



General Meeting of Council

MINUTES

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

Wednesday 10 February 2016

Commenced at 2.00pm

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2016

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MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT 2.00PM WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Crs) P. Maguire (Mayor), G. Nixon (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors (Crs) P. Bell AM, C. Brimblecombe, K. Cracknell, P. Maundrell, K. Pickersgill, G. Sypher

Officers

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

APOLOGIES

Cr G. Godwin-Smith

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That a leave of absence that was previously granted for Cr Godwin-Smith for today’s meeting.”

2016 / 02 / 10 / 001

Carried (8-0)

Resolution:

Cr Pickersgill moved and seconded by Cr Sypher “That a leave of absence be granted for Cr Brimblecombe for the meeting of 9 March 2016.”

2016 / 02 / 10 / 002

Carried (8-0)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting: 20 January 2016

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Bell “That the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 20 January 2016 be confirmed.”

2016 / 02 / 10 / 003

Carried (8-0)

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

2015 / 2016 Capital Works Program Delivery

Executive summary

Following the discussion at the last General Meeting on the Operational Plan and capital works progress, Council requested that a report be brought back to Council on the progress of the capital works program. While a summary was provided today at the Strategic and Briefing Forum, a more detailed report be finalised outlining works that can be successfully delivered, carried forward or that may be deferred.

Resolution

Cr Bell moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That Central Highlands Regional Council note the deferral of the Capital Expenditure 2015/16 Delivery Report to the General Meeting of the 24th February 2016, following the update to Council provided in the Strategic and Briefing Forum today.”

2016 / 02 / 10 / 004

Carried (8-0)

Outstanding Meeting Actions

Re-tasking of actions for Council officers that are no longer with Council.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST, PERSONAL GIFTS AND BENEFITS

Cr Bell declared that he received hospitality with QCV last week.

Cr Nixon declared that she had dinner paid for from Corrective Services last week.

PETITIONS

Need for Mobile Coverage in Rubyvale

A petition was tabled to the council meeting from residents of Rubyvale for the need of mobile coverage in Rubyvale.

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the petition from Rubyvale regarding the need of mobile coverage be received.”

2016 / 02 / 10 / 005

Carried (8-0)

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES' SECTION

Compulsory Acquisition of Native Title at Blackwater for the Construction of a New State Emergency Services Facility – Lot 1 on Crown Plan HT617

Executive summary:

On 11 November 2015, Council resolved to compulsorily acquire native title right and interest and any non-native title rights and interests over Lot 1 on Crown Plan HT617, County of Humbolt, Parish of Blackwater (“the Land”) for the purpose of the construction of public and other works for the purposes of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990. Council proposes to purchase the Land in freehold and construct a State Emergency Services (SES) facility.

Resolution:

Cr Cracknell moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That:

- (i) having served a Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests (“the Notice”) and Background Information Statement with respect to the acquisition of native title rights and interests over land and waters described as Lot 1 on Crown Plan HT617, County of Humboldt, Parish of Blackwater (the “Land”), on the Registered Native Title Claimants for the Gaangalu People native title claim QUD400/2012 and Queensland South Native Title Services as the Representative Body for the Land; and

- (ii) having served a Notice of Intention to Resume Non-Native Title Rights and Interests ("the Notice") and Background Information Statement with respect to the acquisition of resource interests over the Land, on the BOW CSG Pty Ltd as the resource interest holder of Petroleum and Gas Exploration Permit ATP1025 and Blackwater Coal Pty Ltd as the resource interest holder of Coal Exploration Permit EPC699; and
- (iii) having not received any objection to the Notice/s,

That the Central Highlands Regional Council resolves to delegate to MacDonnells Law the power to make an application on behalf of Council to the Minister administering the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 (Queensland) that any native title and non native title rights and interest in and over the Land to be acquired/resumed for the purpose of works for the construction or erection of any public or other works for the purposes of the Fire and Emergency Service Act."

2016 / 02 / 10 / 006

Carried (8-0)

GOVERNANCE SECTION

Central Highlands Regional Council – Continuity of Service – External Audit Committee Members

Executive Summary

At the Audit Committee held on 17 November 2015, the matter of continuity of services from independent Audit Committee members from Geoff Hirst of Protiviti Risk and Business Consulting and Hayden Wright from HGW Consulting was raised. It was suggested that their existing terms of engagement be extended from 31 March 2016 to 31 December 2016 and that the Audit Charter be amended to ensure that only one independent Audit Committee member retires each year.

Resolution:

Cr Bell moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council approves an extension of the services of the independent Audit Committee members Geoff Hirst of Protiviti Risk and Business Consulting and Hayden Wright of HGW Consulting from 31 March 2016 to 31 December 2016 (at the previously agreed service rates) and that the Audit Committee Charter be amended to ensure that only one independent Audit Committee member retires each year."

2016 / 02 / 10 / 007

Carried (8-0)

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Change of Time for Council Meetings

Executive summary

That due to council now being in caretaker mode for the Local Government elections that the Strategic and Briefing Forums for the balance of the term not be held and that the General Council Meeting time change from 2.00pm to 9.00am on the scheduled days.

Resolution

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That the General Council Meetings scheduled for 24 February 2016 and 9 March 2016 commence at 9.00am."

2016 / 02 / 10 / 008

Carried (8-0)

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Council close its meeting to the public in accordance with Section 275 (1)(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 that Council staff involved in the closed discussions remain in the room.”

2016 / 02 / 10 / 009

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Manager Community and Customer Service L. Lankowski attended the meeting at 2.17pm

The meeting was closed at 2.17pm

Out of Closed Session

Resolution

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

2016 / 02 / 10 / 010

Carried (8-0)

The meeting was opened at 2.51pm

Design and Construction of the Proposed New Emerald Aquatic Centre Waterslides

Executive summary:

This report seeks Council’s consideration of recommendations of the Emerald Aquatic Centre Waterslide Project Review Committee in relation to the proposed new Emerald Aquatic Centre waterslides at Opal Street, Emerald.

Resolution

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That Central Highlands Regional Council notes the contents of the report and that a recommendation be brought to the Council at the meeting of 24 February 2016.”

2016 / 02 / 10 / 011

Carried (6-2)

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 2.52pm

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE