

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2020
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

S Boxall (Chief Executive Officer), B Walsh (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), D Howard (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho), P Coulton (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra),
J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), R Rolfe (Chief Engineer), J Lipsett (Minute Secretary)
and H Winter (Executive Support Coordinator).

PRAYER – Cr Arthur read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES –

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of the late Colin Whitfield former resident of Barcaldine and Muttaborra, Anthony Craft resident of Aramac, Elizabeth (Liz) Ferguson of Barcaldine, Lesley Brook Nee Boland formerly of Aramac, Ken Myers formerly of Aramac and Karen Halls formerly of Alpha.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

Material Personal Interest on any items of Business

Cr Peoples for Item 3.4.4 – “I declare that I have a material personal interest (as defined by the Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in the 2020 Project Progress Report as I stand to gain a benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter. I stand to gain a benefit or suffer a loss because I am a business owner which has supplied goods or will potentially supply goods to projects mentioned in the report. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.”

Cr Peoples for Item 3.6.1 – “I declare that I have a material personal interest (as defined by the Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in the Works Report as I stand to gain a benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter. I stand to gain a benefit or suffer a loss because I am a business owner which has supplied goods or may potentially supply goods to projects mentioned in the report. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.”

Cr Peoples for Item 3.8.1 – “I declare that I have a material personal interest (as defined by the Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in the District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra Information Report as I stand to gain a benefit depending on the outcome of Council's

consideration of this matter. I stand to gain a benefit or suffer a loss because I am a business owner which has supplied goods or may potentially supply goods to projects mentioned in the report. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.”

Conflict of Interest on any items of Business –

Cr Plumb for Item 3.3.5 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Special Holidays 2021 Report (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) as I am a member of the Westech Committee. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council’s area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

However, I acknowledge that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 whether I have a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and if so, whether: –

- i. I must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
- ii. I may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.”

Resolution: 2020/07/274 Moved Cr Dillon Seconded Cr Peoples
That Councillor Plumb does have a perceived conflict of interest in this matter but may participate in the meeting while this matter is discussed, including by voting on the matter.

Carried
6/0

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: 2020/07/275 Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Gleeson
That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on the 24 June 2020 be received.

Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2020/07/276 Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on the 24 June 2020 be confirmed.

Carried
7/0

2. PETITIONS – Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

3.1.1 Debt Recovery

Summary: From the District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra tabling a list of bad debts to be written off.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2020/07/277 **That Council agrees to write off the bad debts totalling \$1,436.36 as per the attached list and records be retained.**

Carried
7/0

3.2 MAYOR

3.2.1 Mayor's Information Report – July 2020

Summary: From the Mayor tabling his information report to Council for June to July 2020.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2020/07/278 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.3.1 Chief Executive Officer's Information Report – July 2020

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling his information report to Council for July 2020.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2020/07/279 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.2 Councillor Information Bulletin

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a list of items sent to Councillors in the Councillor Information Bulletin up to and including 22 July 2020.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2020/07/280 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.3 Community Care Services Report

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2020/07/281 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.4 Economic Development Report – July 2020

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2020/07/282 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.5 Special Holidays 2021

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling correspondence from the Industrial Relations Policy and Regulation Office of Industrial Relations calling for applications for Special Holidays for 2021.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2020/07/283 **That Council defers this matter to the August 2020 General Meeting following further community consultation.**

Carried
7/0

3.3.6 Burdekin and Haughton Flood Resilience Strategy

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling the 30 June 2020 Project Update for the Burdekin and Haughton Flood Resilience Strategy.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
2020/07/284 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.4 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.4.1 Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Information Report – July 2020

Summary: From the Deputy Chief Executive Officer presenting the information report for July 2020.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2020/07/285 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.4.2 Planning and Development Report

Summary: From the Deputy Chief Executive Officer tabling the planning and development report for the period ending 15 July 2020.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2020/07/286 **That Council receives the Planning and Development Report.**

Carried
7/0

3.4.3 Workplace Health and Safety Report

Summary: From the Deputy Chief Executive Officer presenting a report on Council's Workplace Health and Safety for July 2020.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
2020/07/287 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

Cr Peoples declared an interest in the following report and left the meeting at 9.34am.

3.4.4 2020 Project Progress Report

Summary: From the Deputy Chief Executive Officer reporting on the progress of the capital and special operating projects included in the 2020 budget.

3.5.1 Financial Report

Summary: The financial report for the period ending 30 June 2020 is presented to Council.

Resolution: 2020/07/292 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Rogers**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

Council adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.08am.

Council returned from Morning Tea at 10.21am.

Council received a deputation from Allan Smith from Outback Aussie Tours, regarding a new tourism proposal at 10.21am. Allan Smith from Outback Aussie Tours left the meeting at 11.03am, at the conclusion of the Deputation.

Cr Peoples declared an interest in the following report and left the meeting at 11.08am.

3.6 Chief Engineer Report

3.6.1 Works Report Period – June 2020

Summary: From the Chief Engineer presenting the status of the scopes of work assigned to Infrastructure Services for period ending 30 June 2020.

Resolution: 2020/07/293 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
6/0

Cr Peoples returned to the meeting at 11.10am.

3.6.2 Updated Draft Road Register

Summary: From the Chief Engineer tabling the updated draft road register.

Resolution: 2020/07/294 **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.7 DISTRICT MANAGER – ALPHA AND JERICHO

3.7.1 Information Report

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

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples **Seconded Cr Rogers**
2020/07/295 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

Cr Peoples declared an interest in the following report and left the meeting at 11.43am

3.8 DISTRICT MANAGER – ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

3.8.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra submitting the Information Report for July.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb **Seconded Cr Hansen**
2020/07/296 That Council receives the report.

Carried
6/0

Cr Peoples returned to the meeting at 11.49am.

Cr Peoples declared an interest in the following matter as described under Section 175B due to a late MPI and left the meeting at 11.51am.

3.9 DISTRICT MANAGER – BARCALDINE

3.9.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Barcaldine submitting the Information Report for July.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2020/07/297 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

Cr Peoples returned to the meeting at 11.56am.

3.9.2 Barcaldine Saleyards Management

Summary: From the District Manager – Barcaldine tabling a report for the contract for management of the Barcaldine Saleyards which is due to expire on 4 September 2020.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples
2020/07/298 That Council calls for expressions of interest for management of Barcaldine Saleyards for a term of two years with the option for an extension for a further two year period.

Seconded Cr Plumb

Carried
7/0

3.9.3 Lease of former Barcaldine Information Centre

Summary: From the District Manager – Barcaldine tabling an updated report regarding the expressions of interests to lease the former Barcaldine Information Centre building.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb
2020/07/299 That Council endorses the decision of the Chief Executive Officer to grant a lease of a building, formerly Barcaldine Information Centre, to Kay Garland and Annalise Maraz for the establishment of a hairdressing business.

Seconded Cr Peoples

Carried
7/0

3.9.4 Barcaldine Swimming Pool Operation

Summary: From the District Manager – Barcaldine tabling a report regarding the Barcaldine Swimming Pool operations for the 2020–2021 season.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples
2020/07/300 That Council operates the Barcaldine Swimming Pool for the 2020–21 season and engages casual employees from September 2020 to April 2021 for the current standard operating hours.

Seconded Cr Hansen

Carried
7/0

Mayoral Minute

Summary: From the Mayor tabling a request from the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee regarding the submission of Red Ridge's funding application.

Resolution: Moved Cr Dillon
2020/07/301 That Council delegates the decision regarding an application from Red Ridge to the RADF Committee without the need for further Council approval.

Seconded Cr Peoples

Carried
7/0

3.11 NOTIFIED MOTIONS – NIL

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.20pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: -----

DATED: AUGUST 2020
