

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2022
COMMENCING AT 8.30AM**

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), P Coultan (District Manager – Aramac and
Muttaborra), J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), V Adamek (Director of Works),
S Habib (Finance Officer), A Waugh (Community Engagement Coordinator), D Young (Minute
Secretary).

PRAYER

Mrs Bev Church from the Uniting Church, read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of the late Mr Frederick Easton, former
resident of Barcaldine; Mrs Gwen Norman of Barcaldine; Mrs Jean Thorn of Alpha; Sister Mary
Helen Diamond, former resident of Barcaldine and Mr John 'Jack' Cecil King, former Shire Clerk
of Barcaldine Shire Council.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Damian Howard (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Kerry Thompson acknowledged the traditional owners of the land; past, present and emerging.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Prescribed Conflicts of Interest

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

Councillor Arthur under item 3.3.5 – Councillor Arthur informed the meeting he has a
Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Roads Response to Council Report as his employer –
Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd, is a road contractor to Council.

Councillor Arthur under item 3.3.7 – Councillor Arthur informed the meeting he has a
Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Building Better Regions Fund – Round 6 Report as his
employer – Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd, may be a supplier to the project.

Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Peoples under item 3.9.3 – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting he has a
Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Queensland Country Racing Awards – Sponsorship Report
as he is Chair of the Central West Racing Association and will leave the meeting for the
discussion and vote on this matter.

Councillor Rogers under item 3.3.5 – Councillor Rogers informed the meeting she has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Roads Response to Council Report as the Sculpture Trail is mentioned in the report and will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this matter.

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2022/01/001 **That Councillor Rogers may participate in the discussion of and vote on**
this matter despite the Councillor’s conflict of interest.

Carried
6/0

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: **Moved Cr Hansen** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2022/01/002 **That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council**
held on the 7 December 2021 be received.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2022/01/003 **That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council**
held on the 7 December 2021 be confirmed.

Carried
7/0

2. PETITIONS - Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS - Nil

3.2 MAYOR

3.2.1 Mayor’s Information Report

Summary: *From the Mayor, tabling his information report to Council.*

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Peoples
 2022/01/004 That Council receives the report.

Carried
 7/0

3.2.2 Qld Audit Office Final Management Report

Summary: From the Mayor, tabling the final management report from the Qld Audit Office on the audit of the Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2021.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Rogers
 2022/01/005 That Council receives the Report and accepts the recommendations.

Carried
 7/0

3.2.3 Council Chambers – COVID Vaccination

Summary: From the Mayor, tabling a recommendation that the Barcaldine Council Chambers be a fully vaccinated venue for the purposes of COVID-19.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Plumb
 2022/01/006 That Council:

- a. Designates the Barcaldine Regional Council Chambers located in Barcaldine as a fully vaccinated venue with authorised access for an unrestricted number of people who can verify that they have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination or who have a legitimate medical exemption and
- b. In the event that any person is required to enter who is not fully vaccinated, then the venue will revert to a limit of 20 persons and
- c. This policy is to take effect from 12.00am Wednesday 19 January 2022 and remain in place until revoked by resolution of Council.

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.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2022/01/007 **That Council receives the report.**

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: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2022/01/008 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.3 Planning and Development Report

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2022/01/009 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.4 Economic Development Report

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2022/01/010 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

Councillors Arthur and Rogers declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 9.51am.

3.3.5 Roads Response to Council

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, providing a response to road concerns raised at the October 2021 meeting of Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Plumb
2022/01/011 That Council adopts the following road maintenance and upgrade strategies:

1. That Council obtains a quote for road maintenance in conjunction with all flood damage works and wherever possible, road maintenance is performed at the same time as flood damage is completed.
2. That Council prioritises the bitumen sealing and/or gravelling of problem sections of the Aramac-Jericho Road commencing at the Aramac end.
3. That Council engages contractors to perform road maintenance and flood damage works at the furthest distance from Aramac and that the Aramac works crews performs works closer to Aramac and Muttaborra.
4. That Council develops a specific strategy for managing road maintenance on black soil roads and that road maintenance funding is allocated to implement the strategy.
5. That Council installs "Drive to prevailing conditions" signs at each end of Local Roads of Regional Significance, Category 1 and Category 2 roads.
6. That Council upgrades rural road addressing signage to a consistent standard across the region.
7. That Council secures accommodation in Muttaborra when works crews are required to perform road maintenance works in the Muttaborra area.

Carried

5/0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10.22am and resumed at 10.44am.

Councillors Arthur and Rogers returned to the meeting following the adjournment.

3.3.6 Barcy Red Opening

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, recommending that Council approves the opening of the Barcy Red Bike Trails.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Rogers
2022/01/012 That Council:

- a. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to open the Barcy Red Bike Trails on the Barcaldine Town Reserve, after signage is installed and
- b. Determines that the Trails are not a road as defined under Schedule 4 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*.

Carried

4/3

*Councillors Arthur, Gleeson and Peoples voted against the motion
Councillors Dillon, Hansen, Plumb and Rogers voted for the motion*

Councillor Arthur declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 11.16am.

3.3.7 Building Better Regions Fund – Round 6

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, presenting the option for an application to the Building Better Regions Fund – Round 6, for the upgrade of the Barcaldine Swimming Pool.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Hansen
2022/01/013 That Council lodges an application to the Building Better Regions Fund – Round 6, for the upgrade of the Barcaldine Swimming Pool for a total estimated cost of \$6 million and a Council contribution of \$200,000.

Carried
4/2

*Councillors Peoples and Gleeson voted against the motion on the basis that whilst agreeing with the resolution, they were not comfortable with the concept plans
 Councillors Dillon, Hansen, Plumb and Rogers voted for the motion.*

Councillor Arthur returned to the meeting at 11.42am.

3.3.8 Enterprise Risk Management Framework

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, presenting a review of the Enterprise Risk Management Framework.

Resolution: Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Arthur
2022/01/014 That Council adopts the revised Barcaldine Regional Council Enterprise Risk Management Framework.

Carried
7/0

3.3.9 Local Government Remuneration Commission Annual Report

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, presenting the Local Government Remuneration Commission Annual Report 2021.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
2022/01/015 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.3.10 Rates Discount – Overdue Rates

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling a request from a ratepayer for allowing the discount on the late payment of rates.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2022/01/016 That Council does not allow the discount on rates assessment 30331-00000-0000 for the first half year levy for 2022.

Carried
7/0

3.3.11 Organisational Structure

Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, presenting a proposed revised Organisational Structure for Council adoption.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2022/01/017 That Council endorses the Acting Chief Executive Officer to consult with the staff regarding the draft Barcaldine Regional Council Organisational Structure with feedback to be provided to Council ahead of approval and implementation by 30 June 2022.

Carried
7/0

The meeting was adjourned at 12.33pm and reconvened at 1.05pm.

3.4 FINANCE

3.4.1 Financial Report

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

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2022/01/018 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

Councillor Peoples declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 1.43pm.

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 Plumb **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2022/01/019 That Council receives the report.

Carried

6/0

Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting at 1.50pm.

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 Hansen Seconded Cr Rogers
2022/01/020 That Council receives the report.

Carried

7/0

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
2022/01/021 That Council receives the report.

Carried

7/0

3.6 DISTRICT MANAGER – ALPHA AND JERICH0

3.6.1 Information Report

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

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Arthur
2022/01/022 That Council receives the report.

Carried

7/0

3.7 DISTRICT MANAGER – ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

3.7.1 Information Report

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

Resolution: 2022/01/023 **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.7.2 Muttaborra Men’s Shed

Summary: Correspondence has been received from the Muttaborra Men’s Shed members regarding Council’s resolution at the December meeting to sell the Muttaborra Men’s Shed building.

Resolution: 2022/01/024 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 254J (3) (g) of the Local Government regulation 2012, as negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government.

Carried
7/0

The meeting was closed at 2.13pm and reopened at 2.21pm.

Resolution: 2022/01/025 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
That Council reopens the meeting.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2022/01/026 **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
That Council receives the correspondence and continues to consult with the committee on alternative venues for use by the Muttaborra Men’s Shed.

Carried
7/0

3.8 DISTRICT MANAGER – BARCALDINE

3.8.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Barcaldine, submitting to Council the monthly information report.

Resolution: 2022/01/027 **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.8.2 Barcaldine Rec Park Hire Fee

Summary: *From the District Manager – Barcaldine, requesting a Council resolution for hire fee for the Barcaldine Rec Park.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Hansen** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2022/01/028 **That Council adopts a fee of \$143-00 per day, with conditions as per the schedule of Fees and Charges 2021-2022, for hire of the canteen facility at the Barcaldine Rec Park with separate access arrangements to be determined by the Acting Chief Executive Officer prior to 30 June 2022.**

Carried
7/0

3.9 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

3.9.1 Information Report

Summary: *From the Community Engagement Coordinator, submitting the monthly Information Report.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2022/01/029 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.9.2 Opera Queensland – The Sopranos

Summary: *From the Community Engagement Coordinator, submitting a proposal to host the Opera Queensland performance of The Sopranos.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2022/01/030 **That Council agrees to host the Opera Queensland tour of The Sopranos in Barcaldine in May 2022 at a cost of \$8,000 plus in-kind support and charges a ticket price of \$20 for adults and \$10 per child.**

Carried
7/0

Councillor Peoples declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 2.46pm.

3.9.3 Queensland Country Racing Awards – Sponsorship

Summary: *From the Community Engagement Coordinator, submitting a sponsorship request from the Queensland Country Racing Awards.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2022/01/031 **That Council agrees to sponsor the Queensland Country Racing Awards on Saturday 5 February 2022 for \$1,500.**

Carried
 5/1

*Councillors Arthur, Dillon, Hansen, Plumb and Rogers voted for the motion
 Councillor Gleeson voted against the motion*

Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting at 2.53pm.

3.10 NOTIFIED MOTIONS

3.10.1 Barcaldine Water Sports Association

Summary: From Councillor Rogers, seeking verification of the relationship between the Barcaldine Regional Council and the Barcaldine Water Sports and Recreation Club Incorporated, for the purpose of funding applications.

Motion: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2022/01/032 **That Council confirms that the Barcaldine Water Sports and Recreation Club Incorporated was established to provide water sport activities at the Barcaldine Rec Park which is owned by Barcaldine Regional Council and that the Club has been instrumental in planning initiatives for the facility and conducting activities at the facility.**

Carried
 7/0

4. Questions on Notice

4.1.1 Questions on Notice – Responses December Meeting

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2022/01/033 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
 7/0

4.2 Questions on Notice – January Meeting – Nil

5. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.08pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: -----

DATED: 18 January 2022
