

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
43 DRYDEN STREET, ALPHA
ON WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2015
COMMENCING AT 9.00 A.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), I Kuhn (Executive Manager – Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr. Bettiens read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr. Claver Kelly formerly of "Sumana", Aramac, Mrs. Winifred Wedgwood (nee Hogan) formerly of "Burslem Station", Muttaborra, Mrs. Margaret "Pat" McMillan of Aramac, and Cr. Ron Dyne, former Mayor of Gympie Regional Council.

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*, Councillors Peoples, Cowper and Glindemann informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.6.5 (as shareholders of a telecommunications company) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Rob Bauer for Item 3.4.4:-

"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 Committee membership of the Alpha Jockey Club Inc. 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 on this matter.

Cr. Mitchell for Item 3.6.6 –

"I declare I 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 Barcaldine Amateur Swimming Club and 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 – 18 February 2015.*

Resolution: 2015/03/041 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 18 February 2015 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2015/03/042 **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 18 February 2015 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 13 March 2015.

Resolution: 2015/03/043 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That the report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.2 Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan Working Group

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that correspondence has been received from the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan Working Group.

Resolution: 2015/03/044 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council gives in principle support to the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan Working Group for payment of \$5,000 + GST for the development of the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.3 Western Queensland Local Government Association - 79th Annual WQLGA Conference - Hughenden 2015

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that the 79th Annual WQLGA Conference will be held in Hughenden 7 - 8 May 2015 and that the Association is calling for motions for the conference.

Resolution: 2015/03/045 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That :-

1. the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend the WQLGA Conference to be held in Hughenden 7 - 8 May 2015; and
2. the following motions be submitted by 6 April 2015 to the Conference for consideration –
 - (a) “That the Association lobbies State and Federal Governments for funding to complete the sealing of Torrens Creek Road and construction of a new crossing over Prairie Creek.”
 - (b) “That the Association lobbies State and Federal Governments for increased mobile phone coverage in western Queensland.”
 - (c) “That the Association supports the Member for Kennedy’s proposal to divert water from the Burdekin River to Western Queensland and any similar projects for inland water supply.”
 - (d) “That the Association lobbies State and Federal Governments for increased funding to Local Governments due to the continued cost shifting from State and Federal Governments to Local Governments and the lack of future road funding projects.”
 - (e) “That the Association continues to lobby for changes to the NDRRA guidelines to enable Councils to compete with other contractors on a level playing field for flood damage works.”
 - (f) “That the Association continues to lobby for the return of State Government SCAP funding to support regional and remote Councils funding for water and sewerage infrastructure.”

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.4 National General Assembly of Local Government - 14-17 June 2015 - Canberra

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that the National General Assembly of Local Government will be held in Canberra 14-17 June 2015 and of the official calling of motions.

Resolution: 2015/03/046 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend the National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra 14-17 June 2015.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.5 Harry Redford Cattle Drive Steering Committee - Purchase of Truck and Donation to School

Summary: From the Harry Redford Cattle Drive Steering Committee advising that it wishes to utilise \$15,000 of funds held by Council towards the purchase of a truck and \$5,000 as a donation to the Aramac State School for its school trip.

Resolution: 2015/03/047 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That the Harry Redford Cattle Drive Steering Committee be authorised to utilise \$15,000 of funds held by Council towards the purchase of a truck and \$5,000 as a donation to the Aramac State School for its school trip.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.6 Removal of Grid on Landsborough Highway Boundary

Summary: From the Department of Transport and Main Roads advising that the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council has agreed to remove the grid on the boundary between the two Council areas.

Resolution: 2015/03/048 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That the correspondence be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.7 ARENA Funding for Geothermal Power Generation for Western Queensland Councils

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that Local Government Infrastructure Services is currently seeking funding from the State and Federal Government for geothermal power generation projects for Western Queensland Councils.

Resolution: 2015/03/049 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council declines the request for LGIS to complete a pre-feasibility exercise on its behalf for Geothermal energy at a cost of \$9,990.

Carried
Unanimous

At 10.20am the meeting adjourned for morning tea. The meeting resumed at 10.55am.

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – March 2015

Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 9 March 2015 was presented to Council.

Resolution: 2015/03/050 **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 9 March 2015.

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 28 February 2015.

Resolution: 2015/03/051 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the Works Report for the period February 2015 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: 2015/03/052 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That the Executive Manager's – Alpha General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.2 Irrecoverable Debts

Summary: From the Executive Manager advising that the debts tabled at the meeting are long overdue and/or it is uneconomical to pursue further collection.

Resolution: 2015/03/053 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council write-off debts amounting to \$103.14 as irrecoverable.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.3 Sponsorship of the Alpha Golden Oxbow Campdraft

Summary: From the Executive Manager advising that the Alpha Rodeo Association has applied for funding for their Annual Campdraft.

Resolution: 2015/03/054 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council agrees to donate \$1,000 as sponsorship to the 2015 Alpha Golden Oxbow Campdraft.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.4 Donation of Building Permit Fees for Non Profit Clubs and Organisations

Summary: From the Executive Manager, Alpha wishing to record which Non Profit Clubs/Organisations have had their Building Permit Fees donated to support the community.

Resolution: 2015/03/055 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That the following list of Non Profit Clubs and Organisations have their upfront Building Permit Fees donated by Council:-

Aramac Community Development Assn	Shed
Barcaldine Clay Target Club	Shed
Alpha Jockey Club Inc	Roof over Bar
Alpha Jockey Club Inc	New Horse Day Stalls
Alpha Golf Club Inc	New Skillion at Clubhouse.

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: 2015/03/056 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That the Executive Manager's – Aramac General Information Report be received.

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: 2015/03/057 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the Executive Manager's – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.2 Barcaldine Tourist Association

Summary: A proposal from the Barcaldine Tourist Association for Council consideration.

Resolution: 2015/03/058 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That Council authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the Barcaldine Tourist Association for the acquisition of stock and equipment to a maximum value of \$30,000.

Carried
Unanimous

At 12.30pm the meeting adjourned for lunch. Following lunch the Council visited the construction site of the new Alpha swimming pool. The meeting resumed at 1.55pm.

3.6.3 Planning and Development Report – March 2015

Summary: The Planning and Development and Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notices Report for March 2015 is presented for consideration.

3.6.9 BRC Regional Tourism Brochure

Summary: Presentation of a new Barcaldine Regional Council Tourism Brochure for Council approval.

Resolution: 2015/03/066 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council defers the approval of the Barcaldine Regional Council Tourism Brochure until it is complete and further investigate a tag line and the use of the Council logo and town branding on each page.

Carried
Unanimous

3.7 RURAL SERVICES MATTERS

3.7.1 Regional Rural Lands Officer's Report

Summary: From the Regional Rural Coordinator submitting a summary of lands activities for February 2015.

Resolution: 2015/03/067 **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Regional Rural Lands Coordinators 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 2.57pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 15 April 2015
