



MINUTES

of the

General Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Friday 22nd January 2016

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, Mr MD Parker (Acting Chief Executive Officer) 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. Cr Stewart then welcomed Mr Michael Parker (Acting Chief Executive Officer) to the Meeting and the employ of Council.

LOA1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

COM1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Kellock seconded that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 December, be confirmed.

CARRIED

BAM1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - EASEMENT AGREEMENTS

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That due to the fact that this is the earliest opportunity, Council will conduct a review of the Easement Agreements at its Meeting today.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT EASEMENT

Resolved that a follow-up letter be sent as no response has been received to Council's original letter.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - COMPUTER SERVICE

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council advertise widely that with the closure of Morecom Computers, that there is a business opportunity in St George for a computer distribution and repair outlet in St George to cater for the Balonne Region.

CARRIED

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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

HARMONY CENTRE PROJECT

Recommendation

That Council expend no own source funds on the Harmony Centre until such time as full funding approval is provided.

BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY - METER READING GAUGES DIRRANBANDI

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That a letter be forwarded to the Bureau of Meteorology requesting that BOM Flood Reading Gauges on the Balonne River at Dirranbandi be upgraded.

CARRIED

BOLLON FLOOD METER GAUGES

Cr Winks moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council arrange with BOM to recalibrate the flood meter gauges at Bollon

CARRIED

MARANOA - FLOOD GAUGES

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council write to the Maranoa Regional Council to ascertain the status of the proposed automatic flood station on the Maranoa River at Hillsborough.

CARRIED

MT DRIVEN BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY GAUGE

Cr Paul moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council write to BOM requesting that the Mt Driven Flood Meter Gauge be inspected for any necessary maintenance work.

CARRIED

HOUSES FOR STAFF

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That a standard tenancy agreement be commenced for occupancy of all Council housing.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

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

Cr Winks moved and Cr Kellock seconded that the Councillors monthly reports, be received

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at **approximately** 10:47am and resumed at 11:17am with Mrs Karen Searle (Manager Financial Services) in attendance.

(CFS) CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES

CFS1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2015

(11.01.16) Financial Management Report for period ending 31 December 2015.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

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

CARRIED

CFS2 ST GEORGE COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR SPONSERSHIP.

(17.12.15) Council has received a letter of request from St George Cotton Growers Association for sponsorship for their annual awards reception to be held on 4 March 2106.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council provide sponsorship to St George Cotton Growers Association for a bronze sponsorship to the value of \$300.00.

CARRIED

CFS3 NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON MDBREDP PROJECT 2 REFERENCE PANEL

(24.12.15) Mr Justin Heaven, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has asked Council to nominate a representative to sit on the Reference Panel for the Murray Darling Basin Regional Economic Development Program, Project 2 (High Value Horticulture Value Chains)

Cr Avery moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Cr Fiona Gaske be appointed as Council's representative to the Murray Darling Basin Regional Economic Development Program Project 2 Reference Panel.

CARRIED

CFS4 COMMUNITY SUPPORT DROUGHT FUNDING

(12.01.16) Distribution of 2015/16 Community Support Drought Funding

Cr Winks moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council approve allocations to the following organisations:-

\$10,000.00	Bollon Shearing Association – 2 shearing events one in Bollon and one in St George.
\$20,000.00	Dirranbandi Show
\$10,000.00	St George Show
\$ 2,000.00	Dirranbandi Arts Council
\$ 1,500.00	Dirranbandi QCWA
\$ 2,000.00	Thallon Progress Association
\$ 2,000.00	St George State High School
\$ 2,000.00	St George State Primary School
\$ 2,000.00	St Patrick's School
\$ 2,000.00	Dirranbandi State School
\$ 2,000.00	Bollon State School
\$ 2,000.00	Thallon State School
\$ 2,000.00	Hebel State School
\$ 2,000.00	Balonne Kindergarten
\$ 2,000.00	Bollon Kindergarten
\$ 2,000.00	Dirranbandi Creche & Kindergarten
\$ 2,000.00	Mungindi Pre-School

CARRIED

CFS5

COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION (TO APPLY FROM 1ST JULY 2016)

(23.12.15) The Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal has released its Report setting Councillor Remuneration from 1st July 2016.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council note the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal's 2015 Report and Remuneration Schedule.

CARRIED

Cr Stewart declared that a real Conflict of Interest in this matter (as defined in Section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*), may exist due to the fact the proposed book is a biography on herself, and retired from the Meeting at 12:09pm.

Cr Marsh assumed the role of Chair of the Meeting.

CFS6

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WRITE A BIOGRAPHY ON CR DONNA STEWART

(12.01.16) Ms Gabrielle Walsh is requesting Council's financial assistance to write a biography on Cr Donna Stewart.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council advise Ms Walsh that Council is unable to contribute the requested amount of \$20,000 toward her proposed biography of Cr Donna Stewart, but would suggest Ms Walsh make enquiries of other potential funding sources as the biography was merit to the wider local government industry.

CARRIED

Cr Stewart returned to the meeting at 12:15pm and resumed the role of Chair of the Meeting.

CFS98

MONTHLY REPORT

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

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council receive this report and note the contents therein.

CARRIED

CFS99

GENERAL - CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mrs Searle (Manager Financial Services) retired from the Meeting at 12:21pm.

Mr Kevin Searle (Director Infrastructure Services) entered the Meeting at 12:23pm

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IFS1

BSC 15/16 - T07 - UPGRADE OF GREY STREET FOOTPATH, KERB & CHANNEL AND ASSOCIATED WORKS, ST GEORGE - STAGE 2

(12.01.16) From the Director of Infrastructure Services reporting on the tenders received for BSC 15/16 – T07 – Upgrade of Grey Street Footpath, Kerb & Channel and Associated Works, St George – Stage 2.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council accepts the tender submission from Ron Irwin Builders Pty Ltd for tender BSC 15/16 – T07 – Upgrade of Grey Street Footpath, Kerb and Channel, and Associated Works, St George – Stage 2, for \$172,838.40 (excluding GST) as per tender documentation.

CARRIED

IFS2

TENDER BSC15/16-Q08 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE NEW 4X4 STATION WAGON

(11.01.16) That Council accept a quotation for the supply of a new 4x4 station wagon for the Works Overseer.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council:

1. Accept the quotation from O'Brien Toyota for the supply and delivery of one new 2015 Toyota Prado GXL automatic for \$57,700 inc GST(with registration and third party insurance to be invoiced at cost) as per the quotation documents; and
2. Approve the purchase and fitting of accessories (bullbar, floor mats, two-way radio, hands-free car-kit, etc) once the vehicle has been delivered; and
3. Dispose of the existing Toyota Prado GXL (775-SOE) through a competitive tender advertised in the Balonne Beacon.

CARRIED

IFS3

QUOTATION BSC15/16-Q11 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF THREE NEW 4X4 EXTRA CAB

UTILITIES

(11.01.16) That Council accept a quotation for the supply and delivery of three new 4x4 extra cab utilities for the Dirranbandi, RMPC and Works Supervisors.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council:

1. Accept the quotation from Halpin Motors for the supply and delivery of three new 2015 Holden Colorado 4x4 extra cab utilities for \$143,359 incl GST(with registration and third party insurance to be invoiced at cost) as per the quotation documents; and
2. Dispose of the existing 4x4 Extra Cab utilities (620-VMK, 801-SOE and 176-TZJ) through a competitive tender advertised in the Balonne Beacon.

CARRIED

IFS4

QUOTATION BSC 15/16 - Q09 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO NEW 4X4 DUAL CAB UTILITIES

(12.01.16) That Council accepts a quotation for the supply and delivery of two new 4x4 dual cab utilities for two grader drivers.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council:

1. Accepts the quotation from O'Brien Toyota for the supply and delivery of two new 2016 Toyota Hilux 4x4 dual cab utilities for \$101,204.52 incl GST(with registration and third party insurance to be invoiced at cost) as per the quotation documents; and
2. Dispose of the existing Toyota Landcruiser 364-LDH and the Toyota Hilux 344-TTP through a competitive tender advertised in the Balonne Beacon.

CARRIED

IFS5

NATIONAL STRONGER REGIONS FUND APPLICATIONS

(12.01.16) From the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking Council's endorsement for projects under the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) which opens for applications on 15th January 2016. A list of applications for submission under the different funding are provided for Council's endorsement.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council endorse the priority submission of the following funding applications under the National Stronger Regions Fund Programme, St George Harmony Centre and Bollon Flood Mitigation Levee – Stage 2.

CARRIED

IFS7

TENDER BSC 15/16-T10 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE NEW WHEELED LOADER

(15.01.16) That Council accepts a tender for the supply of a new wheeled loader.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council accepts the submission for tender BSC15/16-T10 – Supply and Delivery of One New Wheeled Loader from StGeorge Machinery for a JCB – 426HT Loader for \$148,816.00 (excl GST) including weight scales and additional warranty, and trade-in value for existing loader.

CARRIED

IFS98

MONTHLY REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

(12.01.16) From the Director of Infrastructure Services reporting for the month of December.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

HENRY MCDONALD - ROAD SIGNAGE

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council install the requested Rural Road Addressing numbers at the entrances of the McDonald owned properties "Bimbil", "Kinsale", "Kajarabie" and "Springwell" at no cost to the owner as no signage was ever put in place when Rural Addressing was first introduced.

CARRIED

IFS99

GENERAL - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

SECRET PLAINS ROAD OFFER OF \$30,000

The Director of Infrastructure services advised the Meeting that Mr & Mrs Kevin Southern have offered \$30,000.00 towards the regravelling work on the Secret Plains Road and that as the cost would be approximately \$300,000.00 to carry out the regravelling of the whole road, he will report again on this matter at the next Meeting of Council, following an inspection of the road.

FUEL SYSTEM ST GEORGE AIRPORT

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF A FUEL SYSTEM AT THE ST GEORGE AIRPORT LOCATED IN A POSITION ACCESSIBLE AND CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR THE USE BY THE GENERAL AVIATION INDUSTRY..

THE MEETING ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT 1:33PM AND RESUMED AT 2:15PM.

(GEN) General

GEN1

INQUIRY INTO BARRIER FENCE IN QUEENSLAND

(12.01.16) The Queensland Parliament's Agriculture & Environment Committee has resolved to investigate and report on the management of Barrier Fences by the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF) and the Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board (DDMRB).

Cr Winks moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives the report.

CARRIED

GEN2

MONTHLY REPORT INVESTMENT ATTRACTIONS OFFICER DECEMBER 2015

(12.01.16) Monthly Report Investment Attraction Officer December 2015.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

Mr John Randall (Investment Attractions Officer) entered the Meeting at 2:20pm.

Mr Damian Pearson (Director Communities and Environment) entered the Meeting at 2:21pm.

Mr John Randall retired from the Meeting at 2:55pm

GEN3

MONTHLY REPORT

(12.01.16) Monthly Report of the Communications Officer for December and annual review.

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council receive this report.

CARRIED

Cr Gaske declared an interest in the matter (St George Flood Levee Project), and left the Meeting at 2:57pm.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council go into its Meeting as a Closed Meeting in accordance with Sec275 (f) and (h) of the Local Government Regulation, 2012, to discuss the St George Flood Levee, the time being 2:57pm

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council come out of a Closed Meeting, the time being 3:14pm.

CARRIED

Cr Gaske returned to the meeting at 3:20pm.

GEN4

ST GEORGE LEVEE BANK - EASEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH DAVIDSON & MOON

(18.01.16) A draft of a proposed Easement Agreement to be entered into between Council and affected landowners has been prepared by Solicitors.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That Council receive the draft Easement Agreement as suitable (with amendments) for presentation to affected landowners.

CARRIED

SUBMISSION WILD DOG INQUIRY

Cr Avery moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That Council receive the submission to Inquiry into Barrier Fences in Queensland being held by the Queensland's Parliament's Agriculture and Environment Committee

CARRIED

WILD DOG REPORT

Cr Avery moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That Council adopt the Wild Dog Report which it considered at a workshop on Tuesday 19th January, 2016.

CARRIED

GEN5

REQUEST FROM MRS KYLIE KILROY FOR HOUSE RAISING FUNDING CONSIDERATION

(15.01.16) Mrs Kylie Kilroy emailed Council on the 27th November 2015 requesting financial consideration towards the raising of their home to mitigate against future floods.

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That a the reply be forwarded to Mrs Kilroy and advise why the request for funding has been unsuccessful, being that mapping in the Final Flood Mitigation Report does not indicate that the Council's levee will increase water depth at the property (and send a copy of the report and map).

Council will not comment on any comments made by other person in this regard.

CARRIED

GEN6

SWRED ADVICE ON TOURISM MEETING REPRESENTATION & BARRIER FENCE / WILD DOG STRATEGY

(15.01.16) SWRED – Barrier Fence / Wild Dog Strategy

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council note the advice from Mayor Cr Lindsay Godfrey (Chair SWRED) that Cr O'Neil of Maranoa Regional Council will represent Cr Godfrey at the Tourism Strategy Meeting in Brisbane. Further that Council note the comment about the need to generate a Barrier Fence / Wild Dog Strategy for inclusion in the SWRED response.

CARRIED

(RLP) RURAL SERVICES

RLP98

MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015

(13.01.16) From the Manager of Rural Services reporting on the month of December 2015.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

RLP99

GENERAL – RURAL SERVICES - TEMPORARY FENCING BALONNE HIGHWAY

The Manager Rural Services be requested to contact Mr Brown on Balonne Highway to dismantle the temporary fencing he had carried out on the Highway to contain stock which were getting relief stock feed there.

Mr Damian Pearson entered the Meeting at 3:29pm

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES1 SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND COUNTRY TOURISM PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2015-2018

(12.01.16) The purpose of the Partnership Agreement is to define the range and application of the regional destination marketing services to be provided by Southern Queensland Country Tourism (SQCT) to the Balonne Shire Council for financial years 2015-2018

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council write to Maranoa Regional Council seeking information on what grounds did the Council base their decision to leave the SQCT and join Outback Tourism

.CARRIED

SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND COUNTRY TOURISM PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2015-2018

Resolved that this report be considered at the February 2016 Meeting of Council, when additional information may have been received

CARRIED

CES2 YELLOWBELLY COUNTRY MUSIC & POETS FESTIVAL 2016 - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

(05.01.16) This report seeks Council's assistance for the Yellowbelly Country Music & Poets Festival to be held from 11th-17th July 2016.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That:

1. That Council accepts this report
2. That Council considers Mr Jamieson's requests for Council assistance and:
 - waives the hire fee of the Coonan Nixon Pavilion from Monday 11th – Friday 17th July 2016
 - undertakes the cleaning of the amenities for the 2016 event
 - provides waste services for the duration of the event
 - assists with the cost of a graphically designed event flyer
 - assists through the Visitor Information Centre with facilitating tourism industry tours and activity arrangements

CARRIED

CES3 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK REGARDING PLACE MARKING AND PUBLIC ART PRIORITIES

(12.01.16) Consideration of community feedback to identify the preferred themes and starting points as result of the Place Marking and Public Art report.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

Council receives this report and given the lack of respondents, Council forward out the feedback form with the rates notices, with the content of the survey to be reviewed.

CARRIED

CES4 RENEWAL OF LEASES & CONVERSION OF LEASES TO FREEHOLD REFERRALS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & MINES (DNRM)

(13.01.16) Council has received a request from the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM) for its views regarding the renewal of leases over reserves and for the conversion of leases to freehold lease for three properties

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

1. That Council receive this report.
2. Council write to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and advise Council does not have any objections to either the renewal of leases over reserves and the renewal of, or conversion of leases to freehold as listed in this report.

CARRIED

CES5

DISPENSATION FOR BOUNDARY SETBACK FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A CARPORT AT 21 PHILLIP STREET ST GEORGE, ON LOT PLAN NUMBER LOT 40 ON RP96676.

Council has received the plan for a carport that requires a dispensation setback of boundary dispensation at 21 Phillip Street St George on Lot plan 40 on RP96676.

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That:

1. That Council receives this report.
2. That Council request more information from the applicant as to why the carport needs to be in the requested position.

CARRIED

CES6

REQUEST TO COUNCIL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PERFORM CONDITIONS OF PERMIT.

(12.01.16) Council had received a request to extend the time to comply with a road upgrading condition of Development Approval MCU 121.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That Council agrees to an extension of time of 1 year (until 22 January 2017) for the applicant to comply with condition 9 of MCU 121.

CARRIED

CES98

MONTHLY REPORT

(13.01.16) The Community & Environmental Sustainability Report for the Month of December 2015 is presented for Council's consideration.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

Mr Damien Pearson retired from the Meeting at 4:04pm.

CES99

GENERAL - COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CLOSED MEETING

Cr Avery moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council close the Meeting to the public, in accordance with Sec275 (a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to discuss staff issues, the time being 4:05pm.

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 4:15pm.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 19 February 2016.

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MAYOR