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**BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

Of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Thargomindah on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 commencing at 9:13am.

Cr Clifford and Cr Cobb were not present at the commencement of the meeting and attended where indicated in the minutes.

**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. 172 -10-08)

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008 be received.

Carried

Resolution (No. 173-10-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Mayor Cr JC Ferguson

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008 be received.

Carried

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#### **4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolution (No. 174-10-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Mayor Cr JC Ferguson

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008 be confirmed.

Carried

Resolution (No. 175-10-08)

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008 be confirmed.

Carried

#### **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

NIL

**Attendance**

Mr Ian Swan attended the meeting at 9:29am to discuss the progress of his proposal to build a roadhouse at the Burke & Wills Bridge.

He advised that he has identified a preferred site for a roadhouse and is currently negotiating with Santos to purchase the land.

Mr Swan advised that his application to pump water from Cooper Creek for the purpose of a roadhouse has been denied, however he has been permitted to sink a bore.

He advised that a bore has been put down and the water has been tested at the laboratory at Toowoomba. The test results show that the water will require further treatment before it can be used.

**Adjournment**

*Council adjourned for morning tea at 9:50am.*

*Mr Swan joined Council for morning tea but was not in attendance when the meeting resumed at 10:00am.*

**Attendance**

*Cr Cobb was in attendance when the meeting recommenced.*

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**6.0 TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS**

NIL

**7.0 RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF OFFICER'S REPORT**

Resolution (No. 176-10-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT the Officer's Report be received.

Carried

**Attendance**

*Manager of Works, Bill Carr, attended the meeting at 10:11am.*

**7.1 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT****Attendance**

*Cr Clifford attended the meeting at 10:23am.*

The Works Manager presented his report for the month of September 2008. The following matters were raised for Council's consideration.

**7.1.1 Review of Grading of Access Roads Policy**

Council discussed the scope of works that had been carried out on the Boodgherree Access and Kilcowera Access Roads. The Works Manager advised that these access roads required additional work as they had not been graded for several years.

Resolution (No. 177-10-08)

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT the Grading of Access Roads Policy be reviewed to identify the scope of works to be undertaken in relation to the grading of access roads.

Carried

**7.1.2 Innamincka Road**

Chief Executive Officer advised Council that he and Cr Clifford had a meeting with Minister Warren Pitt at the LGAQ Conference in Cairns to discuss the estimated shortfall for the construction of the Innamincka Road.

It has been estimated that an additional \$5,582,145 will be required to complete the project.

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The majority of this shortfall can be attributed to the decision that the road be built to Main Roads standard (i.e. 8m wide rather than 7m wide as originally planned) and the increased cost of fuel and bitumen product.

Noted

### **7.1.3 Realignment of Section of Warry Gate Road**

Cr Cobb enquired about the realignment of the Warry Gate Road from Naryilco to Banderoola Plains as the existing road is in bad condition.

Resolution (No. 178-10-08)

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

1. THAT the Works Manager investigate the realignment of the Warry Gate Road from Naryilco to Banderoola Plain; and
2. THAT a report including an estimate of costs be provided to Council for consideration prior to the commencement of work.

Carried

### **7.1.4 Matters Raised by Elected Members**

<b>Raised by</b>	<b>Issues Raised</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Officer</b>
Cr Crawford	Signage for Heavy Vehicle Detour	Investigate additional signage	Works Manager
Cr Crawford	Guttering at the Thargomindah Hall	Check guttering at Thargomindah Hall	Works Manager
Cr Clifford	Water scouring Hungerford Road (Skinners Hill)	Investigate and carry out remedial work as necessary.	Works Manager
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	Materials stored in old batching plant shed (fertilizer, concrete etc)	Shed needs to be cleaned out	Works Manager

### **7.1.5 Quotations for Aggregate**

Council has called quotations for the supply of 640m<sup>3</sup> of 14mm precoated aggregate. Only two quotations were invited due to the limited number of suppliers in the area.

Section 485 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that a Local Government must invite written quotations for the supply of goods or services involving a cost of \$15,000 to \$150,000. The Act further states that in invitation must be given to at least three persons.

Council's Procurement Policy delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts for the supply of goods and services up to a value of \$150,000.

As only two quotations have been invited, it is believed to be prudent in this instance for Council to decide the most advantageous quotation.

The following quotations were received:-

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Price (incl GST)</b>
WN & TL Hickey	\$113,356.80
Boral	\$125,882.24

Resolution (No. 179-10-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Crawford

THAT Council accept the quotation from WN & TL Hickey for the supply of 640m<sup>3</sup> of 14mm precast aggregate in the amount of \$113,356.80 (GST inclusive).

Carried

### Attendance

*Manager of Works, Bill Carr, left the meeting at 11:15am.*

*Manager of Financial Services, Sally Byrne, attended the meeting at this time.*

## **7.2 MANAGER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT**

The Manager of Financial Services presented her report for the month of September 2008. The following matters were raised for Council's consideration.

### **7.2.1 BPAY Facilities**

The Manager of Financial Services advised that the application for BPAY facilities has been completed and all procedures are now in place for BPAY to be listed as an alternative method of payment on all future invoices, including rate notices.

Noted

### **7.2.2 Accounts**

Resolution (No. 180-10-08)

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr Clifford

THAT direct debits and vouchers for the month of August 2008 numbered 30420 - 30437 totalling \$2,383,116.91 be received.

Carried

### Attendance

*Manager of Financial Services, Sally Byrne, left the meeting at 11:35an.*

*Manager of Corporate Services, Karen Dare, attended the meeting at this time.*

## **7.3 MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

The Manager of Corporate Services presented her report for the month of September 2008. The following matters were raised for Council's consideration.

### **7.3.1 Rental - Hungerford**

Council manages two (2) 2 bedroom accommodation units at Hungerford. Rental of these units were increased at the budget meeting, in line with the rental in Thargomindah.

It is recommended that the units at Hungerford be rented at \$75.00 per week. As Hungerford does not have the services that are available to the residents of Thargomindah, it is considered that market rent of \$75.00 in Hungerford is appropriate.

#### Resolution (No. 190-10-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Cobb

THAT rental on the 2 bedroom brick units at Hungerford be set at \$75.00 / week.

Carried

### **7.3.2 Thargomindah Library**

A survey was placed in the newsletter regarding services offered by the library. 12 responses were received. Following the survey it is recommended that a change of library hours be trialled for an eight week period, commencing Monday 29 September 2008:

The majority of the respondees identified that there were continual problems with the photocopying services offered at the library. The photocopier has not worked properly for about 12 months, and recently stopped working altogether.

It is recommended that the library photocopying services be removed from the Fees and Charges and the public be notified accordingly. The public will then use the photocopier at the Council office at the fees prescribed for this service at the library.

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**7.3.2.1 Library Opening Hours****Resolution (No. 191-10-08)**

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson Cr Crawford seconded

THAT the following hours be trialled at the library for an eight week period commencing 29 September 2008 and a notice advising the public of the change of hours be submitted in the local newsletter:-

Monday	9:00 am – 1:00pm		4 hours / day
Tuesday		1:00pm – 5:00pm	4 hours / day
Wednesday		1:00pm – 5:00pm	4 hours / day
Thursday	9:00am – 12noon	1:00pm – 5:00pm	7 hours / day
Friday		1:00pm – 5:00pm	4 hours / day
Saturday	9:00am – 12noon		3 hours / day

Carried

**7.3.2.2 Library Photocopying Fees & Charges****Resolved (No. 192-10-08)**

THAT the Manager of Corporate Service's recommendation in relation to the photocopying fees and charges be further considered following investigations into the replacement of the existing library photocopier with a lesser volume unit.

**Adjournment**

*Council adjourned for lunch at 12:00pm and resumed at 12:58pm.*

*The Chief Executive Officer was not in attendance when the meeting resumed.*

**Attendance**

*Manager of Community Services, Donna Gentle, and Marketing and Events Coordinator, Jan Seery, attended the meeting at 12:58pm.*

**7.4 MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

The Manager of Community Services presented her report for the month of September 2008. The following matters were raised for Council's consideration.

**7.4.1 Flood Mitigation Study**

The Manager of Community Services advised that the relevant government departments had been notified that Council will not be proceeding with the preparation of a Flood Mitigation Study at this time as per Resolution No. 151-08-08.

Noted

### Attendance

*Chief Executive Officer, Michael Hayward, attended the meeting at 1:17pm.*

#### **7.4.2 Bulloo Shire Tourism Group**

Discussions were held in relation to the current structure and function of the Bulloo Shire Tourism Group.

The Marketing and Events Coordinator raised the following issues:-

- The Marketing and Events Coordinator believes that it is a conflict of interest for her to have the role of Secretary for the Bulloo Shire Tourism Group
- The Bulloo Shire Tourism Group is an advisory group
- The Bulloo Shire Tourism Group seems to lack clear objectives i.e. no new issues, the same matters keep arising.

It was agreed that the Marketing and Events Coordinator liaise with the Bulloo Shire Tourism Group to review the group's operations and objectives and that a report be submitted to Council for further consideration.

#### **7.4.3 Q150 Community Funding Program**

The Marketing and Events Coordinator updated Council on its application for funding under the Q150 Community Funding Program to assist with hosting a bull-ride to commemorate Queensland's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of separation from New South Wales.

Council was advised that the following events were proposed in the application:-

- Bull ride
- Live music by a variety of bands and entertainers
- Fireworks display
- Entertainment for children, including a Jumping Castle, rock Climbing and Bungy Jumping.

The Tourism Marketing and Events Coordinator advised that notification regarding the application for funding will be received in December 2008.

Council discussed this matter at length and it was agreed that this matter be further considered following receipt of advice in respect to the outcome of the application for funding for the Q150 Community Funding Program and the confirmation of sponsorship.

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#### **7.4.4 Country Week**

Mayor Cr JC Ferguson and Cr Crawford have advised that they are unable to attend Queensland Country Week on 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

Resolved (No. 193-10-08)

THAT the Marketing and Events Coordinator will attend and represent Bulloo Shire at the Queensland Country Week on 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

#### **7.4.5 Child Care Centre**

The Chief Executive Officer presented a draft plan for the proposed Child Care Centre to Council as designed by A.G. Martin Design and Drafting.

A.G. Martin Design and Drafting has confirmed that the building has been designed to enable it to be built either on-site or as a relocatable building.

Council inspected the plan and requested that the consultants be directed to prepare specifications for Council's consideration.

Resolved (No. 194-10-08)

THAT the A.G. Martin Design and Drafting be directed to prepared specifications and estimate of costs for the proposed Child Care Facility for Council's consideration.

#### **Attendance**

*Manager of Community Services, Donna Gentle, and Tourism Marketing and Events Coordinator, Jan Seery, left the meeting at 1:58pm.*

#### **Attendance**

*Gary Butler and Susan Nicholls, South West NRM, attended the meeting at 2:00pm.*

#### **7.4.6 South West Natural Resource Management**

Gary Butler discussed the role of South West NRM and advised that they have recently employed extra District Coordinators and are considering establishing an office in Thargomindah.

South West NRM is seeking assistance from Council with the provision of office space and accommodation for a District Coordinator.

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Resolution (No. 195-10-08)

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Clifford

THAT Mayor Cr JC Ferguson and Chief Executive Officer, Michael Hayward, be authorised to liaise with South West NRM with the view of establishing a regional office in Thargomindah.

Carried

Attendance

*Gary Butler and Susan Nicholls, South West NRM, left the meeting at 2:25pm.*

**7.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Chief Executive Officer presented his report for the month of September 2008. The following matters were raised for Council's consideration.

**7.5.1 Ergon Energy Tidy Towns State Award Winners 2008**

Advice has been received that Hungerford has been awarded the Australia Post Bush Spirit Award.

This award recognizes evidence of community hardship (economic, environmental or social) and then for evidence of a community's refusal to "give in".

Noted

**7.5.1 Regional Development Australia (Stage 2 Consultation)**

As part of the transition of the Southern Inland Queensland ACC (SIQACC) to the new Regional Development Australia, SIQACC is now required to conduct Stage Two of the consultation process with Local Government of the review into regional development funding (previously regional partnership funding).

Stage Two is consulting in relation to Funding Models and Infrastructure priorities for the region. SIQACC is also seeking to update council on the Federal Governments RDA.

SIQACC would like to address the full council on this occasion so as to allow comprehensive discussions and would require approximately 1 hour.

SIQACC's schedule includes meeting with Murweh and Quilpie Councils on the morning of the 9 October 2008 and are seeking to meet with Bulloo Shire Council between 4pm to 5pm on Thursday 9 October 2008.

An information document and brief will be forwarded to Council prior to the meeting.

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SIQACC have indicated that they would like to meet with as many Councillor as possible to discuss funding models (make sure we are not disadvantaged by our large area and small population) and our local infrastructure priorities (i.e. Innamincka Road, Child Care Facility etc).

Noted

**Material Interest**

*Cr Clifford declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting at 3:03pm.*

**7.5.2 Request for Assistance with Hungerford Sports Day**

The Hungerford Sports Association Inc. advises that they will be holding their annual sports day on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

The committee is requesting assistance with a water truck for this event and have asked if the truck may be provided free of charge.

**Resolution (No. 196 -10-08)**

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT Council make available to the Hungerford Sports Association Inc:

- a water truck for its annual Sports Day to be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at no charge and further
- the equipment is only to be operated by qualified Council Officers and it is the responsibility of the Hungerford Sports Club to make arrangements with the operators for payment.

Carried

**Attendance**

*Cr Clifford returned to the meeting at 3:10pm.*

**7.5.3 Application for Renewal of PH 15/468 Being Lot 468 on PH16553**

Correspondence received from the Department of Natural Resources & Water dated 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008 advises that an application has been received for the renewal of PH 15/468 being lot 468 on PH1653 (i.e. Ticklara Station).

Natural Resources and Water is seeking Council's views or requirements that the Department should consider when assessing this application.

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Resolution (No. 197-10-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT Natural Resources and Water be advised that Council has no objections to the renewal of PH 15/468 being lot 468 on PH1653.

Carried

**7.5.4 Request for Donation**

Correspondence received from Rhiannon Newsham dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008 advising that a charity ball is being held in Eulo on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2008 to support the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Ronald McDonald House Mater.

On behalf of the organising committee, Ms Newsham is calling for donations of either cash or items that can be auctioned or used for door prizes from businesses and groups in the community to help cover the cost of the event.

Resolution (No. 198-10-08)

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Clifford

1. THAT Rhiannon Newsham be advised that Council not make a contribution to the charity ball to be held in Eulo on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2008; and further
2. That Rhiannon Newsham be advised that Council's reasons for not supporting the request is that Council already supports RFDS through various community functions and fundraising ventures in the Bulloo Shire.

Carried

**ADOPTION OF OFFICER'S REPORT**

Resolution (No. 199-10-08)

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

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

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**8.2 Listed Correspondence**

NIL

**8.3 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**

Resolved (No. 200-10-08)

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting be held at Hungerford on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

**12.1 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 3:40pm.

**Confirmed / /2008**

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**Mayor**

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