

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 43 DRYDEN STREET, ALPHA
ON WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018
COMMENCING AT 9.30AM**

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 Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Chief Engineer) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Mr. Clint Swadling read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mrs. Jenny Schmidt of Aramac and Mrs. Edna Salmond 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 Gray informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.8.1 (as a contractor) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

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 3.1.21 and the part of Item 3.4.1 relating to the Barcaldine Racetrack Turf project (as a contractor) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor Plumb informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.7.3 (as an employee of a user of the saleyards) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

Cr. Rogers for Item 3.6.2:- "I declare I may have a real or perceived conflict of interest in this matter, as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, due to my membership of ICPA. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. I honestly believe that I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of council's area by participating in this discussion and voting on this matter."

Cr. Bettiens for Item 3.7.2:- "I declare I may have a real or perceived conflict of interest in this matter, as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, due to my sponsorship of the event. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. I honestly believe that I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of council's area by participating in this discussion and voting on this matter."

Cr. Bettiens for the Mayoral Minutes relating to tenders:- “I declare I have a real or perceived conflict of interest in this matter, as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009), due to my personal relationship with Michael Horman. I propose to exclude myself from this meeting while this matter is debated and the vote is taken.”

Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-
General Meeting – 21 February 2018.*

Resolution: 2018/03/056 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 21 February 2018 be received.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2018/03/057 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 21 February 2018 be confirmed.

Carried
7/0

2. PETITIONS - Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.1.1 Acting Chief Executive Officer Information Report March 2018

Summary: The Acting Chief Executive Officer's report for March is presented to Council.

Resolution: 2018/03/058 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Acting Chief Executive Officer's Report for March.

Carried
7/0

3.1.2 Localities

Summary: A letter from Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy requesting further information in relation to the change of locality names.

Resolution: 2018/03/059 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council advises the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy that:

- 1. there is widespread support for the change to locality names within Barcaldine Regional Council; and**
- 2. Council agrees to notify all affected persons of the resultant address changes.**

Carried
7/0

3.1.3 Festival of Small Halls

Summary: From the Events and Tourism Officer submitting the Festival of Small Halls tour the five communities.

Resolution: 2018/03/060 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council agrees to host the Festival of Small Halls in the communities of Alpha, Jericho, Barcaldine, Aramac and Muttaborra.

Carried
7/0

3.1.4 Outback Drone Symposium

Summary: From the Events and Tourism Officer submitting a proposal by RAPAD to host an Outback Drone Symposium on Saturday 11 to Sunday 12 August 2018 in Barcaldine and requests Council's in-kind support for the event.

Resolution: 2018/03/061 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council agrees to give in-kind support for the Outback Drone Symposium in August 2018.

Carried
7/0

3.1.5 Queensland Outback Geocaching Muster

Summary: From the Events and Tourism Officer submitting a request from the Queensland Outback Geocaching Muster asking for financial and in-kind support.

3.1.9 Saltern Creek Bushfire Memorial

Summary: From the Events and Tourism Officer submitting that:-

- (a) a memorial be placed on the road reserve on the Saltern Creek Road for public access; and*
- (b) an exhibition be created with the assistance of the Barcaldine and District Historical Society and Kaylene Reynolds to be displayed in the History Room at The Globe.*

Resolution: 2018/03/066 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council acknowledges the 100 year commemoration of the Saltern Creek Bushfire with a public memorial and an exhibition in The Globe History Room.

Carried
7/0

At 10.30am the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.05am.

3.1.10 Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline Program 2

Summary: Program guidelines for the Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline Program have been released for infrastructure planning funding.

Resolution: 2018/03/067 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council applies for funding under the Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline Program for:-

- (a) Detailed Design for Sewerage Treatment Plants for Barcaldine, Alpha, Jericho, Aramac and Muttaborra;**
- (b) Detailed Design for Water Supply in Barcaldine, Aramac and Muttaborra;**
- (c) Pre-Pipeline Activities for Water Supply in Alpha and Jericho; and**
- (d) Detailed Design for The Globe – Stage 3.**

Carried
7/0

3.1.11 Regional Tourism Strategy

Summary: Correspondence from Longreach Regional Council requesting financial support for a Regional Tourism Strategy.

Resolution: 2018/03/068 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council does not agree to contribute \$20,000 to the development of a Regional Tourism Strategy.

Carried
7/0

3.1.12 RAPAD Pathfinder Report

Summary: The RAPAD Pathfinder Report is presented to Council for endorsement.

Resolution: 2018/03/069 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council does not endorse the Report.

Carried
6/1

3.1.13 Digital Central West Strategic Plan

Summary: The Smart Central Western Queensland – A Digitally Enabled Community Strategic Plan is presented for endorsement by Council.

Resolution: 2018/03/070 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council endorses the Plan.

Carried
6/1

3.1.14 Organisational Structure Review

Summary: A report from Hunt HR on the review of the Barcaldine Regional Council Organisational Structure.

Resolution: 2018/03/071 **Moved Cr Chandler** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Hunt HR Organisational Restructure Review Report and adopts the proposed Organisational Structure as per Attachment A.

Carried
4/3

Councillor Peoples called for a division. Councillors Gray, Plumb, Bettiens and Chandler voted for the motion with Councillors Dillon, Peoples and Rogers voting against the motion.

At 12.30pm Mr. Greg Ovenden and Ms. Michaela Huelin from Reel Planning attended the meeting to discuss town planning issues. Mr. Ovenden and Ms. Huelin left the meeting at 1.10pm. The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.10pm and resumed at 2.40pm.

3.1.15 Councillor Information Bulletin

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer tabling a list of items sent to Councillors in the Councillor Information Bulletin up to and including 16 March 2018.

3.1.19 Get Planning Spaces

Summary: Applications for funding under the Get in the Game – Get Planning Spaces program are now open.

Resolution: 2018/03/076 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council applies for funding under the Get Planning Spaces program to develop a concept plan for the Alpha Showground precinct in collaboration with the Showground user groups.

Carried
7/0

3.1.20 Tender for Pre-Qualified Suppliers of Bulk Fuel

Summary: The current register of pre-qualified suppliers of bulk fuel expires on 31 May 2018 with an option to extend to 30 November 2018.

Resolution: 2018/03/077 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council exercises the option to extend the current register of pre-qualified supplier of bulk fuel to Council by six months to 30 November 2018 and commences a tender process for the new register commencing on 1 December 2018.

Carried
7/0

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

3.1.21 Planning & Development Report – March 2018

Summary: The planning and development report for the period ending 16 March 2018 is presented to Council.

Resolution: 2018/03/078 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the Planning & Development Report for March 2018.

Carried
6/0

At this stage Councillor Bettiens returned to the meeting.

3.1.22 Community Drought Funding

Summary: RAPAD has received advice of new round of Community Drought Funding.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Gray
2018/03/079 That Council calls for expressions of interest from local community organisations for Community Drought Funding projects subject to a contract with RAPAD being signed.

Carried
7/0

3.1.23 Regional Development Australia - Priorities

Summary: Correspondence from Regional Development Australia requesting a list of Council priority projects.

Resolution: Moved Cr Bettiens Seconded Cr Plumb
2018/03/080 That Council forwards its Priority Project List to Regional Development Australia.

Carried
7/0

3.1.24 Policy Review – Recognition of Service Policy

Summary: The Recognition of Service Policy is presented to Council for review.

Resolution: Moved Cr Chandler Seconded Cr Peoples
2018/03/081 That the matter be deferred to the next meeting of Council.

Carried
7/0

3.2 CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER - Nil

3.3 FINANCE

3.3.1 Financial Report

Summary: The financial report for the period ending 13 March 2018 is presented to Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Bettiens Seconded Cr Peoples
2018/03/082 That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 13 March 2018.

Carried
7/0

3.4 MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

Councillor Bettiens declared an interest in part of the following item relating to the Barcaldine Racecourse Turf project 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 28 February 2018.

Resolution: 2018/03/083 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the Works Report for the period February 2018 be received.

Carried
7/0

At this stage Councillor Bettiens returned to the meeting.

3.4.2 Water Main Upgrades – Muttaborra, Aramac and Barcaldine

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services submitting a proposal to expand the project scope for water main upgrades in Aramac, Muttaborra and Barcaldine.

Resolution: 2018/03/084 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council:-

- (a) upgrades the remaining asbestos cement water mains in Muttaborra, Aramac and Barcaldine to ensure water security for the towns and extend the longevity of Council infrastructure;**
- (b) expands the current project scope and budget to cover the completion of all remaining works in Muttaborra, Aramac and Barcaldine; and**
- (c) completes the project by 30 June 2020.**

Carried
7/0

3.4.3 Barcaldine Water Supply Security

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services submitting a proposal to resolve the increased demand on Barcaldine's water supply.

Resolution: 2018/03/085 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council proceeds with the investigation of the reticulation of alternative bores to supply the town of Barcaldine at a cost of \$16,850.

Carried
7/0

3.5 DISTRICT MANAGER – ALPHA AND JERICHO

3.5.1 Information Report

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

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
2018/03/086 That the District Manager’s Information Report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.6 DISTRICT MANAGER – ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

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 Bettiens
2018/03/087 That the District Manager’s – Aramac and Muttaborra General Information Report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.6.2 Request for Assistance – Tennis Skills Camp

Summary: A request has been received from the Isolated Children’s and Parents Association – Aramac and Muttaborra Branch for assistance to hold a Tennis Skills Camp at the Desert Recreation Club, The Lake, 60km north-east of Aramac.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Bettiens
2018/03/088 That Council agrees to support the Isolated Children’s and Parents Association – Aramac and Muttaborra Branch to hold a Tennis Skills Camp to the value of \$2,700.

Carried
7/0

3.7 DISTRICT MANAGER – BARCALDINE

3.7.1 General Information Report

Summary: The District Manager’s – Barcaldine report was submitted to Council for information.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples **Seconded Cr Gray**
2018/03/089 That the District Manager's – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.

Carried
7/0

3.7.2 Request for Assistance – Barcaldine Senior Rugby League

Summary: Request for sponsorship of \$5,500 to host Capras Intrust Super Cup Game – Barcaldine Showgrounds – 7 July 2018.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples **Seconded Cr Dillon**
2018/03/090 That Council agrees to provide sponsorship of \$5,500 to Barcaldine Senior Rugby League to host the Capras Intrust Super Cup Game in Barcaldine on 7 July 2018.

Carried
6/0

Councillor Plumb declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

3.7.3 Contract Manager Barcaldine Saleyards

Summary: The Contract for management and maintenance of Barcaldine Saleyards has expired.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2018/03/091 That Council invites tenders for the Management and Maintenance of Barcaldine Saleyards and enters into a 1 year contract with a 1 year option to extend and 6 monthly inspections by Council will be carried out.

Carried
6/0

At this stage Councillor Plumb returned to the meeting.

3.7.4 Request for Assistance – Camerata – Queensland Chamber Orchestra

Summary: Request for assistance of presenter fee of \$2,750.00 GST Inc plus free use of Barcaldine Town Hall to host the event in Barcaldine.

Resolution: 2018/03/092 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council agrees:-

- (a) to provide financial assistance of \$2,750.00; and
- (b) to waive hire fees for Barcaldine Town Hall to host the Queensland Chamber Orchestra in Barcaldine.

Carried
6/1

3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

At this stage Councillor Gray declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Procedural Motion

Resolution: 2018/03/093 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council move into closed session pursuant to Section 72 of the Local Government Act 2009, for the consideration of staff matters.

Carried
7/0

Procedural Motion

Resolution: 2018/03/094 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Dillon**
That the meeting move into open session.

Carried
7/0

3.8.1 Vendor Panel Request – Plant Hire

Summary: As referred from the General Meeting held on 21 February 2018 the Council to give consideration to advice from the Acting Chief Executive Officer that the Vendor Panel Request – Plant Hire complaint process has now been completed.

Resolution: 2018/03/095 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the External Review findings following the General Complaints Process relating to VP82720.

Carried
6/0

At this stage Councillor Gray returned to the meeting.

3.9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS

3.9.1 Notified Motion – Cr. Dillon - Naming of Hobartville Road, Alpha

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer advising that Cr. Sean Dillon has given notice of his intention to move a motion at the General Meeting regarding the naming of Hobartville Road, Alpha.

Resolution: 2018/03/096 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the Hobartville Road (represented as Code 2206 or J33) be renamed Degulla Road and that would therefore continue the existing Degulla Road (Code 2115) south from Wendouree to where the road currently known as Hobartville Road intersects the State Road known as Clermont – Alpha Road (Route 63). Further that the remaining 16.41km portion of the existing Degulla Road from Wendouree to the Clermont Alpha Road be renamed as Wendouree Road and classified Category 2 (from LRRS).

Carried
7/0

Councillor Bettiens declared an interest in the following two matters and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Mayoral Minute

Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services submitting a report on Tender VP-101073 pertaining to the wet hire of a stabiliser and flo-con, and the supply of GP Cement.

Resolution: 2018/03/097 **Moved Cr Chandler**
That Council accepts the tendered rates as submitted for Tender VP-101073 from Michael Horman Transport in an amount of \$413,458.50 and authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to utilise the tendered unit rates for construction of project CN-8292, Muttaborra-Aramac Road Rehabilitation on the basis that:-

- Michael Horman Transport is a local contractor which employees local staff;
- Michael Horman Transport has carried out previous contracts for Council to a satisfactory standard; and
- The contractor has carried out the previous section of this project and is familiar with the road base.

Carried
6/0

Mayoral Minute

Summary: *From the Manager of Engineering Services, submitting for Council's consideration and determination a list of responses received for the Flood Damage Repair Works (Concrete Structures in the Aramac and Barcaldine Areas).*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Chandler**
2018/03/098 **That Council awards the tender for the "Jericho Flood Damage Repair Work – Various Locations" to Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd in an amount of \$674,057 as this was the only tender received.**

Carried
6/0

At this stage Councillor Bettiens returned to the meeting.

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.00pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 18 April 2018

Attachment A

Barcaldine Regional Council - Organisational Structure - By Function

