

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## **General Council Meeting**

Meeting held in the Central Highlands Regional Council  
**Council Chambers, 65 Egerton Street, Emerald on**

**Tuesday 10 October 2017**  
**Commenced at 2.35pm**

**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017**

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**MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT 2.35PM TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 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, 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, General Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S. Hobbs, Minute Secretary M. Wills

The Mayor acknowledged the attendance of Year 6 Emerald State School Students to today's meeting.

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**General Council Meeting: 26 September 2017**

***Resolution:***

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe "That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 26 September 2017 be confirmed."

**2017 / 10 / 10 / 001**

**Carried (8-0)**

**Business Arising Out Of Minutes**

Cr Bell queried the status of the request to send a letter to the LGAQ with regards to encouraging partnerships and funding opportunities with the Queensland Government for the implementation of the State's Disability Action Plan.

**Outstanding Meeting Actions**

Cr Bell requested an update with regards to the Blackwater Mine Workers Club matter. CEO Scott Mason advised that this was raised at this morning's Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee in closed session.

**Upcoming Agenda Items**

Noted

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

Cr Daniels declared that she had donated a gem to the Borilla Kindergarten Shed Soiree on 8 October 2017, which was purchased at wholesale price as opposed to recommended retail price. The benefit was offered by the vendor due to the donation being towards a community group.

**PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

Nil

Attendance

Sports and Recreational Officer C Wheeler attended the meeting 2.30pm  
Students from Emerald State School left the meeting at 2.44pm

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES**

**Minutes - The Game Plan Advisory Committee - Meetings 3 and 4 - 28 August 2017 and 27 September 2017**

**Resolution:**

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That the minutes of the Game Plan Advisory Committee - Meetings 3 and 4 of 28 August 2017 and 27 September 2017 be endorsed.”

**2017 / 10 / 10 / 002**

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Sports and Recreational Officer C Wheeler left the meeting at 2.50pm  
General Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S. Hobbs left the meeting at 2.58pm  
General Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S. Hobbs returned to the meeting at 3.00pm

**Minutes of Meeting – Audit Committee Meeting - 19 September 2017**

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 19 September 2017 be endorsed.”

**2017 / 10 / 10 / 003**

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Manager Planning and Environment K. Byrne attended the meeting at 3.02pm

## **COMMUNITIES**

### **Development Application Update - September 2017**

#### **Executive summary:**

This report provides a monthly update on development activities currently before the Council for assessment and decision within the Development and Planning Team. This update will be presented monthly at the first General Council Meeting.

This monthly update provides an opportunity for the Councillors to understand the decisions made and to review the current applications before Council. Should the need arise, time can be scheduled to discuss specifics of the application offline with the Assessment Manager from the Development and Planning team.

*Considered by Council*

#### **Attendance**

Manager Planning and Environment K. Byrne left the meeting at 3.09pm

### **Stronger Communities Programme Round 3 Update**

#### **Executive summary:**

Round 3 of the Australian Federal Government Stronger Communities Programme has been released and four projects were identified and later endorsed by Council. The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the scope for one of these projects, being the Bauhinia Hall, has changed, and that a new project has also been proposed, being the Anakie Hall revitalisation. Approval is sought for both of these amendments to the original proposal and that the budget allocation for the requisite 51.7% financial share contributed by Council will accordingly need to be increased from the endorsed \$30,000 total sum by a further \$10,200 amounting to a revised total \$40,200.

#### ***Resolution:***

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith "That Central Highlands Regional Council:

1. Approve the amendment to the scope of works for the Bauhinia Hall project to replace the proposed commercial grade stove with the construction of a new compliant disability access ramp;
2. Approve an additional project being the Anakie Hall Revitalisation;

And further;

3. That Central Highlands Regional Council allocate an additional \$10,200 to the previously endorsed budget of \$30,000 to account for a 51.7% contribution totalling \$40,200 as its funding share of the Stronger Communities Programme."

**2017 / 10 / 10 / 004**

**Carried (8-0)**

## **CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **Work Health and Safety Report**

#### **Executive summary:**

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety initiatives. The purpose of the information provided is to highlight to Council any issues, risks and opportunities impacting the safety and health of workers at Central Highlands Regional Council.

Considered by Council.

## **LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Family Riding Park Initiative**

#### **Executive summary:**

This report considers support for the use of a parcel of Council land for temporary use as a family riding park for motorbike enthusiasts. This parcel is considered appropriate in terms of location however there are several factors that could impact the suitability of the site. Some of these key issues are access off the state highway, crossing the rail corridor, identification of protected vegetation and planning considerations. The progression of this proposal will be dependent on the support of sufficient community members having the common goal of progressing this initiative.

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason withdrew this report and advised that further information is to be gathered and that it will be presented at the General Council Meeting of 24 October.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Cr Godwin-Smith provided an overview of the Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting that was held today at 8.30am.

Cr Brimblecombe provided an overview of the Communities Standing Committee Meeting that was held earlier today at 10.15am

Cr Hayes provided an overview of the Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting that was held today at 12.00pm.

## **LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Minutes of Meeting – Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting 10 October 2017, Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 10 October and Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting 10 October**

***Resolution:***

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the

1. Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 October 2017;
2. Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 October 2017, and
3. Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 October 2017

be confirmed.”

**2017 / 10 / 10 / 005**

Carried (8-0)

## **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 3.28pm.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE