



General Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Meeting held at the Blackwater Civic Centre

Tuesday 13 September 2016

Commenced at 2.00pm

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

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MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT 2.00PM TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THE BLACKWATER CIVIC CENTRE

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Crs) K. Hayes (Mayor / Chair), G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors (Crs) P. Bell AM, C. Brimblecombe, M. Daniels, 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, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris and Minute Secretary K. Stephenson

APOLOGIES

Councillor D. Lacey

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution:

Cr G. Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr C. Brimblecombe “That an apology from Cr D. Lacey be granted for today’s meeting.”

2016 / 09 / 13 / 01

Carried (8-0)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting: 30 August 2016

Resolution:

Cr G. Nixon moved and seconded by Cr C. Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 30 August 2016 be confirmed.”

2016 / 09 / 13 / 02

Carried (8-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Nil

Outstanding Meeting Actions

Nil actions discussed

Conflict of Interest, Personal Gifts and Benefits

Nil

Petitions

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES

Minutes of Meeting of the Communities Standing Committee – 30 August 2016

Resolution:

Cr G. Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr M. Daniels “That the minutes of the Communities Standing Committee meeting held on 30 August 2016 be endorsed”.

2016 / 09 / 13 / 03

Carried (8-0)

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES’ SECTION

Waldby Court Evacuation Route

Executive Summary:

In 1994, a condition of a subdivision development approval required easements be granted in favour of Council to provide emergency flood access for the residents of Waldby Court, Emerald when access was cut from Riverview Street, Emerald due to flooding. The easements have, over time, been compromised by certified buildings. A new evacuation route may be created by acquisition, subject to negotiations with the landowner, in the adjoining property to the west.

Resolution:

Cr C. Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr G. Nixon “That Central Highlands Regional Council negotiate with the landowner to acquire land, an area approximately 90 metres by 5 metres as freehold, for a new flood evacuation route within Lot 25 E21622, for the benefit of Emerald’s Waldby Court residents.”

2016 / 09 / 13 / 04

Carried (8-0)

COMMUNITIES’ SECTION

Attendance:

Town Planner J. Webster attended the meeting at 2.18pm

Request for Assessment Fee Waiver – Extractive Industry

Executive Summary

Development Application 4037/15 Material Change of Use: Expansion of Extractive Industry was submitted on 7 December 2015. The application relates to an existing quarry, known as Wallaby Hill, expanding operations to 50,000 tonnes of material per annum. An assessment fee of \$19,618 was paid at lodgement. The applicant is requesting Council to consider recalculating the fee based on lower extraction rate and refunding fifty per cent (50%) of the fees paid.

Resolution:

Cr P. Bell moved and seconded by Cr A. McIndoe “That Council requires the application fee to be calculated in accordance with the Register of Commercial and Cost Recovery Fees 2016/2017.”

2016 / 09 / 13 / 05

Carried (7-1)

Adoption of Administrative Amendment to the Central Highlands Regional Council Planning Scheme

Executive Summary:

Further to the Council's decision on 15 August 2016 to prepare an administrative amendment to the Central Highlands Regional Council Planning Scheme 2016, the amendment has been prepared for adoption in accordance with Statutory Guideline 01/16 - Making and amending local planning instruments (MALPI). Council must decide to either adopt or not proceed with the proposed administrative amendment.

Resolution:

Cr G. Nixon moved and seconded by Cr C. Brimblecombe; “

1. That Central Highlands Regional Council decide to adopt the proposed administrative amendment (the first amendment) to the *Central Highlands Regional Council Planning Scheme 2016* in accordance with section 117 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 and step 9.4, section 2.4A.1 of Statutory Guideline 01/16 Making and amending local planning instruments.
2. That Council set 23 September 2016 as the commencement date for the *Central Highlands Regional Council Planning Scheme 2016 (Amendment No. 1)*.
3. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to do all the matters specified in Statutory Guideline 04/14 - Making and amending local planning instruments to complete step 9 of the process for making and amending a planning scheme.”

2016 / 09 / 13 / 06

Carried (8-0)

LATE REPORT

2016 – 2017 Grants and Subsidies Programs - Expressions of Interest

Executive Summary:

The release of 2016 – 2017 Grants and Subsidies Programs has been announced by The Honourable Jackie Trad Member of Parliament, Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. The total funding is \$62.3 million, of which \$12 million is provided by the Australian Government under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program. The programs provide funding assistance to eligible applications for disaster mitigation and resilience and key infrastructure projects. The Deputy Premier has further approved an increase in grant subsidy to 60% of eligible project costs. Expressions of interest for funding under the programs will close on 28 September 2016.

Resolution:

Cr C. Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr M. Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following list of prioritised projects for the Expressions of Interest (EOI) stage of funding applications under the 2016 – 2017 Grants and Subsidies Programs:

1. Nogoia River Excavation Project Sites 4, 5, 5a, 6, 7, 8 and 9a with an estimated cost of \$2,500,000 under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP);
2. Dingo Water Supply (to boost fire flow pressure) with an estimated cost of \$230,000 under the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP);
3. Gemfields Disaster Warning (Audible Mass Notification) System with an estimated cost of \$300,000 under the Community Resilience Fund (CRF);
4. Dingo and Duinga Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) with an estimated cost of \$170,000 under the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP); and

5. Regional floodway resilience program, previously submitted under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), at twelve sites, with the option of eighteen or twenty four sites. At a unit rate of \$66,000 per floodway, the estimated cost for twenty four sites is \$1,600,000.

2016 / 09 / 13 / 07

Carried (8-0)

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Cr P Bell

Cr Bell raised a query on behalf of the Bluff community with regards to progress made to date on the Bluff House Numbering project. This project is currently being undertaken by the Planning and Environment Section in conjunction with the rates section. Correspondence will be sent to the Bluff community including approximately 170 affected residents. Further consultation will be undertaken at the next Community Reference Group meeting to be held on 10 October 2016.

Cr G. Nixon

Cr Nixon provided verbal reports on:

1. Springsure Races – Bus transportation is confirmed from Emerald to Springsure return for the Races to be held Saturday 17 September 2016.
2. Future usage of existing Blackwater Pool – community involvement and redevelopment options – At the Communities Standing Committee held on 30 August 2016 it was agreed that a progress report be presented back to the Committee prior to the end of the year on suggested options for the future usage of the existing Blackwater pool site (post decommissioning in 2017) based on feedback from the Councillors, Blackwater Community Reference Group and interested members of the community. Cr Nixon suggested that future options including a driver training area and Art Gallery could be considered.

Cr M. Daniels

Cr M. Daniels mentioned the Blackwater Historical Society and the need for possible Council assistance in the future.

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution

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

2016 / 09 / 12 / 08

Carried (8-0)

The meeting was closed at 3.06pm.

Closed Session Business

1. Proposed Infrastructure and Development - Lot 1 On SP 224248, Special Industry Area at Yamala

Executive Summary:

The developer of the Special Industry Zoned land at Yamala has submitted a proposal for consideration seeking further support for the development of this site and a proposal to form the basis for an infrastructure agreement and/or development agreement.

2. Fairbairn Dam Recreational Area

Executive Summary:

The Fairbairn Dam recreation area provides significant opportunities for passive and active recreation, primarily related to boating, fishing, swimming and water sports, and opportunities for enhanced economic development through tourism. This facility is heavily utilised and represents a key recreation facility for the Central Highlands region. This report discusses the current condition of the Fairbairn Dam recreation area, which is owned by SunWater, and options to improve facilities, usage and appearance in this area.

Attendance:

Coordinator Communications A. Ferris left the meeting at 3.06pm.
Town Planner Jaymie Webster attended the meeting at 3.06pm.
Cr C. Brimblecombe left the meeting at 4.16pm and did not return.
Town Planner Jaymie Webster left the meeting at 4.24pm.
Manager Community and Customer Services L. Lankowski attended the meeting at 4.24pm.
Cr P. Bell left the meeting at 4.40pm and returned at 4.43pm.

Out of Closed Session

Resolution

Cr A. McIndoe moved and seconded by Cr G. Godwin-Smith "That the meeting now be re-opened to the public."

The meeting was opened at 4.46pm.

2016 / 09 / 13 / 09

Carried (7-0)

Proposed Infrastructure and Development - Lot 1 On SP 224248, Special Industry Area At Yamala

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr G Godwin-Smith "That Council supports in principle entering into an infrastructure agreement which:

- a. Is between Council and the developer on the following grounds:
 - i. Confirmation of the design to be constructed at the intersection of the Capricorn Highway and Bonnie Doon Road;
 - ii. The developer contribute to the cost of the intersection required to be constructed by approval 4050/14;
 - iii. The cost of preparing any infrastructure agreement is shared equally between the developer and Council; and

The infrastructure agreement addresses:

- iv. Responsible party for preparing the design and obtaining the approvals for the intersection at the Capricorn Highway and Bonnie Doon Road and the costs of the design and approval are shared equally between Council and the developer;

- v. The payment of any bonds needing to be paid to the Department of Transport and Main Road and/or Aurizon;
 - vi. The party responsible for defect works;
 - vii. The bond in relation to Bonnie Doon Road and the release of the bond will occur when Graincorp commences the use at Yamala;
 - viii. Cost sharing arrangement for the upgrade to the intersection of Capricorn Highway and Bonnie Doon Road, including rail and stock route crossing.
- b. The survey levels and design layouts that the developer possesses which relate to Bonnie Doon Road Road Reserve and the Capricorn Highway intersection are provided to Council.
 - c. Is entered into when Graincorp take possession of Lot 1 as approved in Council approval reference 4050/14.”

2016 / 09 / 12 / 10

Carried (7-0)

Fairbairn Dam Recreational Area

Resolution:

Cr A. McIndoe moved and seconded by Cr M. Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council agrees in principle to investigate opportunities to assume management responsibility for part of the Fairbairn Dam recreation area and that Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate terms with SunWater.”

2016 / 09 / 12 / 11

Carried (7-0)

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 4.49pm.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE