



**General Meeting of Council**

**MINUTES**

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

**Tuesday 12 April 2016**

**Commenced at 2.00pm**

**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016**

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**MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT 2.00PM TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Councillor (Crs) K. Hayes (Mayor), G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors (Crs) P. Bell AM, C. Brimblecombe, M. Daniels, D. Lacey, A. McIndoe, G. Nixon and C. Rolfe

**Officers**

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason, General Manager Corporate Services J. Bradshaw, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster, Executive Manager Governance M. Uren, Communications Coordinator A. Ferris, Minute Secretary M. Wills

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**General Council Meeting: 9 March 2016**

**Resolution:**

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Bell “That the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 12 March 2016 be confirmed.”

2016 / 04 / 12 / 001

Carried (9-0)

**Post-Election Meeting: 6 April 2016**

**Resolution:**

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That the minutes of the previous Post Election Meeting held on 6 April 2016 be confirmed subject to amendment.”

2016 / 04 / 12 / 002

Carried (9-0)

**Business Arising Out Of Minutes**

Nil

**Review Outstanding Meeting Actions**

**Attendance**

Communication’s Coordinator A. Ferris attended the meeting at 2.06pm

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST PERSONAL GIFTS AND BENEFITS**

Nil

## **INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES' SECTION**

### **Building our Regions Infrastructure Fund – Round 2**

#### **Executive Summary**

The report lists two (2) projects that qualify for potential funding under the Building our Regions Regional Infrastructure Fund Round 2. Expressions of Interest opened on 4 April 2016 and close 29 April 2016, with notification of outcome expected to be late June 2016.

#### **Resolution:**

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Daniels "That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following projects in order of priority:

1. Emerald Airport Runway Enrichment Project; and the
2. Black Gully Sewerage Plant Upgrade Project

for funding applications under the Building our Regions Regional Infrastructure Fund Round 2.

**2016 / 04 / 12 / 003**

Lost (3-6)

#### **Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following projects in order of priority:

1. Black Gully Sewerage Plant Upgrade Project; and the
2. Emerald Airport Runway Upgrade Project;

for funding applications under the Building our Regions Regional Infrastructure Fund Round 2.

**2016 / 04 / 12 / 004**

Carried (9-0)

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Councillor Appointments to External and Internal Boards / Committees**

#### **Executive Summary:**

Central Highlands Regional Council is represented on a number of external and internal bodies and committees. This report is to highlight the committees and to determine if this representation is to continue and who will be representatives for Council.

#### **Resolution:**

Cr Lacey moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council seek to implement a standing committee framework to organise the business of local government as per the following table:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Councillor Representatives</b>
Finance and Infrastructure Committee	Cr Lacey Cr Rolfe Cr Brimblecombe Cr Godwin-Smith Cr Daniels

Committee	Councillor Representatives
Communities Committee	Cr Nixon Cr Bell Cr Brimblecombe Cr Godwin-Smith Cr Daniels
Leadership and Governance Committee	Cr Rolfe Cr Nixon Cr Brimblecombe Cr Lacey Cr McIndoe

Further, that the Chief Executive Officer be requested to present a report to the next council meeting regarding the technical and legal aspects for consideration in order to establish Standing Committees with delegated authority.

2016 / 04 / 12 / 005

Carried (9-0)

**Resolution**

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Bell “That the following elected members be appointed to as per the table below:

Committee	Councillor Representatives
Central Highlands Development Corporation	Cr Hayes (Mayor) Cr Lacey Cr Daniels Cr Rolfe
Bowen Basin Regional Roads and Transport Group (BBRTG)	Cr Hayes (Mayor) Cr Rolfe
Springsure Community Advisory Network Committee	Cr Nixon
Blackwater Community Advisory Network Committee	Cr Bell Cr Brimblecombe
Central Highlands Regional Resources Use Planning Cooperative (CHRRUP)	Cr Brimblecombe Cr Daniels
Audit Committee Meeting	Cr Rolfe Cr Brimblecombe
Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (CQROC)	Cr Hayes (Mayor) Cr Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor)
Local Disaster Management Group	Cr Hayes Cr Nixon
Disaster Management Satellite Advisory Committee	Blackwater / Duaringa – Cr Brimblecombe Capella / Tieri – Cr Lacey Gemfields – Cr Rolfe Springsure / Rolleston – Cr Nixon  Mayor to be alternate representative if

Committee	Councillor Representatives
	Councillors are unable to attend their subgroup meeting

2016 / 04 / 12 / 006

Carried (9-0)

**Australia Local Government Association – 2016 National General Assembly Conference - Call for Motions**

**Executive Summary:**

The Australia Local Government Association 2016 National General Assembly is being held in Canberra between 19 and 22 June 2016. This report is in regards to the Associations call for motions for the upcoming conference that is themed '*Partners in an Innovative and Prosperous Australia*'.

Motions are due by 22 April 2016.

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Lacey "That Central Highlands Regional Council develop the following motions for inclusion on the agenda for at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2016 National General Assembly:

1. That the ALGA continue to lobby the Commonwealth Government to restore the indexation of the financial assistance grants in the current budget and that any changed arrangements be referred to the Reform of Taxation;
2. That the ALGA lobby the Commonwealth Government to seek alternate funding arrangements through the Reform of Taxation to replace the existing outdated and inappropriate Financial Assistance Grants funding mechanism;
3. That the ALGA make representation to the Commonwealth Government to innovate electoral processes through the introduction of electronic voting systems for all elections;
4. That the ALGA lobby the Commonwealth Government for further funding to be allocated to the to the telecommunications mobile blackspots program; and
5. That the ALGA seek to influence existing health related funding and where necessary advocate for the creation of new funding to support the provision of rural and remote health services in Australia, including initiatives to address the workplace health and safety of remote nurses, the provision of mental health services generally and specifically to address drought related mental illness and resources to combat the escalation of illicit drug use.

2016 / 04 / 12 / 007

Carried (9-0)

**Australian Local Government Association – National General Assembly of Local Government Conference – Canberra 19 and 22 June 2016**

**Executive Summary:**

The Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly is being held from 19 and 22 June 2016 in Canberra.

It presents local government as a whole with an opportunity for all issues to be raised and to ensure local government aspirations are addressed.

**Resolution:**

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council authorise its Deputy Mayor, Councillors Nixon, McIndoe, Bell and the Chief Executive Officer to attend the Australian Local Government Association – National General Assembly of Local Government which is to be held in Canberra between 19 to 22 June 2016 as its representatives.”

2016 / 04 / 12 / 008

Carried (9-0)

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Into Closed Session**

**Resolution**

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Lacey “That Council close its meeting to the public in accordance with Section 275 (1)(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to discuss contracts proposed to be made by it and that Council staff involved in the closed discussions remained in the room.”

2016 / 04 / 12 / 009

Carried (9-0)

The meeting was closed at 3.43pm

**Nogoa River Excavation Project Voluntary Land Acquisition**

**Out of Closed Session**

**Resolution**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That the meeting now be re-opened to the public.”

2016 / 04 / 12 / 010

Carried (9-0)

The meeting was opened at 3.49pm

**Nogoa River Excavation Project Voluntary Land Acquisition**

**Executive summary:**

Council is seeking to purchase a portion of land on Codenwarra Road, to enable Council to use the land to stockpile excavated material as part of the Nogoa River Excavation project as a more cost effective means than transporting the excavated material off site.

**Resolution**

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Bell “That Central Highlands Regional Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the purchase a portion of land on Codenwarra Road by way of Private Treaty with the landholders to ensure that the Emerald Flood Protection Scheme project mitigation works scheduled for sites 10 and 11 can be implemented cost effectively.”

2016 / 04 / 12 / 011

Carried (9-0)

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

*(Verbal matters raised by Councillors either as a question, acknowledgement and or additional follow-up by officers)*

### **Anzac Day School Parade Participation – Friday 22 April 2016**

Bauhinia State School	CEO, Cr Rolfe
Emerald North State School	Cr Daniels
Denison State School	Cr McIndoe
Emerald State High School	Mayor Cr Hayes
Capella State School	Cr Lacey
Springsure	Cr Nixon

### **ANZAC Day Services Participation – 25 April 2016**

Emerald Dawn Service and morning service	Cr Hayes, Cr Daniels, Cr McIndoe dawn service
Gemfields	Cr Daniels
Springsure dawn service and morning service	Cr Nixon
Rolleston morning service	Cr Godwin-Smith
Duaranga morning service	Cr Brimblecombe
Capella morning service	Cr Lacey
Tieri dawn service	Cr Lacey
Blackwater dawn and morning service	Cr Rolfe
Bluff dawn service and morning service	Cr Rolfe
Dingo dawn service	Cr Brimblecombe

### **Community Reference Group Attendees for upcoming meetings**

Community Reference Group Meeting – Tieri	Cr Lacey
Community Reference Group Meeting – Springsure	Cr Nixon
Community Reference Group Meeting – Comet	Cr Bell
Community Reference Group Meeting – Emerald	Cr Daniels
Community Reference Group Meeting – Bauhinia	Cr Godwin-Smith

Cr Bell requested that at the upcoming WQLGA Annual Conference, Central Highlands Regional Council provide WQLGA members with information on how to streamline planning approval to support development of telecommunication applications to ensure that a unified process is across the board.

## **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 4.07pm

**CONFIRMED**

**MAYOR**



DATE