



# **MINUTES**

**of the**

**General Meeting of the Council**

**held in the**

**Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George**

**on**

**Thursday 18th January 2018**

**Commencing at 9:00am**

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## **OPENING**

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9:00am

## **COUNCIL PRAYER**

The Mayor led the Council in the Opening Prayer.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Cr RW Marsh (Mayor), Crs FM Gaske (Deputy Mayor), RG Fuhrmeister, SC O'Toole, RI Paul, SS Scriven and ID Todd.

Mr Matthew Magin (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs Michelle Clarke (Director Finance & Corporate Services), Mr Jamie Gorry (Director Community & Environmental Services) and Mr Ross Drabble (Director Infrastructure Services).

## **WELCOME TO MEETING**

The Mayor welcomed all to the first Council Meeting for 2018 and acknowledged the achievements of 2017 and looks forward to achieving even more in 2018. He said there would be emphasis from the Chair this year to continuously improving Council Meetings with open and respectful debate in the Chambers.

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 December, 2017 be confirmed.

.CARRIED

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Todd advised that he would be declaring an actual conflict of interest under Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009 in CCFS1 St George Levee Bank as one of the affected property owners is an employee and former business partner.

Cr Gaske also advised that she would be declaring a material personal interest in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009 in CCFS1 St George Levee Bank, as her husband owns a home adjoining the block wall levee in Hutt Street.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nil

## **DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

## **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The councillor reports were accepted as read and noted by the Council.

Council acknowledged Federal Member for Maranoa, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, The Hon David Littleproud, MP and The Hon Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs on 17 January 2018.

The Mayor requested that Lamattina be invited to a future Council Meeting for morning tea, when they are in St George.

## **MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION (CEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Nil

## **(FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **FCS1 TENNIS CLUB LEASE - ROWDEN PARK**

St George Tennis Club Lease – Rowden Park

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council enter into a new lease with the St George Tennis Club for a period of 20 years to expire in 2038 and note the amendment to the lease area that will allow a new lease to be prepared for the Rugby Union and Cricket Club House.

CARRIED

### **FCS2 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 22 DECEMBER 2017**

Financial Management Report for period ended 22 December 2017

Cr Todd moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That the monthly Financial Management Report for the period ending 22 December 2017, as tabled, be received and noted.

CARRIED

Director Community & Environmental Services Mr Jamie Gorry, and the Community Development Officer Mrs Mareea Lochel, entered the Meeting at 9:42am

## **(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

Nil

## **(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

### **CES1 BALONNE SHIRE YOUNG LEADERS' BURSARY**

This report presents to Council, *Balonne Shire Young Leaders Bursary* policy, guidelines and application for Council adoption.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That:

1. That Council resolves to adopt the Balonne Shire Young Leaders Bursary Policy, Guidelines/application form.
2. Council announces the winners of the bursary during National Youth Week.
3. Council write to the organising committee of the International Women's Day thanking them for supporting the Young Women's Leadership Bursary and allowing Council to participate in the International Women's Day celebration.

CARRIED

Council requested that a Register of Awards available in the Balonne Shire be created.

CES2

### **BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME REVIEW - COMMENCE DRAFTING NEW SCHEME**

Balonne Shire Council must resolve to prepare a new planning scheme in order for the drafting process to formally commence.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

1. Council receives this report.
2. Council decides to make the Balonne Shire Council planning scheme (the proposed planning scheme) under section 18 of the *Planning Act 2016*.
3. Council directs, pursuant to section 18(2) of the Planning Act 2016, that the Chief Executive of the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning be provided with:
  - a. a written statement advising of this decision
  - b. a copy of Attachment A, submitted on file, which sets the nature and objectives of the proposed planning scheme, and the state interests likely affected by the proposed planning scheme and advising that chapter 4 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules may apply to the proposed planning scheme
  - c. a copy of Attachment B, submitted on file, which sets out the preferred process for making the proposed planning scheme, including the order and timing of steps in the process and an indicative timeline for the process
  - d. a copy of Attachment C, submitted on file, which sets out the proposed communications strategy.

CARRIED

Council requested that the Director Community & Environmental Services contact the LGAQ to ascertain more details on the Container Deposit Scheme as there has been no recent contact with Council from the Queensland Government.

### **WILD DOG CLUSTER FENCING**

Council requested the Director Community & Environmental Services to prepare a draft Expression of Interest from landowners to take to the upcoming Wild Dog Advisory Committee and noted that a report to Council on Cluster Fencing is proposed for 15 February 2018.

Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:47am and resumed at 11:13am with the Director Infrastructure Services Mr Ross Drabble, in attendance.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council go into its Meeting as a Closed Meeting in accordance with Section S275(f) of the Local Government Act 2009 to discuss St George Flood Levee Easements, the time being 11:13am.

CARRIED

Cr Todd declared an actual Conflict of Interest in accordance with Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, in CCFS1 St George Levee Bank as one of the affected property owners is an employee and former business partner. He left the meeting during discussion about this matter. Cr Gaske declared a material personal interest in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009 in CCFS1 St George Levee Bank as her husband owns a home adjoining the block wall levee in Hutt Street. She left the meeting during discussion about this matter.

Cr Gaske and Cr Todd left the meeting at 11:14am.

Cr Gaske and Cr Todd returned to the meeting at 12:14am.

The Director of Community & Environmental Services Mr Jamie Gorry attended the Meeting at 12:30pm. The Director Infrastructure Services Mr Ross Drabble retired from the Meeting at 12:39pm.

Cr O'Toole left the Meeting at 12:42pm and re-entered at 1:03pm due to a late item raised during the closed meeting concerning correspondence from a concerned community member requesting the Council to acquire and relocate the old homestead behind Mummzy's Café located at 113 Victoria Street, St George. Cr O'Toole's husband is related to one of the property owners.

### **OPEN MEETING**

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That the Meeting be reopened to the Public, the time being 1:04pm.

CARRIED

CR GASKE AND CR TODD LEFT THE MEETING AT 1:04AM.

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

### **(CFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

CCFS1

#### **ST GEORGE LEVEE - EASEMENTS**

Meetings with Landholders St George Levee Bank – Status Report

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That:

1. That the status report on the St George Levee Bank Easements be received and noted by Council and remain in confidence in accordance with S275(f) of the Local Government Act 2009.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority under section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to enter into negotiations with landowners affected by Council's flood

mitigation works and to enter into Resumptions Agreements pursuant to section 15 D of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 with such landowners where agreement can be reached within a reasonable time frame and on reasonable terms as approved by Council . Where agreement cannot be reached within a reasonable timeframe, the Council delegates authority to the CEO to issue Notices of Intention to Resume pursuant to section 7 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 to acquire the interest in land affected by the flood mitigation works either by way of an easement or an estate in fee simple for the public purpose being flood mitigation.

CARRIED

Cr Gaske and Cr Todd returned to the meeting at 1:08pm.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Cr O'Toole left the meeting at 1.08pm as one of the property owner's is related to her husband.

### **OLD HOMESTEAD BEHIND MUMMZYS CAFÉ**

Council has received correspondence from a concerned community member requesting the Council to acquire and relocate the old homestead behind Mummzy's Café located at 113 Victoria Street, St George.

Council has not been approached by the current or future owner in relation to acquiring and/or relocating the old homestead behind Mummzy's Café.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council resolved that it is not interested in acquiring and/or relocating the old homestead behind Mummzy's Café located at 113 Victoria Street, St George.

CARRIED

Cr O'Toole returned to the Meeting at 1:21pm.

The Director of Communities & Environmental Services Mr Jamie Gorry departed the Meeting at 1:22pm.

### **BORDER REGION OF COUNCILS' MEETING**

The Mayor advised that the next BROCC Meeting would be conducted in St George on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, however BROCC members will be arriving in St George on 8<sup>th</sup> February, and had requested a dinner on Thursday evening.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR**

The Mayor advised that the Australia Day Ambassadors had cancelled their planned trip to St George for the Australia Day Celebrations, and further that it was too late for the Department to make another selection.

### **CATCH UP DAY DISCUSSIONS**

The Mayor advised that discussions on the next Catch Up Day to be held in Thallon, had been changed to 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **ST GEORGE LEVEE BANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Mayor informed Council that the St George Levee Bank Advisory Committee unanimously recommended yesterday that the Committee disband. Council will write to Committee members thanking them for their contribution and time. Council will also write to inform all levee landholders.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **(ICEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Nil

### **(IFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

#### **ICFS1 MONTHLY FINANCE INFORMATION REPORT**

Monthly Finance Information Report for period ended 22 December 2017

#### **ICFS2 MONTHLY REPORT DIRECTOR FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES**

Monthly report for December 2017 – January 2018 – Director Finance & Corporate Services

#### **ICFS3 REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL REPORT 2017**

The Remuneration Tribunal Report for Councillor Remuneration was handed down in December 2017.

### **(IIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

#### **IIFS1 MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE JANUARY 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

From the Director of Infrastructure Services - reporting for the month of December.

### **(ICES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

#### **ICES1 MONTHLY REPORT**

The Community & Environmental Sustainability Report for the month of December 2017 is presented for Council's consideration.

#### **ICES2 MONTHLY REPORT**

Manager of Rural Services report for December 2017 is presented to Council for information.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 1:30pm.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 15 February 2018.

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**MAYOR**