
BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Thargomindah on the 18th August 2008 commencing at 9:05am.

PRESENT: Councillors: J.C. Ferguson (Mayor)
D.P. Clifford
A.D. Crawford
J.P. Cobb
Officers: Michael Hayward (Chief Executive Officer)
Peggy Ferguson (Secretary)

1.0 APOLOGIES

Resolution (No. 145-08-08)

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr Clifford

THAT the apology of Cr RJ Ferguson be accepted and that leave from attendance at the meeting be granted.

Carried

2.0 OBITUARIES

NIL

3.0 RECEIVING OF MINUTES

Resolution (No. 146-08-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 21st July 2008 be received.

Carried

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution (No. 147-08-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Cobb

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21st July 2008 be confirmed.

Carried

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Residential Tenancy Act –URGENT APPLICATION

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he had attended the Magistrates Court in Cunnamulla on Wednesday 29th July 2008 to represent Council in relation to its application for a Warrant of Possession in relation to VIP Unit 2, Thargomindah.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that an order had been issued by the Magistrates Court for the recovery of rental in arrears for the above accommodation unit and that a Warrant of Possession was also issued.

The Chief Executive Officer further advised that the tenant had vacated the premises during the weekend of 16th August 2008.

Noted

5.2 Annual SWQLGA Meeting – 5th August 2008

Mayor Cr JC Ferguson briefed Council on various matters raised at the SWQLGA Conference held on 5th August 2008, particularly in relation to the matter of a possible review of funding criteria to repeat rehabilitation works under State Government funded flood damage guidelines.

Noted

6.0 TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS

NIL

7.0 RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution (No. 148-08-08)

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr Clifford

THAT the Officer's Report be received.

Carried

Attendance

Manager of Works, Bill Carr, attended left the meeting at 9:28am.

7.1 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

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

7.1.1 Water Connection

The Works Manager advised that there is a 40mm water connection to the main across Stafford Street. The connection is then reduced to 2 x 25mm connections into Lots 4 & 5 on RP903791.

Noted

Adjournment

Council adjourned for morning tea at 9:47am and resumed at 10:04am.

7.1.2 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Raised by	Issues Raised	Action	Officer
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	Cactus eradication at Hungerford	Mule to be taken to Hungerford to trial for cactus eradication purposes.	Works Manager
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	Costs of materials for road works	Explore possibility of establishing a mobile crushing plant to supply materials for the Innamincka Road and other projects.	Works Manager
Cr Crawford	Condition of Football Oval	Eradicate burrs on Thargomindah Football Oval	Works Manager

Attendance

Works Manager, Bill Carr, left the meeting at 10:50am.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS**Resolution (No. 149-08-08)**

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Cobb

THAT the Order of Business be amended and the Manager of Community Services Report be the next item for consideration.

Carried

7.2 MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**Attendance**

Manager of Community Services, Donna Gentle, Jan Seery and Karen Brook attended the meeting at 10:52am to discuss Shire Branding and Logo Design.

7.2.1 Shire Branding and Logo Design

Karen Brook gave Council a power point presentation outlining Karen Brook Studios' role in the production of shire branding and logo design. The following areas were addressed:-

- *Identity Design* – brand development, logo design. Stationery, promotional material, signage, website design, advertising
- *Marketing* – stationery development and planning
- *Photography* – editorial, events, portraiture
- *Event Management* – facilitation and coordination

The power point presentation provided examples of the strategies that the studio used when designing the new logos for Quilpie Shire Council and Roma Town Council.

After the presentation, Karen Brook discussed ideas with Council regarding the development of a shire branding and logo design package. She suggested that a strategy needs to be developed to ensure that a new logo design provides the community with an identity as well as attract tourists.

Council agreed to consider the matter further, following consultation with the local community.

Attendance

Chief Executive Officer, Michael Hayward, left the meeting at 11:20am.

Attendance

Jan Seery and Karen Brook left the meeting at 11:50am.

Chief Executive Officer, Michael Hayward, returned to the meeting at this time.

The Manager of Community Services presented her report for the month of August 2008.

7.2.2 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Raised by	Issues Raised	Action	Officer
Cr Cobb	Thargo-Bus Link	Negotiate with Kynoch Coaches re viability of running bus to Thargomindah once / week.	MCOMS
Cr Crawford	EHO Services	EHO to inspect Thargomindah Hall and facilities at sporting grounds.	MCOMS
Cr Cobb	Thargomindah Cemetery	Inspect rabbit damage at Thargomindah Cemetery.	MCOMS
Cr Clifford	Hungerford Tennis Courts	Inspect possibility of installing a racquet storage area outside the Tennis Club.	MCOMS

Attendance

Manager of Community Services, Donna Gentle, left the meeting at 12:22pm.

Adjournment

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:22pm and resumed at 12:58pm.

Manager of Corporate Services, Karen Dare, was in attendance when the meeting resumed.

7.3 MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

7.3.1 Thargomindah Library

The Manager of Corporate Services advised that Council is looking at trialling a change of opening times for the library.

A report will be submitted to the Ordinary Meeting to be held in September 2008.

Noted

7.3.2 Resignation as Local Controller of Bulloo Shire

The Manager of Corporate Services advised Mr Micheal Thompson has resigned from his position as Local Controller of Bulloo Shire SES Unit, effective Friday 1st August 2008.

The Department of Emergency Services, Roma, has been advised of M. Thompson's resignation.

Noted

7.3.3 Land for Childcare Centre

The Manager of Corporate Services advised that a letter of offer has been received from the Department of Education and the Arts for the purchase of Lot 4 on Plan T19118 for the purposes of establishing a Childcare Centre.

Noted

7.3.4 Housing Inspections

The Manager of Corporate Services advised that a housing inspection programme on all accommodation units is underway.

During the inspection process, a detailed list of all fixtures and appliances will be compiled with the view to identifying and replacing those appliances and fixtures that require a higher level of maintenance.

Noted

7.3.5 Purchase of Houses

Council has received three expressions of interest from tenants to purchase the One Social Housing accommodation units that they are currently renting.

Noted

7.3.6 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Raised by	Issues Raised	Action	Officer
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	Accommodation	Obtain quotes to clean VIP unit	MCORPS

Attendance

Manager of Corporate Services, Karen Dare, left the meeting at 1:38pm.

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

7.4 MANAGER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

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

7.4.1 Accounts

Resolution (No. 150-08-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT direct debits and vouchers for the month of July 2008 numbered 30390 – 30419 totalling \$1,810,941.44 be received.

Carried

Attendance

Manager of Financial Services, Sally Byrne, left the meeting at 1:58pm.

7.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

7.5.1 Meeting with Santos

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Santos had submitted a list of potential dates to meet with Council to discuss rating and other issues. Council will meet with Santos on 7th October 2008

Noted

7.5.2 Old Country Week

Cr Crawford advised that he is available to attend Country week on Saturday 19th September 2008 and Sunday 20th September 2008.

Noted

7.5.3 Student Two Year Bursary – David Fraser

At the ordinary meeting of Council held in February 2007, Council resolved to grant the Bulloo Shire Council Two Year Bursary for 2008 and 2009, of \$3000.00 per annum, to David Fraser, subject to compliance with Council's policy.

David Fraser has forwarded his academic records indicating that he has passed the four modules studied in Semester 1, 2008.

Mr Fraser has complied with the conditions of Council's policy and subsequently is eligible for payment of the student bursary.

Arrangements have been made to make payment of the bursary in accordance with Council policy and appropriate delegations.

Noted

7.5.4 Flood Mitigation Study

Council's Consulting Engineer's have finalised the documentation for the Thargomindah Flood Study and are ready to proceed to the tendering stage for the project.

The Consulting Engineer has advised that the revised cost for completion of the project is now estimated to be in excess of \$200,000 and is seeking confirmation that Council wishes to proceed with the project, prior to calling for expressions of interest.

Council discussed the outcomes and benefits that would result from the proposed study and also gave consideration to the increased cost of undertaking the study and the possibility of receiving additional funding from State and Federal Government sources.

Resolution (No. 151-08-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Bulloo Shire Council not proceed with the preparation of a Flood Mitigation Study as this point in time.

Carried

7.5.5 Council Position on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

The Local Government Association has entered into detailed discussions with the State Government on Constitutional Recognition and needs to gain an accurate view of Queensland Local Governments on this matter.

The Association is seeking a formal resolution of Council determining the position the Council wishes to take forward to the Constitutional Convention later this year.

Resolution (No. 152-08-08)

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT the Local Government Association be advised that the Bulloo Shire Council support the ALGA position on constitutional recognition for Local Government.

Carried

7.5.6 Annual Valuations Effective 30th June 2009

The Chief Executive of the Department of Natural Resources and Water is required to undertake an annual valuation on all land in a local government area except in unusual circumstances or after consideration of other criteria.

The Chief Executive of the Department of Natural Resources and Water is seeking Council's opinion on whether an annual valuation should be undertaken to be effective in 2009.

Council gave consideration to the number of property sales in the shire and surrounding regions during the past few years.

Resolution (No. 153-08-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Cobb

THAT the Chief Executive of the Department of Natural Resources and Water be advised that the Bulloo Shire Council has no objection to the department undertaking of a valuation of Bulloo Shire to be effective on 30 June 2009.

Carried

7.5.7 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Raised by	Issues Raised	Action	Officer
Cr Clifford	Items stored in vehicles	Investigate the installation of cargo barriers in Council vehicles where appropriate.	CEO

ADOPTION OF OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution (No. 154-08-08)

Moved Cr Cobb 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

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. 155-08-08)

That the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Monday 15th September 2008.

12.1 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 3:14pm.

Confirmed / /2008

Mayor