



Central Highlands

Regional Council

General Meeting of Council

MINUTES

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

Tuesday 8 August 2017

Commenced at 2.30pm

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2017

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MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 2.30PM TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2017 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Crs) K. Hayes (Mayor), G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors (Crs) C. Brimblecombe, M. Daniels, A. McIndoe, 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, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris, Minute Secretary M. Wills

APOLOGIES

Councillor P. Bell AM

Resolution:

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

2017 / 08 / 08 / 001

Carried (7-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That a leave of absence be granted for Cr Hayes from 25 August 2017 to 10 September 2017 and appoint Deputy Mayor Cr Godwin-Smith as Acting Mayor for these dates.”

2017 / 08 / 08 / 002

Carried (7-0)

Opening Prayer

Father Terry Loth from St Patrick’s Catholic Church delivered the opening prayer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting: 25 July 2017

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 25 July 2017 be confirmed.”

2017 / 08 / 08 / 003

Carried (7-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Nil

Outstanding Meeting Actions

Nil

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, PERSONAL GIFTS AND BENEFITS

Nil

PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Nil

Vote of thanks to Cr David Lacey

Mayor Cr Hayes acknowledged that Cr David Lacey tendered his resignation to Council on 25 July 2017, and that it is appropriate to reflect on Cr Lacey's time at Council.

This council prides itself very much that it works well as a team and when we have lost a team member it is time to reflect and time to be thankful for Cr Lacey's contribution. Cr Lacey made a difficult decision to leave Central Highlands Regional Council particularly the area that he came from and was born in, being the Peak Downs / Capella area, and it was a tough decision for him to make to leave that area and Council.

Cr Lacey held responsible positions on this council in a short time and accepted responsibilities as the Chair of the Leadership and Governance Standing Committee, Chair of the Airport Advisory Group, Director of the Central Highlands Development Corporation and the Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Pty Ltd, members of Community Reference Groups and the Capella / Tieri Local Disaster Management Group.

He was a young man with a young family he was certainly sought and was very active in his community and unfortunately family situations change and he has had to have to move away from the area.

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council moved a vote of thanks to David Lacey for his service to Capella, Peak Downs area and Central Highlands Region."

2017 / 08 / 08 / 004

Carried (7-0)

Cr Nixon also thanked Cr Lacey for his contribution to the Shire over the time that he served.

Cr Godwin-Smith acknowledged Cr Lacey's resignation and thanked him for his input and company on this Council, he will be missed and wished him all the best for his future endeavours.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

Yamala Feeder Roads Options Study

Executive summary:

Central Highlands Regional Council has received the final reports and recommendations for the *Yamala Feeder Roads Options Study* by SMEC dated 28 July 2017. The study involved 3 phases namely Phase 1 - Yamala Options Study Report, Phase 2 - Stakeholder Consultation Report and Phase 3 - Preferred Option Development Report. The final reports make recommendations to support the development of Option 1, as being the preferred option, after extensive consultation with local stakeholders, including Council, growers, and industry.

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the *Yamala Feeder Roads Options Study*, by SMEC, including the following reports:

- a. Phase 1: Yamala Options Study, dated 28 May 2017;
- b. Phase 2: Stakeholder Consultation. dated 28 July 2017;
- c. Phase 3: Preferred Option Development, dated 28 July 2017

And further, adopt Option 1 to progress to preliminary design and a benefit cost benefit analysis (BCA) for:

- Bonnie Doon Road
- A new link to Gem Road
- Glenorina Road
- Wyntoon road
- Arcturus Road

as Council’s preferred option for further planning, development and preparation of the business case for future funding.”

2017 / 08 / 08 / 005

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Acting Principal Planner Strategic Land Use J. Webster attended the meeting at 3.01pm

COMMUNITIES

Election signage and advertising procedure

Executive summary:

The Election Signage and Advertising Procedure (reference number: Proc009) has been brought forward for review as a result of the recent announcement of the local government bi-election. A review has been undertaken and found that the procedure duplicates and is inconsistent with processes provided for in Local Law No. 4 and subordinate Local Law No. 4 administered through the *Local Government Act 2009*. As such it is recommended that this procedure is rescinded.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council rescind the Election Signage and Advertising Procedure (reference number: Proc009).

And further, that Central Highlands Regional Council make an amendment to Subordinate Local Law No. 4 in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to provide clear direction and assessment benchmarks for the exhibiting of advertising on Council road reserves.”

2017 / 08 / 08 / 006

Carried (7-0)

By-Election Update

CEO S. Mason took the opportunity to provide Council with an update with regards to the upcoming by-election proposed dates, which are yet to be confirmed by the Electoral Commission of Queensland:

1. Polling day – 30 September 2017
2. Call for nominations should be from 25 August 2017 – 5 September 2017
3. And that ballot papers for the postal vote to be sent out around 8 September 2017

That an information night for the candidates is to be arranged with the Department of Local Government and the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ).

Amendment to Charges Resolution 12

Executive summary:

On 27 June 2017 Council adopted Charges Resolution No. 12. This Charges Resolution has been in effect for over a month and the Development and Planning team have observed a couple of typographical and administrative errors which we are seeking to correct through the adoption of Charges Resolution No. 12.1.

Resolution:

Cr McIndoe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council adopt Charges Resolution No. 12.1 pursuant to section 113(1) of the *Planning Act 2016* to have force and effect over the same area as the Central Highlands Regional Council Planning Scheme (2016), commencing on 11 August 2017. In addition, Charges Resolution No. 12.1 supersedes Charges Resolution No. 12 which will remain in effect until 11.59pm 10 August 2017.

And further that Central Highlands Regional Council – Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to complete all actions remaining to finalise the adoption of Charges Resolution No. 12.1.”

2017 / 08 / 08 / 007

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Acting Principal Planner Strategic Land Use J. Webster left the meeting at 3.11pm

Cr Daniels left the meeting at 3.11pm

Cr Daniels returned to the meeting at 3.12pm

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2017 Local Government of Queensland Annual Conference

Executive summary:

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is the peak body for local government in Queensland. It is a not-for-profit association established solely to serve the state’s 77 councils of which Central Highlands Regional Council is a member. Each year the LGAQ hold a conference that focuses on providing the most contemporary and forward-thinking information to its members with special content for regions of councils that face particular challenges.

The Conference rightly focuses on policy and opportunities to strategically influence and lobby both the Queensland and Australian Governments on issues such as regulatory devolution, grant programmes and funding initiatives. It’s an opportunity to hear from our political leaders, learn about the latest innovative practices and most of all, to connect with other councils, large and small. This report recommends our continued support for this event.

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council be represented at the 121st Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference to be held at Gladstone from 16 to 18 October 2017 by its Mayor, Cr Kerry Hayes (delegate), Deputy Mayor Cr Gail Godwin-Smith (delegate) and Councillors Brimblecombe, McIndoe, Rolfe and Bell along with Chief Executive Officer Scott Mason.”

2017 / 08 / 08 / 008

Carried (7-0)

Closure of ANZ Bank, Springsure

Executive summary:

This report advises the steps taken by Council and the Springsure community to seek reconsideration from the ANZ Bank of the closure of the Springsure branch.

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council write to the organiser of the Springsure petition advising of the response from Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ Bank).

That Council affirm its resolution of 27 June 2017 to write to other financial institutions and building societies asking them to consider establishing a branch in the Township of Springsure.

Further that, Council liaise with Central Highlands Development Corporation to articulate the breadth of banking needs for the southern part of Central Highlands Regional Council area in order to support council’s approach to attract new financial institutions to the prosperous Springsure / Rolleston area.”

2017 / 08 / 08 / 009

Carried (7-0)

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Cr McIndoe

- That Central Highlands Regional Council improve its vigilance toward signage in general specifically damaged and faded signs, redundant signs and old discarded signage furniture which may be present in road reserves.
- Provided to Council an update with regards to the National Sports Convention that he attended recently in Melbourne in July. The convention was very informative and well received by the attendees and confirmed the importance of the Game Plan Advisory Committee.

Cr Rolfe

- Thanked the Springsure community for the recent opening of the Springsure Multipurpose Centre.
- Highlighted that the playing fields in Springsure needs review and should be the next item for consideration by Council.

Cr Brimblecombe

- Attended the Inaugural Murray Darling Association Meeting which was held in Roma on 2 August 2017. Suggested that Council invite the Chief Executive Officer Ms Emma Bradbury to speak to Council.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes of Meeting – Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting: 8 August 2017, Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 8 August 2017 and Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting 11 July 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 8 August 2017;
2. Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 8 August 2017; and
3. Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting held on 8 August 2017

be confirmed.”

2017 / 08 / 08 / 010

Carried (7-0)

Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) Annual Conference

Executive summary:

The Local Government Managers Association (LGMA) Annual Conference showcases the work of local governments, exploring the issues being tackled around the state in an effort to continuously improve service delivery in the community and performance within each local government. The annual conference provides opportunity to learn from colleagues, discuss challenges and pursue collaborative opportunities.

This report requests for the approval for Councillors and Scott Mason, Chief Executive Officer, to represent Central Highlands Regional Council at the Local Government Managers Association Annual Conference in September 2017.

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council approve Councillor Deputy Mayor Cr Godwin-Smith and Scott Mason, Chief Executive Officer, to be Councils’ representatives at the Local Government Managers Australia Queensland Inc. Annual Conference at the Gold Coast for the period 12 to 14 September 2017.”

2017 / 08 / 08 / 011

Carried (7-0)

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 3.43pm

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE