
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ALPHA COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 43 DRYDEN STREET, ALPHA
ON WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2024
COMMENCING AT 8:30AM**

ATTENDENCE

Councillor R Chandler (Mayor) [in the Chair], Councillor M Rogers (Deputy Mayor);
Councillors T Gleeson, K Williams, V Howard, L Penna and R O'Brien.

OFFICERS

J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), D Young (Minute Secretary), P Coulton
(District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra)[via TEAMS], K Coomber (District Manager –
Alpha and Jericho) and A Shaw (Finance Manager).

Councillor O'Brien led council in prayer.

CONDOLENCES

Mr Neville Wilson of Barcaldine and Mrs Allison Mulcahy of Alpha.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- D Bradford (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
- L Busby (Director of Works).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Prescribed Conflicts of Interest

Nil

Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Gleeson under item 3.2.1 – Councillor Gleeson informed the meeting he has a
Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Request for Assistance – Barcaldine Campdraft
Association Incorporated Report as he is the President of the Association. Councillor
Gleeson will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Rogers under items 3.3.3, 3.6.4 and 3.6.5 – ongoing.

Councillor O'Brien under item 3.3.2 – Councillor O'Brien informed the meeting he has an ongoing Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Community Care Services Report as a close associate, being his wife, works for the service. Councillor O'Brien requested to remain in the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Resolution: 2024/07/219	Moved Cr Rogers That Councillor O'Brien be permitted to remain in the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.	Seconded Cr Gleeson	Carried 6/0
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DEPUTATION

Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: 2024/07/220	Moved Cr Chandler That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 19 June 2024 be received.	Seconded Cr Rogers	Carried 7/0
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Resolution: 2024/07/221	Moved Cr Rogers That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 19 June 2024 be confirmed.	Seconded Cr O'Brien	Carried 7 /0
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Resolution: 2024/07/222	Moved Cr Penna That the minutes of the Special Meeting Budget of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 26 June 2024 be received.	Seconded Cr Williams	Carried 7/0
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Resolution: **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
2024/07/223 **That the minutes of the Special Meeting Budget of Barcaldine**
Regional Council held on 26 June 2024 be confirmed.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: **Moved Cr O'Brien** **Seconded Cr Howard**
2024/07/224 **That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Barcaldine Regional**
Council held on 26 June 2024 be received.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: **Moved Cr Penna** **Seconded Cr Howard**
2024/07/225 **That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Barcaldine Regional**
Council held on 26 June 2024 be confirmed.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: **Moved Cr O'Brien** **Seconded Cr Penna**
2024/07/226 **That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Barcaldine Regional**
Council held on 8 July 2024 be received.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Williams**
2024/07/227 **That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Barcaldine Regional**
Council held on 8 July 2024 be confirmed.

Carried
7/0

2. PETITIONS

Nil

3.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil

3.2 DECISION REPORTS

Councillor Gleeson declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 8.45am.

3.2.1 Request for Assistance – Barcaldine Campdraft Association Incorporated

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to provide assistance to Barcaldine Campdraft Association Incorporated, for waiver of development application fees.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Penna**
2024/07/228 **That Council provides assistance to Barcaldine Campdraft Association Incorporated to the value of \$1,858.00 for waiver of development application fees for the construction of secretary office building at campdraft facility at Barcaldine showground.**

Carried
6/0

Councillor Gleeson returned to the meeting at 8.47am.

3.2.2 Regional Arts Development Fund Application

Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, reporting on the Regional Arts Development Fund Assessment Outcome.

Resolution: **Moved Cr O'Brien** **Seconded Cr Williams**
2024/07/229 **That Council accepts the Committee recommendation to approve the application from the Barcaldine Cultural Association to the value of \$4,274.00.**

Carried
7/0

3.2.3 Request for Assistance – Muttaborra Golf Club Incorporated

Summary: Council has received an application for community assistance from the Muttaborra Golf Club Incorporated, seeking a \$2,000 cash

The purpose of the report is to promote sound financial management and accountability by presenting the Council's budget performance as of 30 June 2024.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Penna** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2024/07/232 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

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: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Howard**
2024/07/233 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.3 Project Progress Report

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 June 2024.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Williams**
2024/07/234 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

Meeting was adjourned at 9.55am and reconvened at 10.27am.

3.3.4 Interim Audit Report from Queensland Audit Office

Summary: The interim audit for the 2024 financial year was conducted during May 2024. A summary report from the Queensland Audit Office is attached.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
2024/07/235 **That Council receive and note the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.5 Audit Committee Minutes – 21 June 2024

Summary: The Audit Committee met on 21 June 2024 for its regular quarterly meeting. The report contains a summary of the discussion points from the meeting which include the External Auditors' Interim Audit Report and reviewing the organisational risk framework.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Penna** **Seconded Cr Williams**
2024/07/236 **That Council receive and note the Audit Committee minutes from the 21 June 2024 meeting.**

Carried
7/0

3.4.1 Regional Council Business

- Councillor Gleeson noted two recent events that were well supported and much appreciated by locals in Barcaldine – Outback Masters and Barrels 4 A Cause.
- Councillor Gleeson noted the rat infestation in Barcaldine and queried whether Council could take any action. Officer Lawrence advised Council had:
 - Been in discussions with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Biosecurity team were aware of the problem
 - Mitigation permit was available
 - Noted the accumulation of deceased animals was causing issues with blocked drains and overpowering smell
 - Been advised that natural deterrents were: lavender, chrysanthemums, black pepper and onions
 - Looked at options to assist community.

- Councillor Gleeson advised that power outages were affecting telephone use in our towns. Officers noted the batteries didn't last long and a back up generator had been installed at Muttaborra. Officers to review options.
- Councillor Penna queried the absence of a Director of Works report, noted it would be included in future agendas.

3.5.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

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

Resolution: 2024/07/237 Moved Cr O'Brien Seconded Cr Penna
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.5.2 Planning and Development Report

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

Resolution: 2024/07/238 Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Williams
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.5.3 Workplace Health and Safety Report

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

Resolution: 2024/07/239 Moved Cr Penna Seconded Cr Rogers
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.5.4 Environmental Health Officer Report

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the Environmental Health Officer Report for Councillor Information.

Resolution: 2024/07/240 Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Williams
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.5.5 Economic Development Report

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

Resolution: 2024/07/241 Moved Cr O'Brien Seconded Cr Gleeson
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.6.1 Mayor's Information Report

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

Resolution: 2024/07/242 Moved Cr Howard Seconded Cr O'Brien
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.6.2 Acting Chief Executive Officer's Information Report

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

Resolution: 2024/07/243 Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Williams
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: 2024/07/244 Moved Cr Penna Seconded Cr Howard
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Penna left the meeting at 11.59am and returned at 12.02pm.

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: 2024/07/245 Moved Cr Williams Seconded Cr Penna
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: 2024/07/246 Moved Cr Williams Seconded Cr O'Brien
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

3.6.6 Community Engagement Coordinator

Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, submitting the Information Report.

Resolution: 2024/07/247 Moved Cr Howard Seconded Cr O'Brien
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

4. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.41pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR -----
DATED:
