



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2019
COMMENCING AT 9 AM**

Attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton
Councillor Rebecka (Beck) Britton (via teleconference)
Councillor Sam Beauchamp
Councillor Brook McGlinchey
Councillor Jack Neilson

Officers: Ms Lynn Moore (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Executive Assistant)

Opening:

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.02 am.

Councillor Beck Britton joined the meeting via teleconference at 9.02 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.

2019/2.1 MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23rd January 2019 be accepted.

Carried

Harin Karra entered the meeting at 9.05 am.

Jimmy Newman entered the meeting at 9.08 am.

2019/2.2 CEO BRIEFING FOR JANUARY 2019

PURPOSE:

To summarise activities from the CEO office and progress future options for the shire.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That the CEO report is received for information and consideration.

Carried

2019/2.3 ACTION LIST

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton

Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

That the updated Action List report be received for information.

Carried

2019/2.4 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT - NEWSBRIEF

PURPOSE:

To inform Council on the progress of various items through an information update.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp

Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

That the Engineering Services Report - Newsbrief information update be received for information.

Carried

2019/2.5 GRANTS WORK STATUS SUMMARY

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 Neilson

Seconded: Councillor Rick Britton

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

Carried

2019/2.6 2019-21 WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND PROJECTS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to submit a list of projects under the 2019-21 Works for Queensland Round 3 program.

Moved: Councillor Neilson

Seconded: Councillor Beck Britton

That the Boulia Shire Council approves the list of the projects to submit under 2019-21 Works for Queensland program, as attached to the 2019-21 Works for Queensland Projects report subject to the following amendment:

- the Pool Heating project is removed and a PLC system for the Min Min Encounter is noted as a possible alternative project.

Carried

2019/2.7 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION OFFICER INFORMATION REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton

Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer's report be received for information.

Carried

2019/2.8 BOULIA WORK CAMP REPORT

PURPOSE:

To advise of the activities of the Boulia Work Camp from 31st December to 13th January and 30th January to 9th February 2019.

Moved: Councillor Neilson

Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

That the Boulia Work Camp report is received for information.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10.36 am.

Jimmy Newman and Councillor Beck Britton left the meeting at 10.36 am.

The meeting resumed at 11.02 am.

Councillor Beck Britton joined the meeting at 11.02 am

2019/2.9 CLOSED MEETING AT 11.02 AM

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey

Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

Closed Session

Local Government Regulation 275

(e) contracts proposed to be made by it;

(f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government

Carried

Councillor Beck Britton left the meeting at 11.26 am.

2019/2.10 OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 11.28 AM

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton

Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

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

Carried

2019/2.11 APPLICATION FOR WORK CAMP ASSISTANCE – ONGOING LAWN MOWING SUPPORT

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of a new application received for Work Camp assistance and to request Council's decision on whether or not the application is to be approved or denied.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That Council acknowledge the assistance for Work Camp as follows:

Applicant Number	Approved/Denied
1	Approved
2	Approved

Carried

2019/2.12 CENTRAL HIRE P/L PRICING VARIATION 1 FOR NDRP SPRINGVALE ROAD FLOODWAY RECONSTRUCTION

PURPOSE:

To notify Council of Variation 1 pricing received from Central Hire regarding demolition and reconstruction of an at grade floodway on Springvale Rd Ch 21.900.

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton

Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

That the Central Hire P/L Pricing Variation 1 for NDRP Springvale Road Floodway Reconstruction, as presented in the Central Hire P/L Pricing Variation 1 for NDRP Springvale Road Floodway Reconstruction report, be approved.

Carried

2019/2.13 MARMANYA OUTSTANDING RATES

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to resolve the issuing surrounding overdue rates for a specific property in Urandangie commonly known as Marmanya.

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton

Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

- That Council authorise the CEO to commence liaising with the Office of Fair Trading and the Public Trustee to resolve the ongoing issue of the outstanding rates on the account of Marmanya Development Association Inc (deregistered) land at Urandangie.
- That Council resolve to:
 - have the Office of Fair Trading divest the property described as Lot 7 Urandangie Road North Crown Plan U16 Urandangie directly to another group with similar interests to the original association OR if unable to do so to
 - sell the property described as Lot 7 Urandangie Road North Crown Plan U16 Urandangie pursuant to Division 3, Subdivision 2, s142 of Local Government Regulation 2012 once divested to Council free of all encumbrances.
- That the CEO be authorised to do all things necessary to progress the finalisation of the outstanding rating issue including the execution of documents, the service of notices and sale/auction pursuant to the sale of land for overdue rates.

Carried

Councillor Beck Britton declared a Material Personal Interest on Item CEO6 (Sale of Houses) due to being related to a party involved in the report, and was not present when the matter was voted on.

2019/2.14 SALE OF HOUSES

PURPOSE:

To consider the proposal of the sale of four houses which are considered surplus to Council needs of which interest has been shown by existing Council employees. Ministerial consent, to enable a direct sale to employees is required and, will be sought, as Council wishes to be able to retain our staff and this would be an incentive for this to happen.

Moved: Councillor Neilson

Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

1. That Council formally resolve to seek Ministerial approval for the closed sale of the listed properties: 7 Wills St, 54 & 58 Moonah St, and 6 Mulligan St.
2. That the Council authorise the CEO to do all things necessary to progress this matter.

Carried 4-0

For: Cllr Rick Britton, Cllr Beauchamp, Cllr McGlinchey, Cllr Neilson
Against: Nil

Abstained from and not present during voting: Cllr Beck Britton

Harin Karra left the meeting at 11.29 am.

2019/2.15 PREPARATION FOR 2020 QUADRENNIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

PURPOSE:

To seek confirmation on action in relation to the 2020 Elections with regard to:

1. proposed increase in Councillor numbers and
2. whether the 2020 election should be held purely by postal ballot.

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey

Seconded: Councillor Rick Britton

1. That Council resolve to have no change to Councillor numbers at present.
2. That Council resolve that postal ballot options for 2020 elections are to remain the same.

Carried

2019/2.16 83RD WQLGA CONFERENCE 9-10 APRIL 2019 AND NGA CONFERENCE 18-19 JUNE 2019

PURPOSE:

To consider any motions to be submitted and Councillor attendance at the Western Queensland Annual Local Government Association of Queensland (WQLGA) Conference to be held in Longreach on the 9-10 April 2019 and the National General Assembly (NGA) on the 18-19th June 2019 in Canberra.

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That the Council resolve to submit motions:

1. To support the 1% increase in FAGS grants to Local Government for submission to both the WQLGA and NGA conferences and that motions be submitted for inclusion in the WQLGA and NGA conferences to meet deadlines.

2. That the current legislation which prevents a Mayoral candidate from also running as a separate candidate in an election disadvantages small Councils and that all Councils who have 5 elected members should be advised to support a review of the impacts and a potential solution. The CEO be requested to write to all effected Councils to seek their support in the review.

Carried

2019/2.17 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That the Community Services Report is received for information.

Carried

2019/2.18 HOUSING VACANCY REPORT

PURPOSE:

To propose to Council the possibility of having a caretaker role at Council's Pituri Street Unit Complex.

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton

Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That Council consider the possibility of offering subsidised rent on one, one bedroom unit at Council's Pituri Street Unit Complex in exchange for the leasee acting in a Caretaker role for the Unit Complex.

Carried

2019/2.19 MIN MIN ENCOUNTER JANUARY 2019 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 Rick Britton

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That the Min Min Encounter January 2019 Report be received for information.

Carried

2019/2.20 BOULIA SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE (INFORMATION REPORT)

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That Council receive the Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre report for information.

Carried

2019/2.21 LIBRARY

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp

Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

That Council receive the Library report for information.

Carried

2019/2.22 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton

Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

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

Carried

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12.44 pm.
The meeting resumed at 1.40 pm.

Kaylene Sloman entered the meeting at 1.40 pm.

2019/2.23 MANAGER CORPORATE & FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

PURPOSE:

Financial Summary as at 31st January 2019.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp

Seconded: Councillor Rick Britton

That the Manager of Corporate & Financial Services Report be received for information.

Carried

Kaylene Sloman left the meeting at 2 pm.

Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 2.08 pm.

Confirmed:

Minutes confirmed 20th March 2019

Resolution No. 2019/3.14

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