

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE RSL MEMORIAL HALL, MUTTABURRA
ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2014
COMMENCING AT 9.15A.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Councillor R Chandler (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillor J Gray (Deputy Mayor), Councillors G Bettiens, A Cowper, G Peoples and R Glindemann.

OFFICERS

D Howard (Chief Executive Officer), R Bauer (Executive Manager – Alpha), G Buswell (Executive Manager – Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Cr. Cowper read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr. John Storey formerly of Barcaldine.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution: **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2014/02/031 **That leave of absence be granted to Cr. Mitchell.**

Carried
Unanimous

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 Peoples informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.5.2 (as the purchaser of the property in question) and Item 3.5.4 (as a related person has an interest in the Aramac town common) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest on any items of Business

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Summary: *The following minutes require confirmation by Council:-
General Meeting – 15 January 2014.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
2014/02/032 **That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional
Council on the 15 January 2014 be received.**

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2014/02/040 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the owners of "Aberleigh", Alpha be advised that Council is not in a position to construct a bridge over the "Mudge" crossing.

Carried
Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 10.10am for morning tea and resumed at 10.30am.

At 10.30am Greg Pink, Doug Snell and Tim Pryor from Bank of Queensland addressed Council on products available through the bank. At 11.10 am the representatives left the meeting.

At this stage the meeting dealt with Item 3.4.4 in the Agenda.

3.4.3 Funding for Proposed New Alpha Swimming Pool

Summary: Funding options for the above need to be discussed and new milestone dates agreed to so as to satisfy reporting requirements of the Regional Development Australia funding obtained for the Alpha Swimming Pool.

Resolution: 2014/02/041 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That Council apply for permission to borrow \$2,000,000 to fund the Alpha Swimming Pool and endorse the milestone completion dates listed below.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.4 Proposed New Alpha Swimming Pool

Summary: Quotations were obtained for the Design and tender/project management of the above pool from J. H. Cockerell Pty Ltd.

Resolution: 2014/02/042 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council accept the quote of J. H. Cockerell Pty Ltd for the following work associated with the construction of a new 25m X 8 lane Swimming Pool in Alpha:

Item 1	Scope of work to concept design stage	\$ 10,000 plus GST
Item 2	Design & Documentation including project specification	\$181,000 plus GST
Item 3	Production of tender documents/advert/recommendations	\$ 19,500 plus GST
Item 4	Project Management – Estimate \$9,000 per trip PLUS Flights/Car Hire/Meals/Accommodation (3days/2nights)	\$ 65,000 plus GST (Est. for Min. 6 Visits)

Carried
5/1

Councillor Peoples called for a division. Councillors Chandler, Gray, Glindemann, Cowper and Bettiens voted for the motion. Councillor Peoples voted against the motion.

3.4.5 Removal of remains of old levee bank in Alpha

Summary: The old levee bank serves no purpose in protecting the Town of Alpha from flooding and is impossible to mow over and keep tidy being at the entrance to Alpha.

Resolution: 2014/02/043 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council removes the remains of the old levee bank at Alpha when plant and labour are available and that the fill be used on the new industrial and/or residential sites in Alpha.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER - ARAMAC

3.5.1 General Information Report

Summary: Executive Manager's – Aramac report for information.

Resolution: 2014/02/044 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the Executive Manager's – Aramac General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

Councillor Peoples declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

3.5.2 Tender Results House and Land Auction

Summary: Council to consider tender results of the auction of the house and land described as Lot 6 on SP259561 situated at 26 McWhannell Street Aramac held on 15 February 2014 at 10.00am.

Resolution: 2014/02/045 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council notes that a contract has been entered into with Peoples Pastoral Company for the sale of the house and land being lot 6 on SP259561 at 26 McWhannell Street, Aramac in an amount of \$25,000 and the proceeds be transferred to the Aramac area Infrastructure Reserve.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting.

3.5.3 Request to Sell House and Land in Muttaborra

Summary: Council to consider the possible sale of a vacant Council house described as Lot 604 on CM162 and situated at 31 Sword St Muttaborra requiring maintenance to bring it up to an acceptable standard.

Resolution: 2014/02/046 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council:-

- (a) agrees to offer Lot 604 on CM162 for sale by tender; and**
- (b) agrees to transfer any funds from the sale into a housing reserve for Muttaborra.**

Carried
Unanimous

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

3.5.4 Request to revise the fees and Charges for NLIS tags

Summary: Council to consider a request for the reduction of the price of NLIS tags, currently listed in Council's Fees and Charges at \$6.90.

Moved Cr Cowper **Seconded Cr Chandler**

That Council agrees to revise the price of NLIS tags to \$4.10 per tag as from 19 February 2014.

Amendment: Moved Cr Gray **Seconded Cr Bettiens**

That Council revises the prices of NLIS tags in the Register of Commercial, Statutory and Cost Recovery Fees in the 2014/15 Budget.

The amendment was put and carried. The amendment then became the motion. The motion was put.

Resolution: 2014/02/047 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council revises the prices of NLIS tags in the Register of Commercial, Statutory and Cost Recovery Fees in the 2014/15 Budget.

Carried
3/2

At this stage Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting.

3.5.5 RADF Applications

Summary: From the Community Development Officer reporting RADF Assessment Outcomes.

Resolution: 2014/02/048 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council:-

(a) accepts the applications approved by the RADF committee of \$3,300.00 as follows –

Vast Arts — Category 4 – Cultural Tourism - Total \$10,400 RADF \$1,000

Barcaldine Cultural Assn. – Category 1 – Developing Regional Skills – Total \$2,400 RADF \$1,100

Milynda Rogers – Category 3 - Interest Free Loan – Total \$1,200 RADF \$1,200; and

(b) approves an extension to the completion date of the *Tracks of Time* project.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – BARCALDINE

3.6.1 General Information Report

Summary: Executive Manager's – Barcaldine report for information.

Resolution: 2014/02/049 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That the Executive Manager's – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.2 Remuneration Tribunal Report 2013

Summary: The Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal is presented for Council's consideration.

Motion: Moved Cr Peoples **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council accepts the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal's recommendations for councillor remuneration to be paid from 1 July 2014.

Amendment: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**

That Council, in response to the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal Report 2013, decides:

- (a) that the Mayor’s allowance be increased to the amount recommended by the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal to be paid from 1 July 2014; and**
- (b) the Deputy Mayor and Councillors’ remuneration remains as it stands on 19 February 2014.**

Lost
4/2

The amendment was put and lost.

Councillor Gray called for a division. Councillors Bettiens and Gray voted for the amendment and Councillors Glindemann, Peoples, Cowper and Chandler voted against the amendment.

The motion was then put.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
2014/02/050 **That Council accepts the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal’s recommendations for councillor remuneration to be paid from 1 July 2014.**

Carried
4/2

Councillor Bettiens called for a division. Councillors Chandler, Glindemann, Peoples and Cowper voted for the motion. Councillors Bettiens and Gray voted against the motion.

3.6.3 Barcaldine Landscaping Project

Summary: *A proposal for landscape design for the streets in Barcaldine has been received for Council’s consideration.*

Motion: **Moved Cr Bettiens**
That Council accepts the quote from Guymer Bailey Landscape Architects to prepare a streetscape plan for Barcaldine at a cost of \$25,390 (excl GST).

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

3.6.4 Amended Planning and Development and Building Fee Schedule 2013/2014

Summary: *From the Executive Manager, Barcaldine Area, submitting an amended schedule of fees and charges for planning and development and building for the 2013/2014 financial year.*

Resolution: 2014/02/051 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council:-

- (a) adopts the amended schedule of fees and charges for planning and development for 2013/2014 as detailed in the attachment hereto; and
- (b) adds the following fee to the schedule of building application fees for 2013/14:

Document Lodgement by Private Certifier \$70.00.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.5 Development Application – 73 Elm Street, Barcaldine

Summary: *Council has received a letter from George Bourne and Associates requesting consideration of off-street parking for its new office in Barcaldine.*

Resolution: 2014/02/052 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council receives the letter and advises George Bourne and Associates that it will consider the contents of the letter in the decision making stage of the development application process.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.6 Draft Corporate Plan 2015-2019

Summary: *The Draft Barcaldine Regional Council Corporate Plan 2015–2019 is presented for Council’s consideration.*

Resolution: 2014/02/053 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Draft Barcaldine Regional Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019 and opens the Plan for public comment until 10 March 2014.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Mr. Brett Walsh declared a conflict of interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

3.6.7 Barcaldine Tennis Courts

Summary: *Barcaldine Lawn Tennis Club has received a grant for \$100,000 to construct two new tennis courts.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
2014/02/054 **That Council agrees to:**

- (a) project manage the construction of the tennis courts upgrade in Barcaldine;
- (b) process the expenditure for the project; and
- (c) receive the \$100,000 grant contribution from Barcaldine Lawn Tennis Club Inc.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage Mr. Brett Walsh returned to the meeting.

3.6.8 Trustee Permit – Broadcast Australia

Summary: King and Company has sent a Trustee Permit with Broadcast Australia for Council's approval.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2014/02/055 **That Council:**

- (a) issues a trustee permit to Broadcast Australia to install SBS television equipment on land at Yew Street Barcaldine; and
- (b) decides that the exception in Section 236(1)(c)(i) applies to the issuing of the permit.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.9 Barcaldine Waste Landfill

Summary: A proposal for a new waste landfill in Barcaldine is presented for Council consideration.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2014/02/056 **That Council:**

- (a) develops a new waste landfill in Barcaldine on Lot 1 SP223525;
- (b) rehabilitates the old waste landfill site on Lot 244 RY201; and
- (c) develops a transfer station on the new waste landfill site.

Carried
Unanimous

3.7 RURAL SERVICES MATTERS - Nil

3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS - Nil

4. CLOSE OF MEETING

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.05pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 19 March 2014
