

## **Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting**

Meeting of the Central Highlands Regional Council  
Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting  
held in the **Council Chambers, 65 Egerton Street,  
Emerald** on

**Tuesday, 13 February 2018**  
**Commenced at 8.30am**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018**

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**MINUTES – FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT 8.30AM TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Councillor G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor / Chair)  
Councillors (Crs), M. Daniels, C. Brimblecombe and G Nixon

**Officers**

General Manager Corporate Services J. Bradshaw, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, Acting General Manager Communities, S Poulter, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris, Minute Secretary S. Cooper.

**Observer(s)**

Nil

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors (Crs) K Hayes and C Rolfe.

***Resolution:***

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That leave of absence as previously granted for Councillors (Crs) C Rolfe and K Hayes for today’s meeting be noted.”

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Carried (4-0)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting: 23 January 2018**

***Resolution:***

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the minutes of the previous Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting held on 23 January 2018 be confirmed.”

**FISC 2018 / 02 / 13 / 02**

Carried (4-0)

**Business Arising Out Of Minutes**

Nil

**Outstanding Meeting Actions**

Manager Water Utilities, P Manning and General Manager Corporate Services, J Bradshaw provided an update on the progress of Memorandum of Understanding negotiations with the Blackwater Country Club with a further meeting to be held shortly.

General Manager Corporate Services, Jason Bradshaw advised that the sale of land for rate arrears is progressing.

**Review of Upcoming Agenda Items**

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

Nil

**PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

Nil

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES**

**Minutes of Meeting – Emerald Saleyards Committee Meeting Minutes – 22 January 2018**

**Resolution:**

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the Emerald Saleyards Committee Meeting held on 22 January 2018 be endorsed.”

**FISC 2018 / 02 / 13 / 03**

Carried (4-0)

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**Attendance**

Asset Accountant, A Dias attended the meeting at 8.45am.

**Quarterly Variance Report**

**Executive Summary:**

To effectively manage the budget for the 2017/18 financial year, a commitment was made to provide an analysis of the variances each quarter to ensure any variations can be managed within the budget. The report presents the budget variances for both the Operating and Capital programmes for quarter 2, to 31 December 2017.

Considered by Council.

**Attendance**

Asset Accountant, A Dias left the meeting at 8.52am.

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

**Attendance**

Manager Water Utilities, P Manning and Manager Infrastructure, J Hoolihan attended the meeting at 8.53.am.

**Executive Summary**

The following information provides an update on key activities for the Commercial Services and Infrastructure and Utilities Departments.

❖ **Commercial Services**

1. Airport
2. Quarry
3. Saleyards
4. Land Development
5. General Manager Commercial Services

❖ **Infrastructure and Utilities**

1. New Chain of Responsibility Laws
2. Award of Tender 2017T024E
3. Update on Projects from Coordinator Infrastructure Emerald, Gemfields, Capella and Tieri
4. Update on Projects from Coordinator Infrastructure Duaringa, Blackwater, Springsure and Rolleston
5. Award of Tender for Stage 2 of SES Facility in Blackwater
6. Park Avenue Sewerage Treatment Plant Disinfection Upgrade.

Considered by Council.

Attendance

Manager Water Utilities, P Manning and Manager Infrastructure, J Hoolihan left the meeting at 9.10am.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Into Closed Session**

**Resolution:**

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “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.”

**FISC 2018 / 02 / 13 / 04**

Carried (4-0)

Attendance

Acting General Manager Communities, S Poulter and Coordinator Communications, A Ferris left the meeting at 9.10am.

The meeting was closed at 9.11am.

**Feasibility Study for Blue Gums Evacuation Route**

**Departmental Update**

**Out of Closed Session**

**Resolution:**

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

**FISC 2018 / 02 / 13 / 05**

Carried (4-0)

The meeting was opened at 9.37 am.

Attendance

Acting General Manager Communities, S Poulter attended the meeting at 9.38am.

## **Feasibility Study for Blue Gums Evacuation Route**

### **Executive Summary**

Central Highlands Regional Council engaged AECOM Australia Pty Ltd to undertake the engineering feasibility assessment of a proposed evacuation route for residents living in Blue Gums Estate, Emerald.

The Blue Gums Estate Evacuation Route – Feasibility Assessment report investigates the feasibility and impacts of the proposed evacuation route. The recommendations from the report are further being considered and included in the current evacuation planning being undertaken for the Emerald township.

### **Resolution:**

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Blue Gums Estate Evacuation Route – Feasibility Assessment Report and refer the proposed project for budget consideration in the 2018/19 Budget.

And Further,

That Central Highlands Regional Council explore further opportunities for external funding to undertake the proposed work.”

**FISC 2018 / 02 / 13 / 06**

Carried (4-0)

## **Departmental Update**

### **Executive Summary**

The following information provides an update on key activities for the Commercial Services Department.

1. Financial Performance
2. Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Limited (CHQHC)
3. General Manager Commercial Services

Considered by Council.

## **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.40 am.

CONFIRMED

CHAIR

DATE