

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2014
COMMENCING AT 9.00A.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) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr. Cowper read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr. Max Thomas of "Beaconsfield" Ilfracombe, Mr. Douglas Langdon of Muttaborra and Mrs. Wendy McAuliffe formerly of "Llorac" Muttaborra.

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 - Nil

Conflict of Interest - Nil

Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-
General Meeting – 19 November 2014.*

Resolution: 2014/12/300 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 19 November 2014 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2014/12/301 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 19 November 2014 be confirmed.

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 December 2014.

Resolution: 2014/12/302 Moved Cr Cowper Seconded Cr Peoples
That the report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.2 Globe Development – Surplus Materials

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer reporting on how the surplus materials from the Globe Hotel project are to be disposed of.

Resolution: 2014/12/303 Moved Cr Bettiens Seconded Cr Gray
That Council remove the surplus materials to the Barcaldine Council Depot and offer them to the Globe Cultural Committee to re-use within the Globe fit-out following that, it be offered to other community groups.

Carried
Unanimous

At 10.00am the meeting adjourned for morning tea. During morning tea the Mayor presented long serving employee Mrs. Lyn Batchelor with a gift on her retirement from Council and thanked her for her service to Council. The Mayor also presented a gift to Mr. Greg Buswell on his farewell from Council. The meeting resumed at 10.35am.

3.1.3 Wild Dog Check Fence Proposal

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that Councillor Peoples wishes to implement further discussion on the proposed Wild Dog Check Fence.

Motion: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Cowper
That Council:-

- (a) supports an application to State/Federal government to construct a fence and/or fences to allow landholders the opportunity to reinvigorate the sheep and wool industry which would then benefit the economies of many Central West communities; and

- (b) supports any such application on the condition that there is no cost to the Barcaldine Regional Council and any cost of ongoing maintenance of such fence/s is the responsibility of the subject landholder.

The original motion was withdrawn with the permission of the mover and seconder.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
2014/12/304 **That Council supports an application to State and/or Federal Government for funding to construct exclusion fencing around grazing areas of western Queensland subject to Council accepting the outcomes from a future meeting of the sub-committee, consisting of David Counsell (BRCWDMC), Leanne Koehler (DCQ), Jenny Keogh (Chair of the CWQ Check Fence Committee) and David Arnold (RAPAD).**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.4 Barcaldine Regional Council Events Summary

Summary: Report on the OQTA Symposium attended by Deanne Chetty, Jenny Todd, Brett Walsh, Kylie Owens, Cr. Russ Glindemann and Cr. Rob Chandler.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2014/12/305 **That a Working Group consisting of Cr. Glindemann, the Events Coordinator, Executive Manager – Barcaldine, Community Development Officer, Cr. Peoples and Cr. Gray be formed to review and prioritise the recommendations outlined in the officer’s report with a view to implementation.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.5 Environmental Health Activities Report

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2014/12/306 **That Council receives the Environmental Health Officer’s report on environmental health activities.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – December 2014

Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 4 December 2014 was presented to Council.

Resolution: 2014/12/307 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 4 December 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 30 November 2014.

Resolution: 2014/12/308 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the Works Report for the period November 2014 be received.

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: 2014/12/309 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That the Executive Manager's – Alpha General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.2 Tenders for Water Tankers and Low Loader

Summary: Tenders for the above close on Monday 5th January, 2015 and a decision is required on when the tenders will be awarded.

Resolution: 2014/12/310 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to accept the most advantageous tender that complies with Council's purchasing policy and is within Council's budget.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.3 Disposal of Surplus Plant

Summary: Council has various items of plant in each depot that is surplus to requirements which may be of use to other people.

Resolution: 2014/12/311 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to advertise all surplus plant for sale.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.4 Management of Government Programmes

Summary: A policy on the management of government programmes auspiced by Council is required.

Resolution: 2014/12/312 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That Council:-

- (a) adopts a policy whereby Home Assist Secure and Home and Community Care programmes that Council auspice be totally self funded by way of grants and contributions of the recipients of the service; and**
- (b) endorses new plant hire rates for vehicles used on servicing programmes to cover the actual costs of operation and the actual costs of ownership given that Council is responsible for replacing the vehicles in the future.**

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: 2014/12/313 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the Executive Manager's – Aramac General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.2 Muttaborra proposed Cenotaph

Summary: From the Executive Manager seeking authorisation for the purchase of a Cenotaph to be located in Muttaborra.

Resolution: 2014/12/314 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That Council authorises the purchase of a Cenotaph to be located in Muttaborra using Option 2 from the Officer's report.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.3 Refurbishment of Old Nurses Quarters Muttaborra

Summary: From the Executive Manager seeking authorisation to transfer \$30,000 from Special Operating Costs for swimming pool repairs to Stage 1 of the Refurbishment of the Old Nurses Quarters Muttaborra.

Resolution: 2014/12/315 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That Council does not authorise the reallocation of \$30,000 from Special Operating Costs Swimming Pool to Special Operating Cost Stage 1 of Refurbishment of the Old Nurses Quarters in Muttaborra.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.4 RADF Applications

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

Resolution: 2014/12/316 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council accepts the Round Two applications approved by the RADF committee of \$8,556.00 as follows:-

- 1. Luke Cameron — Category 1 – Developing Regional Skills - Total - \$2,562.00 – RADF - \$1,000.00**

The grant will be used towards the costs of undertaking the Music Theatre Workshop at the University of Southern Queensland McGregor Summer School in Toowoomba 7-17 January 2015.

2. Jo Martin and Suzanne Thompson – Category 7 – Concept Development – Total - \$9,400.00 - RADF - \$5,000.00

The grant will be used towards the costs of researching and developing the concept of a project/book which captures the stories and individuals' recollections of the era of the Black and White Football matches which were held for over 20 years in Barcaldine.

3. Joanne Taylor — Category 1 – Developing Regional Skills - Total - \$5,407.00 – RADF - \$2,556.00

The grant will be used towards the costs of bringing Sandra Pearce to Barcaldine to conduct a Mono Print workshop on the new Artist Printing Press.

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**
2014/12/317 That the Executive Manager's – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.2 Risk Management Policy and Framework

Summary: A draft Risk Management Policy and Framework is presented for Council consideration.

Resolution: Moved Cr Cowper **Seconded Cr Gray**
2014/12/318 That Council adopts the Barcaldine Regional Council Risk Management Policy and Enterprise Risk Management Framework as attached.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.3 Setback Relaxation – 27 Ash Street, Barcaldine

Summary: A request for a setback relaxation for construction of a carport at 27 Ash Street Barcaldine.

Resolution: 2014/12/319 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council approves a setback relaxation for a carport to be constructed on the front and side boundaries of the property at 27 Ash Street Barcaldine.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.4 Procurement Policy Amendment

Summary: An amendment to Council’s Procurement Policy is presented for Council consideration.

Resolution: 2014/12/320 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council amends Appendix A of the Barcaldine Regional Council Procurement Policy for the period ending 30 June 2015 to:

Position	Expenditure Limit	Requisition	Orders Must be different to the person signing the requisition.	Payments All payments must be signed by any two of the following:
Chief Executive Officer	No limit if budgeted or approved by Council or	Yes	Yes	Yes
	\$10,000 not budgeted	Yes	Yes	Yes
Executive Manager	\$200,000 budgeted or approved by Council or	Yes	Yes	Yes
	\$2,000 not budgeted	Yes	Yes	Yes
Manager of Engineering Services	\$200,000 budgeted or approved by Council	Yes	No	No
Senior Administration Officer	\$100,000 budgeted or approved by Council	Yes	Yes	Yes
Designated Purchasing Officer	\$50,000 budgeted	Yes	No	No
Other Authorised Officer	\$5,000 budgeted	Yes	No	No

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.5 Planning and Development Report – November 2014

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

Resolution: 2014/12/321 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Planning and Development Report and the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice Report for November 2014.

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 November 2014.

Resolution: 2014/12/322 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
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 12.15pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 21 January 2014
