



General Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Meeting held in the Central Highlands Regional Council Chambers, Emerald Office

Monday 19 January 2009

Commenced at 9.00am

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

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MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT 9.00AM MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2009 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE

PRESENT

Councillors

Cr P. Maguire (Mayor).

Crs P. Bell AM, D. Brimblecombe, P. Bulger, K. Hayes, P. Haylock, G. Nixon, R. Rolfe & P. Schwarz.

Officers

CEO B. Ottone, DCEO G. Frangos, GM E&P P. Day, A/GM G&CS & AEM – Springsure A. Shaw, GM Civil Ops B. Turner, GM Corp Services A. Brown, GM Comm Services C. Dziewicki, AEM – Blackwater D. Carroll, Manager Development Services L. Lankowski.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Russell Reynoldson (Emerald Uniting Church) delivered the opening prayer.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Mayor, Cr P. Maguire, and Cr P. Schwarz, requested Leave of Absence from 5th to 22nd February 2009 inclusive.

Resolution:

Cr Haylock moved and Cr Brimblecombe seconded 'That Leave of Absence be granted to Crs P. Maguire and P. Schwarz for the period 5 – 22 February 2009 inclusive.'

Carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting : 15 December 2008

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and Cr Rolfe seconded 'That the minutes of the above meeting, as printed and circulated to members, be adopted.'

Carried

Business Arising out of Minutes

Nil.

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST, GIFTS & BENEFITS

Cr Bell declared that he was a guest of Telstra at the 20/20 Cricket Game held recently in Brisbane.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS/NOTES

Report On Visit To Fujisawa Council, Japan, 31 Oct – 5 Nov 2008

Resolution:

Cr Bell moved and Cr Nixon seconded 'That the notes of the above visit, as printed and circulated to members, be received.'

Carried

Notes of the Blackwater Local Disaster Management Group held on 28th November 2008

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and Cr Bulger seconded 'That the notes of the above meeting, as printed and circulated to members, be received.'

Carried

Local Disaster Management Group, Emerald – 3 December 2008

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and Cr Hayes seconded 'That the minutes of the above meeting, as printed and circulated to members, be received.'

Carried

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Carried

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Resolution:

Cr Bulger moved and Cr Hayes seconded 'That the notes of the above meeting, as printed and circulated to members, be received.'

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Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and Cr Haylock seconded 'That the notes of the above meeting, as printed and circulated to members, be received.'

Carried

Notes out of Gemfields Advisory Committee Meeting : 11 December 2008

Resolution:

Cr Bulger moved and Cr Bell seconded 'That the notes of the above meeting, as printed and circulated to members, be received.'

Carried

COMMERCIAL SERVICES' SEGMENT

Rubyvale / Sapphire Sewerage Planning Report

Resolution:

Cr Haylock moved and Cr Bell seconded 'That:

1. Council considers that the option outlined in the Planning Report is clearly an uneconomical option for the residents of Sapphire and Rubyvale
2. Council awaits further additions to the Planning report and considers this project along with upcoming competing Water and Sewerage priorities;
3. A copy of this report be provided to Rubyvale Progress Association Inc and all community members at their request plus Council's resolution.'

Carried

Acceptance of the General Manager – Commercial Services' Report

Resolution:

Cr Bell moved and Cr Hayes seconded 'That the General Manager – Commercial Services' Report be received.'

Carried

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING SEGMENT

80. DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Delegated Development Applications & Permitted Developments

Resolution:

Cr Hayes moved and Cr Brimblecombe seconded 'That the following Delegated Applications (3) and Permitted Developments (2) be received:

Delegated Applications

IPA Planning Scheme for the Shire of Duinga

TP110/08B – Don Edmestone C/- Schlencker Surveying – Unnamed Road & Alsace Road, Dingo –
ROL – Boundary Realignment

TP132/08B – Grant Austin – 'Coominglah', Duinga/Baralaba Road, Baralaba – MCU – Dual
Occupancy

IPA Planning Scheme for the Shire of Emerald

TP091/08E – Peter Brew – 26 Industrial Drive, Emerald – MCU – Warehouse

Permitted Development

TP120/08E – Lee Miller – 10 Yering Street, Emerald – Dual Occupancy

TP139/08E – Des Skinner Plan Design & Drafting – 18 Pryor Place, Emerald – Home
Occupation – Fancy Dress Costume Hire.'

Carried

Emerald Star Hotel Motel Application for Gaming Machines

Resolution:

Cr Haylock moved and Cr Nixon seconded 'That Council endorses the action of the General Manager Environment and Planning in advising the department that Council offers no objection to the application to Queensland Government Treasury, Gaming Regulation by Ludlow Hospitality Qld Pty Ltd As Trustee for The Ludlow Family Trust for 12 additional machines at the Emerald Star Hotel Motel, Egerton Street, Emerald.'

Carried

Extract of Information from Residential Land and Dwelling Activity Monitor: Report No. 68 (March Quarter 2008)

Resolution:

The above report was noted.

Acceptance of the General Manager – Environment & Planning's Report

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and Cr Hayes seconded 'That the General Manager – Environment & Planning's Report be received.'

Carried

GOVERNANCE & COMMUNITY SERVICES' SEGMENT

Book of History of Local Government In Queensland

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and Cr Rolfe seconded 'That Council coordinates the inclusion of the CHRC and former Shires in the Q150 Local Government 150th Anniversary publication and contributes the appropriate participation fee.'

Carried

Blackwater Swimming Pool Redevelopment

Resolution:

Cr Bell moved and Cr Bulger seconded ‘That, in accordance with S486 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 which provides exemptions from seeking quotes and tenders, Council engages J.H. Cockerell Pty Ltd to carry out the engineering design and supervision of construction of the new 25 metre pool and associated infrastructure at Blackwater.’

Carried

Blackwater BMX Track Request

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and Cr Nixon seconded ‘That Council consults with the Blackwater BMX Committee regarding a new site for their facility as part of the Hunter Street Complex.’

Carried

Capricorn Rescue Helicopter Service Donation

Resolution:

Cr Haylock moved and Cr Nixon seconded ‘Whilst Council has not budgeted in the 2008/09 budget it has decided to provide a contribution of \$5,000 this financial year and will give consideration to providing a contribution in the 2009/10 year for between \$10,000 and \$15,000.’

Carried

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP)

Resolution:

Cr Hayes moved and Cr Bulger seconded ‘That Council approves projects as listed below for the Federal Government funding of \$994,000 so the deadline of 30th January 2009 is met.

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>EST COSTS</u>
<u>Emerald</u> McIndoe Park - Grandstand and Lighting	\$500,000
<u>Bauhinia Downs</u> Hall - Repair external wall	\$100,000
<u>Capella</u> Community Hall - Replace Roof	\$100,000
<u>Duaringa</u> Library - Upgrade	\$20,000
<u>Sapphire</u> Upgrade sports fields, lighting and club kitchen & shades	\$100,000
<u>Springsure</u> Hall - Air-conditioning and Upgrade/Paint	\$100,000
<u>Bluff</u> Rugby League Oval - Underground watering system	\$24,000
<u>Anakie</u> Anakie Transfer Station - Redesign/redevelop	\$50,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$994,000</u>

Carried

Update on Water Supply – Blackwater, Bluff & Tieri

From 10.30am to 10.50am Manager Water Utilities Dan Pymble gave an update on the reticulated water supply in Blackwater, Bluff and Tieri including the E.coli found in the Bluff water treatment plant, the cause and the procedures being undertaken to correct the problem.

RV Friendly Town Scheme

Resolution:

Cr Haylock moved and Cr Bell seconded 'That Council supports nominating Rubyvale and Sapphire as RV Friendly Towns.'

Carried

Donation of Assets from Central Highlands Tourist Organisation

Resolution:

Cr Bell moved and Cr Hayes seconded 'That Council accepts the donation of assets from the Central Highlands Tourist Organisation effective from 1st January 2009.'

Carried

LATE AGENDA ITEM

Zonta International – Women's Health & Well-Being Expo

Resolution:

Cr Schwarz moved and Cr Haylock seconded 'That Council provides sponsorship of \$4,675 to the Zonta Club which is staging "Let's Live Life", a women's health and well-being expo in Emerald on Saturday 7th March 2009 for Women's International Day.'

Carried

Acceptance of the Acting General Manager – Governance & Community Services' Report

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and Cr Nixon seconded 'That the Acting General Manager – Governance & Community Services' Report be received.'

Carried

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.00am and resumed at 11.20am.

DECISIONS/INFORMATION OUT OF REPORTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Meeting Dates

Resolution:

Cr Hayes moved and Cr Schwarz seconded 'That the following meeting dates be adopted for the 2009 calendar year:

January	-	Monday 19 th
February	-	Monday 2 nd
	-	Monday 23 rd (in lieu of 16 th – some councillors/staff away)
March	-	Monday 2 nd
	-	Monday 16 th
April	-	Monday 6 th
	-	Monday 20 th
		(Note: Easter is 10/13 April)
May	-	Tuesday 5 th (4 th is a public holiday)
	-	Monday 18 th
June	-	Monday 1 st
	-	Monday 15 th
July	-	Monday 6 th
	-	Monday 20 th
August	-	Monday 3 rd
	-	Monday 17 th
September	-	Monday 7 th
	-	Monday 21 st
October	-	Monday 5 th
	-	Monday 19 th
November	-	Monday 2 nd
	-	Monday 16 th
	-	Monday 30 th (Extra!!!)
December	-	Monday 14 th (one in December)

Note: Only one Tuesday (5th May). December would normally be 7th & 21st (close to Christmas) so suggest extra meeting in November & one in December.'

Carried

Acceptance of the Chief Executive Officer's Report

Resolution:

Cr Haylock moved and Cr Nixon seconded 'That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.'

Carried

ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Purchase of new Cable Avoidance Tools

Resolution:

Cr Hayes moved and Cr Nixon seconded 'That, in accordance with S486 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 which provides exemptions from seeking quotes and tenders, Council purchases four (4) only cable avoidance tools for the Civil Operations and Water Reticulation & Maintenance in Emerald and Blackwater/Duaringa areas at a cost of approximately \$16,000 without obtaining three (3) quotes.'

Carried

Acceptance of the Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report

Resolution:

Cr Schwarz moved and Cr Brimblecombe seconded 'That the Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.'

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Australia Day Events

Resolution:

Cr Bell moved and Cr Haylock seconded 'That, for consistency throughout the CHRC area, all Australia Day events be free of charge.'

Carried

CEO:

LG Grants Commission - FAGs, Emerald Visit, 03.02.09, 2.30pm – 5pm

The following indicated they would be attending at this stage:

Crs Rolfe, Brimblecombe, Hayes, Bulger, Mayor P. Maguire, CEO, DCEO, A. Brown, D. Carroll, P. Day (tentative).

Cr Nixon:

2009 Tidy Towns Competition

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and Cr Haylock seconded 'That the towns of Emerald, Springsure, Rolleston, Blackwater, Duaringa, Capella, Tieri, Dingo, Bluff, Willows Gemfields, Anakie, Bauhinia and Comet be nominated in the 2009 Tidy Towns Competition.'

Carried

Cr Bulger:

Mobile Muster Programme

Resolution:

Cr Bulger moved and Cr Brimblecombe seconded 'That GME&P P. Day be requested to investigate the possible inclusion of Council in the Mobile Muster Programme.'

Carried

Cr Nixon:

Response from Hon Anthony Albanese MP – Blackwater to Rolleston Road Funding

Cr Nixon reiterated that Council needs to keep this project to the fore.

Cr Bell:

Correspondence from QR – Fencing Network Corridor in Blackwater

Resolution:

Cr Bell moved and Cr Brimblecombe seconded 'That Council accepts the terms and conditions as outlined by QR in its letter of 11.11.08 regarding fencing of the QR network corridor in Blackwater.'

Carried

CFMEU letter regarding Short Term Accommodation Oversupply

This letter requests single person's accommodation be strictly limited. GME&P P. Day advised that two camps have leases with no limit and no Town Planning approval is required. Legal advice is being sought on some way to limit these leases. P. Day to investigate and bring a report back to Council.

Cr Schwarz:

CrimeStoppers Banners

Email received requesting permission to erect these banners on the light poles around Emerald. CEO Ottone to investigate.

Cr Bell:

Q150 Trees

Enquired as to whether Council has organised to have the 150 required trees available.

Issue of Rates Notices

Resolution:

Cr Hayes moved and Cr Haylock seconded 'That Council confirms the advice to the GMCorpServ A. Brown that commencing 01.07.09 rates notices be issued quarterly.'

Carried

CLOSED SESSION ITEM

Into Closed Session – Planning Matter

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and Cr Brimblecombe seconded 'That Council **moves into** Closed Session to discuss a Planning matter.'

Carried

Out of Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and Cr Hayes seconded 'That Council **moves out** of Closed Session.'

Carried

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 12.55pm.

CONFIRMED:

MAYOR

DATE