



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

20 April 2021

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 2021 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr John Ferguson (Mayor), Cr Shirley Girdler, Cr Vaughan Collins, Cr Glyn Dare, Cr Stewart Morton

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Lew Rojahn (Chief Executive Officer), Chloe Tuite (Minute Taker), Daniel Gray (Kullilli Elder)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9:25am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Bulloo Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is being held, and pay respects to their elders, past and present.

Attendance:

Daniel Gray left the meeting at 9:27am

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Council acknowledges the recent passing of Meredith Ecroyd. The meeting observed one minute's silence in remembrance.

5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Pursuant to section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, a councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees
 - (a) must disclose the interest to the meeting; and
 - (b) must not be present at or take part in the meeting while the issue is being considered or voted on.
- A councillor who is barred from a meeting under subsection (1) must not be in the chamber where the meeting is being conducted, including any area set apart for the public.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 23 MARCH 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/84

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

8 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11 MAYORAL REPORTS

11.1 MAYORS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/85

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of March 2021.

CARRIED

1.1 DURHAM DOWNS ROAD MAINTENANCE**RESOLUTION 2021/86**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council request the Road and Town Services Manager to arrange for the removal of large culverts located at Durham Downs.

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**12.1 REVIEW OF CEO CONTRACT****RESOLUTION 2021/87**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

1. That Council not extend the current contract of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Lew Rojahn, and that such contract end on 13th February 2022 and,
2. That Mr Rojahn be thanked for his work and achievements with council for the three years of his contract.
3. That officers commence the process to recruit a new CEO to the position.
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CARRIED

APPRECIATION OF SERVICE**RESOLUTION 2021/88**

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That council publicly acknowledge the extensive contributions of our outgoing CEO, who has worked tirelessly for the Bulloo Shire, implementing a multitude of changes at an organisational level, improvements to the culture of the workplace, and overseeing significant improvements in restructuring the workforce. Lew brought considerable expertise and experience to this role, and we thank him, and his family, for the sacrifices made in furthering the interests of council.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Council adjourned the meeting at 10:04am for Morning Tea.

Resumption:

Council resumed the meeting at 10:26am.

12.2 MAYOR AND CEO ATTENDANCE AT ALGA ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION 2021/89

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

12.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/90

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officers report for the month of March 2021

CARRIED

12.4 LGAQ BUSH COUNCILS CONVENTION.

RESOLUTION 2021/91

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Councillors Ferguson, Girdler, Morton and Collins be approved to attend the LGAQ Bush Councils Convention.

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

13.1 MINUTES OF LDMG COMMITTEE MEETING - 12 MARCH 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/92

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That the Minutes of the LDMG Committee Meeting held on Friday 12 March 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

FLOOD WATCH CAMERAS

RESOLUTION 2021/93

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council write to Mr Scott Walsh of DDMG requesting assistance to have the flood watch cameras, currently offline, to be put back into service.

CARRIED

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

14.1 SWQROC - DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024

RESOLUTION 2021/94

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council endorse the SWQROC draft Strategic Plan 2021-2024, as presented.

CARRIED

14.2 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/95

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council receive and note the Administrative Services Report for March 2021.

CARRIED

14.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/96

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 31st March 2021 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

CARRIED

14.4 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/21 PROGRESS REPORT - 31 MARCH 2021 (Q3)

RESOLUTION 2021/97

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council receive and note the January - March 2021 quarterly report for the Operational Plan in accordance with S174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED

14.5 APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL LICENCE

RESOLUTION 2021/98

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council confirm the delegation of the decision to the CEO and acknowledge the CEO approval of the application due to an early response required by the Department of Justice and the Attorney General.

CARRIED

14.6 RURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/99

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for March 2021.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Donna Hobbs entered the meeting at 11:59am

Attendance:

Donna Hobbs left the meeting at 12:14pm

Adjournment:

Council adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm for Lunch.

Resumption:

Council resumed the meeting at 1:04pm

14.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/100

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council receive and note the Corporate Services report for the month of March 2021.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Tamie Warner entered the meeting at 1:05pm.

Attendance:

Tamie Warner left the meeting at 1:37pm.

14.8 ROAD SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/101

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council receive and note the Road Services report for the month of March 2021.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Richard Watkins entered the meeting at 1:38pm.

Attendance:

Richard Watkins left the meeting at 2:24pm.

14.9 PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND COVID 19 GRANT FUNDING 20/21

RESOLUTION 2021/102

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council

1) Amend its allocated budget for spending in respect of the 20/21 Works for Queensland COVID 19 Grant Funding as follows:

a) Thargomindah and Hungerford Water Supply Security (JC 6111-4506-0000) \$ **435,000**

- 6111-4506-1000 - Hungerford Town Water \$ 17,437
- 6111-4506-2000 - Bore 1 to Bore 2 Interconnection \$ 250,000
- 6111-4506-3000 - Large Water Meter Install \$ 75,563
- 6111-4506-4000 - Cooling Tower Pumps \$ 78,500
- 6111-4506-5000 - Cooling Tower Sensor Probes \$ 13,500

b) Thargomindah Sewerage System Modernisation (JC 6200-4005-0000) \$ **330,000**

- 6200-4005-1000 - Remote Mount Kits \$ 20,000
- 6200-4005-2000 - Upgrade Discharge Pumps \$ 75,000
- 6200-4005-3000 - Wireless Monitoring System \$ 175,000
- 6200-4005-4000 - Genset with Auto C/O \$ 60,000

c) Future proofing town gym and multi-purpose court (JC 5000-4003-0000) \$ **265,000**

- 5000-4003-1000 - Tennis Court Shade Structure \$ 100,000
- 5000-4003-2000 - Walking Track Exercise Stns \$ 60,000
- 5000-4003-3000 - Gym Equipment & other improvements \$ 105,000

2) amend Job Costing and update budget to reflect these changes, and further that the Mayor and CEO be delegated authority to allocate surplus or unexpended funding to a project/s which meet/s the funding guidelines and can be planned and delivered prior to 30 June 2021.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Neil Crotty entered the meeting at 2:26pm.

Attendance:

Neil Crotty left the meeting at 3:04pm.

14.10 TOWN SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/103

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Town Services Report for the month of March 2021.

CARRIED

14.11 PLANT REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/104

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council receive and note the Plant Report for the month of March 2021.

CARRIED

14.12 ENGINEER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/105

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council receive and note the Engineer's Report for March 2021.

CARRIED

14.13 BUDGET AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION 2021/106

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council approve to reallocate \$14,013.75 from Resheeting (3100-3308-000) to TIDS Quilpie Road (3100-3101-0000) and amend the 20/21 budget accordingly.

CARRIED

15 LATE ITEMS

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2021/107

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

CLOSURE OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

THAT pursuant to Section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the meeting be closed to the public at 3:22pm to discuss the confidential matters listed below:

16.1 Write-Off - Debtors & Rates

This matter is considered to be confidential pursuant to Section 254J(3)(1) (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it deals with legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

To be discussed:

to discuss legal proceedings

CARRIED

Attendance:

Tiffany Dare entered the meeting at 3:29pm.

Attendance:

Tiffany Dare left the meeting at 3:42pm.

RESOLUTION 2021/108

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 3:43pm.

CARRIED

16.1 WRITE-OFF - DEBTORS & RATES

RESOLUTION 2021/109

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council:

- a) write-off the bad debts amounting to: \$11,281.38.
- b) proceed to recover debt amounting to \$7,514.71 through R&R.

CARRIED

17 NEXT MEETING

25 May 2021

18 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 3:45pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 May 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON