

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2021
COMMENCING AT 8.30AM**

ATTENDANCE

Councillor S Dillon (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillor M Rogers via Zoom (Deputy Mayor), Councillors D Arthur, T Gleeson, C Hansen, G Peoples and R Plumb.

OFFICERS

B Walsh (Acting Chief Executive Officer), D Howard (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho), P Coulton (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra), J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), V Adamek (Director of Works), S Habib (Finance Officer), D Young (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER

Councillor Hansen read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of the late Shirley Winters of Aramac, William Wilson of Aramac, George Wallace Rogers of Alpha and Maurice O'Dell of Jericho.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners of the land; past, present and emerging.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Prescribed Conflicts of Interest

Cr Plumb under item 3.3.7 – Councillor Plumb informed the meeting that she has a prescribed conflict of interest in the Procurement Policy Review, as her employer, Elders Ltd, is a supplier to Council.

Cr Arthur under items 3.1.2, 3.1.3 and 3.3.7 – Councillor Arthur informed the meeting that he has a prescribed conflict of interest in the Tender – Flood Damage Package 1, Tender – Flood Damage Package 3 and Procurement Policy Review reports, as his employer, Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd, is a supplier to Council.

Cr Peoples under items 3.3.4, 3.3.7, 3.4.2 and 3.7.1 – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting that he has a prescribed conflict of interest in the Economic Development Report, Procurement Policy Review Report, Project Progress Report and Information Report as his business, Aramac Cut Price, is a supplier of goods relating to items mentioned in the reports.

Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Cr Rogers under item 3.4.2 – continuing declaration from a prior meeting.

Cr Hansen under item 3.3.7 – continuing declaration from a prior meeting.

Cr Plumb under item 3.3.3 – Councillor Plumb informed the meeting of a declarable conflict of interest in the Planning and Development Report as a close family member may be affected by a development mentioned in the report and voluntarily decided not to participate in the decision.

Cr Gleeson under item 3.3.7 – Councillor Gleeson informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in the Procurement Policy Review as a family member may become a supplier to Council.

Resolution: 2021/09/280 **Moved Cr Hansen** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Councillor Gleeson may participate in the discussion of this matter despite the Councillor’s conflict of interest.

Carried
6/0

Councillors Arthur, Dillon, Hansen, Peoples, Plumb and Rogers voted for the motion.

Councillor Peoples under item 3.1.3 – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting of a declarable conflict of interest in the Tender – Flood Damage Package 3, as he is in partnership with one of the tenderers and voluntarily decided not to participate in the decision.

GIFTS AND BENEFITS - Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: 2021/09/281 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on the 18 August 2021 be received.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2021/09/282 **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on the 18 August 2021 be confirmed.

Carried
7/0

2. PETITIONS - Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

3.1.1 Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone Due Diligence

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling a proposal to conduct a due diligence review of Barcaldine Regional Council's potential investment in the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone.

Resolution: 2021/09/283 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council endorses the actions of the Acting Chief Executive Officer in accepting the quote from Hall Chadwick to conduct a due diligence review (including risk and return) of the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone Joint Venture Proposal.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Arthur declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the following two reports and left the meeting at 8.55am.

3.1.2 Tender – Flood Damage Package 1

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the tender recommendation for the completion of flood damage repairs under Tender Package 1.

Resolution: 2021/09/284 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council defers the decision until Officers provide further information.

Carried
6/0

Council resumed consideration of this matter and Councillor Arthur left the meeting at 10.56am.

Resolution: 2021/09/285 **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council resumes consideration of items 3.1.2 and 3.1.3.

Carried
6/0

Resolution: 2021/09/286 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council accepts the tender from Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd for the completion of Flood Damage Package 1 works for an amount of \$447,846.74 (excluding GST), on the basis that this is the most advantageous to Council.

Carried
6/0

Councillors Dillon, Gleeson, Hansen, Peoples, Plumb and Rogers voted for the motion.

Councillors Peoples declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the following report and left the meeting at 9.13am.

3.1.3 Tender – Flood Damage Package 3

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the tender recommendation for the completion of flood damage repairs under Tender Package 3.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Hansen
2021/09/287 That Council defers a decision until Officers provide further information.
Carried
5/0

Councillors Peoples and Arthur returned to the meeting at 9.14am.

Council resumed consideration of this matter and Councillor Peoples left the meeting at 10.56am.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Hansen
2021/09/288 That Council accepts the tender from Oma Contracting Pty Ltd for the completion of Flood Damage Package 3 works for an amount of \$446,081.66 (excluding GST), on the basis that this is the most advantageous to Council.
Carried
5/0

Councillors Dillon, Gleeson, Hansen, Plumb and Rogers voted for the motion.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Rogers
2021/09/289 That Council returns to the agenda.
Carried
5/0

Councillors Arthur and Peoples returned to the meeting at 10.57am.

3.2 MAYOR

3.2.1 Mayor's Information Report

Summary: From the Mayor tabling, his information report to Council for August/September 2021.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Plumb
2021/09/290 That Council receives the report.
Carried
7/0

3.3 ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.3.1 Acting Chief Executive Officer's Information Report

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling his information report to Council for September 2021.

Resolution: 2021/09/291 **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2021/09/292 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 254J (3)(f) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as this resolution relates to a matter that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2021/09/293 **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council reopens the meeting.

Carried
7/0

3.3.2 Councillor Information Correspondence

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillor Information.

Resolution: 2021/09/294 **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Plumb informed the meeting of a Declared Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 9.53am.

3.3.3 Planning and Development Report

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

Resolution: 2021/09/295 **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
6/0

Councillors Arthur, Dillon, Gleeson, Hansen, Peoples and Rogers voted for the motion.

Councillor Plumb returned to the meeting at 9.55am.

Councillor Peoples declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 9.56am.

3.3.4 Economic Development Report

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the monthly Economic Development Report.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Hansen** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2021/09/296 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
6/0

Councillors Arthur, Dillon, Gleeson, Hansen, Plumb and Rogers voted for the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.02am and recommenced at 10.55am.

Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting after the adjournment.

3.3.5 Qld Climate Resilient Council

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling correspondence from the Local Government Association of Qld, inviting Council to join the Queensland Climate Resilient Council Program.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2021/09/297 **That Council accepts the invitation to join the Queensland Climate Resilient Council Program.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.6 Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the program for the Local Government Association of Qld 125th Annual Conference in Mackay on 25-27 October 2021.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2021/09/298 **That Council appoints Cr Dillon and Cr Rogers as delegates and Cr Gleeson and Acting Chief Executive Officer Brett Walsh as observers to the 2021 LGAQ Annual Conference in Mackay.**

Carried
7/0

Councillors Plumb, Arthur and Peoples declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest left the meeting at 11.02am.

3.3.7 Procurement Policy Review

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the draft revised Procurement Policy for adoption.

Resolution: 2021/09/299 **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council approves the Policy with the following amendments: page 6 (f) where the estimated value of the goods or services to be purchased is less than \$1000 and page 3 (b) quotes with an estimated value greater than \$1000

Carried
4/0

Councillors Dillon, Gleeson, Hansen and Rogers voted for the motion.

Councillors Plumb, Arthur and Peoples returned to the meeting at 11.29am.

3.3.8 Plant Replacement – Graders

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the quotes received for the replacement of two graders.

Resolution: 2021/09/300 **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council accepts the quote from Hastings Deering for the supply and delivery of two Caterpillar 140-14A motor graders for a net price after trade of \$473,200 (excluding GST).

Carried
7/0

3.3.9 Plant Replacement – Roller

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the quotes received for the replacement of one multi-tyred roller.

Resolution: 2021/09/301 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council accepts the quote from Hastings Deering for the supply and delivery of one Caterpillar CW34 roller for \$200,500 (excluding GST), under a Localbuy contract.

Carried
7/0

3.3.10 Plant Replacement – 4WD Utility

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the quotes received for the replacement of one 4WD utility.

Resolution: 2021/09/302 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Rogers**

2021/09/302 That Council accepts the quote from Mt Isa Isuzu for the supply and delivery of one 4WD dual cab tray back utility for a net price after trade of \$41,545 (excluding GST).

Carried
7/0

3.3.11 Building Our Regions Funding Program

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the guidelines for Round 6 of the Building Our Regions Funding Program.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Hansen
2021/09/303 That Council applies for funding under the Building Our Regions Program for the upgrade to the Aramac Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Carried
7/0

3.4 FINANCE

3.4.1 Financial Report

Summary: From the Finance Officer, presenting the monthly financial report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Plumb
2021/09/304 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Peoples declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 12.23pm.

3.4.2 Project Progress Report

Summary: From the Finance Officer, reporting on the progress of the capital and special operating projects included in the 2022 budget.

Resolution: Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Hansen
2021/09/305 That Council receives the report.

Carried
6/0

Councillors Arthur, Dillon, Gleeson, Hansen, Plumb and Rogers voted for the motion.

Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting at 12.29pm.

3.4.3 Community Care Services Report

Summary: *From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, reporting on the operations of the Community Care Services.*

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
2021/09/306 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

Meeting was adjourned at 12.30pm and recommenced at 1.10pm.

3.5 Director of Works Report

3.5.1 Works Report

Summary: *From the Director of Works presenting the status of the scope of works assigned to Infrastructure Services.*

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
2021/09/307 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.6 DISTRICT MANAGER – ALPHA AND JERICHO

3.6.1 Information Report

Summary: *From the District Manager – Alpha and Jericho, submitting his Information Report.*

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Peoples
2021/09/308 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.7 DISTRICT MANAGER – ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

Councillor Peoples advised a Declarable Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 1.19pm.

3.7.1 Information Report

Summary: *From the District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra, submitting her Information Report.*

2021/09/312 That Council accepts the quote of \$8,500 from Walsh Accounting to provide end of year accountancy services under a Localbuy contract.

Carried
7/0

Officer Brett Walsh returned to the meeting at 1.40pm.

3.8.3 Barcaldine Showground Camping Policy

Summary: From the District Manager – Barcaldine, tabling the Barcaldine Showground Camping Policy for review.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Hansen
2021/09/313 That Council reviews the Barcaldine Showground Camping Policy and amends clause 5.9 to: “The Showground will be closed to the travelling public for camping from 1 December to 31 January each financial year”.

Carried
7/0

3.9 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

3.9.1 Information Report

Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator submitting the Information Report for September 2021.

Resolution: Moved Cr Arthur Seconded Cr Plumb
2021/09/314 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.10 NOTIFIED MOTIONS - Nil

4. Questions on Notice

4.1.1 Questions on Notice – Responses from August Meeting

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the responses to the August Council Meeting Questions on Notice.

Resolution: Moved Cr Arthur Seconded Cr Plumb
2021/09/315 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

4.2 Questions on Notice – September Meeting

Hansen – Letter from Barcaldine Golf Club Inc. – request for clean up of area.

Plumb – Westech – thanks to Council for providing well maintained grounds; sheep pavilion toilets required repairs again – add back to budget for consideration and other options across the region e.g. portable facility; goods shed – consider updating/joint project. In the event of (for example) COVID lockdown – southern security fence (near loading ramp) not secure.

Gleeson – Buildings in Aramac sports area – other projects not progressing. Old toilet block to be removed and second to be moved to race club. Review tender of relevant building.

Rogers – Date of the gardening competition to be later in the year.

Jericho Public Holiday feedback – survey/community consultation for different date with time to consider (2022 have been gazetted).

5. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.16pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: -----

DATED: 15 September 2021
