

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
35 GORDON STREET, ARAMAC
ON WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014
COMMENCING AT 9.05A.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Councillor R Chandler (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillor J Gray (Deputy Mayor), Councillors G Bettiens, A Cowper, G Peoples, P Mitchell and R Glindemann.

OFFICERS

D Howard (Chief Executive Officer), R Bauer (Executive Manager – Alpha), G Buswell (Executive Manager – Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager - Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr. Gray read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr. James (Jim) William Arthur, formerly of Barcaldine and Mrs. Beth Cahill of Aramac.

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) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Peoples informed Council that he has nominated for pre-selection for the Liberal National Party for the State Government seat of Gregory in the 2015 State Election.

Mr. Brett Walsh for Item 3.6.7 – “I declare I may 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 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.”

Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-
General Meeting – 15 October 2014.*

Resolution: Moved Cr Glindemann Seconded Cr Mitchell
 2014/11/274 That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 15 October 2014 be received.

**Carried
 Unanimous**

Resolution: Moved Cr Bettiens Seconded Cr Peoples
 2014/11/275 That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 29 September 2014 be confirmed to include an amendment to part of Item 3.1.2 as follows:-

“That Council accepts the following tenders for Plant Tender 2014_010 Supply and Delivery of Trucks, Trailers and Tanks and 2014_011 Sale of Trucks, Trailers and Tanks TA-TG (all prices exclude GST):-

Specification	Recommended Tenderer	Tender	Amount
TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND TANKS			
Unit T4 – Supply and delivery to the Barcaldine Depot of one (1) x tipping truck (diesel) (min. 450HP, with turntable fitted 10m ³ -body capacity) road train rated – approx. 90t GCM	Volvo Commercial Vehicles	Nissan UD GW26470HAL	\$192,089.61 \$218,201.61 (no trade)
Budget \$230,000 less trade \$50,000 = Change Over \$180,000			
Reason – Uniformity, price, proven service history, proven reliability			

**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 12 November 2014.

Resolution: Moved Cr Glindemann Seconded Cr Gray
 2014/11/276 That the report be received.

**Carried
 Unanimous**

3.1.2 Draft Central West Regional Biosecurity Plan

Summary: From the Chief Executive advising that the draft Central West Regional Biosecurity Plan has been received from the Biosecurity Queensland unit of the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry for Council's consideration and later adoption by RAPAD.

Resolution: 2014/11/277 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry be advised that Council doesn't endorse the Draft Central West Regional Biosecurity Plan.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.3 Future Meeting Dates

Summary: The Council to consider future meeting dates for Council's General Meetings.

Resolution: 2014/11/278 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council adopts the following dates for future General Meetings:-

21 January 2015 in the Council Chambers, Barcaldine;
18 February 2015 in the RSL Memorial Hall, Muttaborra;
18 March 2015 in the Council Chambers, Alpha;
15 April 2015 in the Rural Transaction Centre, Jericho;
27 May 2015 in the Council Chambers, Aramac; and
24 June 2015 in the Council Chambers, Barcaldine.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.4 Annual Valuation Effective 30 June 2015

Summary: From the Valuer-General advising that an annual valuation for the Barcaldine local government area will not be undertaken in 2015.

Resolution: 2014/11/279 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That the correspondence be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.5 Environmental Health Activities Report

Summary: From the Environmental Health Officer submitting his report on environmental health activities.

Resolution: 2014/11/280 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council receives the Environmental Health Officer's report on environmental health activities.

Carried
Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 9.50am for morning tea and discussions with the Wild Dog Check Fence Committee. The meeting resumed at 12.40pm.

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – November 2014

Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 11 November 2014 was presented to Council.

Resolution: 2014/11/281 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 11 November 2014.

Carried
Unanimous

3.3 MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

3.3.1 Works Report

Summary: From the Manager Engineering Services submitting for Council's advice and consideration his report on engineering works and environmental matters in Barcaldine, Alpha, Jericho, Aramac and Muttaborra for the period ending 31 October 2014.

Resolution: 2014/11/282 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the Works Report for the period October 2014 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.3.2 Tender – Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Polymer Modified Bitumen

Summary: From the Manager, Engineering Services submitting a report on the tender to supply, cart, heat and spray polymer modified bitumen.

Resolution: 2014/11/283 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That Council ratifies the decision to award the tender to supply, cart, heat and spray polymer modified bitumen associated with various projects throughout the region to Road Surfaces Group Pty Ltd for the amount of \$2,253,287.21 (ex. GST) for the following reasons:-

- (a) the tender represents value for money; and**
- (b) the tenderer has extensive experience in the industry and have worked in the region and proven to be a trusted and reliable Contractor.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.3.3 Tender – Supply and Delivery of Precoated Cover Aggregate

Summary: From the Manager, Engineering Services submitting a report on the tender for the supply and delivery of precoated cover aggregate.

Resolution: 2014/11/284 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
Council ratifies the decision to award the tender for the supply and delivery of precoated cover aggregate to various locations in the region to CIA in an amount of \$589,343.16 (ex. GST) and FIEDOL Quarries in an amount of \$62,373.36 (ex. GST) for the following reason:-

CIA and FIEDOL Quarries were the lowest for the locations for which award has been made.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4 EXECUTIVE MANAGER - ALPHA

3.4.1 General Information Report

Summary: The Executive Manager's – Alpha report was presented to Council for information.

Resolution: 2014/11/285 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the Executive Manager's – Alpha General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 1.25pm for lunch and resumed at 1.50pm.

3.4.2 Lease of Council Land for Ergon Energy Depot in Alpha

Summary: From the Executive Manager advising that the lease of Council land described as Lease A on SP 271679 being part of Lot 12 on SP 148083 to Ergon Energy for a new Depot in Alpha is complete.

Resolution: 2014/11/286 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council endorses the decision to register three (3) ten year lease documents over the above land to Ergon Energy for their new Alpha Depot.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER - ARAMAC

3.5.1 General Information Report

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

Resolution: 2014/11/287 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That the Executive Manager's – Aramac General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.2 Request to Sell Land for Overdue Rates and Charges

Summary: From the Executive Manager submitting a report on the possible sale of various parcels of land for rates and charges which have been overdue for more than three (3) years.

Resolution: 2014/11/288 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council resolves:-

- (a) that pursuant to section 140(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to sell the land described below in the schedule for overdue rates and charges; and**
- (b) to delegate its power to take all further steps required under chapter 4, part 12, division 3 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to effect the sale of the land to the Chief Executive Officer.**

Schedule

Registered Owner	Address	Description	Title reference	Area	Assessment Number	Overdue rates, charges and interest owing
1. Richard Terrance Kavanagh	22 Porter Street, Aramac, 4726	Lot 12 on RP619249, County of Rodney, Parish of Marathon	30135026	2,023m2	10192-00000-000	\$5,732.72
2. Raymond Watene	28 McWhannell Street, Aramac, 4726	Lot 5 on SP259561, County of Rodney, Parish of Marathon	50925559	976m2	10141-00000-005	\$5,861.19
3. Wild Game Resources Pty Ltd	53 Klugh Street, Muttaborra, 4732	Lot 1 on Crown Plan CM160, County of Cumberland, Parish of Muttaborra	30500071	4,047m2	10275-00000-000	\$3,568.60
4. Anthony Robert Christopher O'Dell	91 Acacia Street, Barcaldine, 4725	Lot 2 on SP214040, Country of Rodney, Parish of Barcaldine	50751145	1,058m2	20085-10000-000	\$3,555.08

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.3 Registration for Community Housing under the National Regulatory System

Summary: The National Regulatory System for Community Housing closed for submitting of all data for registration on the 12 November 2014. The registration process should be completed by June 2015. Council still has the option of not proceeding with registration.

Resolution: 2014/11/289 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That all community houses be valued and Council ascertains the equity held in each home for report back to a future meeting of Council with the intention of purchasing housing.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.4 Community Development Report

Summary: From the Community Development Officer reporting on activities for the past six months.

Resolution: 2014/11/290 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.5 Aramac Bulk Fuel Tank Replacement

Summary: From the Executive Manager seeking approval for the replacement of bulk fuel tank at the Aramac Works Depot.

Resolution: 2014/11/291 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council authorises the purchase of a new bulk fuel tank from Fuel Equipment for \$51,139.00.

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: 2014/11/292 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the Executive Manager's – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.2 Barcaldine Child Care Centre

Summary: A request has been received from the Department of Education, Training and Employment to manage the Barcaldine Child Care project on behalf of Council.

Resolution: 2014/11/293 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council:-

- (a) endorses the action of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in agreeing to the proposal from the Department of Education, Training and Employment to assume the role of project manager for the Barcaldine Child Care Centre development; and**
- (b) agrees to remit the amount of \$150,000 to the Department of Education, Training and Employment for its contribution to the Barcaldine Child Care Centre development.**

Carried
Unanimous

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

3.6.3 Barcaldine Cultural Complex – Stage 1

Summary: A report on the progress of the Barcaldine Cultural Complex project is presented for Council's consideration.

Resolution: 2014/11/294 **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council receives the progress report on the Barcaldine Cultural Complex – Stage 1.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Councillor Bettiens returned to the meeting.

3.6.4 2014 Annual Report

Summary: The 2014 Barcaldine Regional Council Annual Report is presented for adoption by Council.

Resolution: 2014/11/295 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That Council adopts the Barcaldine Regional Council Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2014 including:-

- (a) The audited financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2014;**
- (b) The current year financial sustainability statement;**
- (c) The long term financial sustainability statement; and**

(d) The community financial report for the year ending 30 June 2014.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.5 Audit Committee Report

Summary: The Barcaldine Regional Council Audit Committee minutes are presented for Council's consideration.

Resolution: 2014/11/296 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the minutes from the Barcaldine Regional Council Audit Committee meeting held on 6 November 2014.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.6 Planning and Development Report – October 2014

Summary: The Planning and Development and Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notices Report for October 2014 is presented for consideration.

Resolution: 2014/11/297 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Planning and Development Report and the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice Report for October 2014.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.7 Barcaldine Tennis Courts Upgrade

Summary: A report on the progress of the Barcaldine Tennis Courts Upgrade project is presented for Council's consideration.

Resolution: 2014/11/298 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council receives the progress report on the Barcaldine Tennis Courts Upgrade.

Carried
Unanimous

3.7 RURAL SERVICES MATTERS

3.7.1 Regional Rural Lands Coordinator's Report

Summary: From the Regional Rural Lands Coordinator submitting a summary of lands activities for October 2014.

Resolution: 2014/11/299 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That Council receives the Regional Rural Lands Coordinator's Report.

Carried
Unanimous

3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS - Nil

3.9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS - Nil

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.55pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 17 December 2014
