



General Meeting of Council

MINUTES

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

Tuesday 14 February 2017

Commenced at 2.30pm

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2017

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MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 2.30PM TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2017 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, G. Nixon and C. Rolfe

Officers

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason, General Manager Communities D. Fletcher, 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

Councillors (Crs) D. Lacey, A. McIndoe

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That a leave of absence as previously granted for Councillors (Crs) D. Lacey, A. McIndoe for today’s meeting be recorded.”

2017 / 02 / 14 / 001

Carried (7-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

Opening Prayer

Pastor Chris Yelland (Emerald Calvary Church) delivered the opening prayer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting: 24 January 2017

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 24 January 2017 be confirmed.”

2017 / 02 / 14 / 002

Carried (7-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Cr Rolfe requested an update on the status for the expression of interest for the establishment of a Workcamp in Capella.

Outstanding Meeting Actions

Nil

Conflict of Interest, Personal Gifts and Benefits

Cr Bell declared that he was gifted membership for Virgin Australia Club.

Petitions (if Any)

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES

Minutes of Meeting – Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting: 14 February 2017, Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 14 February 2017, Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting: 14 February 2017

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the

1. Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting held on 14 February 2017;
2. Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 14 February 2017; and
3. Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting held on 14 February 2017

be endorsed.”

2017 / 02 / 14 / 003

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Coordinator Environment and Planning M. Lehman and Senior Planner T. Allsop attended meeting at 2.49pm

COMMUNITIES' SECTION

Request to apply Development Incentive (Infrastructure Charges Increment Subsidy) Policy to development applications 403.2016.6 and 403.2016.20

Executive summary:

On 10 August 2016 and 23 January 2017 Council approved, by delegated authority, Development Permits for Material Change of Use: Nature Based Tourism (100 Independent Campsites and Associated Tours) located at 3858 Carnarvon Gorge Road, Rewan. The approvals were levied a total of \$214,200.00 in infrastructure charges in accordance with *Central Highlands Regional Council Charges Resolution (No. 11) 2016*. A request has been received from Murray and Associates (Qld) Pty Ltd on behalf of Olivia Evans seeking that section 5a for Tourism Development, of the Development Incentive (Infrastructure Charges Increment Subsidy) Policy be applied to reduce the levied infrastructure charges.

Recommendation:

Option 1

That Central Highlands Regional Council requires the applicant to pay the infrastructure charges calculated in accordance with *Central Highlands Regional Council Charges Resolution (No. 11) 2016*, as currently levied on the development approval in full.

Option 2

That Central Highlands Regional Council agrees to the applicants request and decides to apply the Increment Subsidy Amount of sixty percent (60%) of the Adopted Charge in accordance with section 5a (Tourism Development) of the Development Incentive (Infrastructure Charges Increment Subsidy) Policy.

Option 3

That Central Highlands Regional Council agrees to waive the full amount of the levied charges or apply an alternate infrastructure charges amount.

The Council approved that the matter lay on the table pending receipt of further information.

Attendance

Coordinator Environment and Planning M. Lehman and Senior Planner T. Allsop left the meeting at 3.01pm

CORPORATE SERVICES' SECTION

Building our Regions Funding - Round 3 Expression of Interest

Executive summary:

Building our Regions Regional Infrastructure Fund (Building our Regions) is a targeted infrastructure program for local government projects.

This report details five (5) projects that following due consideration are eligible for funding under the Building our Regions Regional Infrastructure Fund - Round 3. The Expressions of Interest process opened on Monday 30 January 2017 and will close Friday 24 February 2017, with notification of outcome expected to be late July 2017.

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following proposed projects for funding applications under the Building our Regions Regional Infrastructure Fund - Round 3:

1. Blackwater Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) – Effluent Irrigation Extension (Golf course land) - \$2.6M
2. Regional Bikeways Enhancement - \$2.0M
3. Regional Floodways - \$1.548M
4. Emerald Airport – General Aviation Upgrades - \$2.83M
5. Yamala Enterprise Area (CQ Inland Port) – Rail Siding \$5.8M and Development Conditions - \$3.5M."

2017 / 02 / 14 / 004

Carried (7-0)

Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)

Executive summary:

The Building Better Regions Funding applications are due by 28 February 2017. Initially, two (2) projects are required for the Infrastructure Projects Stream of funding and following the previous discussion with Council, the nominated projects are:

1. Mulcahys Road Pave and Seal – Upgrade the 15.55 kilometres of unsealed pavement to a sealed standard, inclusive of upgrading the current inadequate narrow culvert at Arcadia Creek and addressing the significant drainage issue at South Bend creating an all-weather sealed road with an estimated project value of \$9.8m.
2. Botanic Gardens (West) Upgrade Project – Includes new pathways, play equipment, BBQ's and shelters, with an estimated project value of \$1.3M.

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Daniels "That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the following projects (applications) for inclusion into the Building Better Regions Funding – Infrastructure Projects Stream closing 28 February 2017:

1. Mulcahys Road Pave and Seal – Upgrade the 15.55 kilometres of unsealed pavement to a sealed standard, inclusive of upgrading the current inadequate narrow culvert at Arcadia Creek and addressing the significant drainage issue at South Bend creating an all-weather sealed road with an estimated project value of \$9.8M.

2. Botanic Gardens (West) Upgrade Project – Includes new pathways, play equipment, BBQ's and shelters, with an estimated project value of \$1.3M ."

2017 / 02 / 14 / 005

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Acting Chief Executive Officer M. Parker left the meeting at 3.15pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Amended Meeting Time – General Council Meeting 28 February 2017

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe "That the General Council meeting being held in Capella on Tuesday 28 February 2017 commence at 2.00pm."

2017 / 02 / 14 / 006

Carried (7-0)

Cr Brimblecombe

Attended the LGAQ Water & Sewerage Advisory Group meeting last week in Brisbane and provided an overview of the meeting.

Attendance

Acting Chief Executive Officer M. Parker returned to the meeting at 3.19pm

Coordinator Environment and Planning M. Lehman and Senior Planner T. Allsop attended meeting at 3.21pm

COMMUNITIES' SECTION

Request to apply Development Incentive (Infrastructure Charges Increment Subsidy) Policy to development applications 403.2016.6 and 403.2016.20

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Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Nixon "That Central Highlands Regional Council:

1. Agrees to the applicants request and decides to apply the Increment Subsidy Amount of sixty percent (60%) of the Adopted Charge in accordance with section 5a (Tourism Development) of the Development Incentive (Infrastructure Charges Increment Subsidy) Policy; and
2. That \$128,520 be transferred from the appropriate reserve in the Budget Review 2."

2017 / 02 / 14 / 007

Carried (7-0)

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Godwin-Smith provided an overview of the Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting that was held earlier today.

Cr Brimblecombe provided an overview of the Communities Standing Committee Meeting that was held earlier today.

Cr Hayes provided an overview of the Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting that was held earlier today.

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Nixon 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 and that Council staff involved in the closed discussions remain in the room.”

2017 / 02 / 14 / 008

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Coordinator Communications A. Ferris left the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 3.32pm

Out of Closed Session

Resolution:

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

2017 / 02 / 14 / 009

Carried (7-0)

The meeting was opened at 3.50pm

Blackwater Mine Workers Club Administration - Update

Executive summary:

This report provides a further update on the matters previously discussed with the 'Blackwater Mine Workers' Club trading also as the 'Blackwater Country Club' and confirms that Council officers have continued to work with the Club and a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being finalised that confirms Council's commitments. As a result of actions taken by the Club and the Administrators a modified Deed of Company Arrangement (DOCA) has been executed for a period of three years to allow the Club to continue to trade under the Board's control subject to monitoring of the Deed administrators.

Considered by Council.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 3.50pm.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE