

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2015
COMMENCING AT 9.05AM**

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), A Luyt (Senior Engineer) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr. Glindemann read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr. Reg Tamblyn, formerly of "Lake Dunn" Aramac, Mrs. Ann Hay of Aramac and Mrs. Trish McIntosh formerly of North Crusoe, Muttaborra and Mr. Joe Bedin formerly of Barcaldine.

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 3.6.4 (as the owner of the land) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

The Mayor for Item 3.6.2:- "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 a family member being the owner of some of the said cattle. 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 – 24 June 2015.

Resolution: Moved Cr Glindemann Seconded Cr Mitchell
2015/07/165 That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 24 June 2015 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Cr. Peoples left the meeting.

3.1.3 Drought Communities Programme

Summary: *From the Chief Executive Officer advising that correspondence has been received from the Deputy Prime Minister advising of available funding under the Drought Communities Programme.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
2015/07/169 **That Council submits proposals for funding under the Drought Communities Programme (DCP) for the following projects:-**

Kerbing and Channelling in Jericho	\$100,000 in 2015/16
Drainage in Alpha	\$200,000 in 2015/16
Footpaths in Jericho	\$ 50,000 in 2015/16
Watering System in Jericho	\$ 50,000 in 2015/16
Resealing Preparation in Muttaborra	\$105,000 in 2015/16
Footpaths and Tramway Museum concreting in Aramac	\$ 65,000 in 2015/16
Footpaths in Muttaborra	\$ 45,000 in 2015/16
Water Mains in Aramac	\$100,000 in 2015/16
Watering System in Aramac	\$ 35,000 in 2015/16
Watering System and Cemetery Fencing in Muttaborra	\$ 50,000 in 2015/16
Footpaths in Barcaldine	\$ 85,000 in 2015/16
Activity Track in Barcaldine	\$ 30,000 in 2015/16
Watering System in Barcaldine	\$ 35,000 in 2015/16
Lagoon Creek Gardens	\$ 50,000 in 2015/16
Roadworks	\$500,000 in 2016/17

Carried
Unanimous

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – July 2015

Summary: *The Financial Report for the period ending 30 June 2015 was presented to Council.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2015/07/170 **That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 30 June 2015.**

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Cr. Peoples returned to the meeting.

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 June 2015.

Resolution: 2015/07/171 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the Works Report for the period June 2015 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

At 10.00am the meeting adjourned for morning tea. The meeting resumed at 10.30am.

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: 2015/07/172 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That the Executive Manager's – Alpha General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.2 Capital Works in Budget for 2015/16 – Relocate 'Beta' Hut

Summary: Council has budgeted to relocate the 'Beta' Hut from the present site to the Visitor Information Centre in Shakespeare Street in conjunction with the Alpha Tourist Association Inc.

Resolution: 2015/07/173 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the Chief Executive Officer has tender documents and building plans prepared so that tenders can be called and a building permit obtained to relocate the 'Beta Hut' from the present site to the Visitor Information Centre in Shakespeare Street.

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: 2015/07/177 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the Executive Manager's – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage the Mayor declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon. The Deputy Mayor occupied the Chair in his absence.

3.6.2 Request to Lease Land from Council

Summary: A request has been received to lease freehold land from Council for agistment of cattle.

Resolution: 2015/07/178 **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the applicant be advised that Council agrees to lease available Council land for agistment purposes and advertises for expressions of interest to lease the land.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage the Mayor returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

At this stage Cr. Glindemann left the meeting.

3.6.3 Procurement Policy Review 2015

Summary: The Local Government Regulation requires Council to review its procurement policy for each financial year.

Resolution: 2015/07/179 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council adopts the amended Barcaldine Regional Council Procurement Policy (as per Attachment D).

Carried
Unanimous

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

3.6.4 Purchase of Land

Summary: A proposal to acquire a strategic land parcel in Barcaldine for Council consideration.

Resolution: 2015/07/180 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council obtains an independent valuation of the properties located at 98 Ash Street Barcaldine (Lot 1 RP614188) and 100 Ash Street Barcaldine (Lot 1 RP608102).

Carried
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Councillor Peoples called for a division. Councillors Chandler, Gray, Mitchell and Cowper voted for the motion and Councillor Peoples voted against the meeting.

At this stage Cr. Bettiens and Cr. Glindemann returned to the meeting.

3.6.5 Sale of Surplus Equipment

Summary: A proposal to sell surplus equipment by auction for Council consideration.

Resolution: 2015/07/181 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council sells, by auction, surplus equipment from the Barcaldine Depot.

Carried
Unanimous

3.7 RURAL SERVICES MATTERS - Nil

3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS - Nil

3.9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS - Nil

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.10pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 19 August 2015
