



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON FRIDAY 23RD APRIL 2021
COMMENCING AT 9 AM**

Attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton
Councillor Sam Beauchamp
Councillor Timothy Edgar
Councillor Jack Neilson
Councillor Jan Norton

Officers: Ms Lynn Moore (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Harin Karra (Director of Works and Operations)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Executive Assistant)

Opening:

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.03 am.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional carers of the land on which Council meets, the 'Pitta Pitta' people, and paid Council's respects to the elders past and present.

The Mayor also acknowledged past and present service personnel.

It has been noted that the Mayor has reminded all Councillors in regards to registration of interests and declaration of contact with or engagement of lobbyists.

2021/4.1 MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

<u>Moved:</u> Councillor Neilson	<u>Seconded:</u> Councillor Beauchamp
That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 th March 2021 be accepted.	
<u>Carried</u>	

2021/4.2 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT – NEWS BRIEF FOR MARCH 2021

PURPOSE: To inform Council on the progress of various items through an information update.
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<u>Moved:</u> Councillor Edgar	<u>Seconded:</u> Councillor Norton
That the Engineering Services Report – News brief for March 2021 be noted.	
<u>Carried</u>	

2021/4.3 GRANTS WORK STATUS SUMMARY – MARCH 2021

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the progress of projects being completed with the assistance of either funding provided by Council, State or Federal Grants.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor Britton

That the Grants Work Status Summary – March 2021 report on the progress of the funded projects be received for information.

Carried

2021/4.4 NDRRA FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS DEPARTMENT MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Flood Damage Program.

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Edgar

That the NDRRA Flood Damage Works Department March 2021 Report be received for information.

Carried

2021/4.5 FOREMAN ROADS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Works Department in line with the Boulia works program.

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Norton

That Council receive the Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction March 2021 Report for information.

Carried

2021/4.6 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION OFFICER MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of current activities relating to weed management, pest control, animal management and stock routes.

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer March 2021 Report be received for information.

Carried

2021/4.7 FOREMAN, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY SERVICES MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Town Department.

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Britton

That Council receive the Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services March 2021 report for information.

Carried

2021/4.8 CEO MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the activities of the Chief Executive Office.

Moved: Councillor Edgar Seconded: Councillor Britton

That the CEO Report for March 2021 is received for information.

Carried

2021/4.9 ACTION LIST

PURPOSE:

To inform Council on the actions taken on the Action List report.

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Edgar

That the updated Action List report be received for information.

Carried

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.43 am.

Meeting resumed at 11.09 am.

Council discussed potential interaction with Lobbyists through their Council representative roles in the Outback Highway Development Committee and Remote Area Planning and Development Board.

2021/4.10

Moved: Councillor Edgar Seconded: Councillor Britton

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* (section 150EN), it is to be noted that Councillor Rick Britton, Councillor Sam Beauchamp, Councillor Tim Edgar, Councillor Jack Neilson and Councillor Jan Norton have all declared a declarable conflict of interest in reference to potential contact with Lobbyists, due to the engagement of Lobbyists by the Outback Highway Development Committee (OHDC) and the Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD), and the Councillors all holding Boulia Shire Council representative positions within these committees.

Carried

2021/4.11 WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS (WQAC) ASSEMBLY

PURPOSE:

The Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) Assembly 2021 will be held in Richmond on the 17-19 May 2021. Assembly 2021 will review progress on the priorities identified at the Inaugural Assembly and consider the issues to be addressed in the next 12 months which will include a federal election.

Moved: Councillor Norton Seconded: Councillor Edgar

That Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO to attend the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) Assembly 2021 in Richmond on 17-19 May 2021.

Carried

2021/4.12 3RD QUARTER OPERATIONAL PLAN REPORT DECEMBER - MARCH 2021

PURPOSE:

To present the third quarter Operational Report for December-March 2021.

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Neilson

1. That Council receive the third quarter report for December 2020 to March 2021 for the 2020-2021 Operational Plan for information.
2. That the report be displayed on the Council website.

Carried

2021/4.13 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the activities of the Director of Corporate Services.

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the Director of Corporate Services March 2021 Report be received for information.

Carried

2021/4.14 AUDIT REPORT

PURPOSE:

To present Council with the Audit and Risk Management Meeting Minutes held 29th March 2021.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That the Audit Report be received for information.

Carried

2021/4.15 FINANCE MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

Financial Summary as at 31st March 2021.

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Norton

That the Finance March 2021 Report be received for information.

Carried

2021/4.16 BUDGET REVIEW TO 31ST MARCH 2021

PURPOSE:

To provide a Budget Review to 31st March 2021 based on trends to date.

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the Budget Review to 31st March 2021 as presented to Council be received and that the revised budget variations as shown be adopted.

Carried

2021/4.17 COMMUNITY SERVICES MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with an update of the activities associated with Councils' community development activities.

Moved: Councillor Edgar **Seconded: Councillor Britton**

That the Community Services March 2021 Report is received for information.

Carried

2021/4.18 MIN MIN ENCOUNTER MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To report on the day to day operations of the Min Min Encounter and to promote tourism in the Shire and surrounding region.

Moved: Councillor Edgar **Seconded: Councillor Neilson**

That the Min Min Encounter March 2021 Report be received for information.

Carried

2021/4.19 LIBRARY MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To update Council on the visitations and activities in the Library.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp **Seconded: Councillor Norton**

That Council receive the Library March 2021 report for information.

Carried

2021/4.20 BOULIA SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the centre.

Moved: Councillor Britton **Seconded: Councillor Norton**

That Council receive the Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre March 2021 Report for information.

Carried

2021/4.21 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY MARCH 2021 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of progressions and or issues of concern regarding Workplace Health and Safety.

Moved: Councillor Britton **Seconded: Councillor Neilson**

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety March 2021 report for information.

Carried

2021/4.22 COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT REGIONAL MEETINGS

PURPOSE:

Councillor attendance at regional meetings are vital to advance the issues which are important to our shire. The following meetings have been identified as benefiting Council and supporting the regional progress of the Boulia Shire, WQAC and RAPAD group of Councils.

Moved: Councillor Neilson **Seconded: Councillor Britton**

That the Council approve the attendance at the identified meetings for the Mayor, CEO and others Councillors where nominated.

Carried

2021/4.23 2021-24 WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND FUNDING

PURPOSE:

To obtain formal endorsement of the projects to be completed with 2021-24 Works for Queensland funding.

Moved: Councillor Britton

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That the list of projects, as presented in the 2021-24 Works for Queensland funding report, be approved by Council.

Carried

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.54 pm.

Meeting resumed at 1.29 pm.

2021/4.24 CLOSED MEETING AT 1.30 PM

Moved: Councillor Britton

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

It was resolved Council moved into Closed Session in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* section 254J (3)(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government

Carried

2021/4.25 OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 1.51 PM

Moved: Councillor Britton

Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

It was resolved Council move out of the closed meeting, and adopt the recommendations discussed in closed committee.

Carried

The following recommendations were resolved from the closed session: 2021/4.26, 2021/4.27, 2021/4.28.

2021/4.26 MIN MIN ENCOUNTER REDEVELOPMENT 1553.02 BUILDING ACCELERATION FUND OFFER

Closed under Local Government Regulation 2012 section 254J (3)(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Building Acceleration Fund 2020 (BAF2020) is a Queensland Government Initiative to invest in infrastructure projects which stimulate economic recovery as part of the Unite and Recover for Queensland Jobs strategy.

The MEDQ proposes to provide co-investment funds for infrastructure projects through an interest-free secured loan (Loan) to the Borrower, unlocking development, generating construction and long-term employment.

Council has been working towards securing the future of the Min Min Encounter for the past several years. This has included the sourcing of external specialists to care for the maintenance of the Min Min Show. This report details the future redevelopment of the façade and the customer 'front end' of the building by utilising the BAF2020 funding offer.

Moved: Councillor Neilson **Seconded:** Councillor Norton

That Council, pursuant to *Local Government Regulation 235 (b)* resolve that

1. because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for Council to invite quotes or tenders for the Min Min Encounter redevelopment.
2. award the contract for the upgrade of the Min Min Encounter redevelopment and project management to XZibit and the onsite project supervision to Director of Works and Operations Harin Karra.
3. Enter into an interest free loan agreement for \$476,735 through the Department of State Development, Local Government, Infrastructure and Planning under the Building Acceleration Fund for a period of 15 years.
4. Allocate a sum of \$60,000 from operational funds to support the completion of the building redevelopment and meet the loan terms.

Carried

2021/4.27 SALE OF COUNCIL HOUSING - 6 MULLIGAN STREET, BOULIA

Closed under Local Government Regulation 2012 section 254J (3)(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

PURPOSE:

To progress the sale of 6 Mulligan Street which was first put forward to Council in February 2019. Four houses which were considered surplus to Council needs and of which interest has been shown by existing tenants were submitted for Ministerial consent to enable a direct sale.

Moved: Councillor Britton **Seconded:** Councillor Edgar

1. That Council proceed with the sale of 6 Mulligan Street to the approved applicant as per the conditions imposed under the Ministerial consent received and the approval to proceed received from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
2. That the Council authorise the CEO to undertake all things necessary for the sale to proceed to finalisation.

Carried

2021/4.28 OUTBACK HIGHWAY DONOHUE HIGHWAY 20% CONTRIBUTION

PURPOSE:

To present the request from TMR for consideration for Council to contribute 20% funding to match the Federal Government funding allocation on the Outback Way. The Federal Government proposal is \$19.9m which needs a State/Local Government contribution of 20% \$4.98m over a five year period.

Moved: Councillor Britton **Seconded:** Councillor Norton

1. That Council authorise the CEO to advise TMR that Boulia Shire is unable to commit to the 5 year program of four point nine eight million (\$4.98m) 20% contribution to match the Federal Government's 80% allocation to the continued sealing of the Donohue Highway section of the Outback Way.
2. That the Council support all actions for the continued employment of Council staff on the continued sealing of the Outback Way and seek avenues for this to happen.

Carried

Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 2.11 pm.

Confirmed:

Minutes confirmed 21st May 2021

Resolution No. 2021/5.1

The full agenda with all reports can be found on the Boulia Shire Council's website under the heading 'Council' with a dropdown box selection of 'Council Meetings'.