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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

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), A Coulton (Acting District Manager – Aramac and Muttaburra), 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

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Incorporated Report as a close associate – being his daughter, is the President of the club. Councillor Gleeson will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Rogers under item 3.2.1 – Councillor Rogers informed the meeting she has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Request for Assistance – Barrels 4 A Cause Incorporated Report as she has previously sponsored the event. Councillor Rogers will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Chandler under item 3.1.1 – Councillor Chandler informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Flood Damage 2023 Package 19 (Eastmere Road) – Gravel Supply Only Report as a close associate – being his brother, is mentioned in the report. Councillor Chandler will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Meeting was adjourned at 8.35am and reconvened at 8.59am.

DEPUTATIONS

Alpha Learn to Swim Program

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Moved Cr Penna Seconded Cr Rogers 2024/12/348 That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional

Council held on 20 November be received and confirmed.

Carried

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2. PETITIONS

Nil

3.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Councillor Chandler declared an interest in the following report and left the meeting at 9am, Councillor Rogers assumed the Chair.

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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

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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

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Resolution: Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Howard

2024/12/351 That Council defer a decision until further information is received.

Carried

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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

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2024/12/352

That Council provides in-kind assistance to Barrels 4 A Cause Incorporated to the value of \$1,655.00 to host the Barrel Racing Event 4-6 July 2025.

Carried

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Councillor Gleeson returned to the meeting at 9.46am Councillor Rogers returned to the meeting at 9.47am.

3.2.2 Barcaldine Rec Park Maintenance Arrangements

Summary:

The Barcaldine Rec Park is a facility that could be a place maker for the region. Council has been challenged to adequately maintain the facility since construction was completed. Representation from the Barcaldine Rec Park User Group have requested action to ensure the facility can be maintained and reach its full potential. Council is in receipt of a proposal to deliver a maintenance package of works to the Barcaldine Rec Park from the Barcaldine Watersports Association. This report is to consider the proposal and ongoing plans for the maintenance of the park.

Resolution: 2024/12/353

Moved Cr Penna

Seconded Cr Williams

That Council:

- Approves the community grant funding in accordance with the Community Grants Policy for the Barcaldine Water Sports and Recreation Club Incorporated to deliver the maintenance package of works for the Barcaldine Rec Park, up to the value of \$94,685.00 (ex GST).
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise contract arrangements for I and
- Request the Chief Executive Officer seek quotes in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy for the ongoing maintenance of the facility.

Carried

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Meeting adjourned at 10.01am and reconvened at 10.21am.

3.2.3 Regional Arts Development Fund Application

Summary:

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

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

Carried

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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: Seconded Cr Williams Moved Cr Howard 2024/12/355

That Council receive the report relating to the November year to

date financial performance against the budget.

Carried

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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

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2024/12/356 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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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

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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 Muttaburra 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

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3.5.2 Workplace Health and Safety Report

Summary: From the Work Health and Safety Coordinator, presenting a report

on Council's Workplace Health and Safety.

Resolution: Moved Cr O'Brien Seconded Cr Penna

2024/12/359 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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3.5.3 Environmental Health Officer Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the Environmental Health

Officer Report for Councillor Information.

Resolution: Moved Cr Howard Seconded Cr Williams

2024/12/360 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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3.6.1 Mayor's Information Report

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

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Howard

2024/12/361 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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3.6.2 Chief Executive Officer's Information Report

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

Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Howard Seconded Cr Penna

2024/12/362 That Council receive the report.

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Carried

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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 Howard Seconded Cr Penna

2024/12/363 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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3.6.4 Aramac/Muttaburra 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

Muttaburra District.

Resolution: Moved Cr Howard Seconded Cr Williams

2024/12/364 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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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 Howard Seconded Cr Penna

2024/12/365 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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3.6.6 Community Engagement Coordinator

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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

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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

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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.

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Resolution: 2024/12/368	Moved Cr Penna That Council:	Seconded Cr O'Brien
	Horman Transport fo 2. In accordance with the Procurement Policy, Executive Officer to e	nage January 2023 Package 19 from Michael r the submitted value of \$194,095.00(ex GST). ne <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> and Council's Council delegate authority to the Chief nter into a contract, negotiate and finalise all the execution of the contract awarded in
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		Councillor Howard voted against the motion.
Counci	llor Gleeson voted against	the motion because of the process and not the
	_	recommendation.
	Councillors Penna, O'E	Brien, Williams and Rogers voted for the motion.
Councillor Chan	dler returned to the meetin	g 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 RECOR	D

MAYOR DATED: