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MINUTES

of the

General Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Thursday 19th April 2018

Commencing at 9:00am

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OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 8:03am with Cr Todd absent, and Mr Matthew Magin (Chief Executive Officer) also absent as he was meeting with a ratepayer.

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 Financial & Corporate Services), Mr Jamie Gorry (Director Community & Environmental Services) and Mr Ross Drabble (Director Infrastructure Services)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 22 March, 2018 be confirmed
.CARRIED

Cr Todd entered the Meeting at 8:13am.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Cr O'Toole requested an update on the progress of the gravel tenders. Michelle Clarke advised that all 4 tenderers had been communicated with, advising of the change in specifications.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DEPUTATIONS

Nil

Mr Matthew Magin (Chief Executive Officer) attended the Meeting at 8:31am

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Councillor reports were noted by Council.

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MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION (CEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nil

(FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

FCS1 AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES 28 MARCH 2018

Audit Committee Minutes 28 March 2018

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the Audit Committee Minutes of 28 March 2018 be received and noted.

.CARRIED

Mr Glen Hart (Acting Manager Financial Services) attended the Meeting at 8:33am

FCS2 FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE 2018/19

A supplementary report to FCS2 was tabled at the meeting including an additional fee proposed for Developments that are currently not included in Council's current or future fees and charges schedule.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

1. That the Register of Fees and Charges 2017/18 be amended to include a fee of \$770.00 for a request to cancel a development approval under section 84 of the Planning Act 2016; and
2. That the Register of Fees and Charges 2018/19 include a fee of \$770.00 for a request to cancel a development approval under section 84 of the Planning Act 2016; and

CARRIED

Mr Rod Avery (Chair of Balonne Wild Dog Advisory Group) entered the Meeting at 8:56am.

Mr Jamie Gorry (Director Community & Environmental Services) entered the Meeting at 8:58am

FCS2 FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE 2018/19

Fees & Charges Schedule 2018/19

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That the Register of Cost Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges for the 2018/19 financial year be adopted in accordance with Section 97 and Section 262(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2009 with the following amendments:

- a) That no discount apply to horse permit fees for the 2018/19 financial year;
- b) That the VIC tour lunch fee be price on application and not a fixed price;

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Mr Jamie Gorry left the Meeting at 9:12am

Mr Avery addressed the Meeting on the need for Wild Dog Control measures within the Shire and request for Council to consider an increase in the retainer for wild dog management.

Mr Avery left the Meeting at 9:34am.

FCS3 **BUDGET REVIEW 2017/18**

Budget Review 2017/18

Cr Todd moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the April Budget Review 2017/18 be adopted and the budget amended in accordance with Section 170(3) of the Local Government Regulations 2012.

CARRIED

FCS4 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT MARCH 2018**

Financial Management Report for the period ended 31 March 2018.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the monthly finance report for month ending 31 March 2018 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

Cr Gaske temporarily left the Meeting at 9:42am and returned at 9:44am.

Mr Ross Drabble (Director of Infrastructure Services) entered the Meeting at 9:47am.

Mr Glen Hart retired from the Meeting at 10:06am.

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IFS1 **REALLOCATION OF DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME FUNDING**

Balonne Shire Council consent is sought to apply to the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development to reallocate \$20,000 in funding to repaint the St George Cultural Centre façade to the St George River Foreshore. This is due to the Cultural Centre being earmarked for redevelopment in future projects.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council agree to apply to the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development to relocate \$20,000 funding for the St George Cultural Centre façade repainting to the St George River Foreshore canoe ramp and carpark redevelopment.

CARRIED

TRAFFIC COUNTERS WHYENBAH ROAD

Cr O'Toole requested the Director of Infrastructure Services to ensure that the traffic counters on

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Whyenbah Road were fixed and working while cotton harvesting is in progress.

The Director of Infrastructure provided an update to Council on a number of current projects including:

- Gravel tender and re-sheeting works under Roads to Recovery Funding;
- Update on the status of the waste water treatment plant project;
- Grey Street project
- Kenny Lane, Andrew and Murchison Street jobs
- Approaches to Ballangarry Bridge
- Survey Eumerella Road.
- Waste water plant at Dirranbandi

During the discussion the sale of a plant item was raised and Cr Todd declared an interest in the topic of discussion and left the meeting at 10:20am and returned at .10:22am

GREY STREET PROJECT & WORKSHOP RENOVATIONS

Cr Fuhrmeister requested a walkthrough of the Grey Street project and the Council Workshop renovations. The Director of Infrastructure Services will arrange.

ASSET MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Cr O'Toole requested date for Asset Management Working Group. Council agreed that this be discussed at a Councillor Workshop to be held on 26th April 2018.

WATER POLICY

Cr O'Toole requested date for Asset Management Working Group. Council agreed that this be discussed at a Councillor Workshop to be held on 26th April 2018.

The Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:34am and resumed at 10:54am.

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES1

CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD OF TERM LEASE - 0/213421 LOCATED OVER LOT A ON SP126288

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the conversion to freehold of Term Lease – 0/213421 located over Lot A on SP126288.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That:

1. Council does not object to Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy converting the Term Lease – 0/213421 located over Lot A on SP126288 to freehold tenure subject to the appropriate application process as considered under the *Land Act 1994*.

NOTE:

Lot A on SP126288 is adjacent to a stock route. Accordingly, the landholder must NOT at any time impact the operations or utilise the stock route without consent of Council's Rural Services.

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Mrs Mareea Lochel (Community Development Officer) entered the Meeting at 10:57am.

CES2 **REQUEST FOR SITING VARIATION - 9 CARNATION AVENUE ST GEORGE BEING LOT 5 ON RP93081**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a siting variation for a residential shed located at 9 Carnation Avenue, St George being Lot 5 RP93081.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That:

1. Council receives this report.
2. Council approve the proposed siting variation, allowing the residential outbuilding to be setback a minimum distance of 3.2 metres from the southern rear boundary of the property at 9 Carnation Avenue, St George.
3. Council state to the applicant/owner of the property that the shed does not have building works approval. Accordingly, retrospective approval must be applied for and obtained either through Balonne Shire Council or Private Certification.

CARRIED

CES3 **WILD DOG ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST FURTHER FUNDING FOR WILD DOG RETAINER**

The Wild Dog Advisory Committee (WDAC) at their last meeting put forward a request to Balonne Shire Council to reallocate funds from the current wild dog levy to increase the Wild Dog Retainer budget from the current \$50,000 allocation to \$100,000 for the 2018-19 year.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That based on comparison with the eight surrounding Shires and budget implications the retainer not be increased at this time.

.CARRIED

WILD DOG BARRIER FENCE PRECEPT

Cr Fuhrmeister requested that Council put a motion to the SWQLGA on the methodology on defining the amount of precept for Wild Dog Barrier Fence to be paid by each Council.

CES4 **MINUTES OF MEETING SUBMITTED BY COMMUNITY GROUPS**

This report presents to Council meeting minutes submitted from various community groups for Council information.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council formally receives the following community groups' meeting minutes and continue to include this report in the Information Papers for Community & Environment:

Community Group/Organisation	Meeting Date
Murri Service Providers	21 February 2018
St George and District Chamber of Commerce	14 March 2018
Thallon Progress Association	13 March 2018
Thallon Progress Association	3 March 2018
Community Education Forum	19 March 2018

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Balonne Shire Family and Domestic Violence Prevention Panel	27 March 2018
NAIDOC week planning committee	23 March 2018
Bettering Balonne	14 March 2018
South West RED	05 December 2017

CARRIED

Mrs Mareea Lochel (Community Development Officer) left the Meeting at 11:27am

WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCING

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council

1. Submit a joint Expression of Interest (EOI) in partnership with Maranoa Regional Council for a Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme project for rural landholders within each local government area, under the Federal Government's Regional Growth Fund program with the application to be lodged by Balonne Shire Council.
2. Conduct further investigation into the Exclusion Fencing model, including the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) facility.
3. Recommend to Maranoa Regional Council that, if the EOI is successful, the costs of preparing a business case document be shared jointly.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council go into its Meeting as a closed meeting, the time being 11:51am

CARRIED

Mr Jamie Gorry retired from the meeting 11:51am.

Cr Fuhrmeister 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 is Chair of Care Balonne which has received concessions under the Community Rates Support Program 2017/18, and left the Meeting at 11:54am.

Cr Todd retired temporarily from the Meeting at 11:59am and returned at 12:01pm.

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Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the Meeting come out of a closed Meeting, the time being 12:06pm.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

(CFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

CCFS1

COMMUNITY RATES SUPPORT PROGRAM 2017/2018

Community Rates Support Program 2017/2018

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Cr Scriven moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That:

1. That Council resolve to refuse the application from St George Aboriginal Housing Company as it is not within the spirit of guidelines for the Community Rates Support Program and the Local Government Regulation 2012, Chapter 4, Part 10 Concessions.

CARRIED

Cr Fuhrmeister returned to the Meeting at 12:08pm.

INFORMATION REPORTS (ICEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nil

(IFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

ICFS1 MONTHLY REPORT - FINANCE - 31 MARCH 2018

Monthly Finance Information Report is attached for council's information for month ending 31 March 2018.

ICFS2 MONTHLY DIRECTOR FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT MARCH 2018

From the Director Finance & Corporate Services reporting for month ending 31 March 2018.

(IIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IIFS1 MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE APRIL 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

From the Director of Infrastructure Services - reporting for the month ending 31 March 2018.

(ICES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ICES1 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Community & Environmental Sustainability Report for the month of March 2018.

ICES2 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Manager of Rural Services report for March 2018.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 12:09pm.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 17 May 2018.

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MAYOR