



MINUTES

of the

General Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Thursday 20th June 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), Mr Digby Whyte (Director Community & Environmental Services) and Mr Andrew Boardman (Director Infrastructure Services)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 16 May, 2019 be confirmed
.CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 13 June, 2019 be confirmed
.CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

In accordance with s175C(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 **Councillor Scriven** declared a Material Personal Interest in respect to matters contained in CES3, on the grounds that:

Cr Scriven owns the land and business making the application, depending on the outcome of the consideration of the matter at the meeting Cr Scriven stands to gain a benefit or suffer the loss by way of approval or otherwise in accordance with S175C(2)(b) and will not participate in discussion or voting on this matter.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

DEPUTATIONS

Nil

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske 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

CEO1 LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019 - CALL FOR MOTIONS

LGAQ Annual Conference 2019 - Call for Motions

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council prepare and submit motions to the LGAQ 2019 Conference, on the following matters,

1. Wild dog barrier precepts payments that may increase as a result of more sheep numbers in the Shire due to exclusion fencing projects; and
2. Concern over proposed Belcarra legislative changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CEO2 LGAQ 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - CALL FOR ATTENDEES

Annual Conference of the LGAQ to be held in Cairns 14-16 October 2019.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Council approves the Mayor, Councillors Todd, O'Toole and the Chief Executive Officer to attend the 2019 Annual LGAQ Conference to be held in Cairns on 14-16 October.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSH COUNCILS CONVENTION

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council approves Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Chief Executive Officer to attend the Bush Councils Convention to be held in Roma on 6-8 August 2019 and any other Councillor who may wish to attend all or part of the convention.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CEO3 MOBILE BLACKSPOT UPDATE REPORT

Mobile Blackspot Update Report

Cr Todd moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

1. That Council ratifies the two (2) black spots, QLD 1479, and QLD 0194, as assessed by Telstra and;
2. Request Telstra substitutes QLD 0980 with QLD 0100 as feasible for inclusion in Round 5, and;

3. that Council agrees to lobby local and federal members for inclusion of these three blackspots in the Round 5 Blackspot Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

FCS1 ENTERTAINMENT AND HOSPITALITY POLICY

Entertainment and Hospitality – Amended.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council:

1. Rescind the 21st July 2006 version of its Entertainment and Hospitality Policy; and
2. Adopt the revised Entertainment and Hospitality Policy as Attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT MAY 2019

Monthly Finance Report May 2019

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs Michelle Clarke (Director Finance & Corporate Services) thanked the Finance Staff and other team members for their efforts in preparing the Budget, new rating model and responding to audit

Mrs Tracy Lee (Manager Finance) left meeting, and Ms Fiona Macleod (Planning and Development Officer) and Mr Digby Whyte (Director Community and Environmental Services) entered at 10:06am

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Nil

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES1 RL 101 - APPLICATION FOR RECONFIGURATION OF A LOT - 1 TO 2 LOT SUBDIVISION - 50 THURAGGI ROAD, ST GEORGE AFFECTING LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 73 ON SP141391

Council has received a development application from the owners, David Purcell and Panorea Margaritis for Reconfiguration of a Lot specifically a 1 to 2 lot subdivision located at 50 Thuraggi Road, St George described as Lot 73 on SP141391.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

1. Council receives this report.
2. Council approves the development application for RL 101 - Application for Reconfiguration of a Lot - 1 to 2 Lot Subdivision - 50 Thuraggi Road, St George affecting land described as Lot

73 on SP141391 subject to the permit conditions listed below;

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT CONDITIONS

3. Compliance with the facts and circumstances set out in the application and all Council By-laws being adhered to and generally in accordance with the approved plan (except where varied by conditions of approval).
4. All outstanding rates and charges shall be paid prior to the submission to Council of the Plan of Survey.
5. Comply with all conditions of this approval prior to submitting the Plan of Subdivision to Council for endorsement unless otherwise agreed in writing by Council.
6. Maintain the approved development being Reconfiguring a Lot – 1 to 2 Lot Subdivision in accordance with the approved plan:

Plan/Document Name	Date
Proposed Lot Layout Conditions	24.04.19

Engineering

7. *Prior to the signing of the Survey Plan Subdivision*, certificate(s) must be obtained from a provider agency and presented to Council stating that electricity supply network connections can be made to proposed allotments (Lot 2) and that adequate electricity supplies are available or can be made available.
8. *Prior to the signing of the Survey Plan Subdivision*, Lot 2 is connected to Council's reticulated water supply system in accordance with *Schedule 4: "Standards for Water Supply"*.
9. Lot 2 is provided with an on-site sewerage disposal system to the standards described in *Schedule 5: "Standards for Sewerage Supply" in the Balonne Shire Planning Scheme*.
10. Where deemed necessary by Council, the relocation of services within the subject land shall be undertaken by the developer at no cost to Council.
11. Any infrastructure connections/upgrades and associated costs required to the proposed lot/s shall be borne by the developer at no cost to Council.

Access

12. Access point to newly created Lot 2 off Thuraggi Road is constructed in accordance with the standards identified in *Schedule 2: "Standards for Roads, Car Parking, Access and Manoeuvring Areas"* in the Balonne Shire Council Planning Scheme.
13. The developer shall be responsible for the construction and maintenance of vehicle crossovers from the road carriageway to the property boundary and for obtaining any approvals that may be required, and for complying with the applicable designs and standards.

14. Vehicle crossover to newly created Lot 2 must not be higher than the existing table drain at the invert. The crossover must be at a minimum all weather gravel with a minimum pavement depth of 300 mm between the property boundary and the road carriageway.

NOTES:

- *Nothing in this permit hereby issued approves the clearing of native vegetation.*
- *This permit does not constitute any authority to carry out any building work, operational work or a different use to what is currently established unless all relevant permits are obtained.*
- *This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. Under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 you have a duty of care in relation to such heritage. Section 23(1) provides that 'A person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It may therefore be prudent for you to carry out searches, consultation, or a cultural heritage assessment to ascertain in the presence or otherwise of Aboriginal cultural heritage. Further information on cultural heritage responsibilities of developers can be obtained from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.*
- *Given the proximity of new Lot 2 in relation to existing infrastructure, and being on the extremity of the reticulation network, a standard connection is unlikely to provide adequate pressure and flow. Accordingly, the newly created lot will likely require a non-standard connection and/or infrastructure upgrade. As Council currently does not provide a fee for a non-standard connection, any connections requested to the new lot would be at actual cost, and borne by the applicant. For further information regarding water connection requirements it is advised contact be made with Council's Infrastructure Department on 07 4620 8888.*
- *Prior to any future infrastructure works occurring Council's Infrastructure Department should be consulted to discuss Council's requirements.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES2

6-8 CHURCH STREET, DIRRANBANDI - REQUEST TO WAIVE DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING APPLICATION FEES

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the full waiver of development and building application fees for retrospective approvals to be sought for Industry (Workshop) use within an existing shed located at 6-8 Church Street, Dirranbandi.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council waive all development and building application fees for retrospective approvals to be sought for an Industry (Workshop) use within an existing shed located at 6-8 Church Street, Dirranbandi on the basis that there was a misunderstanding of the use originally being applied for.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In accordance with s175C(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 **Councillor Scriven** declared a Material Personal Interest in respect to matters contained in CES3, on the grounds that:

Cr Scriven owns the land and business making the application, depending on the outcome of the consideration of the matter at the meeting **Cr Scriven** stands to gain a benefit or suffer the loss by way of approval or otherwise, **Cr Scriven** left the meeting, including any area set aside for the public, at 10:28am in accordance with S175C(2)(b) and did not participate in discussion or voting on this matter.

CES3

CHANGE APPLICATION TO MCU 145 - DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - EXPANSION TO EXISTING INDUSTRY DEPOT AND USE FOR A STEEL FABICATION AND SALES PREMISES AT 53-63 ARTHUR STREET QLD 4487 DESCRIBED AS LOT 9 ON RP800262

Council has received a change application from the landowner Scott Sam Scriven, for a Development Permit (MCU 145) Material Change of Use – expansion to existing industry depot and use for a steel fabrication and sales premises located at 53-63 Arthur Street, St George affecting land described as Lot 9 on RP800262.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That;

1. Council receives this report.
2. The application for a Request to Change an Existing Approval for a Material Change of Use – Expansion to existing industry depot and use for a steel fabrication and sales premises on land described as Lot 9 on RP800262 and situated at 53-63 Arthur Street, St George, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Scriven returned to the Meeting at 10:30am

The Meeting then adjourned and the Mayor invited Ms Fiona Macleod and Mr Digby Whyte to join with Councillors for Morning Tea as this is Fiona's last day Council Meeting prior to her taking twelve months maternity leave, the time being 10:31am.

The Meeting resumed at 10:45am with Mr Digby Whyte, Ms Fiona Macleod and Ms Dani Kinnear (Community and Multicultural Development Officer) in attendance.

CES4

BUILDING WORKS ASSESSABLE AGAINST THE PLANINNG SCHEME - 9-11 HOCKING STREET, NINDIGULLY BEING LOT 203 ON N5631

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a variation to the setback requirement of Acceptable Solution 36.1 contained within the Rural Zone Code of the *Balonne Shire Council Planning Scheme 2006 (as Amended July 2014)* for a proposed residential shed at 9-11 Hocking Street, Nindigully being Lot 203 on N5631.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That:

1. Council receives this report.
2. Council approve the application for Building Works Assessable against the Planning Scheme to construct a Residential Outbuilding within 100 metres of boundaries on land located at 9-11 Hocking Street, Nindigully being Lot 203 on N5631.
3. Council state to the applicant/owner of the property that the shed requires building works approval. Accordingly, approval must be applied for and obtained either through Balonne Shire Council or Private Certification.
4. Council advise that the site in its entirety is subject to the Flood Hazard Overlay and accordingly, appropriate flood mitigation measures should be taken to ensure flood risk to

persons and property is minimised.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council thanked Fiona for her work over the last few years and wished her all the best. Ms Fiona Macleod retired from the Meeting 10:50pm.

CES5 **COMMUNITY DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIP AND GRANTS PROGRAM**

Sponsorship request from St George Pony Club for their St George Pony Camp July 2019

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That, subject to budget approval, Council sponsors St George Pony Club \$1,000 from the 2019/20 Community Donations, Sponsorships and Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES6 **COMMUNITY EVENTS PROGRAM - BALONNE COMMUNITIES NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2019**

Request from St George Aboriginal Housing Company Ltd for \$3,000 sponsorship, from Council's Community Events program, for the Balonne Communities NAIDOC Week Celebrations 2019.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council sponsors St George Aboriginal Housing Company with \$3,000 for the Balonne Communities NAIDOC Week Celebrations in 2019, from the Community Events Program 2018/19 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES7 **COMMUNITY EVENTS - NINDIGULLY LANDCARE GROUP INC**

Request from Nindigully Landcare group for \$3,000, from the Community Events program, to host a Focus of Food and Fibre Conference for Balonne Shire's agricultural industry.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council sponsor Nindigully Landcare Group with \$3,000 for the Focus on Food and Fibre conference from the Community Events Program 2018/19 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES8 **ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED COMMUNITY GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE POLICY**

This report details the review and update of Council's current Community Donations, Sponsorship and Grants program

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Council adopt the updated Community Grants and Assistance Policy, Application Form and the Fee Waiver Application Form to take effect from of 1st July 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES9

FEE WAIVER REQUEST - BALONNE RIVER CUTTERS

Request from Balonne River Cutters to waive the \$1,000 hire fee for the use of the St George Showgrounds for a week-long event in July 2019.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council waive the showground hire fee of \$1,000 from the 15th – 22nd July 2019 for the St George Cutting Futurity event run by Balonne River Cutters

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms Dani Kinnear retired from the Meeting at 10:57am

CES10

ST GEORGE LIBRARY-HUB

The overall brief for this project was to analyse the possible redevelopment of the St George Library to create a vibrant “hub”, both redefining and improving the current library service, to offer a greater depth of programs and activities with an added focus of a business and learning hub housed within a library service. An additional goal of the project was to create a vibrant Victoria Street precinct, improving both the functionality of the spaces and creating street appeal in the current central location.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council:

- 1) Receive and approve the *St George Library Hub Business Case* of 5 June 2019 to replace the current library on Victoria Street with a new library and forecourt, refurbish the adjoining greenspace, and the Cultural Centre entrance and Annexe, based on the architect's Option 1.
- 2) Engage with the community on the new St George Library Hub (Architect Option 1) concept plan and drawings.
- 3) Commence seeking project grant funding for the St George Library Hub.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Item CES11 - Wild Dog Scalps – Bounty and Retainer within the Balonne Shire was removed from the Agenda and deferred to a later meeting.

CES12

WASH DOWN BAY

To support the Draft Biosecurity Plan and respond to the Biosecurity Act 2014 and Regulations through a vehicle wash-down facility to reduce weed seed spread and that pose financial and environmental threats to Balonne Shire's agricultural industry.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the vehicle wash-down facility be made operational in 2019 through use of a token payment system and the addition of gerni connected to the street artesian system.

AMENDMENT

Cr Todd moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded

That Council Investigate the potential to find a commercial operator for the wash down facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Amendment then became the Motion, and upon being put, was CARRIED.

CES13

SONGS TO DIE FOR

OQ (Opera Queensland) propose to hold an opera event in partnership with Council in St George on Thursday September 5th 2019 as part of their regional tour.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council

1. Approves the Opera Queensland Agreement "Songs To Die For" production in St George on Thursday September 5th 2019.
2. Approves to provide up to \$3,245 including GST from the 2018/19 Community Events budget to cover any ticket sales shortfall in meeting the Opera Queensland \$6,490 including GST total fee
3. Approves to waive the Cultural Centre hire fees for the production
4. Approves providing in-kind support in the form of:
 - a) Liaising with Opera Queensland
 - b) Project management of the event
 - c) Promotion & marketing
 - d) Co-ordination of community groups for catering & bar
 - e) Sale of tickets at the VIC, Reception at Council Office and Libraries in the Shire.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED MEETING

Cr Scriven moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the Meeting go into its Meeting as a closed meeting, the time being 11:20am

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPEN MEETING

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council resume its Meeting as an Open Meeting, the time being 11:38am

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

(CFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

CCFS1

SALE OF LAND FOR ARREARS OF RATES

Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That in accordance with s140 (2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council resolve to sell the properties listed below for overdue rates and charges.

Assessment	RPD	Township
00222-00000-000	Lot 1 Registered Plan 51683, Parish Currawildi	Dirranbandi
00285-00000-000	Lot 11 Crown Plan D30623, Parish Currawildi	Dirranbandi
00998-00000-000	Lot 2 Registered Plan 152459, Parish St George	St George
01822-50000-000	Lot 3 Registered Plan 169557, Parish St George	St George
00309-00000-000	Lot 35 Crown Plan D30631, Parish Currawildi	Dirranbandi

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(CIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

CIFS1 THERMAL SPRINGS, CONTRACT AWARD

Thermal Springs Contract Award

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the St George Thermal Springs Project contract be awarded to Rogan Building Pty Ltd for a contract sum of \$703,880.00 excluding GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(CCES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CCES1 APPLICATION FOR THE KEEPING OF STOCK DOG REGISTRATIONS

Under the current Local Laws adopted by the Balonne Shire Council all applications for stock dogs must gain approval from a full Council Meeting.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That approval is granted to the current residents for the Keeping of Animals (combination of non-stock dogs and stock dogs) totalling six, to be kept at 69 Arthur Street, St George for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION REPORTS

(ICEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ICEO1 INFORMATION REPORT - COMMUNICATIONS/DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Information report from the Communications/Disaster Management Officer from 1 January through to 31 May 2019. Numbers of Staff newsletters and Media Releases are down.

ICE02 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE MAY 2019**

Economic Development Update May 2019

ICE03 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Monthly grants information report.

ICE04 **MDAG MEETING AND FUNDING UPDATE**

A meeting was held with the Murray Darling Advisory Group (MDAG) on 14 May 2019 in Dirranbandi. Matthew Magin, CEO, and five (5) Council Officers briefed the MDAG members on the recently awarded grants received from the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Grants Program from the Federal Government.

Each grant has an assigned Project Officer and currently the designated Officers are working to submit updated workplaces to the Government, post a teleconference workshop regarding reporting commitments. Upon receiving the work plans the Government will issue the Grant Deed. Upon receiving the Grant Deed work can officially commence. The outcome of the BOR Digital Connectivity Project will impact both project 2 and Project 6 from the above list.

(IFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

ICFS1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Monthly Safety Report

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

Monthly Information Report – Director Finance & Corporate Services

ICFS3 **MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT MAY 2019**

Monthly Financial Information Report for the period ended 31 May 2019.

(IIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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

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

(ICES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ICES1 **ST GEORGE & DIRRANBANDI LOW COST CAMPING UPDATE**

Update from the Manager Tourism regarding the progress of the Low Cost Camping option in St George and Dirranbandi.

ICES2 **WILD DOG BARRIER FENCE MEETING 20 MAY 2019**

Report, minutes and map from the Wild Dog Barrier Fence Panel Meeting held on 20 May 2019; for information.

ICES3

MONTHLY REPORT

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

ICES4

MONTHLY REPORT - RURAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE

From the Manager of Rural Services and Compliance reporting on rural services, stock routes and compliance projects and operations for May 2019.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 12:03pm.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 18 July 2019.

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MAYOR