



Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting

MINUTES

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

Monday 15 August 2016

Commenced at 9.00am

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2016

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**MINUTES – FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 9.00AM MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2016 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Crs) K. Hayes (Mayor), G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor / Chair)
Councillors (Crs) M. Daniels, D. Lacey 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, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris, Minute Secretary M. Wills

Observer

Cr G. Nixon

APOLOGIES

Cr C. Brimblecombe (previously granted)

Attendance

Cr Lacey attended the meeting at 9.01am

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting: 12 July 2016

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the minutes of the previous Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting held on 12 July 2016 be confirmed.”

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Carried (5-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Nil

Outstanding Meeting Actions

Conflict of Interest, Personal Gifts and Benefits

Nil

Petitions (if any)

Nil

Attendance

Manager Technical Services S. Ripper attended the meeting at 9.03am

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES' SECTION

Request to Open Old Reward Road

Executive summary:

A section of the Gemfields community has requested that Central Highlands Regional Council provide a direct link between Sapphire and Reward. There is an existing low-standard track, which is not on Council's asset register, which traverses on and off of the adjoining, existing, road reserve that may meet the intent of a road link. Both the existing track as well as the use of the road reserve are opposed by the adjacent landowner who has applied for a conversion of tenure of their existing lease titles to freehold. The Department of Natural Resources and Mines further require a 200 meter stock route, and hence an equivalent road reserve, to be applied over the subject lots.

Resolution

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Lacey "That Central Highlands Regional Council Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee:

1. Neither construct nor maintain the road between Sapphire and Reward and that the Queensland Sapphire Miners Association, property owners, the Gemfields community and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines be advised of the decision;
2. The Department of Natural Resources and Mines be requested to consider the following matters when selecting the alignment for the new 200 meter stock route:
 - a. Seek expert advice regarding the best available land forms in this area for droving cattle.
 - b. Include the existing Keilambete to Reward Road within the new road reserve.; and
3. Review emergency management and evacuation procedures for the Reward area."

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Carried (5-0)

Nogoa Newsagency - Restricted Parking Signs

Executive summary:

The Nogoa Newsagency is reporting a reduction in clientele due to a lack of available car parks as a result of the long turnover cycle by customers of neighbouring businesses. A request has been made to install restricted parking signs on two car parks outside of the Newsagency. Council is currently not in a position to enforce the parking restriction under Local Law, therefore the effectiveness of any signage installed will rely upon the good faith of the public or enforcement by the Police only if their resources permit.

Resolution:

Cr Lacey moved and seconded by Cr Hayes "That the Central Highlands Regional Council Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee approve the installation of two 'Five Minute Parking' signs immediately outside of the Nogoa Newsagency without any commitment to enforcement."

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Carried (5-0)

Attendance

Manager Technical Services S. Ripper left the meeting at 9.22am

Manager Infrastructure J. Akers attended the meeting at 9.22am

Cr Lacey left the meeting at 9.25am and returned at 9.25am

Chief Executive Officer S Mason left the meeting at 9.27am

General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster left the meeting at 9.28am

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason returned to the meeting at 9.29am

General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster returned to the meeting a 9.31am
General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster left the meeting at 9.51am
General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster returned to the meeting a 9.53am
Cr Nixon left the meeting at 9.55am
Coordinator Disaster Management G. Bell attended the meeting at 9.57am and left a 9.57am

Rural Roads Strategic Links

Executive summary:

The Central Highlands Regional Council has 4200 lineal kilometres of rural roads, each of which provides a service to the user. The service, intent and role that individual rural road plays in the collective local, district, regional, state and national road network, is as wide ranging as the types of users of our rural road network.

There are also a number of Queensland Transport and Main Roads road assets within Central Highlands beyond the highways that also play vital roles in providing the nexus with a number of council owned roads to form these network relationships.

This information report is intended to discuss rural road linkages as a whole network as a follow on from the previous Road Investment Strategy report tabled at the Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee 14 June 2016.

Considered by Council.

Attendance

Manager Infrastructure J. Akers left the meeting at 10.17am

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Attendance

Cr Lacey left the meeting at 10.18am

Cr Rolfe

Raised costings issued to Council in regard to the NDRRA works that is being provided by the contractors.

Attendance

Cr Lacey returned to the meeting at 10.47am
Chief Executive Officer S. Mason left the meeting at 10.48am

Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council liaise with a variety of local contractors to improve the delivery model for restorative works under the NDRRA (Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements). Further, that Central Highlands Regional Council present these key learnings as a case study with a view to positively influencing appropriate process changes to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and Council’s procurement practices.”

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10.50am for morning tea.
The meeting resumed at 11.09am
Cr Lacey did not return to the meeting
Communications Coordinator did not return to the meeting

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution

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

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Carried (4-0)

The meeting was closed at 11.10am

Out of Closed Session

Resolution

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

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Carried (4-0)

The meeting was opened at 11.14am

Management Options for Local Government Regional Airports

Executive summary:

Queensland Treasury Corporation is assisting Central Highlands Regional Council in regard to the long-term sustainability of Emerald Airport. This project will require an additional operational budget allocation in 2016/17 financial year. This report seeks Council's commitment to the initial phase of this project and operational budget appropriation.

Resolution

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council engage the services of the Queensland Treasury Corporation to conduct a long-term options and sustainability review of the Emerald Airport commercial business. Further, that the \$36,000 cost to procure this service, not be budgeted for; rather that it be met through operational budget savings.”

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Carried (4-0)

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 11.15am

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CHAIR

DATE