

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2016
COMMENCING AT 9.08AM**

ATTENDANCE

Councillor R Chandler (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillor J Gray (Deputy Mayor), Councillors G Bettiens, S Dillon, M Rogers, B Plumb and G Peoples.

OFFICERS

D Howard (Chief Executive Officer), R Bauer (Executive Manager – Alpha), G Frangos (Acting Executive Manager- Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr. Rogers read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mrs. Brenda Hobbs formerly of Jericho, Mr. Richard Graham formerly of "Ingleside" Muttaborra, Mrs. Eleanor Mary Fraser-Bourne of Barcaldine and Mr. Allen Kempson 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 Peoples** informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.1.3 (as a supplier of goods to Council) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Bettiens for Item 3.1.3:- 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 being a supplier of goods and services to Council. 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.

Councillor Gray for Item 3.1.3:- 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 being a supplier of services to Council. 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.

Councillor Plumb for Item 3.1.3:- 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 being an employee of a supplier of goods to Council. 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.

Councillor Dillon for Item 3.4.2:- I declare I 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 Alpha Rodeo Association. 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 – 15 June 2016.*

Resolution: 2016/07/179 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 15 June 2016 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2016/07/180 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 15 June 2016 be confirmed.

Carried
Unanimous

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-
Special Meeting – 30 June 2016.*

Resolution: 2016/07/181 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the minutes of the Special Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 30 June 2016 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2016/07/182 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the minutes of the Special Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 30 June 2016 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 15 July 2016.

Resolution: 2016/07/183 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.2 Proposed Changes to Staff Structure

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer reporting on discussions with Council and staff on proposed changes to the staff structure.

Resolution: 2016/07/184 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the staff structure as presented to Council be adopted and take effect immediately.

Carried
Unanimous

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

At 10.15am the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.35am.

3.1.3 Amended Procurement Policy

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a proposed amendment to the Procurement Policy.

Resolution: 2016/07/185 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the amended Procurement Policy (as per Attachment A) be adopted.

Carried
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Cr. Dillon voted against the motion.
At this stage Cr. Peoples returned to the meeting.

3.1.4 South Western Wireless Communications Company Proposal

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from South Western Wireless Communications Company with a proposal to install a pilot wireless communication facility.

Resolution: 2016/07/186 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council agrees in principle to the concept of the proposal as submitted however further decisions in this matter will require South Western Wireless Communications Company to provide further details outlining the community benefit of this project and the technical details surrounding complimentary internet access and that further discussions be held with the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.5 Annual Valuation Effective 30 June 2017

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that the Valuer-General is seeking Council's opinion on whether a valuation of Barcaldine Regional Council should be undertaken to be effective on 30 June 2017.

Resolution: 2016/07/187 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council requests the Valuer-General carry out a valuation of Barcaldine Regional Council to be effective on 30 June 2017.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.6 Special Holidays 2017

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Industrial Relations Policy and Regulation Office of Industrial Relations calling for applications for Special Holidays for 2017.

Resolution: 2016/07/188 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council applies for the following Special Holidays for 2017:-

Wednesday 24 May 2017 – Alpha and Jericho townships for the Alpha Show;

Wednesday 13 September 2017 – Barcaldine township for Westech Field Day; and

Tuesday, 7 November 2017 – Aramac and Muttaborra townships for the Melbourne Cup.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.7 Application for Permit to Occupy - Muttaborra

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from Ralph and Beverley Rea advising that they intend to apply for a Permit to Occupy from the State Government for grazing over part of a secondary stock route in Muttaborra and asking for Council's support.

Resolution: 2016/07/189 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council advises Mr. and Mrs. Rea and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines that it does not support an application for a Permit to Occupy over the secondary stock route.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.8 Request to Refund Monies Paid for Land Never Transferred

Summary: From the Acting Executive Manager submitting a report on a request to refund money paid for land described as Lot 106 CM162 Parish of Muttaborra, situated at 5 Frank Street, Muttaborra.

Resolution: 2016/07/190 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That Council, on agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Hale, transfers the sum of \$14,500 (being the amount paid for Lot 106 CM162 Parish of Muttaborra, situated at 5 Frank Street Muttaborra) to offset rate arrears for assessment no. 20124-10000-000 and Council retains ownership of the land.

Carried
Unanimous

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – July 2016

Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 30 June 2016 was presented to Council.

Resolution: 2016/07/191 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 30 June 2016.

Carried
Unanimous

3.3 MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

3.3.1 Works Report

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services submitting for Council's information, the status of the scopes of work assigned to Engineering Services for the period ending 30 June, 2016.

Resolution: 2016/07/192 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That the Works Report for the period June 2016 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: 2016/07/193 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the Executive Manager's – Alpha General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

Cr. Dillon declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

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

Summary: From the Executive Manager submitted a report on correspondence from the Alpha Rodeo Association Incorporated applying for a \$1,000 cash donation towards its next Campdraft for 2016.

Resolution: 2016/07/194 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council agrees to donate \$1,000 + GST towards the Alpha Rodeo Association's next Campdraft for 2016.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Cr. Dillon returned to the meeting.

3.4.3 Alpha Dip Yard Contract

Summary: From the Executive Manager submitted a report advising that for the efficient and affordable operation of the Alpha Dip Yards, quotations are required to be called for a 3rd Party Accredited Certifier to operate the Alpha Dip Yards and associated work.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon **Seconded Cr Gray**
2016/07/195 **That Council calls quotes for a person to carry out the duties of the 3rd Party Accredited Certifier at the Alpha Dip Yards with duties to be as per the agreement.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.4 Request for Assistance – Alpha Men’s Shed Inc.

Summary: From the Executive Manager advising that the Alpha Men’s Shed Inc. has applied for assistance and permission to relocate a shed from the back of the old hospital complex to the showgrounds.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon **Seconded Cr Gray**
2016/07/196 **That Council:-**

- (a) agrees to the relocation of/or construction of a new shed at the Alpha Showgrounds for the purpose of a Men’s Shed; and**
- (b) requests a full site location plan and cost for the relocation of the existing shed; and**
- (c) advises that at this stage the budget for the 2016/2017 financial year is committed and it is likely that any possible financial contribution would occur in the 2017/2018 financial year.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – ARAMAC - Nil

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**
2016/07/197 **That the Executive Manager’s – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.2 Sale of Land and Building – Barcaldine

Summary: A proposal for Council to sell the old kindergarten building in Ash Street Barcaldine.

Resolution: 2016/07/198 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council offers for sale by tender the land and buildings at 55 Ash Street Barcaldine (L1 RP608584) previously occupied by the Barcaldine Kindergarten.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.3 Barcaldine Airport Runway Upgrade

Summary: A proposal to upgrade the Barcaldine Airport Runway for Council consideration.

Resolution: 2016/07/199 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
That Council endorses the action of the Chief Executive Officer in accepting a quote from Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd for the amount of \$460,600.00 (excl GST) for the resurfacing of the Barcaldine Airport Runway and deems that this matter is a genuine emergency, in accordance with S.235 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.4 Planning and Development Report – June 2016

Summary: The Planning and Development Report for June 2016 is presented for consideration.

Resolution: 2016/07/200 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for June 2016.

Carried
Unanimous

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.55pm and resumed at 2.00pm.

3.6.5 Wild Dog Cluster Fence - Barcaldine

Summary: The West Alice Wild Dog Fence Cluster is requesting permission to construct a dog fence across Council controlled land.

Resolution: 2016/07/201 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council:-

(a) approves the construction of wild dog cluster fencing on the Stock Route (Harney's Lane), the Barcaldine Town Reserve (Horse Paddock), the Stock Route (Tara) and the Stock Route (Margot) on

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the condition that the proponent obtains approval from Department of Transport and Main Roads;

- (b) contributes infrastructure to the value of \$6,700 for the water facility and grid on Harney's Lane; and
- (c) contributes \$1,900 towards the upgrading of internal Council fencing along the Barcardine Town Reserve (Horse Paddock) and Landsborough Highway.

Carried
Unanimous

3.7 RURAL SERVICES MATTERS - Nil

3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Procedural Motion

Resolution: 2016/07/202 Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Dillon
That Council move into closed session pursuant to Section 72 of the Local Government Act 2009, for the consideration of a contract of employment.

Carried
Unanimous

Procedural Motion

Resolution: 2016/07/203 Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Gray
That the meeting move into open session.

Carried
Unanimous

3.8.1 Contract of Employment – Executive Manager Aramac

Summary: *From the Chief Executive Officer tabling the draft Contract of Employment for the Executive Manager – Aramac for Council's consideration.*

Resolution: 2016/07/204 Moved Cr Bettiens Seconded Cr Peoples
That the proposed Contract of Employment for the Executive Manager – Aramac as presented to Council with amendments as discussed, be adopted.

Carried
Unanimous

3.9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS - Nil

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.05pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 17 August 2016
