



MINUTES

of the

General Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Thursday 18th August 2016

Commencing at 9:00am

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MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

ATT1 ATTENDANCE

Cr RW Marsh (Mayor), Crs RG Fuhrmeister, FM Gaske (Deputy Mayor), SC O'Toole, RI Paul, SS Scriven, ID Todd, Mr PC Stewart (Acting Chief Executive Officer) and Miss R McVinish (Asset Administration Officer).

CLP1 COUNCIL PRAYER

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9:05am and led the Council in the Opening Prayer.

LOA1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

COM1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 July, 2016 be confirmed

CARRIED

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 21 July, 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

BAM1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were held. However, Pam Crothers from the Dirranbandi River and Rail Committee will be advised of a suitable Councillor Information Session date to discuss the group's landscaping projects in Dirranbandi. The Director of Infrastructure Services, Kevin Searle and Town Officer Chris Dixon will be invited to attend.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That the Councillor reports be taken as received.

CARRIED

ROAD SIDE DRUG TESTING IN ST GEORGE

Cr Todd, Chair of the Community Safety Committee, tabled a letter from the Mayor to The Hon. William Byrne Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, seeking the department's support in providing the St George Police Service the ability to conduct roadside drug testing. Presently this is conducted by Roma officers for a few days a month.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council support the sending of the letter to the Hon. William Byrne Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services, requesting assistance in providing the St George Police Service the capacity to conduct roadside drug testing.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:46am and resumed at 11:13am.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Mr Andrew McKenzie attended the meeting at 11:13am.

(CFS) CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES

CFS1 APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DONATION, SPONSORSHIP - MUNGINDI SHOW SOCIETY.

(15.07.16) The Mungindi Show Society has requested a sponsorship through Council's Community Donations, Sponsorship and Grants program to contribute towards their annual show.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council ratify the administrative action to approve a \$500.00 donation under the community donations, sponsorship and grants policy to the Mungindi Show Society.

CARRIED

CFS2 HIRE OF ST GEORGE SHOWGROUNDS - WOOL PAVILION - ST GEORGE DISTRICT FISHING & RESTOCKING CLUB

(22.07.16) St George District Fishing & Restocking Club have booked the St George Showgrounds – Wool Pavilion for the annual St George Fishing Competition 2016.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council grant a full concession to the St George District Fishing & Restocking Club for the cost of hiring the St George Showgrounds – Wool Pavilion. This is due to the overall community benefit of fish restocking of the local river system.

CARRIED

CFS3

DIRRANBANDI POLOCROSSE CLUB - APPLICATION TO WAIVE FEES - DIRRANBANDI SHOWGROUNDS

(10.08.16) Dirranbandi Polocrosse Club are seeking assistance to reduce costs for their Annual Carnival.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council apply a 50% concession towards the hire fees of the Dirranbandi Showground for the Dirranbandi Polocrosse Club to hold its Annual Carnival.

CARRIED

CFS4

BOLLON CHARITY RODEO ASSOCIATION INC - REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES - BOLLON SHOWGROUNDS

(01.08.16) Bollon Charity Rodeo Association Inc is a non-for-profit club that raises money for different charities. They hold an annual Campdraft which is their main fundraising event. The Campdraft will be held over the 3rd and 4th of September 2016.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council provide a donation to the value of \$250 (silver donation) towards the Bollon Campdraft.

CARRIED

CFS5

COMMUNITY RATES SUPPORT PROGRAM 2016/2017

(10.08.16) Community Rates Support Program 2016/2017

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole 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.

CARRIED

CFS6

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2016

(09.08.16) Financial Management Report for month ended 31 July 2016

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

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

CARRIED

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Mr Andrew McKenzie left the meeting at 12:13pm. Mr Kevin Searle entered the meeting at 12:14pm.

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IFS1

ST GEORGE CRICKET ASSOCIATION AND RUGBY UNION CLUBHOUSE PROPOSAL

(05.08.16) The St George Cricket Association and Rugby Union Club wish to construct a combined clubhouse at Rowden Park. The clubs have received permission from the Rowden Park Advisory Committee but now require permission from the Balonne Shire Council. This permission and evidence of such, building approval and a lease of the area is required for the club's funding application to be submitted to the Department of National Parks, Sports and Racing's *Get in the Game, Get Playing Places and Spaces Program* in September.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council endorse the Rowden Park Advisory Committee's recommendation that the St George Cricket Association and Rugby Union Club be permitted to construct a combined clubhouse on the site of the children's playground subject to a satisfactory alternative location being identified for the playground. The location of the children's playground is to be agreed upon by the Rowden Park User Group but, in the absence of a suitable location for the playground, the clubhouse location within Rowden Park must be reconsidered.

CARRIED

IFS2

BUILDING OUR REGIONS - ROUND TWO - DETAILED APPLICATIONS

(05.08.16) From the Director of Infrastructure Services reporting on the submission of three Detailed Applications for the Queensland Department of State Development Building Our Regions (Round Two) funding round. Applications are due on Friday, 19th August 2016 and require Council endorsement in the form of Council resolution.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council submit applications to the Queensland Department of State Development Building Our Regions (Round Two) funding program; and commits to delivering the following three (3) projects and any financial and/or in-kind contributions to the management and ongoing operational costs: -

1. Balonne Shire Kerb and Channel Program – Andrew Street, St George, Kerb and Channelling;
2. Balonne Shire Kerb and Channel Program – Murchison Street, St George, Kerb and Channelling and Stormwater Infrastructure;
3. Balonne Shire Kerb and Channel Program – Kirby Street, Dirranbandi, Kerb and Channelling.

CARRIED

PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr O'Toole declared a perceived conflict of interest given her business interest in Balonne Airwork. Cr O'Toole advised that they operate out of a private airstrip facility that has its own jet and avgas storage and it is unlikely that her business will use fuel at the St George Airport.

IFS3

AIRCRAFT REFUELLING FACILITY

(10.08.16) An Aircraft refuelling facility be installed at the St George Aerodrome by IOR Petroleum

Cr Todd moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council commence formal negotiations with IOR to lease an area at the St George airport for the purpose of installing and operating an aircraft refuelling facility.

CARRIED

IFS4

LOCAL ROADS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE (LRRS)

(10.08.16) That Council endorse the list of LRRS (Local Roads of Regional Significance).

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council confirms the Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS) network as:

Bollon - Dirranbandi Road

Teelba - Kooroon Road

Mitchell - Bollon Road

Wanganui Lane

Salmon Bypass Road

Castlereagh Highway (St George to Noondoo)

Talwood - Mungindi Road

CARRIED

IFS98

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT - JULY 2016

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

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

IFS99

GENERAL - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ST GEORGE SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT EFFLUENT REUSE PROGRAM

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council enter into further discussions with interested parties regarding the St George Sewerage Treatment Plant Effluent Reuse Program and proceed to formal agreement for adoption by Council.

CARRIED

BSC 15/16 - T24 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF RIVER WATER METERS

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council accept the BSC 15/16 - T24 tender submission from Elster Metering for the supply and delivery of 900 SM250 Elster Smart Meters plus accessories - \$248,490 (\$276.10 per meter). The installation of these meters will take place over the next 12 months and is required for the equitable delivery of raw (river) water. This is a step towards becoming a more water-wise community. Council will monitor water usage with residents being advised of their consumption prior to any change to the water rating structure.

CARRIED

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Mr Kevin Searle left the Meeting at 1:58pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:58pm for lunch.

RESUMPTION

The Meeting resumed at 2:41pm.

(GEN) GENERAL

GEN1

LGAQ - POLICY EXECUTIVE UPDATE FOR SOUTH WEST REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SWRED MEETING 01.08.16 AND LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE 28-10 OCTOBER 2016

(10.08.16)

The South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) Meeting was held in Cunnamulla on 1st August, 2016, and was attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council receives this report, and that the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Councillor/s Todd and Gaske attend the LGAQ Annual Conference from 18-20th October, 2016, at the Gold Coast Entertainment and Convention Centre.

CARRIED

CHANGE OF OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING DATE

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the October General Council Meeting will be rescheduled for 27th October as the LGAQ Annual Conference will be held at the same time, and that the Meeting be held in Thallon.

CARRIED

GEN2

LGAQ - WORKFORCE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY GROUP

(10.08.16) Application for support to apply for position on the LGAQ Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Todd seconded:

Council supports Cr Gaske's nomination on the LGAQ Advisory Committee – Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group.

CARRIED

GEN3

MONTHLY REPORT INVESTMENT ATTRACTION OFFICER JULY 2016

(10.08.16) Monthly Report Investment Attraction Officer July 2016.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Mr John Randall entered the Meeting at 3pm and left the Meeting at 3:41pm.

(RLP) RURAL SERVICES

RLP98

MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2016

(10.08.16) Manager of Rural Services reporting on the month of July 2016.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES11 YELLOWBELLY COUNTRY MUSIC & POETS FESTIVAL 2016

(10.08.16) From the Tourism Development Officer reporting on the annual Yellowbelly Country Music and Poets Festival (YCMPF).

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That:

1. Council receives this report;
2. Council consider the 2017 Yellowbelly Country Music and Poets Festival caravan fees prior to the next event;
3. Council consider the installation of bore water taps throughout the St George Showgrounds for water access points; and
4. Council undertakes the cleaning of the amenities and waste collection for the event in 2017.

CARRIED

CES3 REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION (RTO) MEMBERSHIP 2016-2017

(10.08.16) From the Tourism Development Officer reporting on the benefits provided by the two (2) available Regional Tourism Organisations (RTO) available to the Balonne Shire, Southern Queensland Country Tourism and Outback Tourism Queensland.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council receives this report and becomes a member of the Southern Queensland Country Tourism Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) for a 12 month period (\$8599.80) in 2016-2017. However, Council is to participate in upcoming campaigns with Outback Tourism Queensland.

CARRIED ... with Cr Gaske voting against the resolution

CES4 CUNNAMULLA FELLA FESTIVAL 2016

(10.08.16) Balonne Shire Council has received an invitation to once again participate in this year's "Mayors' Challenge" at the Annual 2016 Land Transport's PBR Bull Ride being held on Saturday 27 August 2016 as part of the Cunnamulla Fella Festival.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council participates in the Land Transport's PBR Bull Ride at the Cunnamulla Fella Festival on the 27 August 2016 and request PBR to nominate a rider on Council's behalf, if a local rider cannot be sourced.

CARRIED

CES5 STRONGER COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING GRANTS PROGRAM 2016-17

(10.08.16) The Queensland Mental Health Commission has opened its grant application process under the Stronger Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants Program. This report seeks Council's endorsement to submit a funding application under this program.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council endorse a funding application to the Queensland Mental Health Commission's Stronger Community Mental Health and Wellbeing grants programs on behalf of the Balonne Shire Community Safety Group.

CARRIED

CES6

DRAFTING OF NEW BALONNE SHIRE PLANNING SCHEME UPDATE

(10.08.16) This report provides an update on the progression of the draft Balonne Shire Planning Scheme.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That:

1. Council receive this report
2. Council terminate the contract with consultant, Lou Scarpato and accept the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning's offer of assistance to add Balonne Shire Council to the pilot planning scheme program.

CARRIED

CES7

MCU 149 / OW 12 APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - RURAL WORKERS ACCOMMODATION UNITS AND ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL WORKS – AT 10-12 HOCKING STREET, NINDIGULLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 308 ON N5631

(05.08.16) Council has received a development application from the owner for a Material Change of Use proposing Rural Workers Accommodation Units (accommodating 12 persons) and associated Operational Works (filling) on the site located at 10-12 Hocking Street, Nindigully described as Lot 308 on N5631.

Cr Paul moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the matter be held over pending further information.

CARRIED

CES8

WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE TENDER PROCESS

(05.08.16) Update on the time frame for the Waste Collection Service Contract

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council receive the report.

CARRIED

CES9

MODEL LOCAL LAWS IMPLEMENTATION

(10.08.16) To implement Council's Model Local Laws.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council engage King & Co to complete and implement the Model Local Laws and all subordinate local laws on behalf of the Balonne Shire Council with the cost of this engagement to be provided in Council's budget at the November Budget Review.

CARRIED

CES98

MONTHLY REPORT

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

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council receives this report.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 5:40pm.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 15 September 2016.

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MAYOR