



General Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Meeting held in the Central Highlands Regional Council, Capella Office

Tuesday 28 February 2017

Commenced at 2.03pm

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2017

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MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 2.03PM TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2017 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL
COUNCIL, CAPELLA 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

Acting Chief Executive Officer M. Parker, 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, Minute Secretary M. Wills

APOLOGIES

Nil

Attendance

Year 5 and 6 students from Capella State School observed today's meeting.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe "That a leave of absence be granted for Cr Nixon for the meetings on 14 March 2017."

2017 / 02 / 28 / 001

Carried (9-0)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting: 14 February 2017

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe "That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 14 February 2017 be confirmed."

2017 / 02 / 28 / 002

Carried (9-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Acting Chief Executive Officer M Parker advised that the applications for the Building our Regions were lodged last week and that the Building Better Regions Fund will be lodged today.

Outstanding Meeting Actions

Emerald Flood Protection Scheme

Workshop with Councillors is scheduled for 20 March 2017.

Conflict of Interest, Personal Gifts and Benefits

Nil

Petitions (if Any)

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES

Minutes of Meeting - Audit Committee – 13 February 2017

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2017 be endorsed.”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 003

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Manager Water Utilities P. Manning attended the meeting at 2.14pm

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

Award of Tender 2016T019C - Park Avenue Chlorine Contact Tank Upgrade

Executive summary:

The construction of a new disinfection system at the Park Avenue Sewage Treatment Plant is being undertaken under a Transitional Environmental Program to bring the plant into compliance with the Environmental Authority. Tenders have been received for the construction of this facility.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Bell “That Central Highlands Regional Council award the contract for tender 2016T019C ‘Construction of the Park Avenue Sewage Treatment Plant Chlorine Contact Tank Upgrade Project’ to Pensar Pty Ltd at the lump sum tender price of \$2,741,042.00 (exclusive of GST).

And further;

That Central Highlands Regional Council provide the following budget allocations for the Park Avenue chlorine contact tank upgrade project:

	Adopted 2016/17	Budget 2017/18
Current Project Budget	\$1,792,728	\$ 1,200,000

And refer the additional budget allocation to the 2017/18 capital budget.”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 004

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Infrastructure Project Engineer S. Robinson attended the meeting at 2.20pm

Award of Tender 2016T034C - Central Highlands Regional Floodway Resilience Program

Executive summary:

Central Highlands Regional Council has recently accepted funding under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) for the construction of 24 Concrete Floodways across the region. The delivery of these works was advertised through open tender on the LG Tender Box site for the entire scope of works in five separate packages.

Resolution:

Cr Bell moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council award the contract for tender 2016T034C ‘Central Highlands Regional Floodway Resilience Program’, packages one to five, to G & R Brown and Sons for a total value of \$1,273,547 (exclusive of GST).”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 005

Carried (7-2)

Award of Tender 2016T023E - Dingo Mains Supply Upgrade

Executive summary:

The construction of a replacement mains supply between the Dingo Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and the township is being undertaken to upgrade fire flow requirements to meet desired standards of service. A second mains supply line between the WTP and the Dingo racecourse is being installed to meet a recognised community demand to fulfil ablution and washing requirements at the facility. Tenders have been received and evaluated to enable the proposed installations to occur in parallel.

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council award tender 2016T023E ‘Dingo Mains Supply Upgrade to the Township and the Racecourse Project’ to Reay Group Pipe and Civil Pty Ltd at the lump sum tender price of \$298,567.00 (exclusive of GST).”

And further;

That Central Highlands Regional Council provide the following budget allocations for the Dingo mains supply upgrade to the Township and the Racecourse project:

	Current Year 2016/17
Current Budget	\$66,215
Proposed budget increase (BR2)	\$353,785

And refer the budget allocations to the 2016/17 Budget Review Two (2).”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 006

Carried (7-2)

Attendance

Students of Capella State School left the meeting at 2.49pm

Award of Tender 2016T021C - Black Gully Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Executive summary:

The upgrade of the Black Gully Sewage Treatment Plant from 4,000 equivalent persons (EP) capacity to 10,000 EP is being undertaken under a Transitional Environmental Program to bring the plant into compliance with the Environmental Authority. Tenders have been received for the construction of this facility.

Resolution:

Cr Bell moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council award the contract for tender 2016T021C ‘Black Gully Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade’ to Aquatec-Maxcon for the tender price of \$15,680,615.00 (exclusive of GST).”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 007

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Manager Water Utilities P. Manning and Infrastructure Project Engineer S. Robinson left the meeting at 2.53pm

General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert left the meeting at 2.54pm

General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert returned to the meeting at 2.56pm

COMMUNITIES

Adoption of Fees for 2016/17 New Blackwater Aquatic Centre

Executive summary:

With the new Blackwater Aquatic Centre opening in March, it is necessary to adopt Fees and Charges that will apply for the remainder of the 2016/17 year. Fees exist for the current Blackwater Pool however, the fees for the new Blackwater Aquatic Centre must reflect the significant increase in pools and activities at the new centre. These fees are retained by the newly appointed pool lessees other than the Meeting Room associated with the complex. The current fees for the old pool complex need to be removed from the 2016/17 Fees and Charges Schedule to avoid any confusion for the community.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Lacey “That Central Highlands Regional Council adopt the following schedule of Fees and Charges for the new Blackwater Aquatic Centre for the remainder of the 2016/17 year.

Blackwater Aquatic Centre, Hunter Street, Blackwater

Swimming Pool Fees

(To be charged and retained by the Pool Lessee. This revenue is not received by Council)

Admission Per Visit – Casual

- Adult - \$4.50
- Child/Spectator/Pensioner - \$3.50
- School admission (per person) - \$3.50

Season Pass

(Current Season Passes issued for the old Blackwater Pool will be recognised for the remainder of the 2016/17 year at the new facility)

- The pool lessee may negotiate a short term pass for the remainder of this 2016/17 year at their discretion.

Pool Hire After Hours

1. To be negotiated with the pool lessee.

Lifeguard Services

2. To be negotiated with the pool lessee.

Swimming Club

3. To be negotiated with the pool lessee.

Hire of Meeting Room at the Blackwater Aquatic Centre

(Bookings will be made through Council and Council will retain these fees.)

- Full day - \$200.00
- Half day - \$100.00”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 008

Carried (9-0)

Resolution:

Cr Lacey moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the cancellation and removal of the current Fees that apply to the old current Blackwater Pool (near the Council Office) from the 2016/17 Fees and Charges Schedule.”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 009

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Manager Finance S. Fogg attended the meeting at 2.59pm

Cr McIndoe left the meeting at 3.04pm

Cr McIndoe returned to the meeting at 3.06pm

CORPORATE SERVICES

Monthly Financial Report - January 2017

Executive summary:

A Financial Report which summarises the financial performance and position of the Central Highlands Regional Council is presented each month to provide a snapshot on Council’s financial performance. While this report complies with statutory obligations, it is also intended to provide additional information to keep Councillors informed in relation to relevant financial matters of Council.

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 31 January 2017.”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 010

Carried (9-0)

Local Government Boundary Change Request

Executive summary:

The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) wrote to Council seeking views on a proposal for changes to the local government boundaries for Isaac Regional Council and Central Highlands Regional Council identified by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) as a result of ongoing contact with members of the Mistake Creek Area Progress Association (MCAPA). After due consideration, it is proposed not to support the changes as the benefits appear limited and the status quo should remain.

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That Central Highlands Regional Council resolves that it does not support the proposed boundary change due to the limited benefits and increased costs for infrastructure maintenance, and that the Acting Chief Executive Officer respond to the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning rejecting the proposed boundary change.”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 011

Carried (9-0)

2016 2017 Budget Review 2

Executive summary:

Council adopted the Budget for the 2016/17 financial year in early July 2016 along with long term financial forecasts based on the activities in the operational plan and other key strategic documents. This budget and corresponding strategic documents were updated in November 2016.

The 2016/17 budget has been once more reviewed based on actual results to the end of January 2017 and a number of changes are proposed to reflect the operational changes and capital expenditure adjustments. Forecast changes to the operating result for 2016/17, result in a reduction of the operating surplus from \$6.3 million to \$2.56 million. The capital expenditure has been increased by \$3.3M to \$79.7 million to reflect additional works and adjustments to current projects required for the remainder of the 2016/2107 financial year.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That in accordance with sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Central Highlands Regional Council adopt the amendments to the 2016/17 budget including:-

1. The statement of comprehensive income
2. The statement of financial position
3. The statement of cash flow
4. The statement of change in equity
5. The key financial sustainability metrics
6. Capital program 2016/17”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 012

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

General Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S. Hobbs attended the meeting at 3.18pm
General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert and General Manager Communities D. Fletcher left the meeting at 3.19pm

Cr Lacey left the meeting at 3.23pm

General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert and General Manager Communities D. Fletcher returned to the meeting at 3.23pm

Cr Lacey returned to the meeting at 3.26pm

General Manager Communities D. Fletcher left the meeting at 3.32pm

General Manager Communities D. Fletcher returned to the meeting at 3.35pm

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Central Highlands Development Corporation - Service Level Agreement Update - January 2017

Executive summary:

The report provides an update on the Central Highlands Development Corporations activity for the month of February as required through the Service Level Agreement (SLA) performance requirements for the delivery of new and approved projects in addition to management and administration of the organisation.

Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC) works in collaboration with CHRC, stakeholders, businesses, the community and government to activate and accelerate sustainable and cohesive responses through innovative and, entrepreneurial strategies that facilitate the opportunities to grow the regions potential and future sustainability.

Considered by Council

Attendance

General Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S. Hobbs left the meeting at 3.38pm
General Manager Communities D. Fletcher left the meeting at 3.44pm
General Manager Communities D. Fletcher returned to the meeting at 3.47pm

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Condition of Planning Approval Accommodation Building 76-78 Retro Streets Emerald

Executive summary:

Council has been requested to reconsider the enforcement of a Development Approval condition which was raised on 15 January 2008.

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That the Central Highlands Regional Council defer its decision on the matter until further information has been provided.”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 013

Carried (9-0)

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Flying Foxes

Cr Brimblecombe raised the local concern with regards to flying foxes in Duaringa and asked if there is money allocated in the budget to move them on. General Manager Communities advised that the rangers section have been in discussions with the Department of Environmental and Heritage. The Department have indicated that there are current issues with moving the flying foxes on

Communication plan is being developed which will be communicated to the community.

General Manager Commercial Services also raised concerns with the flying fox colony in the Emerald Botanical Gardens and the impact that it could have on the Emerald Airport.

Mother of Millions – Fernlees

Cr McIndoe requested a report on the mother of millions in Fernlees.

General Manager Communities to provide a report on the state of play regarding pest management report for an upcoming meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution:

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

2017 / 02 / 28 / 014

Carried (9-0)

The meeting was closed at 4.07pm

Attendance

Cr Rolfe left the meeting at 4.07pm

Manager Finance S. Fogg attended the meeting at 4.08pm

Cr Rolfe returned to the meeting at 4.09pm

Out of Closed Session

Resolution:

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

2017 / 02 / 28 / 015

Carried (9-0)

The meeting was opened at 4.09pm

Rating Concession - Assessment No. 29068

Executive summary:

The local government legislation and adopted rating and revenue policies, provide the ability for Council to allow rebates and remissions to certain groups of ratepayers, in limited circumstances, where broader community outcomes would be enhanced. Council has received a request from a not for profit organisation seeking a general rate remission of 100% to support them in the conduct of activities that are of benefit to the community.

Resolution:

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Lacey “That Central Highland Regional Council, in accordance with section 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the Revenue Policy, approve a concession for Assessment No 29068 for 100% of the General Rates applicable and that this concession remain in place for the duration of the property’s use in this community service capacity.”

2017 / 02 / 28 / 016

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Cr McIndoe left the meeting at 4.10pm and did not return to the meeting.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 4.11pm

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE