

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE  
ON WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2018  
COMMENCING AT 9.20AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**OFFICERS**

B Walsh (Acting Chief Executive Officer), C Swadling (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho), I Kuhn (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

**PRAYER –** Cr. Bettiens read the prayer.

**CONDOLENCES**

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr. Garth Crawley formerly of Barcaldine, Mrs. Margaret Plumb formerly of Barcaldine, Mr. John Connelly formerly of Alpha and Mr. Thomas Lockie 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 Bettiens informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.4.1 (as a contractor) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor Dillon informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Items 3.2.1, 3.2.6 and 3.4.1 (as a landholder) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the Local Government Act 2009, Mr. Brett Walsh informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Items 3.2.2 (as a relative of an applicant) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

**Conflict of Interest - Nil**

**Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil**

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**BUSINESS**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-  
General Meeting – 13 December 2017.*



### **3.1.3 Queensland Reconstruction Authority**

*Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority updating on the Commonwealth Government's reform of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). The newly named Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) are due for implementation from 1 July 2018.*

**Resolution: 2018/01/005**      **Moved Cr Dillon**      **Seconded Cr Bettiens**  
**That the correspondence be received.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.1.4 Adani's Proposed Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project**

*Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Office of the Coordinator-General regarding the Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act 2017.*

**Resolution: 2018/01/006**      **Moved Cr Dillon**      **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**That the correspondence be received.**

**Carried**  
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## **3.2 CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

*Cr. Dillon declared an interest in part of the following matter. He remained in the room however he did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.*

### **3.2.1 Information Report - January 2018**

*Summary: From the Chief Operating Officer submitting a report on general matters of interest for the month of January 2018 relevant to the region's operations.*

**Resolution: 2018/01/007**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Gray**  
**That Council receives the Chief Operating Officer's Information Report.**

**Carried**  
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*Mr. Brett Walsh declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon.*

### **3.2.2 Planning and Development Report – January 2018**

*Summary: The planning and development report for the period ending 11 January 2018 is presented to Council.*



*At this stage Cr. Dillon declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon.*

### **3.2.6 Water Agreements – Clermont-Alpha Road**

*Summary: A proposal to enter into water agreements with landholders on the Clermont-Alpha Road for road construction purposes.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**  
**2018/01/012** **That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate water agreements with landholders for access to water for the Clermont-Alpha Road construction project.**

**Carried**  
7/0

*At this stage Cr. Dillon returned to the meeting.*

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## **3.3 FINANCE**

### **3.3.1 Financial Report – 2017**

*Summary: The financial report for the period ending 10 January 2018 is presented to Council.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**  
**2018/01/013** **That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 10 January 2018.**

**Carried**  
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## **3.4 MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES**

*At this stage Councillors Dillon and Bettiens declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon.*

### **3.4.1 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 31 December 2017.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**2018/01/014** **That the Works Report for the period December 2017 be received.**

**Carried**  
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*At this stage Councillors Dillon and Bettiens returned to the meeting.*

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### **3.5 DISTRICT MANAGER – ALPHA AND JERICHO**

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#### **3.5.1 Information Report**

*Summary: From the District Manager – Alpha and Jericho submitting the Information Report for information.*

**Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Peoples**  
**2018/01/015 That the District Manager’s Information Report be received.**

**Carried**  
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#### **3.5.2 Request to Write-off Outstanding Debt**

*Summary: Request for outstanding fees to be written off.*

**Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Peoples**  
**2018/01/016 That Council write-off fees owed by Geiger Group Pty Ltd and Millers Family Carnival.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.6 DISTRICT MANAGER – ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA**

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#### **3.6.1 General Information Report**

*Summary: The District Manager’s – Aramac and Muttaborra report was submitted to Council for information.*

**Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**2018/01/017 That the District Manager’s – Aramac and Muttaborra General Information Report be received.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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#### **3.6.2 Request for Assistance – Aramac Tramway Museum and Historical Association Inc.**

*Summary: A letter of request has been received from the Aramac Tramway Museum and Historical Association for assistance to erect approximately five (5) signs to promote local businesses.*

