



MINUTES

of the

General Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Friday 21st August 2015

Commencing at 9:00am

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MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

ATT1 ATTENDANCE

Cr DS Stewart (Mayor), Crs RW Marsh (Deputy Mayor), RD Avery, FM Gaske, J Kellock, RI Paul and RIS Winks

Mr Peter O'May (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Andrew McKenzie (Director Corporate & Financial Services), Mr Kevin Searle (Director Infrastructure Services), Ms Angela Jones (Director Community & Environmental Services) and Mrs Kathy Elliott (Executive Assistant)

CLP1 COUNCIL PRAYER

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9:00am and led the Council in the Opening Prayer.

LOA1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

COM1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 17th July, 2015 be confirmed.

CARRIED

COM2 CONFIRMATION OF BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the Minutes of the 2015-2016 Budget Meeting held on 24 July, 2015, be confirmed.

CARRIED

BAM1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Jeff Moon addressed the Council on issues he is unhappy with including the levee bank on his property where he is unable to access the rear of his block. Mr Moon made an accusation that sewage effluent was leaking from the St George Treatment Plant onto the adjoining property and road.

DEPUTATIONS

Mr Anthony Holzart (Department of State Development), Ms Angela Jones, (Director Community & Environmental Services), Mrs Bec Lomman (Business Development Officer) and Ms Julia Telford (Project Lead, Murray-Darling Basin (MDB) Mentoring Project), entered the Meeting at 9:31am and Ms Telford spoke to the Meeting about the Mentoring for Health Program through the Murray Darling Economic Development Project.

The Party retired from the Meeting at 9:49am.

RUSSELL MORRISON - TOX FREE

Mr Morrison addressed the meeting on waste recycling in the Shire

- Swanbank at Ipswich accept waste tyres.
- An option is to have a tyre chipper come to Shire to chip tyres and then truck waste to Swanbank - Expensive option.
- Transport costs generally prohibitive for tyre recycling

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Avery seconded that Council obtains costs associated with the chipping and recycling of tyres.

CARRIED

Mr Morrison and others retired from the Meeting at 10:16am.

The Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea, the time being 10:17am, and resumed at 10:41am and the Mayor introduced Mr Alasdair Young from the Balonne Beacon.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors delivered their verbal reports on activities within their portfolios during the preceding month.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Avery seconded that the Reports be confirmed.

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON QDOG

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council advise the Queensland Dog Offensive Group (QDOG) that Council wishes to nominate Cr Rod Avery to the QDOG Committee.

CARRIED

WORK COMMITTEE

Ms Angela Jones (Director Community & Environmental Services) entered the Meeting at 11:52am.

Mr Michael Hetherington (Chair, WORK Committee) addressed the Meeting at 11:52am and informed the Council of administrative issues in relation to the WORK Camps in Balonne Shire.

Mr Hetherington and Ms Angela Jones (Director Community & Environmental Services) retired from the Meeting at 12:42pm, and Mr Andrew McKenzie (Director Corporate & Financial Services) entered the Meeting at this time.

(CFS) CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES

CFS1

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 JULY 2015

(07.08.15) Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 July 2015.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That the monthly Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 July 2015, as tabled, be received and noted.

CARRIED

CFS2

COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR GRANT AND FEE WAIVER - ST GEORGE FISHING AND

RESTOCKING CLUB INC.

(11.08.15) St George Fishing and Restocking Club have requested a waiver of hire fees for St George Showgrounds. The Club have also asked for a donation towards purchasing fingerlings to restock Balonne River Catchment.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council supply a full waiver of the hire fees for hire of the St George Showgrounds and that additional donation of \$250.00 is donated towards purchasing of fingerlings.

CARRIED

CFS3

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL - SEEKING SPONSORSHIP FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING.

(11.08.15) St Joseph's School Parents & Friends Association has written to Council requesting sponsorship to aid in their fundraising for the School.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council provides silver sponsorship (\$300.00) to St Joseph's School. Mungindi to aid in their fundraising for the School.

CARRIED

CFS4

COMMUNITY RATES SUPPORT PROGRAM 2015/2016

(11.08.15) Community Rates Support Program 2015/2016

Cr Avery moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That in accordance with Section 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grant the rate rebates as per the guidelines of the Community Rates Support Program.

Organisation	Address	Rates / Services	Gross Rates	Net with discount	Rebate 1/2 year	Rebate full year
RSL of Aust Dirranbandi Sub Branch	44-46 Cowildi St, Dirranbandi	Water	\$ 396.88	\$ 357.19	\$ -	\$ -
		Sewerage	\$ 889.90	\$ 800.91	50% - \$200.23	\$ 400.46
		Garbage	\$ 656.60	\$ 590.94	50% - \$147.74	\$ 295.47
		Emgcy Levy	\$ 96.40	\$ 96.40	\$ -	\$ -
		Totals	\$ 2,039.78	\$ 1,845.44	\$347.97	\$ 695.93

CARRIED

CFS5

REQUEST TO WAIVE HIRE FEES FOR COMMUNITY HALLS

(11.08.15) Mr Ruchir Sodhani, Rural Mobile Counsellor, Lifeline, has requested Council to waive the hire fees for weekly visits to the Shire's townships (excl. St George).

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council agree to waive the Civic Centre / Hall hire fees for the Lifeline's Rural Mobile Counsellors visits to the Shire's townships, provided that the Rural Mobile Counsellor maintains a booking one month in advance of each visit.

CARRIED

CFS98

MONTHLY REPORT

(11.08.15) The Director of Corporate and Financial Services Report for the Month of July is presented for Council's consideration.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

CFS99

GENERAL - CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES

BOLLON BNA

Cr Winks tabled correspondence from the Bollon Health Clinic Advisory Committee.

Cr Gaske declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in accordance with Section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, in discussions concerning the Bollon Health Clinic as a Member of the Hospital & Health Board and refrained from discussions on this matter, the time being 1:05pm.

The Meeting adjourned for Lunch, the time being 1:30pm, and resumed at 2:13pm with Mr Kevin Searle (Director of Infrastructure Services) and Mr Andrew McKenzie (Director Corporate & Financial Services) in attendance.

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

LEAKING SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS

Complaint received from Mr Jeff Moon concerning leaking sewerage from the St George Sewerage Treatment Works

The Meeting requested the Director of Infrastructure Services to inspect the area this afternoon and take remedial action immediately, should the complaint be found to be valid.

RAMP OVER LEVEE

Complaint received from Mr Jeff Moon concerning the erection of a ramp over the Levee Bank situated in the rear yards of Mr Moon and Mrs Bev Codrington.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Council to go into a closed meeting in accordance with Section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to discuss outstanding matters in relation to the flood mitigation levee bank construction, the time being 2:32pm.

CARRIED

Cr Gaske declared a Material Personal Interest in discussions involving the flood mitigation levee and easement documents in accordance with Section 172 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, as she is the owner of a property that has a section of the block wall flood mitigation levee on its boundary which is subject to an easement retired from the Meeting at 12:32pm.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council move out of the closed meeting and that the Standing Orders be resumed the time being 3:04pm

CARRIED

Cr Fiona Gaske and Mr Alasdair Young entered the Meeting 3:04pm

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council provide written confirmation of Council's Engineer's discussions with Mr Moon and Mrs Codrington regarding design and costings for cross levee ramps and that the parties be requested to advise the level of contribution they are prepared to contribute.

CARRIED

IFS1 **EXTENSION OF EUMERELLA SOUTH ROAD**

(11.08.15) From the Director of Infrastructure Services reporting on the proposed extension of Eumerella South Road.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council extend Eumerella South Road to finish at the "Eumerella South" property boundary.

CARRIED

IFS2 **BSC 14/15 - T36 - DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS VEHICLE**

(07.08.15) Council Officers advertised the tender for the disposal of a surplus Council vehicle and is recommended that Council accepts the submission from John Bradley.

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That Council accepts the tender submission from John Bradley for the purchase of the Toyota Hilux 4x4 extra cab (222-JRE) for \$7,000 (incl GST) as per the tender documents.

CARRIED

IFS3 **ST GEORGE RSL SUB-BRANCH - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A MEMORIAL WALL**

(07.08.15) The St George RSL Sub-Branch has provided further details for the Memorial Wall adjacent to the Cenotaph as requested at the June 2015 General Council meeting and it is now recommended that Council approve the project.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That:

1. Council approves the erection of a Memorial Wall on the southern side of the Airman's Memorial as shown on the diagram contained in the letter from the RSL Sub-Branch (attachment 2a, D15/6783); and
2. The St George RSL Sub-Branch acknowledges it retains ownership of the memorial and accepts responsibility for any on-going maintenance and operational costs associated with the Memorial Wall;
3. That appropriate public liability insurance be maintained over the Memorial Wall.

CARRIED

IFS98 **MONTHLY REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT**

(12.08.15) From the Director of Infrastructure Services reporting for the month of July.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Winks seconded

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

IFS99

GENERAL - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

HERBERT STREET

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council construct a fence across both ends of Herbert Street with provision to be made off the Alfred Street end for access for Moon's vehicles.

CARRIED

BOLLON AIRPORT LIGHTING

Cr Winks moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council make application under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program to provide runway lights to the Bollon Airstrip.

CARRIED

BUCKINBAH BRIDGE

Cr Avery moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That an appropriate "Private Property" advisory sign be erected prior to the bridge at "Buckinbah".

CARRIED

(GEN) GENERAL

GEN1

119TH LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(12.08.15) The 119th LGAQ Annual Conference is being held at the Empire Theatre, Toowoomba from the 19th – 21st October 2015.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and all available Councillors with the exception of Crs Paul and Winks attend the 119th LGAQ Annual Conference 2015 from 19th – 21st October 2015 at the Empire Theatre, Toowoomba.

CARRIED

GEN2

ALGA NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS & TRANSPORT CONGRESS

(12.08.15) The 2015 National Local Roads and Transport Congress is being held in Ballarat, Victoria from 17th – 19th November 2015.

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Councillors Winks and Paul attend the 2015 National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Ballarat, Victoria from 17th – 19th November 2015.

CARRIED

Mr John Randall (Investment Attractions Officer) entered the Meeting at 4:10pm.

GEN3

MONTHLY REPORT INVESTMENT ATTRACTIONS OFFICER AUGUST 2015

(12.08.15) Monthly Report Investment Attractions Officer July 2015.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

Mr John Randall retired from the Meeting at 4:21pm.

GEN4

MONTHLY REPORT

(17.08.15) Report of the Communications Officer for the month of July 2015

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

GEN5

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

BUILDING OUR REGIONS FUND (REMOTE COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE FUND)

Cr Winks moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council endorse submission of the following funding applications under the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Programme:

1. St George CBD streetscaping stage 2 (Grey Street).
2. St George swimming pool facility upgrade.

CARRIED

REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAM (RAU)

Cr Winks moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That council endorse submissions of the following funding applications under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program:

- Sub surface drainage installation at St George Airport
- Reseal the GA apron at St George Airport
- Repaint all lines / replace runway lights at St George Airport
- Install lighting at Bollon Airport

CARRIED

BUILDING OUR REGIONS FUND (REMOTE COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE FUND)

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council endorses submission of the following funding applications under the Building our Regions Fund (Remote Communities Infrastructure Fund)

- St George effluent reuse scheme

- St George airstrip upgrades.

CARRIED

GET PLAYING PLUS

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the Council endorse submission of the following funding applications under the Get Playing Plus Program:

- Dirranbandi Sports Oval Facilities

CARRIED

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FUND PROGRAM

Cr Winks moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council endorse submission of the following funding applications under the Community Resilience Fund Program:

- Bollon Levee Western Road Crossing.

CARRIED

DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Cr Paul moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council endorse submission of the following funding applications under the Drought Communities Programme:

1. Kerb and Channel upgrade (Marie Street, St George)
2. Kerb and Channel upgrade (Alfred Street, St George)
3. Kerb and Channel (Kirby Street, Dirranbandi)
4. Kerb and Channel and footpath upgrade (Booligar Street and Francis Street, Thallon)
5. St George CBD streetscaping stage 2 (Grey St)
6. St George CBD streetscaping stage 3 (Grey St)
7. St George Cultural Centre roof replacement
8. Upgrade of St George showground horse stables

CARRIED

(RLP) RURAL SERVICES

RLP98

MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2015

(17.08.15) Rural Services July 2015 Monthly Report

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

RLP99

GENERAL - RURAL SERVICES

MEETING DATE WILD DOG MEETING

Meeting Date – Wild Dog Meeting – A public Meeting be scheduled for Wednesday 16th September, 2015, at the St George RSL at 1:30pm.

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Ms Angela Jones and Ms Andrea Marian (Planning & Development Officer) entered the Meeting at 4:52pm and the Mayor welcomed Ms Marian to the Council.

CES2

YELLOWBELLY COUNTRY MUSIC & POETS FESTIVAL 2015

(11.08.15) The Yellowbelly Country Music & Poets Festival (YCMPF) is an annual event which this year has left an estimated \$149,034 of economic benefits in the town. This figure is based on just the patrons of YCMPF who stayed at the showgrounds which equated to 2,124 nights stay in St George. The average patron to YCMPF stayed approximately 6 nights.**

Cr Avery moved and Cr Paul seconded:

1. That Council accepts this report
2. That Council continues the two tiered showground camping fee structure for the 2016 Yellowbelly Country Music & Poets Festival of \$15.00/per powered site and \$12.00/per non-powered site.

CARRIED

CES3

WORK CAMP COMMITTEE

(11.08.15) This report seeks guidance regarding the future operation of the Work Camp Committee.

CES4

ADOPTION OF MAJOR AMENDMENT TO PLANNING SCHEME

(11.08.15) This report seeks Council's approval to adopt the Major Amendment to the Planning Scheme and to formally incorporate the provisions into the Balonne Shire Planning Scheme.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That:

1. Council notes the approval to adopt the proposed Major Amendment provided by the Planning Minister provided at **Attachment 1**.
2. Council adopts the proposed Major Amendment 01/14 – St George and Bollon Flood Regulation as drafted in **Attachment 2** in accordance with the process requirements of *Statutory Guideline 01/14 – Making and amending a local planning instrument*.
3. Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the administrative actions required to enact the Major Amendment as adopted.

CARRIED

CES5

KYENA SUBDIVISION REALIGNMENT

(11.08.15) This report seeks Council's approval to alter the boundary alignment of the approved subdivision of Kyena.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That Council approves the revised plan for RL 83 at "Kyena" on Lot 4 on BLM 1208 and issue a new decision notice to that effect while retaining the existing conditions.

CARRIED

CES6

DIRRANBANDI RIVER AND RAIL

(12.08.15) This report seeks guidance on future governance arrangements for the Dirranbandi Rail and River Precinct and possible assistance to the Rail and River committee with the relocation of railway buildings to the precinct.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That a small committee comprising Cr Gaske, Cr Kellock and Cr Winks and Mayor meet with various representatives of Dirranbandi to discuss the future management and operation of the Dirranbandi Rail & River Precinct area and buildings..

CARRIED

CES98

MONTHLY REPORT

(11.08.15) The Director of Community & Environmental Services Report for the Month of July is presented for Council's consideration.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

Ms Angela Jones and Ms Andrea Marian retired from the Meeting at 5:42pm.

BETTERING BALONNE

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council provide \$1,000.00 sponsorship towards Bettering Balonne to obtain the services of a Human Resources consultant.

CARRIED

BETTERING BALONNE

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council cover the cost of a Shire wide letter drop on behalf of Bettering Balonne.

CARRIED

CES99

GENERAL - COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Nil

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 5:46pm.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 18 September 2015.

MAYOR