



MINUTES

of the

General Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Thursday 16th May 2019

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 Financial & Corporate Services), and Mr Digby Whyte (Director Community & Environmental Services).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 April, 2019, 2019 be confirmed
.CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL MINUTES

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 9 May, 2019 be confirmed
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 **Councillor Fuhrmeister** declared a Real Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES4, on the grounds that The River Dragon Festival is listed in report and Cr Fuhrmeister is Member of the River Dragon Festival Committee and the Committee may benefit from the outcome of the Council resolution.

Cr Fuhrmeister advised that she will voluntarily leave the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

DEPUTATIONS

Nil

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cr Scriven moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council receive and note the Councillor reports on their activities during the preceding month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION (CEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PETITION

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council receive a Petition from Members of the Dirranbandi community against the low cost camping at Jack Dwyer Memorial Park, Charles Street, Dirranbandi, as proposed by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

FCS1 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Councillor Expenses Reimbursement Policy

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council:

1. Rescind the 20 April 2017 version of its Councillor Expenses Reimbursement Policy; and
2. Adopt the revised Councillor Expenses Reimbursement Policy, as Attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS2 SUNDRY DEBT RECOVERY POLICY

Sundry Debt Recovery Policy

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council:

1. Rescind the 18th July 2014 version of its Sundry Debt Recovery Policy; and
2. Adopt the revised Sundry Debt Recovery Policy, as Attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS3 SPENDING ON ADVERTISING POLICY

Spending on Advertising Policy

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council:

1. Rescind the 16 March 2017 version of its Advertising Spending Policy, and
2. Adopt the revised Advertising Spending Policy, as attached, in accordance with Section 90A of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 197 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS4

STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT AND RISK APPETITE STATEMENT

Strategic Risk Management and Risk Appetite Statement

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

1. That the following strategic risks (and as set out in Attachment 1) be adopted by Council:
 - A. Inadequate engagement and assessment of the impact of external and internal stakeholders on our community, viability and productive capacity.
 - B. Ineffective management of the economic and social impact of natural disasters.
 - C. Disruption to services, inefficiencies or breaches of Council's obligations arising from system and infrastructure failures.
 - D. Inability to achieve Council's vision and mission to deliver community services and meet current and future needs.
 - E. Failure to provide a supportive cultural environment that promotes Council as an employer of choice.
 - F. Inability to achieve financial sustainability and meet current and future needs of the community.

2. That the risk appetite statement shown in Attachment 2 be adopted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS5

FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE 2019/20

Fees & Charges Schedule 2019/20

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That the Register of Cost Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges for the 2019/20 financial year be adopted in accordance with Section 97 and Section 262(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS6

BUDGET REVIEW - APRIL 2019

Budget Review – April 2019

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That the Budget Review 2018/19 as Attached be adopted in accordance with Section 170 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS7

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT APRIL 2019

Monthly Finance Report April 2019

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That the monthly Financial Management Report for the period ending 30 April 2019, as attached, be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IFS1

ROADS, WATER AND SEWER ASSET VALUATION 2018-19

A full comprehensive asset valuation was carried out on Balonne Shire Council's main asset classes: roads, water and sewer infrastructure and buildings, other structures and land.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Council accept this report and adopt the amended Valuation Report for Roads, Water and Sewer Assets, tabled at the meeting, to finalise the asset comprehensive revaluation for the period ended 30 June 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms Kim Wildman (Manager Tourism) entered the Meeting at 9:46am

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES1

SUPPORT FOR FISHING PRODUCTION FEATURING ST GEORGE AND BALONNE SHIRE

This report details the proposal submitted to Council for the Shire to be featured in a new fishing film presented by host of *Fishing Australia*, Rob Paxevanos.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

1. That the report be received.
2. That Council amend its 2018/19 budget in accordance with S170(3) of the Local Government Regulations 2012 to allocate a \$5,000 participation contribution, as per the Tourism and Events Proposals, for the Balonne Shire to be featured in a new fishing film presented by host of *Fishing Australia*, Rob Paxevanos.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES2

BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM EVENTS GRANT POLICY

This report provides a policy and guidelines for the establishment and management of a Tourism Events Grant funding program for the Balonne Shire Council.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council approve the Tourism Events Grant Funding Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES3

SQCT AND OQTA REGIONAL TOURISM COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

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

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Council trials membership to both Southern Queensland Country Tourism and Outback Queensland Tourism Association for the 2019/20 financial year.

The motion was LOST 4-3

Crs Todd and Gaske requested that their names be recorded against the decision not to trial membership of both tourism associations.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 **Councillor Fuhrmeister** declared a Real Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES4, on the grounds that

the nature of the interest is The River Dragon Festival is listed in the report with Cr Fuhrmeister who is Member of the River Dragon Festival Committee and the Committee may benefit from the outcome of the Council resolution.

Councillor Fuhrmeister left the meeting voluntarily, including any area set aside for the public, at 10:21am in accordance with S175E(2)(b) and did not participate in discussion or voting on this matter.

CES4

SUPPORT FOR QLD WEEKENDER PRODUCTION FEATURING THE FOOD FLAVOURS AND EXPERIENCES OF THE SHIRE

This report details the proposal submitted to the Manager Tourism from Channel 7 for the Shire to be featured in an upcoming half hour Queensland Weekender special program starring celebrity chef and actor Mirko Grillini dedicated to the culinary experiences and events of the Balonne and Paroo Shires.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council amend its 2018/19 budget in accordance with S170(3) of the Local Government Regulations 2012 to allocate \$5,000 to fund Channel 7's *Queensland Weekender* "A Culinary Road Trip with Mirko Grillini" proposal, subject to securing an additional \$7,000 in sponsorship.

CARRIED 5-1

Council noted that the sponsorship of \$7,000 had been secured and that the Manager Tourism would encourage and arrange for points of interest throughout the Shire as part of the promotion.

Cr Fuhrmeister returned to the Meeting at 10:38am.

Cr Gaske left the meeting at 10:38am.

Ms Kim Wildman (Manager Tourism) retired from the Meeting at 10:38am

CES5

COMMUNITY DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIP AND GRANTS PROGRAM - MUNGINDI SHOW SOCIETY

Sponsorship request from Mungindi Show Society for their 2019 Show.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Mungindi Show Society be sponsored with \$2,000 from the Community Donations, Sponsorships and Grants Program for the 2019 Show

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Gaske returned to the meeting at 10:41am.

Adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:42am and resumed at 10:57am.

CLOSED MEETING

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council go into its Meeting as a closed Meeting, the time being 10:58am

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

During discussion in the Closed Meeting, Ms Porter (Administration Officer – Rates) entered the Meeting at 11:15am.

During discussions in the Closed Meeting, Cr O'Toole declared a Material Personal Interest as printed below, and retired from the Meeting at 11:32am

OPEN MEETING

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resume its Meeting as an Open Meeting, the time being 11:35am

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr O'Toole returned to the meeting at 11.35am.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

(CFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

CCFS1

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION TO WAIVE COMPOUNDING INTEREST ACCUMULATED ON ASSESSMENTS 00870-00000-000 AND 01062-00000-000

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider waiving compounding interest on Assessments 00870-00000-000 and 01062-00000-000 being L2/RP84612 and L1/STG855.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That:

1. Council deny the application to waive interest on Assessments 00870-00000-000 and 01062-00000-000 being L2/RP84612 and L1/STG855. and provide information on external community assistance programs which may be available to assist the ratepayer.
2. Further that Council provides a copy of its rate recovery policy to the ratepayer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In accordance with s175C(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 **Councillor O'Toole** declared a Material Personal Interest in respect to matters contained in CCFS2, on the grounds that:

The company I own with my husband Jason O'Toole Balonne Airwork, has previously expressed an interest to purchase land at the Dirranbandi Aerodrome.

Councillor O'Toole left the meeting, including any area set aside for the public, at 11:34am, in accordance with S175C(2)(b) and did not participate in discussion or voting on this matter.

CCFS2 **COUNCIL AUCTION - LAND FOR SALE OF ARREARS**

The purpose of this report for Council to receive and note information regarding the Council Auction held 20/03/2019.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Paul seconded:

1. That Council approve the sale/disposal of the following properties:
 - a) Assessment 00325-80000-000 being L49/D30631 – Dirranbandi
 - b) Assessment 00520-60000-000 being L14/M23911 – Mungindi
 - c) Assessment 01576-80000-000 being L47/T6063 – Thallon
 - d) Assessment 00211-36000-000 being L8/SP135744 situated in Dirranbandi; and
2. Delegate authority to negotiate and finalise any potential offers that are equal to or over the reserve to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with S257(1)(b) of the Local Government Regulations 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr O'Toole returned to the Meeting at 11:35am.

Ms Tarnia Porter (Administration Officer – Rates) retired from the Meeting at 11:35am

INFORMATION REPORTS

(ICEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ICEO1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Grants information report 6 April – 3 May 2019

ICEO2 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2019**

Economic Development Report April 2019

ICEO3 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Grants information report 6 April – 3 May 2019

(IFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

ICFS1 **MONTHLY REPORT - DIRECTOR FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES**

Monthly Information Report – Director Finance & Corporate Services

ICFS2 **MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT APRIL 2019**

Monthly Financial Information Report for the period ended 30 April 2019.

(IIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IIFS1 **MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MAY 2019 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

(ICES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ICES1 **MONTHLY REPORT - RURAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE**

Rural Services and Compliance Report for April 2019, for information.

ICES2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

The Community & Environmental Sustainability Report for the month of April 2019 is presented for Council's information.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 11:38am.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 20 June 2019.

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MAYOR