

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2016
COMMENCING AT 9.15AM**

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. Gray read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mrs. Betty Humphries, formerly of 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

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Gray informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.1.6 (as a contractor) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

Councillors Peoples and Cowper for Item 3.1.5 :- 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 membership of the Aramac Community Development Association. 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 – 16 December 2015.*

3.1.3 Councillor Remuneration

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal has concluded its review of remuneration for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors of local governments.

Resolution: 2016/01/005 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That Council requests the remuneration remain unchanged until the next review as follows:-

Mayor	\$ 97,684.00
Deputy Mayor	\$ 56,356.00
Councillor	\$ 48,842.00.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.4 Elected Member Update

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that the Local Government Association of Queensland will be running Elected Member Updates in May 2016.

Resolution: 2016/01/006 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That the decision be deferred until the April meeting of Council.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.5 ACDA – Aramac Community Bus

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that a request has been received from the Aramac Community Development Association for financial assistance to purchase a new community bus.

Resolution: 2016/01/007 **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council meets with the Aramac Community Development Association to discuss the options available for the future of the community bus.

Carried
Unanimous

Councillor Gray declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

At 10.20am the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.45am.

3.1.6 Tenders for Hire of Plant for 2016

Summary: Local Buy has called tenders on behalf of Council for the 'Hire of Plant for 2016' and has submitted a report on tenders received, for inclusion on a 'Prequalified Supplier' register for 2016.

(b) advises King and Company that they will handle all future collection negotiations in this matter.

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: 2016/01/015 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That the Executive Manager's – Aramac General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.2 Aramac Tennis Courts

Summary: Quotations have been received for the upgrade of two tennis courts in Aramac.

Resolution: 2016/01/016 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council engage Custom Court Constructions for the upgrade of two tennis courts including markings for netball.

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: 2016/01/017 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That the Executive Manager's – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.2 Community Drought Support Fund

Summary: The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services has approved funding to RAPAD for community drought support. Council is required to provide feedback on how its share of the funding is to be expended.

Resolution: 2016/01/018 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council allocates the Drought Support Funding to the following organisations and events:

- 1. Alpha – Expressions of interest to be called**
- 2. Jericho – Expressions of interest to be called**
- 3. Barcaldine – Tree of Knowledge Festival (Graham Connors Concert)**
- 4. ACDA Aramac – Aramac Rodeo, Ballyneety Rodeo, Aramac Pony Club and Aramac Quick Shears**
- 5. MCDA Muttaborra – Landsborough Flock Ewe Show Society for the annual show, Muttaborra Golf Club and Anzac Day**

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2016/01/019 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council does not prepare a Community Drought Resilience Plan.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.3 Barcaldine Airport Lighting

Summary: The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has approved funding of \$273,750 for Barcaldine Airport Lighting.

Resolution: 2016/01/020 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That Council ratifies the decision of the Chief Executive Officer to sign the funding agreement for lighting upgrades at Barcaldine Airport.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2016/01/021 **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council calls tenders for the upgrade of airport lighting at Barcaldine Airport including: new runway and taxiway lighting; new apron floodlighting; and new wind direction indicators.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.4 Barcaldine Swimming Pool Retiling

Summary: Tenders for the Barcaldine Swimming Pool Retiling closed on 15 January 2016.

Resolution: 2016/01/022 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council does not award the contract at this stage, due to the estimated project cost being significantly higher than the project budget and seeks alternative options.

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 12.30pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 17 February 2016
