



## **General Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, 13 March 2018**  
**Commenced at 2.30pm**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

# CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

## GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2018

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**MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT 2.30PM TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2018 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, C. Rolfe and G. Sypher

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

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor P. Bell AM

***Resolution:***

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

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 001**

Carried (8-0)

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Stephen Jaensch from the St John’s Lutheran Church delivered the opening prayer.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**General Council Meeting: 5 March 2018**

***Resolution:***

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 5 March 2018 be confirmed.”

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 002**

Carried (8-0)

**Business Arising Out Of Minutes**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**Outstanding Meeting Actions**

Nil

**Review of Upcoming Agenda Items**

Nil

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

Nil

## **PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

A petition was tabled by Chief Executive Officer S. Mason which was received today from Cr Gai Sypher on behalf of the Rubyvale Progress Association regarding the benefit of services such as Australia Post, Emergency Services, Telstra, State Police, Ergon and all other utilities to recognise the township of Rubyvale as Rubyvale, not as the Gemfields.

### ***Resolution:***

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the petition lodged by the Rubyvale Progress Association and that a report be provided to Council at the next General Council Meeting on 27 March 2018.”

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 003**

Carried (8-0)

### ***Attendance***

Administration Assistant N. Richards attended and left the meeting at 2.48pm  
General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster left the meeting at 3.01pm  
General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster returned to the meeting at 3.03pm

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES**

### **Minutes - Audit Committee Meeting - 16 February 2018**

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

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2018 be endorsed.”

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 004**

Carried (8-0)

### ***Attendance***

Manager Planning and Environment K. Byrne and Coordinator Development and Planning S. Mattner attended the meeting at 3.19pm

## **COMMUNITIES**

### **Development Application Update February 2018**

#### **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 in each month.

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 and Coordinator Development and Planning S. Mattner left the meeting at 3.25pm

Administration Assistant N. Rickards attended and left the meeting at 3.25pm

Manager Infrastructure J. Hoolihan attended the meeting at 3.25pm

## **INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES**

### **Notifiable Road Use - Sojitz Coal Mining Pty Ltd - Meteor Downs South Coal Mine**

**Executive summary:**

Sojitz Meteor Downs South Mining are proposing to haul coal with AB triple truck and trailers, between their proposed Meteor Downs South Coal Mine and the existing Minerva Coal Mine through Springsure on both state controlled and local government roads.

This use has triggered the "notifiable road use" provisions of legislation governing mineral and energy resources in Queensland, namely the *Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014*, *Petroleum and Gas (Productions and Safety) Act 2004* and *Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2009*.

There are legislative provisions to issue "road use directions" to resource authority holders about preserving the condition of the road and road safety including compensation agreements. The compensation is formalised in a Road Use Direction to the resource authority holders

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council advise Sojitz Meteor Downs South Mining Pty Ltd that it is unable to provide a Road Use Direction in accordance with section 64 of the Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014 until such time as the following safety considerations are addressed:

1. The temporary access to the Dawson Highway; and
2. Traffic considerations (for example, school crossings and traffic speed) impacting on the Springsure township:
  - a. Rainbow Street;
  - b. Intersection of the Springsure-Tambo Road (Dawson Developmental Road) with the Dawson Highway; and
  - c. Northern entrance of Eclipse Street.

Further, that Council is willing to meet immediately with representatives from Sojitz and the Department of Transport and Main Roads to progress this matter. Further again, that Councils Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to negotiate an outcome reflective of Council's concerns."

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 005**

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Manager Infrastructure J. Hoolihan left the meeting at 4.11pm

Conflict of Interest

Councillors Hayes, Nixon and Daniels declared a perceived conflict of interest in the closed session matter in regards to the Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Ltd report (as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to their membership on the Board of the Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Ltd as Directors.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

### **Banking Services in Springsure and Rolleston**

Cr Rolfe advised that Central Highlands Regional Council and Central Highlands Development Corporation have been meeting with a range of banking institutions to identify interests in partnering with Central Highlands Regional Council for the delivery of banking services in the townships of Springsure and Rolleston. Representatives from CHRC and CHDC will continue to pursue these banking institutions for models of service for consideration.

### **Nomination for Royal Flying Doctor Service Local Hero Award**

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

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council nominate Mrs Sue McDonald from “Albeni”, Springsure for the Royal Flying Doctor Service Local Hero Award.”

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 006**

**Carried (8-0)**

Cr Rolfe advised that the National Sporting Shooters will be having a shoot in Springsure over the Easter weekend and Cr Nixon asked if Council could provide support (if any) towards this event.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **Into Closed Session**

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

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

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 007**

**Carried (8-0)**

The meeting was closed at 4.17pm

### **Attendance**

General Manager Community Services D. Fletcher, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, General Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S. Hobbs and Coordinator Communications A. Ferris left the meeting at 4.18pm

### **Conflict of Interest**

Councillors Hayes, Nixon and Daniels declared a perceived conflict of interest in the closed session matter in regards to the Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Ltd report (as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to their membership on the Board of the Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Ltd as Directors. They have determined that this interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead them to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Councillors Hayes, Nixon and Daniels participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.

### **Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company**

Attendance

Mayor Hayes and Chief Executive Officer S. Mason left the meeting at 4.38pm and did not return  
Cr Godwin-Smith assumed the chair  
General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster left the meeting at 4.45pm and did not return

**Ikerus Pty Ltd**

Attendance

General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert returned the meeting at 4.54pm  
General Manager Communities D. Fletcher returned to the meeting at 4.56pm

**Organisational Structure**

Attendance

General Manager Communities D. Fletcher left the meeting at 5.17pm and did not return

**Departmental Updates**

**Out of Closed Session**

***Resolution:***

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

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 008**

Carried (7-0)

The meeting was opened at 5.23pm

Conflict of Interest

Councillors Nixon and Daniels declared a perceived conflict of interest in the closed session matter in regards to the Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Ltd report (as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to their membership on the Board of the Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Ltd as Directors. They have determined that this interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead them to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Councillors Nixon and Daniels participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.

**Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company**

**Executive summary:**

Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Limited (Housing Company) has been provided with an opportunity to enhance its affordable housing portfolio. The opportunity presented is a property which contains a unit complex consisting of eight two-bedroom units, and is located within the township of Emerald.

The Housing Company Board met on Friday 2 March 2018 and agreed, by resolution, to approach Council about this opportunity and for financial assistance to fund the acquisition of the property.

***Resolution:***

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council provide a cash contribution (donation) to the value of the negotiated purchase price and associated costs to the Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Limited to assist with the acquisition of the unit complex located

at Anakie Street, Emerald, increasing the diversity of the Housing Company's affordable housing stock contributing towards building a sustainable property portfolio.

Further, that Council delegate's authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the transaction."

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 009**

Carried (7-0)

### **Ikerus Pty Ltd**

#### **Executive summary:**

Council is provided with a summary of the process taken by the Chief Executive Officer in finalising the Deed of Settlement with Ikerus Pty Ltd, in relation to arrears of rates.

Considered by Council

### **Organisational Structure**

#### **Executive summary:**

With the adoption of a new corporate plan last year and in addressing the need for the organisation to better aligned to the delivery of the activities within the plan, it is timely to review the organisational structure to ensure it remains responsive to the outcomes of the corporate plan and to align it more directly to service delivery for our communities.

#### **Resolution:**

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe "That Central Highlands Regional Council adopt the organisational structure as consistent with the preferred option as presented, in accordance with section 196(1) of the Local Government Act 2009 as the resourcing necessary for the performance of its local government responsibilities and in delivering the requirements of the Corporate and Operational Plans."

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 010**

Carried (7-0)

### **Departmental Updates**

#### **Executive summary:**

The following information provides an update on key activities for the Infrastructure and Utilities Department on the following key activities

1. Central Queensland Inland Port – Status Update
2. SunWater Bulk Water Pricing

Considered by Council



## **LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Minutes of Meeting – Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting 13 March 2018, Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 13 March 2018 and Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting 13 March 2018**

***Resolution:***

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the minutes of the

1. Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting held on 13 March 2018;
2. Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 13 March 2018; and
3. Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting held on 13 March 2018

be confirmed.”

**2018 / 03 / 13 / 011**

Carried (7-0)

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Rolfe advised that she will present an updated report with regards to the March IQRAP meeting to the next Council meeting of 27 March 2018.

## **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 5.27pm

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE