



General Meeting of Council

MINUTES

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

Wednesday 26 April 2017

Commenced at 2.30pm

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017

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MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 2.30PM WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 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, D. Lacey, A. McIndoe, G. Nixon

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, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris, Minute Secretary M. Wills

APOLOGIES

Cr C. Rolfe

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Lacey “That a leave of absence as previously granted for Councillor Rolfe for today’s meeting be recorded.”

2017 / 04 / 26 /001

Carried (8-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting: 11 April 2017

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 11 April 2017 be confirmed.”

2017 / 04 / 26 / 002

Carried (8-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Nil

OUTSTANDING MEETING ACTIONS

Nil

CONFLICT OF INTEREST, PERSONAL GIFTS AND BENEFITS

Councillors Kerry Hayes, Gail Godwin-Smith, Charles Brimblecombe, Megan Daniels, David Lacey, Alan McIndoe, Gail Nixon and Christine Rolfe and Chief Executive Officer Scott Mason declared that they have been gifted an upgrade to their frequent flyer membership to gold status with Qantas.

***Please note that on 27 April 2017 that this offer was retracted by Qantas due to it not being consistent with their policy.*

PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Nil

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

Kellogg Brown and Root Bridge Modelling Report

Executive summary:

Central Highlands Regional Council has commissioned Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd (KBR) to undertake hydraulic modelling of flood mitigation options for the Emerald Township. The mitigation measures considered in this Report focus on removing or reconfiguring the Vince Lester Bridge, timber pedestrian bridge and the Queensland Rail Bridge to reduce flooding in Town and provide a safe evacuation route. The Report *Flood Study Update - Emerald Bridge Modelling*, by KBR, dated 9 January 2017, was received by Council.

The purpose of the Report is for Council to consider and endorse the in support of Council's current advocacy with the Queensland State Government for the proposed raising the existing Vince Lester Bridge as evacuation route, and to realise the associated benefit of reduced flooding in Emerald upstream of the bridges.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe "That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the Report *Flood Study Update - Emerald Bridge Modelling*, by KBR, dated 9 January 2017. The Report and modelling has been supplied to Department of Transport and Main Roads for use in their current planning study to look at options to provide a high level crossing spanning the Nogoia River. Council notes that the State Government will also consider the hydraulic performance of the current road and rail structures."

2017 / 04 / 26 / 003

Carried (8-0)

Communities

Councillors requested that the Communities report for the Rotary Club of Sunrise be considered in closed session.

Attendance

Manager Finance S. Fogg attended the meeting at 2.54pm

CORPORATE SERVICES

Monthly Financial Report - March 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 Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2017."

2017 / 04 / 26 / 004

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Manager Finance S. Fogg left the meeting at 3.05pm

Building our Regions Funding - Round 3

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.

Expressions of Interest were submitted for these projects and subsequently, Council has been invited to submit detailed applications for all projects. Detailed applications close 28 April, with notification of outcome expected mid-2017.

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council supports the submission of the following detailed applications for funding under the Building our Regions Regional Infrastructure Fund - Round 3:

1. Blackwater Sewage Treatment Plant Effluent Irrigation Extension (Golf Course Land) – total project cost \$2.297M
2. Emerald Bikeways Enhancement Project – total project cost \$1.834M
3. Central Highlands Regional Floodways Program – total project cost \$1.584M
4. Emerald Airport General Aviation Upgrade – total project cost \$2.832M
5. Yamala Enterprise Area (CQ Inland Port) Rail Siding and Development Conditions – total project cost \$9.4M

Further, that Central Highlands Regional Council acknowledges that these projects will require a financial co-contribution for construction and that funding will be committed to the management and costs associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of this infrastructure.”

2017 / 04 / 26 / 005

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Coordinator Governance L. Fry attended the meeting at 3.12pm

Coordinator Communications A. Ferris left the meeting at 3.17pm

Coordinator Communications A. Ferris returned to the meeting at 3.18pm

GOVERNANCE

Operational Plan Quarter 3 Performance Report

Executive summary:

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires a written assessment of the organisation’s progress towards implementation of the annual Operational Plan to be presented to a meeting of the council at regular intervals of no more than three months.

This report is to advise council of the organisation’s performance in delivering the Operational Plan activities and services during the third quarter ending 31 March 2017.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Bell “That Central Highlands Regional Council adopt the Operational Plan Performance Report for the third quarter ending 31 March 2017 in accordance with Section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.”

2017 / 04 / 26 / 006

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Coordinator Governance L. Fry left the meeting at 3.21pm

General Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S. Hobbs attended the meeting at 3.21pm

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason left the meeting at 3.22pm

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason returned to the meeting at 3.23pm

LATE AGENDA ITEM

Central Highlands Development Corporation – Service Level Agreement Update – April 2017

Executive Summary

The report provides an update on the Central Highlands Development Corporation activity for April, as required though 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.

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Lacey “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Central Highlands Development Corporation – Service Level Agreement April 2017 update.”

2017 / 04 / 26 / 007

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

General Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S. Hobbs attended the meeting at 3.43pm

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 23 May 2017

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Lacey “That the General Council meeting being held in Blackwater on Tuesday 23 May 2017 commence at 2.00pm.”

2017 / 04 / 26 / 008

Carried (8-0)

Community Consultations

Cr Nixon requested for Council to consider changing the date of the community consultations at Tresswell / Tambo Road, Orion; Carnarvon and Arcadia Valley; Rolleston and Toprain etc. that are scheduled for 10 – 12 May 2017 due to a number of Councillors being unable to attend. It was decided that due to the amount of planning etc to leave the dates as is.

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Lacey moved and seconded by Cr 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.”

2017 / 04 / 26 / 009

Carried (8-0)

The meeting was closed at 3.47pm

Attendance

Coordinator Communications A. Ferris left the meeting

Manager Community and Customer Service L. Lankowski attended the meeting at 3.49pm

Out of Closed Session

Resolution:

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

2017 / 04 / 26 / 010

Carried (8-0)

The meeting was opened at 4.59pm.

COMMUNITIES

Rotary Club of Emerald Sunrise - Request for Assistance

Executive summary:

This report discusses a request from the Rotary Club of Emerald Sunrise Incorporated for assistance to complete the development of their new Clubhouse at Sunrise Rotary Park, Emerald. The request seeks Council consideration to amend conditions of the Building Approval, provide financial assistance to ensure compliance with other requirements, and improve security at the premises by means of funding security screens for the premises. The Club has also requested Council consider installing video surveillance at this location to deter vandalism at the location.

Resolution:

Cr Bell moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council agree to provide funding support to the value of \$12,495 to the Rotary Club of Emerald Sunrise Incorporated towards:

1. The cost of connecting water and sewerage (\$5,742);
2. The cost of the installation of a water meter (\$1,753); and
3. The construction of a disabled access ramp (\$5,000).

Further, that Council encourage the Club to avail themselves of the Central Highlands Community Grants Program or other grant programs for security improvement and vandalism prevention initiatives.

Further again, that Council recognises the importance and significance of service clubs, the value and contribution they provide to communities within the Central Highlands.”

2017 / 04 / 26 / 011

Carried (8-0)

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 5.03pm

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE