



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2020
COMMENCING AT 9 AM**

Attendance:

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

Officers: Mr Ray Geraghty (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Executive Assistant)

Opening:

The Mayor opened the meeting at 8.58 am.

Mr Harin Karra and Mr Ronnie Callope entered the meeting at 8.58 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.

2020/7.1 MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2020 ORDINARY MEETING

<u>Moved:</u> Councillor Neilson	<u>Seconded:</u> Councillor Norton
That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 th June 2020 be accepted.	
<u>Carried</u>	

2020/7.2 MINUTES OF THE JULY 3RD BUDGET MEETING

<u>Moved:</u> Councillor Edgar	<u>Seconded:</u> Councillor Neilson
That the minutes of the 2020/2021 Budget Meeting held on 3 rd July 2020 be accepted.	
<u>Carried</u>	

2020/7.3 PROCESSING OF COUNCILLOR DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – JULY 2020 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Neilson

It is acknowledged that there are no Councillor Declaration of Interests relevant to reports in the July 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council to be noted.

Carried

2020/7.4 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT – NEWS BRIEF FOR JUNE 2020

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor Britton

That the Engineering Services Report – News brief for June 2020 be noted.

Carried

2020/7.5 GRANTS WORK STATUS SUMMARY – JUNE 2020

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 Norton

That the Grants Work Status Summary - June 2020 report on the progress of the funded projects be received for information.

Carried

2020/7.6 REQUEST TO COMMENCE AN APPROVED INSPECTION PROGRAM UNDER THE ANIMAL MANAGEMENT (CATS AND DOGS) ACT 2008

PURPOSE:

This report seeks Council's support in commencing an Approved Inspection Program under the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008, to monitor compliance in regards to outstanding dog registrations.

Moved: Councillor Edgar Seconded: Councillor Norton

That Council, under Section 113 of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008, undertake an Approved Inspection Program being a Systematic Inspection Program. The purpose of the Program relates to monitoring compliance on outstanding dog registrations starting 3rd August 2020 and concluding 30th October 2020. The Program is to cover the entire Local Government Area.

Carried

2020/7.7 NDRRA FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS DEPARTMENT JUNE 2020 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Boulia Shire Council Contractors.

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the NDRRA Flood Damage Works Department June 2020 report be received for information.

Carried

2020/7.8 FOREMAN, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY SERVICES JUNE 2020 REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Norton Seconded: Councillor Britton

That Council receive the Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services June 2020 report for information.

Carried

2020/7.9 FOREMAN ROADS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION JUNE 2020 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 Beauchamp

That Council receive the Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction June 2020 Report for information.

Carried

2020/7.10 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION OFFICER JUNE 2020 REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor Britton

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer's June 2020 Report be received for information.

Carried

Mr Karra and Mr Callope left the meeting at 9.41 am.

2020/7.11 CEO BRIEFING FOR JUNE 2020

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Edgar

That the June 2020 CEO report is received for information.

Carried

2020/7.12 ACTION LIST

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the updated Action List report be received for information.

Carried

2020/7.13 ADOPTION OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to adopt the Boulia Shire Council Planning Scheme in accordance with the notice issued under section 18(3) of the Planning Act 2016 and dated 11 April 2018 prescribing the plan-making process. Should the Boulia Shire Council Planning Scheme be adopted, Council will be required to publish a public notice in accordance with the Planning Act 2016 and the requirements prescribed in Attachment B.

Moved: Councillor Norton

Seconded: Councillor Edgar

1. That the report be received.
2. That Council adopt the proposed Boulia Shire Council Planning Scheme in accordance with Step 18 of Stage 5 of the prescribed plan making process set out in the 11 April 2018 notice issued to Council under Section 18(3) of the Planning Act 2016.
3. That Council set 3rd August 2020 as the commencement date for the Boulia Shire Council Planning Scheme.
4. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to do all matters specified to complete Steps 18 and 19 of Stage 5 of the prescribed plan-making process set out in the 11 April 2018 notice issued to Council under section 18(3) of the Planning Act 2016.

Carried

2020/7.14 BOULIA CAMEL RACES EVENT PROPOSAL

PURPOSE:

To notify Council of an event proposal received by the Boulia Camel Races and to seek Council's instructions regarding the possible recommencement of events in the Boulia Shire.

Moved: Councillor Britton

Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That Council reopen all Council venues for community run events on the provision that the event host must follow all event rules, as issued by the State Government, applicable at the time of the event.

Carried

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 9.58 am.

Meeting resumed at 10.12 am.

Mrs Kaylene Sloman entered the meeting at 10.12 am.

2020/7.15 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES JUNE 2020 REPORT

PURPOSE:

Financial Summary as at 30th June 2020.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp

Seconded: Councillor Britton

That the Director of Corporate Services June 2020 Report be received for information.

Carried

2020/7.16 STOCK TO BE WRITTEN OFF

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the write off of stock that has been damaged or expired its use by date.

Moved: Councillor Britton

Seconded: Councillor Norton

That approval be granted for the write off of \$1,266.06 of Stores stock.

Carried

Mrs Sloman left the meeting at 10.27 am.

2020/7.17 COMMUNITY SERVICES JUNE 2020 REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Councillors briefly discussed Council housing tenancy and it was agreed that a Housing Committee meeting should be held to enable further discussions regarding current and future housing needs.

Moved: Councillor Neilson

Seconded: Councillor Britton

That the Community Services June 2020 Report is received for information.

Carried

2020/7.18 POLICY REVIEW

PURPOSE:

Regular review of Council policies ensure that Council maintains an up to date guide for staff to refer to in the day to day management of Council. This report deals with minor changes to an existing policy which does not have any material effect on the intent of the document.

Moved: Councillor Britton

Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

1. That policy 138, Council Housing Policy, be adopted as presented.
2. That a copy of the policy be forwarded to the Councillors electronically via email and loaded into the Councillor Hub.

Carried

2020/7.19 MIN MIN ENCOUNTER JUNE 2020 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 Neilson

Seconded: Councillor Britton

That the Min Min Encounter June 2020 Report be received for information.

Carried

2020/7.20 LIBRARY JUNE 2020 REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor Norton

That Council receive the Library June 2020 report for information.

Carried

2020/7.21 BOULIA SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE JUNE 2020 REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Edgar

That Council receive the Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre June 2020 Report for information.

Carried

2020/7.22 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY JUNE 2020 INFORMATION REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Britton

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety June 2020 Report for information.

Carried

Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 11.03 am.

Confirmed:

Minutes confirmed 17th August 2020

Resolution No. 2020/8.2

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