



MINUTES

of the

General Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Friday 19th February 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.

LOA1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

COM1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 22.01.16

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 22 January, 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

COM1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 19.01.16

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 19 January, 2016, be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - BOM

22.01.16 – The Chief Executive Officer advised that no response had yet been received from BOM for any inspections or upgrades. Possibly attend a Council Information Session mid-April, 2016.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Cr Gaske inquired if a detailed listing could be made available on what Wild Dog Cluster Fencing Projects are currently under construction, completed and proposed under the control of SWNRM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

DEPUTATIONS

Nil

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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

FREIGHT TO DIRRANBANDI

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council write to Queensland Rail and Queensland Transport expressing its grave concerns with

the proposed increase in rail freight charges proposed and the impacts on Dirranbandi and costs to that community.

CARRIED

HON BARNABY JOYCE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Cr Winks moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council forward a letter to the Hon Barnaby Joyce expressing congratulations on his elevation to the position of Deputy Prime Minister and advise that the community is extremely proud of him.

CARRIED

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DAY

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council host another Domestic Violence Day in October 2016.

CARRIED

DRUG ICE PROBLEMS IN DISTRICT

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council write to Lifeline requesting if any further developments have occurred with existing communities on the "Ice" problem in the district and further make inquiries in this regard with the new Minister as to the Taskforce established by the Minister to deal with the problem.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FUNCTION

Cr Avery moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That Council pay nomination fee for the nominees who are proposed for the International Women's Day function.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That the Councillor's reports as presented, be received.

CARRIED

MORNING TEA

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:38am and resumed at 11:06pm with Mr Andrew McKenzie (Director Corporate & Financial Services) and Mrs Karen Searle (Manager of Financial Services) in attendance.

(CFS) CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES

CFS1

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 JANUARY 2016

(05.02.16) Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 January 2016.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That the monthly Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 January 2016, as tabled, be received and noted.

CARRIED

Mrs Karen Searle retired from Meeting at 11:24am.

SALE OF WATER ALLOCATION SPACE

Expressions of interest be invited for the sale of water allocation Space

POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Gaske 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 that she has been requested to act as an Swimming Instructor for the ICPA at this event and retired from the Meeting the time being 11:24am.

CFS2

ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENT'S ASSOCIATION ST GEORGE BRANCH - APPLICATION FOR FEE WAIVER - ST GEORGE CULTURAL CENTRE AND ST GEORGE SWIMMING POOL

(10.02.16) Isolated Children's Parent's Association (ICPA) – St George Branch has requested the hire fees for St George Cultural Centre and St George Swimming Pool to be waived.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council allocate \$2,000 to ICPA to go toward the cost of their inaugural sport and arts camp for primary school aged children (who are members of the Association) to be held 5th – 9th December 2016, with the balance of the venue hire fee's being waived (with funding allocated from the Community Drought Support funds).

CARRIED

Cr Gaske returned to the Meeting at 11:25am.

CFS3

COMMUNITY RATES SUPPORT PROGRAM 2015/2016

(08.02.16) Community Rates Support Program 2015/2016

Cr Winks moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

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

CARRIED

CFS4

COUNCILLOR INDUCTION TRAINING

(08.02.16) LGAQ and the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning will be holding Councillor training courses in April 2016.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council authorise the attendance at the following training courses for all Councillors and Senior Executive Staff: -

1. Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning's Councillor Induction Course to be held in St George on 20th April 2016; and
2. LGAQ's Elected Member Update to be held in St George on 28/29 April 2016.
3. Members be strongly encouraged to attend.

CARRIED

CFS98

MONTHLY REPORT

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

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council receive this report and note the contents therein.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING – FLOOD EASEMENTS

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council go into its Meeting as a Closed Meeting to discuss legal matters including Flood Easements, the time being 11:32am

CARRIED

FLOOD EASEMENTS

Cr Gaske 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 she and her husband own a house which is protected by the Flood Levee, Cr Gaske and retired from the Meeting at 11:32am.

VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS

Cr Gaske returned to the meeting at 11:50pm.

OPEN MEETING

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Standing Orders be resumed, the time being 11:58am.

CARRIED

CFS99

GENERAL - CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES

Officer McKenzie left the meeting at 12:02am.

Cr Avery left the meeting at 12:02pm

Mr Kevin Searle (Director Infrastructure Services) entered the Meeting at 12:07pm

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IFS98

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY 2016

(09.02.16) From the Director of Infrastructure Services reporting for the month of January.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

Cr Avery returned to the meeting at 12:09pm.

IFS99

GENERAL - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Mr Kevin Searle retired from the Meeting at 1:55pm when the Council adjourned for Lunch.
The Meeting resumed at 1:35pm

(GEN) GENERAL

GEN1

MONTHLY REPORT

(09.02.16) Monthly Report of the Communications Officer for January 2016.

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

GEN2

MONTHLY REPORT INVESTMENT ATTRACTIONS OFFICER JANUARY 2015

(09.02.16) Monthly Report Investment Attraction Officer January 2015.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

GEN3

THALLON-BRISBANE RAIL LINE

(10.02.16) Council in association with Goondiwindi Regional Council, commissioned Deloitte Access Economics to provide a Business Case for improved utilisation of the Thallon Rail Line.

The final Business Case is now to hand, and a key recommendation is the establishment of a rail utilisation committee to provide an over-arching review of the progress of the various individual projects, discussions, and work which is aimed at increasing the utilisation of the South Western Rail system.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council approve the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a multi-agency Committee to provide an over-arching control over the progress of the actions on the individual projects as recommended in the Deloitte "Thallon Rail Line Rail Utilisation" Business Case, with Council to provide an elected member as representative on the committee.

CARRIED

(RLP) RURAL SERVICES

RLP98

MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2016

(28.01.16) From the Manager of Rural Services reporting on the month of January 2016.

Cr Avery moved and Cr Marsh seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

RLP99

GENERAL - RURAL SERVICES

Mr Damian Pearson (Director Community and Environmental Services) entered the Meeting at 1:49pm

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES1

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

(05.02.16) Council has received a plan for a carport that requires a dispensation for the front boundary setback at 21 Philip Street St George, Lot plan 40 on RP96676.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Winks seconded:

1. That Council receive this report.
2. That Council grant dispensation from the boundary set back provisions required by the Balonne Planning Scheme to allow for a minimum setback of 4.5 metres to the front boundary at 21 Philip Street St George, Lot 40 on RP96676 as outlined in the site plan provided in this report.

CARRIED

CES2

CONVERSION OF LEASE TO FREEHOLD - REFERAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & MINES (DNRM)

(05.02.16) Council has received a request from the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM) for its views regarding the conversion of a lease to freehold for a property at 121 Lindores Street, St. George, described as Lot 182 on Crown Plan BLM1186.

Cr Marsh moved and Cr Winks seconded:

1. That Council receive this report.
2. Council write to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and advise that Council does not have any objection to the conversion of the lease pertaining to Lot 182 on Crown Plan BLM1186 to freehold.

CARRIED

CES3

REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION REVIEW

(08.02.16) This report provides a comparison of the benefits provided by Regional Tourism Organisations South Queensland Country Tourism (SQCT) and Outback Qld Tourism Association (OQTA).

Cr Winks moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That this item be held over for the decision by the new Council at their second Meeting and request Mr Peter Homan, Chief Executive Officer of Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) to attend a Council Meeting to provide Councillors information on the strategies and actions for the OQTA

CARRIED

CES4

WASTE CONTRACT - JJ RICHARDS

(10.02.16) A report from Council's EHO on the current domestic/commercial waste contract and arrangements for the tender process for a new waste contract.

Cr Kellock moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

CES98

MONTHLY REPORT

(08.02.16) The Community & Environmental Sustainability Report for the Month of January 2016 is presented for Council's consideration.

Cr Winks moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

SHIRE PLANNING SCHEME

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Mr Damian Pearson (Director Community & Environmental Services) resurrect the Shire Planning Scheme and undertake a review of Council's current position regarding the Shire Planning Scheme and advise Council further on his assessment.

CARRIED

Cr Gaske retired from the Meeting at 2:22pm

EXISTING LIBRARY BUILDING

Cr Avery moved and Cr Kellock seconded:

That Council request the Director of Community and Environmental Services to provide a Building Assessment Report on the existing Library Building (ex Webster's Building).

CARRIED

CES99

GENERAL - COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Mr Damian Pearson retired from the Meeting at 2:32pm

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 2:32pm.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 18 March 2016.

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MAYOR