tender from Volvo Commercial Vehicles Australia for the purchase of one new UD rigid tipper truck with water tank for a cost of \$287,790.95 (excl GST) with the reason being that this vehicle is consistent with the current Council fleet and provides the best return on investment.**

Amendment: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
2019/12/440 **That Council purchases a new rigid tipper truck without a water tanker and recalls the tender.**

Carried
4/2

Councillor Gray returned to the meeting at 3:43pm.

3.2.9 Building Better Regions Fund

Summary: The federal government has released the guidelines for the Building Better Regions Fund with applications closing on the 19 December 2019.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2019/12/441 **That Council submits an application to the Building Better Regions Fund for the upgrade of the Barcaldine Aquatic Centre for \$10,000,000.**

Carried
7/0

3.3 FINANCE

3.3.1 Financial Report

Summary: *The financial report for the period ending 11 December 2019 is presented to Council.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2019/12/442 **That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 11 December 2019.**

Carried
7/0

3.4 Chief Engineer Report

Councillor Gray declared an interest in Goal 3 of the following report and left the meeting at 4:10pm during discussions thereon.

3.4.1 Works Report

Summary: From the Chief Engineer submitting the status of the scope of works assigned to Engineering Services for the period ending 30 November 2019.

Resolution: 2019/12/443 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.4.2 Flood Damage Rectification Works Resulting From Ex TC Trevor March 2019 Event

Summary: From the Chief Engineer submitting information on the Qld Reconstruction Authority approved flood damage works resulting from the Ex Tropical Cyclone Trevor March 2019 event.

Resolution: 2019/12/444 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council receives the report and associated information.

Carried
6/0

Councillor Gray returned to the meeting at 4:32pm.

3.4.3 Proposal – Barcaldine Sewerage Treatment Plant Optimisation

Summary: From the Chief Engineer submitting a proposal from the Water and Carbon Group to investigate and inform Council of possible solutions to meet the environmental requirements for discharge of effluent from the Barcaldine sewerage treatment plant (STP).

Resolution: 2019/12/445 **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the report and approves the funding for the review.

Carried
7/0

3.5 DISTRICT MANAGER – ALPHA AND JERICHO

3.5.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Alpha and Jericho submitting the Information Report for December.

Resolution: 2019/11/446 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the District Manager’s Information Report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.6 DISTRICT MANAGER – ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

3.6.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra submitting the Information Report for December.

Resolution: 2019/11/447 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the District Manager’s Information Report be received.

Carried
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3.7 DISTRICT MANAGER – BARCALDINE

3.7.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Barcaldine submitting the Information Report for December.

Resolution: 2019/11/448 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That the District Manager’s Information Report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.7.2 The Good Foundation – Mobile Kitchen Teaching Basics of Cooking Simple Food

Summary: Local police officers have contacted Council seeking financial support for a 5 week program at a cost of \$62,500 to engage The Good Foundation Mobile Kitchen to deliver in our communities training in the basics of cooking simple food.

Resolution: 2019/12/449 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council defers this item until the January 2020 meeting.

Carried
7/0

3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS – NIL

3.9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS

3.9.1 Barcaldine Town Reserve - Deer

Summary: Councillor Dillon has notified Councillors that he will be moving a resolution to repeal Resolution 2019/03/105 adopted at the March 2019 meeting of Council.

Resolution: 2019/12/450 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council repeals resolution 2019/03/105 adopted at the March 2019 meeting of Council: "That Council does not agree to the trapping of Axis Deer on Barcaldine Town Common by Australian Outfitters."

Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2019/12/451 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
That Council agrees to the trapping and removal of deer on the Barcaldine Town Reserve by Australian Outfitters.

Carried
7/0

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:01pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: JANUARY 2020
