
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024
COMMENCING AT 8:30AM**

ATTENDANCE

Councillor S Dillon (Mayor) [in the Chair], Councillor M Rogers [via Teams from 9.25am] (Deputy Mayor), Councillors D Arthur, T Gleeson, C Hansen, G Peoples and R Plumb.

OFFICERS

S Gray (Chief Executive Officer), J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine) D Young (Minute Secretary), P Coulton (District Manager and Aramac/ Muttaborra), D Bradford (Director of Corporate and Financial Services), and K Coomber (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho).

Meeting was declared open at 8.45am and immediately adjourned, recommencing at 9am.

Councillor Dillon led council in prayer.

CONDOLENCES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

K Jones (Director of Works)

Resolution:	Moved Cr Dillon	Seconded Cr Plumb
2024/03/049	That Councillor Rogers be granted a leave of absence until 9.25am.	

Carried
6/0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Prescribed Conflicts of Interest

Nil

Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Gleeson under item 3.2.4 – Councillor Gleeson informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Request for Assistance – Barrels 4 A Cause Report as a close associate, being his daughter, is an executive of the committee. Councillor Gleeson will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Peoples under item 3.2.4 – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Request for Assistance – Barrels 4 A Cause Report as he is a sponsor of the event. Councillor Peoples will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Rogers under items 3.6.4 and 3.6.6 – continuing declaration from a prior meeting.

DEPUTATION

Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: 2024/03/050	Moved Cr Hansen That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 20 February 2024 be received.	Seconded Cr Gleeson	Carried 6/0
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Resolution: 2024/03/051	Moved Cr Plumb That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 20 February 2024 be confirmed.	Seconded Cr Peoples	Carried 6/0
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2. PETITIONS

Nil

3. REPORTS

3.2 DECISION REPORTS

3.2.1 Request for Assistance – Muttaborra Campdraft Association Incorporated

Summary: Council has received an application for community assistance from the Muttaborra Campdraft Association; seeking a cash donation of \$2,000.00, plus plant and equipment hire. The application has been assessed under Council's Community Grants Policy and due to its request value, requires consideration from Council.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2024/03/052 **That Council agrees to support the Muttaborra Campdraft Association Incorporated by way of a donation for the amount of \$2,000.00 plus in-kind support to the value of \$1,500.00.**

Carried
6/0

3.2.2 Request for Assistance – Barcaldine Men's Shed Incorporated

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to provide assistance to Barcaldine Men's Shed Incorporated for waiver of development application fees.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2024/03/053 **That Council provides assistance to Barcaldine Men's Shed Incorporated to the value of \$2,500.00 for waiver of development application fees.**

Carried
6/0

3.2.3 Request for Assistance Number RA401202324 – Barcaldine & District Historical Society Incorporated

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to provide assistance to Barcaldine & District Historical Society Incorporated for payment of annual public liability insurance.

Resolution: 2024/03/054	Moved Cr Hansen That Council provides assistance to Barcaldine & District Historical Society Incorporated of \$3,058.09 for payment of annual public liability insurance.	Seconded Cr Gleeson
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Carried
6/0

Councillors Peoples and Gleeson declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 9.10am.

3.2.4 Request for Assistance – Barrels 4 A Cause

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to be given to providing support by way of a donation and fee waiver to Barrels 4 A Cause.

Resolution: 2024/03/055	Moved Cr Plumb That Council agrees to support the request for assistance for the two events being held by Barrels 4 A Cause in Alpha and Barcaldine with a \$2,500.00 cash donation, \$74.50 fee waiver and \$312.00 for plant hire waiver – Total = \$2,886.50.	Seconded Cr Hansen
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Carried
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Councillors Peoples and Gleeson returned to the meeting at 9.15am.

3.2.5 Request for Assistance – Alpha Rodeo Association

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to be given to providing support by way of a donation and fee waiver to the Alpha Rodeo Association.

Resolution: 2024/03/056	Moved Cr Plumb That Council agrees to support the request for assistance for Alpha Rodeo Association, being for \$500.00 cash donation, \$74.50 venue hire fee waiver and \$624.00 for plant hire waiver (two) – Total = \$1,198.50.	Seconded Cr Gleeson
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Carried
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3.2.6 Request for Assistance – Alpha Learn to Swim

Summary: Request for assistance from Alpha Learn to Swim and Alpha Amateur Swimming Club Incorporated for the running of the Drowning Prevention Program across the Barcardine region.

Resolution: 2024/03/057 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
That Council:

- * Consider the late application request for support of the Drowning Prevention Program run by Alpha Learn to Swim and Alpha Amateur Swimming Club Incorporated.**
- * Support delivery of the 2024–2025 swim season with a contribution of \$10,000.00 to assist in the prevention of drowning and water safety education across the five towns of the region.**
- * Endorse the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with Alpha Learn to Swim to provide a delivery schedule that will ensure that the program be delivered in each of the five towns.**
- * Once developed, this schedule be presented to Council and promoted within the communities.**

Carried
7/0

3.3 FINANCE

3.3.1 Financial Performance Report

Summary: Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a finance report to present at each monthly meeting of the local government. The financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local government’s budget for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting is held.

The purpose of the report is to promote sound financial management and accountability by presenting the Council's budget performance as of 29 February 2024.

Resolution: 2024/03/058	Moved Cr Hansen That Council receive the report.	Seconded Cr Peoples	Carried 7/0
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Meeting was adjourned at 10.06am and reconvened at 10.37am.

3.3.2 Community Care Services Report

Summary: This report provides an update on the Community Care Services financial progress. The financial performance of the business unit broken up into the care packages provided by Council.

Resolution: 2024/03/059	Moved Cr Hansen That Council receive the report.	Seconded Cr Gleeson	Carried 7/0
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3.3.3 2022-2023 External Audit

Summary: The Queensland Audit Office has completed the 2023 Financial Audit for Barcaldine Regional Council. The Final Management Report has been distributed to the Mayor with an unmodified audit opinion on our financial statements. This report will provide a summary of the matters arising from the audit.

Resolution: 2024/03/060	Moved Cr Dillon That Council receive and note the Financial Management Letter.	Seconded Cr Plumb	Carried 7/0
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3.4.1 Regional Council Business

3.5.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillor's Information.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Hansen
2024/03/061 That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.5.2 Planning and Development Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the monthly Planning and Development Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Arthur
2024/03/062 That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.5.3 Workplace Health and Safety Report

Summary: From the Workplace Health and Safety Administration Officers, presenting a report on Council's Work Health and Safety.

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Gleeson
2024/03/063 That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.5.4 Economic Development Report

Summary: From the Chief executive Officer, tabling the monthly Economic Development Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Peoples

2024/03/064 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.5.5 Environmental Health Officer Report

Summary: *The Environmental Health Officer's report is provided to Remote Area Planning and Development (RAPAD) Regional Councils.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2024/03/065 **That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer's report.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.1 Mayor's Information Report

Summary: *From the Mayor, tabling his information report to Council.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2024/03/066 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.2 Chief Executive Officer's Information Report

Summary: *From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling his information Report to Council.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2024/03/067 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.3 Alpha/Jericho District Report

Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Alpha and Jericho District.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2024/03/068 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.4 Aramac/Muttaborra District Report

Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Aramac and Muttaborra District.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2024/03/069 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.5 Barcaldine District Report

Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Barcaldine District.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Hansen** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2024/03/070 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.6.6 Project Progress

Summary: Council has adopted a Capital Works Program for 2023-2024 financial year at its budget meeting in June 2023. At the meeting, Council also adopted a list of special operating projects for this financial year. This report is a progress summary of each project to the end of November 2023.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
2024/03/071 That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

*Meeting was adjourned at 1.13pm and reconvened at 1.47pm.
Councillor Arthur left the meeting at 1.59pm, returning at 2.04pm.*

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Gleeson
2023/03/072 That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, regarding negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

Carried
7/0

The meeting was closed at 12.52pm and moved in to open session at 1.13pm.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
2023/03/073 That Council reopens the meeting.

Carried
7/0

3.6.7 Community Engagement Coordinator

Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator submitting her Information Report for March 2024.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Hansen
2024/03/074 That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

4. Questions on Notice

4.1.1 Questions on Notice

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the responses received to the Council Meeting Questions on Notice.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
2024/03/075 That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

Questions from March Meeting for Chief Executive Officer to follow through:
Councillor Peoples – exorbitant electricity prices.
Councillor Rogers – funeral notices to be displayed on front page of website, policies – old removed and new/updated uploaded.
Councillor Rogers - wheelie bins unable to be lifted into receptacle at waste facility.
Councillor Rogers – breakdown of employee numbers in each stream/facility (as a minimum - same as Annual Report).
Councillor Gleeson – VendorPanel meeting with all contractors.
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Councillor Plumb – street signage checked before tourist season.
Councillor Plumb – update/report on Artesian Hotel.

5. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.31pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR -----
DATED: