

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2021
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

Councillor S Dillon (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillor M Rogers (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 Peoples read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of the late Mrs Annie Gribble, Mr Peter Boyd
and Mr Robert (Bobby) Balderson, all of Barcaldine.

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

Councillor Dillon under item 3.3.5 – Councillor Dillon informed the meeting he has a Prescribed
Conflict of Interest in the Request for Grant – Alpha Jockey Club, as he is a Trustee of the land.

Councillor Peoples under item 3.3.5 – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting he has a
Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Request for Grant – Alpha Jockey Club, as he is a
bookmaker and Chair of Central West Racing.

Councillor Arthur under item 3.3.10 – Councillor Arthur informed the meeting he has a
Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Tender – Bitumen Supply for Barcaldine–Aramac Road, as
his employer – Michal Horman Transport Pty Ltd, is a supplier to the project.

Councillor Rogers under item 3.3.8 – Councillor Rogers informed the meeting she has a
Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Personal Appearance and Protection Policy, as a related
party, is an employee of Council.

Councillor Peoples under item 3.4.2 – continuing declaration from a prior meeting.

Councillor Peoples under item 3.3.8 – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Personal Appearance and Protection Policy, as a related party is an employee of Council.

Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Hansen under item 3.3.8 – Councillor Hansen informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Personal Appearance and Protection Policy, as a related party is an employee of Council and that he would be leaving the meeting.

Councillor Hansen under item 3.3.3 – Councillor Hansen informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Planning and Development Report, as his son – Michael Hansen, is mentioned in the report and that he would be leaving the meeting.

Councillor Dillon under item 3.3.2 – Councillor Dillon informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Councillor Information Correspondence as there is a letter tabled from the Alpha Jockey Club and he is a Trustee of the land.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2021/12/384 **That Councillor Dillon may participate in the discussion of and vote on this matter despite the Councillor’s conflict of interest.**

Carried
5/0

*Councillors Arthur, Rogers, Gleeson, Hansen and Plumb voted for the motion.
Councillor Peoples did not vote as he had a Declarable Conflict of Interest in this item.*

Councillor Peoples under item 3.3.2 – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Councillor Information Correspondence as there is a letter tabled from the Alpha Jockey Club.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2021/12/385 **That Councillor Peoples may participate in the discussion of and vote on this matter despite the Councillor’s conflict of interest.**

Carried
5/0

*Councillors Arthur, Rogers, Gleeson, Hansen and Plumb voted for the motion.
Councillor Dillon did not vote as he had a Declarable Conflict of Interest in this item.*

Councillor Gleeson under item 3.7.2 – Councillor Gleeson informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Request for Sponsorship – Barrels 4 a Cause, as a related party is a member of the committee.

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

Councillor Arthur under item 3.1.1 – Councillor Arthur informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Barcaldine Regional Energy Zone Joint Venture – Due Diligence Report, as his employer – Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd, may be a supplier to the project.

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: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2021/12/397 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

Councillor Hansen declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 10.49am.

3.3.3 Planning and Development Report

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2021/12/398 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
6/0

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

Councillor Hansen returned to the meeting at 10.52am.

3.3.4 Economic Development Report

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the monthly economic development report.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2021/12/399 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

Councillors Dillon and Peoples declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 10.52am.

3.3.5 Request for Grant – Alpha Jockey Club

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling a letter from the Alpha Jockey Club, requesting a grant for assistance for the upgrade of the Alpha racecourse.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Plumb**

2021/12/400 **That Council does not agree to provide the Alpha Jockey Club with a grant towards the upgrade of the Alpha racecourse by waiving the 15% surcharge on private works conducted at Fordham Park.**

Carried

5/0

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

Councillors Dillon and Peoples returned to the meeting at 11.05am.

Meeting was adjourned at 11.11am and reconvened at 11.17am.

3.3.6 Annual Report

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer; tabling the 2021 Annual Report, including the Financial Statements and Community Financial Report for the year ending 30 June 2021, for adoption.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2021/12/401 **That Council adopts the Barcaldine Regional Council 2021 Annual Report, including the audited financial statements and the community financial report for the year ending 30 June 2021.**

Carried

7/0

Councillor Dillon left the meeting at 11.08am, Councillor Rogers assumed the Chair.

3.3.7 Cultural Policy

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the draft Cultural Policy for endorsement by Council.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2021/12/402 **That Council adopts the new Policy.**

Carried

6/0

Councillor Dillon returned to the meeting at 11.17am.

Councillors Rogers, Peoples and Hansen declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 11.24am.

3.3.8 Personal Appearance and Protection Policy

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the amended Personal Appearance and Protection Policy for endorsement by Council.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2021/12/403 **That Council adopts the amended Policy.**

Carried

4/0

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

Councillors Rogers, Peoples and Hansen returned to the meeting at 11.25am.

3.3.9 Tender – Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Audit

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the Tender Evaluation Report for the audit of the Drinking Water Quality Management Plan for the RAPAD Water and Sewerage Alliance.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2021/12/404 **That Council endorses the tender evaluation report and awards the Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Audit to Bligh Tanner Pty Ltd, for the tender price of \$61,350.00.**

Carried
7/0

Councillor Arthur declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 11.26am.

3.3.10 Tender – Bitumen Supply for Barcaldine–Aramac Road

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the Tender Evaluation Report for the Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bitumen for the Barcaldine–Aramac Road contract.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2021/12/405 **That Council receives the tender evaluation report and endorses the decision of the Acting Chief Executive Officer to award the tender to Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd, for the price of \$329,006.73.**

Carried
6/0

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

Councillor Arthur returned to the meeting at 11.27am.

3.3.11 Corporate Risk Register

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, presenting a revised Corporate Risk Register for adoption by Council.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2021/12/406 **That Council adopts the revised Barcaldine Regional Council Corporate Risk Register.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.12 Audit Committee

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the minutes from the Audit Committee meeting held on 29 November 2021.

Resolution: 2021/12/407 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.3.13 Local Government Sustainability Framework

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the submission from the Western Qld Alliance of Councils to the Local Government Sustainability Framework Discussion Paper.

Resolution: 2021/12/408 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council endorses the submission.

Carried
7/0

3.3.14 Local Disaster Management Plan and Activation Guideline

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, presenting the draft Local Disaster Management Plan and Local Disaster Management Group Activation Guideline for endorsement by Council.

Resolution: 2021/12/409 **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
That Council adopts the Plan with amendments as noted.

Carried
7/0

3.3.15 Tender – Truck Replacement – Aramac

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the Tender Evaluation Report for the supply of a new rigid tipper truck and water tank for the Aramac depot.

Resolution: 2021/12/410 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
That Council receives the report and agrees to purchase one Hino truck and water tank from Milne Bros Equipment, for the price of \$274,545.45 (excluding GST) under a LocalBuy arrangement.

Carried
6/1

3.3.16 Waratah Coal – Call In Submission

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the submission to the Deputy Premier on the proposed call in notice for the Waratah Coal power station development.

Resolution: 2021/12/411 **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That Council endorses the actions of the Acting Chief Executive Officer in providing a submission, including the draft Infrastructure Agreement, to the Deputy Premier on the proposed call in notice for the Waratah Coal power station development application.

Carried
7/0

3.3.17 Barcaldine Rec Park – Operational Plan

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, presenting the Barcaldine Rec Park Operational Plan for adoption by Council.

Resolution: 2021/12/412 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
That Council adopts the Barcaldine Rec Park Operational Plan and authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to allow commencement of activities at the Rec Park.

Carried
7/0

3.4 FINANCE

3.4.1 Financial Report

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

Resolution: 2021/12/413 **Moved Cr Hansen** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

Officer Vlad Adamek returned to the meeting at 11.59am.

Councillor Peoples declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 12.05pm.

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: 2021/12/414 **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Plumb**

3.7.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra, submitting to Council the monthly Information Report.

Resolution: 2021/12/418 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Gleeson declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 12.22pm.

3.7.2 Request for Sponsorship – Barrels 4 a Cause

Summary: From the District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra, tabling request from Barrels 4 a Cause, for sponsorship for their event in February 2022.

Resolution: 2021/12/419 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council agrees to sponsor the Barrels 4 a Cause event in Aramac to the value of \$500.00, plus in-kind support.

Carried
6/0

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

Councillor Gleeson returned at 12.28pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 12.28pm and reconvened at 1.46pm.

3.7.3 Community Housing Proposal

Summary: Council has received advice that the Department of Communities did not accept the \$200,000 offer Council made for the 22 housing units in Aramac, Alpha and Jericho that Council manages on behalf of the Department of Communities.

Resolution: 2021/12/420 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council agrees to increase its offer to the Department of Communities to \$280,000 for the purchase of the remaining 22 housing units managed by Council in Aramac, Alpha and Jericho.

Carried
7/0

3.7.4 Men’s Shed – Muttaborra

Summary: Council has received an offer to purchase the Men’s Shed, 34 Edkins Street, Muttaborra.

Resolution: 2021/12/421 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Peoples**

3.9.2 2022 Barcaldine Tree of Knowledge Festival

Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, submitting a proposal regarding the coordination and delivery of the 2022 Barcaldine Tree of Knowledge Festival and subsequent festivals.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2021/12/425 **That Council supports the 2022 Barcaldine Tree of Knowledge Festival and subsequent festivals with support to the community groups who hold the events and promotion, but does not oversee the coordination and delivery of the weekend.**

Carried
7/0

3.9.3 Community Engagement Forums

Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, tabling the community feedback from the Community Engagement Forums.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2021/12/426 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.10 NOTIFIED MOTIONS

3.10.1 Local Ambulance Committee Funds

Summary: From Councillor Peoples, seeking Council's support to lobby the Minister for Health to allow Local Ambulance Committees the discretion for spending funds raised in their community.

Motion: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2021/12/427 **That Council lobby the Health Minister to allow Local Ambulance Committees some discretion on funds raised in their communities.**

Carried
7/0

4. Questions on Notice

4.1.1 Questions on Notice – Responses November Meeting

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson**
2021/12/428 **That Council receives the report.**

Seconded Cr Hansen

Carried
7/0

4.2 Questions on Notice – December Meeting

Gleeson – July question on Braeside Lane still outstanding – no depth gauges, blind corner.

- Signs left after completion of jobs – ensure signs are collected.

Rogers – query regarding tree planting on footpaths, (note: Councillors Arthur and Plumb on committee to discuss suitable types of trees for ratepayers).

Dillon – response to Alpha Merchandise on ‘Why Leave Town’ cards – noted there is a \$20 administration fee for bulk purchases (over 20 cards).

5. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.46pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: -----

DATED: 7 December 2021
