



MINUTES

of the

General Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Friday 20th November 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, RIS Winks (Teleconference), Mr AJ McKenzie (Chief Executive Officer), Mr K Searle (Director Infrastructure Services), and Mrs KM 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 - TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to s276 of the Local Government Regulation, Cr Winks was allowed to teleconference in the Meeting.

PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Kellock declared a perceived conflict of interest in CFS4 of the October 2015 Meeting of the Council as described on Page 4 of those Minutes in that she is an employee of the rental agency managing one of the properties, Cr Kellock vacated the Chambers the time being 9:06am. The resolution was reput.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That in accordance with s140 (2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council resolve to sell the properties listed below for overdue rates and charges.

Assessment	RPD	Property Address
00219-00000-000	Lot 27 Crown Plan D30626, Parish Currawildi, County Belmore	18 Moore Street, Dirranbandi Qld 4486
00226-00000-000	Lot 1 Registered Plan 46582, Parish Currawildi, County Belmore	44 Moore Street, Dirranbandi Qld 4486
00435-20000-000	Lot 206 Crown Plan D3062, Parish Currawildi, County Belmore	52-58 Charles Street, Dirranbandi Qld 4486
00717-10000-000	Lot 11 Registered Plan 224594, Parish St George, County Belmore	102A Victoria Street, St George Qld 4487
01100-00000-000	Lot 16 Registered Plan 98584, Parish St George, County Belmore	13 Grey Street, St George Qld 4487
01575-00000-000	Lot 3 Crown Plan T6061, Parish Bullamon, County Belmore	33-49 Hill Street, Thallon Qld 4497

CARRIED

Cr Kellock returned to the meeting at 9:12am.

COM1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 16 October, 2015 as amended and Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 4 November, 2015, be confirmed

.CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**SWRED**

Cr Marsh enquired of the outcome of the inquiry of the SWRED strategic plan and the Mayor responded accordingly and noted that the matter will be discussed at a Meeting of SWRED in Quilpie on 1st December 2015. Both Cr Stewart and Cr Avery will be attending.

NINDIGULLY HONESTY BOX**MOTION**

Cr Gaske sought an update on the Honesty Box for Nindigully.

DIRRANANDI TRUCK STOP

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council write a letter to the Department of Transport and Main Roads expressing Council's disappointment in not considering the community's wish for an ablution block at the Dirranbandi Truck Stop.

CARRIED

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Ian Hannah addressed the Meeting on behalf of a group of some 19 members of the public including the media, in attendance at the Meeting and presented Council with a Petition requesting the withdrawal of the letter of reprimand given to Cr RI Paul.

RECEIPT OF PETITION

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this Petition and it be noted that the Mayor has offered to discuss matters raised in the Petition with the various signatories with the approval of Cr Paul.

CARRIED

Members of the Public were given further opportunity to address Council about matters of concern with a number of participants taking advantage of the opportunity.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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

A member of the public gallery interrupted the Meeting in relation to a matter previously addressed by Council in the Public Participation session.

SPEED LIMIT ST GEORGE SURAT ROAD

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council write a letter to the Department of Transport and Main Roads strongly objecting to the reduction of the 110km/hour speed limit on the Carnarvon Highway (St George-Surat Road) and further request that the Department rectify the road defects underlying the proposal to reduce the speed limit.

CARRIED

DEPUTATION

The Meeting adjourned to allow Ms Esme Cairns, Gateway to Learning, Goondiwindi, to address the Meeting, the time being 10:29am. Ms Cairns was accompanied by Ms Lisa Bleyerveld HR Officer.

Ms Cairns advised of various funding opportunities available for different employment avenues.

Ms Cairns and Ms Bleyerveld retired from the Meeting at 10:55am when the Council adjourned for Morning Tea.

The Meeting resumed at 11:16am with the resumption of Councillors' Reports.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS CONT'D

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

RURAL ADDRESSING

Cr Avery moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council apply Rural Addressing to the properties "Bimbil" and "No 6" as requested by Mrs Helena McDonald.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded that the reports be received.

CARRIED

(CFS) CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES

CFS3

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

(04.11.15) Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 October 2015.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

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

CARRIED

CFS4

VALUER GENERAL SHIRE VALUATION

(10.11.15) Mr Neil Bray, Valuer-General for the Department of Natural Resources and Mines has advised Council that a valuation of all land in the Balonne Shire will not be undertaken in 2016.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council receive the letter and note the contents therein.

CARRIED

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council forward a copy of the Valuer-General's correspondence to Messrs WD Knights and R Jakins and Ms L Hill.

CARRIED

CFS5 **TERMS OF REFERENCE - BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL SOUTH WEST INDIGENOUS CULTURAL PRECINCT PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

(10.11.15) Draft Terms of Reference have been prepared for the Balonne Shire Council South West Indigenous Cultural Precinct Project Advisory Committee

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council adopt the attached Terms of Reference for the Balonne Shire Council South West Indigenous Cultural Precinct Project Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

CFS6 **GRANT OF EASEMENT (ELECTRICITY SUPPLY) OVER L61 B2194**

(08.11.15) Grant of Easement for Electricity Supply Purposes over L61 B2194 (R118 Belmore).

Cr Winks moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That Council consent to the grant of easement sought by Ergon Energy and delegate authority to the Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Officer to sign the relevant Land Title Registry forms for the easement to be registered.

CARRIED

CFS7 **N & K GRAY - FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS, BOLLON**

(10.11.15) Nathan and Karen Gray are seeking Council's approval to use Council's offer for flood mitigation funding to offset building works on Lot 13 Cardiff Road, Bollon

Cr Winks moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council invite Mr & Mrs Gray to Council's next Meeting to discuss their proposal on flood mitigation in detail.

CARRIED

Cr Gaske retired temporarily from the meeting at 12:43pm.

CFS8 **COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER - ST GEORGE CULTURAL CENTRE**

(09.11.15) Balonne Ballet Association has requested the hire fee of St George Cultural Centre be waived for their annual concert held in December.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council give a donation equal to the hire fees to the Association under the Community Drought Support Package 2015/16.

CARRIED

Cr Gaske returned to the meeting at 12:47pm.

ST GEORGE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC - APPLICATION TO WAIVE POOL HIRE FEES 2015-2016

(09.11.15) St George Amateur Swimming Club Inc is requesting the waiver of the pool fees for 2015-2016 season. Waiving of fees will help make membership more affordable for families to keep their

children in sport and recreational activities due to drought within our region. Fees have been waived in previous years to assist the Club in reducing costs.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council donate an amount equal to the hire fees which would have been paid by the St George Amateur Swimming Club for the 2015/16 Swimming Club Season under the Community Drought Support Package 2015/16.

CARRIED

Cr Winks retired from the meeting at 12:57pm.

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:57pm.

Council resumed the Meeting at 1:35pm.

CFS10

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DROUGHT SUPPORT PACKAGE 2015-2016

(10.11.15) A successful application has been made to the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services under the Community Drought Support Package 2015-2016.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council: -

1. Allocate \$2,000 to each Christmas Tree organising committee in Hebel, Bollon, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Boolba, Mungindi and Nindigully and a further \$2,000 to the St George Christmas Carnival and Carol by Candle lights events;
2. Write invite the following organisation to nominate a project or event for Council's consideration to fund under the Community Drought Support Package: -
 - a. Each school and kindergarten within the Shire;
 - b. Isolated Children and Parents Association (ICPA)
 - c. The Progress Association in the Shire's smaller towns and the St George Chamber of Commerce.

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 and retired from the Meeting at 1:36pm.

CLOSED SESSION

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That pursuant to S275 (i)(L) Council close the Meeting to the public, the time being 1:36pm

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

Cr Avery moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council resume an open Meeting, the time being 2:11pm

CARRIED

Cr Gaske returned to the Meeting at 2:11pm

CFS11

REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION - DAMAGE TO MOWER

(12.11.15) Request for Compensation – Damage to mower while mowing levee bank

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council denies liability for the damage of Mr Campbell & Ms Codrington's mower, and advise them accordingly.

CARRIED

CFS12

BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL SOUTH WEST INDIGENOUS CULTURAL PRECINCT

(12.11.15) Engagement of Architectural Consultants

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council accept the quotation for architectural services submitted by Fisher Buttrose for the design of the proposed Harmony Centre.

CARRIED

Mr Kevin Searle (Director Infrastructure Services) and Mr Michael Shellshear (Project Engineer – Water & Sewerage) entered the Meeting at 2:45pm.

CFS13

PROPOSED EASEMENT AT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IN FAVOUR OF MOONROCKS FARM

(19.11.15) Proposed Easement at Sewage Treatment Plant in favour of Moonrocks Farm

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That:

1. Pursuant to section 236 (1)(c)(iv), Council resolves to dispose of an interest in land (easement) to the registered owners of Lot 2 RP 55376 (the adjoining property) on the basis that: -
 - a. The land to be disposed of under the proposed easement is not suitable for disposal under tender or auction given the configuration of the land to be disposed of and the fact that farming infrastructure has been constructed on the land proposed to be transferred under easement;
 - b. There is no other adjoining land owner;
 - c. It is in the public interest to dispose of the interest in land (easement); and
 - d. The disposal of the interest of land is in accordance with sound contracting principles.
2. Council advise the registered owners of the adjoining property that Council will arrange for the preparation of the necessary legal documents and survey plan to effect the easement, but the costs are to be met by them on the basis that they are to benefit from the easement.

CARRIED

CFS98

MONTHLY REPORT

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

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this report and note the contents therein.

CARRIED

CFS99 **GENERAL - CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES**
Nil

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IFS2 **ST GEORGE LANDFILL - PROTERRA CONTRACT**

(17.11.15) From the Director Infrastructure Services reporting on the St George Landfill Operations Contract with Proterra.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council exercises the option to extend the St George Landfill Operations contract with Proterra by a further two years, from 1st December 2015.

CARRIED

IFS3 **ST GEORGE WATER RESTRICTION POLICY REVIEW**

(11.11.15) This report has been prepared to update the St George Water Restriction Policy to reflect changes made to state government legislation and to identify improved methods of setting water restriction levels. This report is a supplementary report to that presented to the General Meeting of Council on the 22 October 2015.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council:

1. Receives this report; and
2. Adopts the amendments to the St George Water Restriction Policy.

CARRIED

Mr Michael Shellshear retired from the Meeting at 3:17pm.

IFS98 **MONTHLY REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT**

(10.11.15) From the Director Infrastructure Services reporting for the month of October.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

AVIATION FUEL ST GEORGE AIRPORT

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council call for expressions of interest to supply aviation fuel at the St George Airport, operated on a card system.

CARRIED

Mr John Randall (Investment Attractions Officer) entered the Meeting at 3:40pm.

Ms Dana Gluzde (Communications Officer) entered the Meeting at 3:43pm.

IFS99 **GENERAL - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

PARKS & GARDENS CTTEE MEETING MINUTES

CR GASKE MOVED AND CR KELLOCK SECONDED:

THAT COUNCIL UTILISE THE GET READY FUNDING OF \$10,000.00 APPROVED FOR 2015/2016, FOR THE STAINLESS STEEL TWIST OPTION FLOOD POLE
CARRIED

BUDGET PROPOSALS

CR GASKE MOVED AND CR KELLOCK SECONDED:

THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE \$15,000.00 IN THE DECEMBER BUDGET REVIEW FOR A CARPARK ALONG THE RIVER FORESHORE NEAR MURCHISON STREET, ST GEORGE.

CARRIED

BMX CLUBHOUSE DIRRANBANDI

CR KELLOCK MOVED AND CR GASKE SECONDED:

THAT COUNCIL REMOVES THE BMX CLUBHOUSE AT DIRRANBANDI.

CARRIED

MR KEVIN SEARLE RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 4:05PM.

GEN) GENERAL

GEN4 MONTHLY REPORT INVESTMENT ATTRACTIONS OFFICER OCTOBER 2015

(09.11.15) Monthly Report Investment Attraction Officer October 2015.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

Mr John Randall retired from the Meeting at 4:14pm.

GEN5 MONTHLY REPORT

(11.11.15) Communication Officer's Monthly Report for October.

Mr Kevin Searle (Director Infrastructure Services) re-entered the Meeting at 4:22pm.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

Ms Dana Gluzde retired from the Meeting at 4:24pm.

(RLP) RURAL SERVICES

RLP98 MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2015

(03.11.15) Rural Services October 2015 Monthly Report.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

RLP99

GENERAL - RURAL SERVICES

Ms Andrea Marian (Planning & Development Officer) entered the Meeting at 4:25pm.

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES1

APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE. "WAGABY" WAGOO ROAD .ST GEORGE.

(11.11.15) Council has received an application for permanent road closure for roads surrounding "Wagaby" Station, Wagoo Road, St George. These roads currently have temporary road closure status.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council write to DNRM and the applicants advising that it has no objection to the permanent road closures, provided that the -

- roads are not surrendered
- property holding remains in the same ownership to prevent land parcels potentially becoming landlocked.

CARRIED

Ms Marian retired from the Meeting at 4:32pm.

CES2

REVIEW OF DOMESTIC WASTE CONTRACT

(11.11.15) This reports seeks Council's guidance on future waste services for the Balonne Shire area.

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council investigate the following options and costs for the following waste collection services: -

Domestic Services

1. Weekly collection of a single 240l bin (undivided – no recycling service);
2. Weekly collection of a single 240l divided bin (current recycling service);
3. Weekly collection of a single 120l domestic waste bin and a fortnightly collection of a 240l recycling bin; and
4. Weekly collection of a single 240l domestic waste bin and a fortnightly collection of a 240l recycling bin.

Industrial Services: per bin pick-up of 1, 2 and 3 cubic metre industrial bins.

CARRIED

Cr Gaske retired temporarily from the meeting at 4:40pm.

INDUSTRIAL BINS

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council obtain quotes for the following:

- How the charge would apply to the business. – As this is a rate & charges fee will this apply to the service and be rated accordingly?
- If the industrial bins are put into place, will the 240l domestic bins be totally removed and replaced with an industrial bin?
- Are all business supplied with an industrial bin or will this be an optional charge to those business who wish to have this service?
- Will these bins be allocated for St George businesses only or for the whole serviced area?

CARRIED

Cr Gaske returned to the meeting at 4:42pm.

CES3

RADF APPLICATIONS' RATIFICATION BY COUNCIL

(11.11.15) Council endorsement for RADF 2015/16 Round 1 Funding.

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That:

1. That Council accepts the report.
2. That Council approves the RADF applications as follows:

APPLICANT	PROJECT	AMOUNT APPROVED
Dirranbandi Arts Council	Basketry Workshop	\$1,700
Nia Hadenfeldt	Balonne Beats	\$2,500
St George Jockey Club	Millinery Workshop	\$2,210
Thallon Progress Association	Thallon Silo Murals "Celebrating our Community's Heritage and Identity"	\$2,500
St George Arts Council	Festival of Small Halls Summer Tour 2015	\$2,500
TOTAL Round 1		\$11,410

CARRIED

Ms Lisa Bleyerveld (HR Officer) entered the Meeting at 4:45pm.

CES98

WORK CAMP ASSET REGISTER

(12.11.15) Work Camp Asset Register

Cr Avery moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That the report be received and that a mechanic inspect to ascertain what condition the plant is in and inform the scheduled replacement of such plant

.CARRIED

CES98

MONTHLY REPORT

(09.11.15) The Community & Environmental Sustainability Report for the Month of September is presented for Council's consideration.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

CES99

GENERAL - COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That pursuant to S275 (i)(a) Council close the Meeting to the public to discuss recent HR/IR matters, the time being 5:10pm.

CARRIED

Mr Kevin Searle and Ms Lisa Bleyerveld retired from the Meeting at 5:10m

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council resume an open Meeting, the time being 5:33pm.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 5:34pm.

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

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MAYOR