

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2024
COMMENCING AT 8:30AM**

ATTENDANCE

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), A Coulton (Acting District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra), D Bradford (Chief Executive Officer), M Shave (Acting Director of Corporate and Financial Services), P Coulton (Acting District Manager – Alpha and Jericho) and L Busby (Director of Works).

Councillor Howard led council in prayer.

CONDOLENCES

Ms Heather Scott of Barcaldine.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Prescribed Conflicts of Interest

Nil

Declarable Conflicts of Interest

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, who works for the Council Community Care Service. Councillor O'Brien will remain in the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Gleeson under item 3.2.1 – Councillor Gleeson informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Request for Assistance – Barrels 4 A Cause

Resolution: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2024/12/349 **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 interest of the local government.**

Carried
6/0

The meeting was closed at 9am and moved into open session at 9.43am.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Howard**
2024/12/350 **That Council reopens the meeting.**

Carried
6/0

Resolution: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Howard**
2024/12/351 **That Council defer a decision until further information is received.**

Carried
6/0

3.2 DECISION REPORTS

Councillor Chandler returned to the meeting at 9.44am and resumed in the Chair.

Councillors Rogers and Gleeson declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 9.44am.

3.2.1 Request for Assistance – Barrels 4 A Cause Incorporated

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to provide assistance to Barrels 4 A Cause Incorporated, to host Barrel Racing Event 4-6 July 2025.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Penna** **Seconded Cr Williams**

Resolution: **Moved Cr Williams** **Seconded Cr O'Brien**
2024/12/354 **That Council defer this item until the January General Meeting.**

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 30 November 2024.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Williams**
2024/12/355 **That Council receive the report relating to the November year to date financial performance against the budget.**

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 Howard** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**

2024/12/356 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.3 Capital Projects Report

Summary: Council has adopted a Capital Works Program for 2024-2025 financial year at its budget meeting in June 2024. In 2024-2025, Council is aiming to deliver \$12.6 million of new projects along with completing a further \$2.8 million in carried forward projects from 2023-2024. This report is a progress summary of each project to the end of November 2024.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr O'Brien
2024/12/357 That Council receive and note the report.

Carried
7/0

3.4.1 Regional Council Business

- Councillor Howard noted the closing of the Ski Park Diner and queried current lease agreement – terminated early. Officers are conducting an Expression of Interest process for the short-term.
- Councillor Penna raised issue of accessing the Muttaborra Pool via a key entry system. Officers to investigate options (for all Council pools) and provide a report at a future meeting.

Councillor Howard left the meeting at 11.44am and returned at 11.45am.

3.5.1 Planning and Development Report

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

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Penna
2024/12/358 That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

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: 2024/12/363 **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Penna**
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: 2024/12/364 **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Williams**
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: 2024/12/365 **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Penna**
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: Moved Cr Howard Seconded Cr Gleeson
2024/12/366 That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 12.47pm and returned at 12.49pm.

3.6.7 Director of Works

Summary: From the Director of Works, submitting his Information Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Howard Seconded Cr Penna
2024/12/367 That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Rogers left the meeting at 1.02pm and returned at 1.03pm.

Councillor Chandler declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 1.06pm, Councillor Rogers assumed the Chair.

3.1.1 Flood Damage 2023 Package 19 (Eastmere Road) - Gravel Supply Only

Summary: This report provides Council with information to consider the submitted tenders for Flood Damage 2023 Package 19. The works required are those works approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) from the January 2023 flood event. The flood event caused significant damage to Council's road network. Following the initial period of emergency flood damage works, submissions were made to QRA for reconstruction works across the region. The works, once approved by QRA, have then been packaged up and issued for tender. The open public tender for this package of works was requested through Council's online public tendering system, VendorPanel. There were four submissions from VendorPanel submitted for this package of work. This report contains an overview of the evaluation process for these submissions.

**Resolution:
2024/12/368**

**Moved Cr Penna
That Council:**

Seconded Cr O'Brien

- 1. Accept the Flood Damage January 2023 Package 19 from Michael Horman Transport for the submitted value of \$194,095.00 (ex GST).**
- 2. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and Council's Procurement Policy, Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract, negotiate and finalise all matters in relation to the execution of the contract awarded in Recommendation 1.**

Carried

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Councillor Howard voted against the motion.

Councillor Gleeson voted against the motion because of the process and not the recommendation.

Councillors Penna, O'Brien, Williams and Rogers voted for the motion.

Councillor Chandler returned to the meeting at 1.16pm and resumed in the Chair.

4. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.18pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR

DATED: