
BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Thargomindah on the 16th February 2009 commencing at 9:09am.

PRESENT: Councillors: J.C. Ferguson (Mayor)
D.P. Clifford
R.J. Ferguson
A.D. Crawford
J.P. Cobb

Officers: Michael Hayward (Chief Executive Officer)
Peggy Ferguson (Secretary)

1.0 APOLOGIES

NIL

2.0 OBITUARIES

NIL

3.0 RECEIVING OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 01-02-09

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 12th December 2008 as supplied to all Councillors, be received.

Carried

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 02-02-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 12th December 2008 as supplied to all Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1.1 Mayors and CEO's Meeting

Mayor Cr JC Ferguson and the Chief Executive Officer attended the quarterly meeting of the South West Queensland Local Government Association held in Roma on Monday 9th February 2009.

LGAQ President, Cr Paul Bell, was in attendance at this meeting.

The Mayor appraised Council of various issues effecting the south west region which were raised at the meeting, including :-

Bulloo Shire Council addressed the following matters at this meeting:-

- the number of scheduled RFDS clinics in Thargomindah that are cancelled
- the continuation of dental services for this area.
- following the collapse of MacAir Airlines, Bulloo Shire Council has requested that SWQLGA provide input when the air services contract is tendered.

5.1.2 Regional Roads Group Meeting

Mayor Cr JC Ferguson and the Chief Executive Officer attended a meeting of the South West Regional Roads Group held in Roma on Monday 9th February 2009.

This meeting was held at the conclusion of the Mayors and CEO's meeting.

The Mayor advised that the main issues considered at this meeting included:-

- Each of the six Councils in the South West Regional Roads Group is allocated \$100,000 / year from the pool of funds totalling \$1.8m collected by the group annually.
- Each year, the balance of the pool of money is allocated to Council's on a rotational basis. This allows each Council to carry out a major project every six years.
- This year, the funds have been allocated to Quilpie Shire Council to complete the 8m wide seal from Quilpie to the Thargomindah boundary.

5.1.3 South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED)

Mayor Cr JC Ferguson, the Chief Executive Officer and Manager of Community Services attended a SWRED Meeting in Charleville on Tuesday 10th February 2009.

At this meeting it was decided that SWRED will obtain the services of Partners in Business to conduct an audit of the SWRED Financial Statements.

5.2 Storage of Council Fleet & Plant

Resolution No. 03-02-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT

1. All Council vehicles are to be returned to Council's depot over weekends and during periods of closedown; and
2. Where Council officers or members of staff are required to remain on call, Council vehicles are to be kept secure and not parked in the street.

Carried

5.3 New Council Depot – Progress of Electrical Works

The Chief Executive Officer conducted an inspection of the new workshop on Monday 16th February 2009 and held discussion with the electrical contractor undertaking the required remedial works to the building.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that approximately 85% of the remedial work has been completed to date. This work includes: -

- all sub boards have been updated; and
- the main switchboard has been reconfigured.

The balance of the work will be carried out by the end of February 2009, at which time an inspection will be conducted by the Consulting Electrical Engineer, Mr Terry Merritt.

5.4 Shire Branding and Logo Design

Council discussed the strategic planning framework, outputs and associated timelines for the balance of the current fiscal year and considered the practicality of continuing with the Shire Branding and Logo Design at this time.

Resolution No. 04-02-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT the Shire Branding and Logo Design be deferred and be further considered during budget deliberations for the 2009-2010 budget.

Carried

6.0 TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS

NIL

Adjournment

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:20am and resumed at 10:31am.

7.0 RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF OFFICER'S REPORT**Resolution No. 05-02-09**

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT the Officer's Report be received.

Carried

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**7.1.1 Camp Arrangements****Resolved No. 06-02-09**

THAT a comprehensive review of current camp arrangements, including menu, camp maintenance and bulk ordering, be addressed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in March 2009.

7.1.2 Councillor Remuneration for 2009

Information was provided to Councillors to assist them to authorise their remuneration for 2009 in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, having regard to the remuneration range set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Resolution No. 07-02-09

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Cobb

1. THAT, to remunerate Councillors for attending to Council Business (not including the reimbursement of expenses) and in attending community events, in response to community expectations as part of their role of Councillor, Council resolve to authorise the following payments in accordance with the remuneration determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal dated 27 November 2008, to be paid from 1 January 2009, i.e.:

a. Elected Member Allowance

- Mayor \$50,950 pa;
 - Deputy Mayor \$19,310 pa;
 - Councillor \$12,980 pa,
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b. Meeting Fee

In addition to the Elected Members Allowance, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors are to be paid \$500 for attendance at each ordinary meeting of Council; up to a maximum of 12 meetings per annum (\$6,000).

2. Meeting attendance fees are to be paid at the end of each calendar month in conjunction with elected members allowance payments.

Carried

7.1.3 Collapse of Macair Airlines

Council was advised of the collapse of MacAir Airlines and informed of the financial impact to Council.

A discussion regarding the future supply of services to charter companies engaged by Department of Transport to provide scheduled air services to Thargomindah was held.

Resolution No. 08-02-09

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT Council continue to supply fuel for the RPT service to Thargomindah on the following conditions:-

1. that a credit limit of \$20,000 be set with account payable within 14 days of invoice
2. invoices to be sent weekly
3. where the RPT service provider is in breach of the above conditions, the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to cease supply of the services
4. The Chief Executive Officer is to inform Councillors prior to ceasing supply of services

Carried

7.1.4 Sale of Practical Computer Services

Council was informed that its computer software supplier, Practical Computer Services, has been sold and the impact that this sale will have on Councils operational capabilities was discussed.

Noted

7.1.5 Queensland Audit Office – Audit for Year Ended 30th June 2008

Council was informed that the Queensland Audit Office report on the audit of the Bulloo Shire Council for the 2007-08 financial year has been received. Mayor Cr JC Ferguson tabled the report as received from the Queensland Audit Office.

Resolution No. 09-02-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT the minutes record that, in accordance with s.530(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, Mayor Cr John Ferguson tabled the Queensland Audit Office report in respect of the audit of the Council's financial statements for 2007-08 financial year.

Carried

7.1.6 LGAQ 2009 Infrastructure Symposium

Local Government Association of Queensland is holding the annual Infrastructure Symposium at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on 21st – 24th April 2009.

Resolution No. 10-02-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Chief Executive Officer attend the 2009 Infrastructure Symposium that is being held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on 21st – 24th April 2009.

Carried

Adjournment

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:04 and resumed at 1:00pm.

7.1.7 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Raised by	Issues Raised
Cr RJ Ferguson	Fast track land issues so that land is available for sale
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	Keep Australia Beautiful nomination.
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	Letter of concern from Thargo Transport
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	Letter from Hon Warren Pitt re funding under RLICP

Attendance

Consulting Engineer, George Inocentes, and Manager of Works, Bill Carr, attended the meeting at 2:08pm.

7.2 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT**7.2.1 Prioritization of Works**

Council discussed the projects that are programmed for the 2008/2009 financial year and determined that there will be a number of projects outstanding at the end of this financial year.

The projects were prioritized on an emergency and funded projects basis.

Resolution No. 11-02-09

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

1. THAT the following works be prioritized to be completed by 30th June 2009
 - 2007 flood damage
 - Woomanooka Road from Durham Downs to Bundeena
 - Echuburra Creek
 - Explorers Caravan Park drainage
2. THAT the following works be held over to the 2009/2010 financial year
 - Tickalara Jumpup
 - Noccundra Airstrip
 - Hungerford Airstrip
 - Murra Warra Creek

Carried

7.2.2 Replacement of Plant No. 717

Council discussed the replacement of Plant No. 717. Works Manager advised that Mack Trucks are available for purchase through Local Buy which negates the necessity of following the tender process.

Resolution No. 12-02-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT an order be placed through Local Buy for the purchase of a Mack Truck to replace Plant No. 717.

Carried

7.2.3 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Raised by	Issues Raised
Cr Crawford	Cement truck was hired out over the Christmas period
Cr Crawford	Appears that there is a problem with the tyres on the bobcat (they seem to be going flat a lot)
Cr RJ Ferguson	Cricket match is being held on Saturday 21 st February 2009
Cr RJ Ferguson	Hungerford Crossing scouring on approach to crossing

Attendance

Bill Kirby, Department of Main Roads, attended the meeting at 3:37pm to discuss Grid 24 on the Thargomindah – Cunnamulla Road.

7.2.4 Grid 24

Mayor Cr JC Ferguson advised Bill Kirby about the on-going problems with Grid 24 i.e. concrete powdering under the grid.

The Chief Executive Officer enquired if any financial assistance may be forthcoming from the Department of Main Roads.

Bill Kirby advised that the Department's policy is that where the grid is privately owned, it is the responsibility of the property owner to replace the grid.

Attendance

Consulting Engineer - George Inocentes, Manager of Works - Bill Carr, and Bill Kirby - Department of Main Roads, left the meeting at 3:45.

Adjournment

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:45pm and resumed at 3:55pm.

Manager of Financial Services, Sally Byrne, and Manager of Corporate Services, Karen Dare, attended this time.

7.3 MANAGER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT**7.3.1 Accounts – December 2008**

Resolution No. 13-02-09

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT direct debits and vouchers for the month of December 2008 numbered 30514 – 30551 totalling \$2,965,085.60 be received.

Carried

7.3.2 Accounts – January 2009

Resolution No. 14-02-09

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr Crawford

THAT direct debits and vouchers for the month of January 2009 numbered 30552 – 30562 totalling \$485,500.79 be received.

Carried

7.3.3 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Nil

Attendance

Manager of Financial Services, Sally Byrne, left the meeting at 4:05pm.

7.4 MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**7.4.1 Library Hours**

Council considered the results of the trialled change of opening hours for the Thargomindah library.

Resolution No. 15-02-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT the Library hours be amended to open as follows:

Tuesday	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday	9:00am – 12:00noon & 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Friday	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday	8:30pm - 12:30pm

Carried

7.4.2 Matters Raised by Elected Members

NIL

Attendance

Manager of Corporate Services, Karen Dare, left the meeting at 4:27pm.

Manager of Community Services, Donna Gentle, attended the meeting at this time.

7.5 MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

7.5.1 Q150 Event

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council was unsuccessful with their application for funding under the Q150 Funding Program.

It was requested that musical and children's entertainment be provided by Council in conjunction with the Quick Shears Event to be held in March 2009.

Resolution No. 16-02-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

1. THAT Council endorse the provision of musical and children's entertainment in conjunction with the Quick Shears Event to be held on 28th March 2009; and
2. THAT the cost of the band and children's entertainment be funded from Council's Community Event Program.

Carried

7.5.2 Thargo Bus Link

Council has engaged Stephanie Mills Gallery Pty Ltd to provide the bus link service from Cunnamulla to Thargomindah every Friday evening, and Thargomindah to Cunnamulla each Saturday morning to connect with the existing Kynoch Coach Service. This project is being funded by Blueprint for the Bush.

Noted

7.5.3 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Raised by	Issues Raised
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	Hon. Warren Pitt MP to be advised of commencement of Bus Link Service
Cr RJ Ferguson	Lights at Rodeo Grounds

Attendance

Manager of Community Services, Donna Gentle, left the meeting at 5:31pm.

ADOPTION OF OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 17-02-09

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Cobb

THAT the Officer's Reports be adopted and those matters contained therein not covered by resolution be noted.

Carried

8.0 RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Inwards Correspondence

NIL

8.1.1 Listed Correspondence

NIL

8.1.2 Late Correspondence

NIL

9.0 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS OR MEMORIALS

NIL

10.0 CONSIDERATION AND RECEPTION OF NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

11.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

12.0 NEXT MEETING

Resolution No. 18-02-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Monday 16th March 2009.

Carried

12.1 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 5:43pm.

Confirmed / /2009

Mayor
