

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
43 DRYDEN STREET, ALPHA
ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2016
COMMENCING AT 9.25AM**

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), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr. Chandler read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr. Reagan Mathews of Barcaldine, Edna Heumiller of Barcaldine, Mr. Gilbert (Bert) Arnaboldi of Barcaldine and Mrs. Jennifer Mackie of Alpha.

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 3.4.3 (as a contractor) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

Cr. Gray for Item 3.5.1 – “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 Dr Aratta Memorial Museum Association Incorporated. 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 – 17 February 2016.*

Resolution: 2016/03/040 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 17 February 2016 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2016/03/041 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 17 February 2016 be confirmed.

Carried
Unanimous

2. PETITIONS

2.1 Petition – Hostel Development Boree Street, Barcaldine

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a petition containing 18 signatures from residents regarding noise and trespassing issues from the student hostel development at 105 Boree Street, Barcaldine.

Resolution: 2016/03/042 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the petition be received and be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and a report to Council.

Carried
Unanimous

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 11 March 2016.

Resolution: 2016/03/043 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That the report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.2 Request for Financial Support – Heart of Australia

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from Heart of Australia Pty Ltd requesting financial support to enable the Heart Bus to continue servicing Barcaldine and surrounding towns with regular cardiac and respiratory specialist services.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2016/03/044 **That the matter be deferred until later in the meeting.**

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2016/03/045 **That the matter be referred to a future meeting of RAPAD for report back to Council.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.3 Changes to Biosecurity Act 2014

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the group Cattle Tick Concern regarding changes to the Biosecurity Act 2014 and impacts on our region.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
2016/03/046 **That Council meets with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to discuss the changes to the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and the possible affect on landholders and the future operation of the Alpha Dip.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.4 NDRRA Activation – Surface Trough 4-8 February 2016

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services recently approved the activation of the jointly funded Commonwealth/State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). The area defined for receipt of the NDRRA relief measures is: “Communities in the Central Queensland region affected by the surface trough and associated heavy rainfall and flooding, 4-8 February 2016”.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
2016/03/047 **That the correspondence be received.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.5 Royalties for the Regions Funding – Jericho Pool

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Minister for State Development Minister for Natural Resources and Mines advising that Council has been successful in its application for funding under Round 4 of the Royalties for the Regions programme for the Jericho Swimming Pool.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2016/03/048 **That the correspondence be received.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – March 2016

Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 9 March 2016 was presented to Council.

Resolution: 2016/03/049 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 9 March 2016.

Carried
Unanimous

At 10.10am the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.25am.

At 10.25am Ed Warren and Stephen Harbort from the Central West Hospital and Health Board updated Council on Board outcomes. The representatives left the meeting at 10.55am. At 10.55am Jamie Black from South Western Wireless spoke to Council about high speed wireless broadband internet. Mr. Black left the meeting at 11.50am.

At this stage the meeting dealt with Item 3.1.2 of the Agenda.

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 29 February 2016.

Resolution: 2016/03/050 **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the Works Report for the period February 2016 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.3.2 Telecommunications Infrastructure - Alpha Subdivision

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services submitting a report on Telecommunications Infrastructure, Alpha subdivision.

Resolution: 2016/03/051 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That Council accepts the quotation from Telstra Operations totalling \$48,215.36 for the reconstruction of telecommunication infrastructure for the Alpha subdivision and the funds be sourced from the Alpha Building Reserve.

Carried
Unanimous

3.3.3 Flood Warning Gauge Network

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services submitting a report on the Flood Warning Gauge Network.

Resolution: 2016/03/052 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

At 12.25pm the meeting adjourned for lunch. The meeting resumed at 1.15pm.

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: 2016/03/053 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That the Executive Manager's – Alpha General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.2 Request for Financial Assistance – Alpha Rodeo Assn. Inc.

Summary: From the Alpha Rodeo Assn. Inc. applying for a \$1,000 cash donation towards its Annual Alpha Golden Oxbow Campdraft for 2016.

Resolution: 2016/03/054 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council agrees to donate \$1,000 towards the Annual Alpha Golden Oxbow Campdraft for 2016.

Carried
Unanimous

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

3.4.3 Jericho Swimming Pool Complex – Stage 1 & Stage 2

Summary: The Engineers have provided a final estimated cost for the Jericho Swimming Pool Complex – Stage 1 and Stage 2 and Council will need to commit to the balance of funds required out of the 16/17 Budget, if approved to do so by the Department of Local Government under the caretaker convention.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
2016/03/055 **That Council:-**

- (a) seeks the Minister’s approval to place the amount of \$662,686 (Reserve \$226,447 and Revenue \$436,239) in the Budget for 2016/17 to complete Jericho Swimming Pool Complex – Stage 1 and Stage 2 – should the cost be required, given the high ‘contingencies’ allowed for the project; and
- (b) seeks the Minister’s approval to accept the tender from Taylor Builders Pty Ltd as submitted for Tender No. 2016-002, for the amount of \$328,820 excluding GST as the lowest tender and proven capability.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Cr. Bettiens returned to the meeting.

3.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – ARAMAC

3.5.1 RADF Applications

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
2016/03/056 **That Council accepts the application approved by the RADF Committee as follows:-**

Dr Arratta Memorial Museum Association Inc — Category 2 – Building Community Cultural Capacity - Total - \$9,950 – RADF - \$5,200.

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 Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
2016/03/057 **That the Executive Manager’s – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.2 National Stronger Regions Fund

Summary: Application for the National Stronger Regions Funds close on 15 March.

Resolution: 2016/03/058 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council endorses the actions of the Chief Executive Officer in lodging applications to the National Stronger Regions Fund for funding for:-

- (a) The Globe – Galilee Gallery
- (b) Aramac Swimming Pool.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.3 Planning and Development Report – March 2016

Summary: The Planning and Development and Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notices Report for March 2016 is presented for consideration.

Resolution: 2016/03/059 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Planning and Development Report and the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice Report for March 2016.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.4 Request for Shearers' Memorial

Summary: A proposal from the Australian Labor Party to construct a Shearers' Memorial for Council consideration.

Resolution: 2016/03/060 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the proposal be rejected as it will detract from the architecture of the Tree of Knowledge site and the site is heritage listed however Council would consider an alternative site for the 13 Shearers' Memorials.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2016/03/061 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council agrees to the use of the rejected timbers from the Tree of Knowledge for the 13 Shearers' Stands Memorial.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2016/03/062 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council advises that it will not permit the internment of ashes or any memorials at the Tree of Knowledge.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.5 Barcaldine Airport Lighting Tenders

Summary: Tenders for the Barcaldine Airport Lighting contract closed on 11 March.

Resolution: 2016/03/063 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That the item be withdrawn as the tenders have not been assessed.

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 2.25pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 27 April 2016
