

## **General Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, 10 April 2018**  
**Commenced at 2.30pm**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

# CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

## GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2018

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**MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT 2.30PM TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2018 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, 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**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

***Resolution:***

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That a leave of absence be granted for Cr Sypher for the meeting to be held on 15 May 2018.”

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 001**

Carried (9-0)

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Stephen Gellatly from the Emerald Baptist Church delivered the opening prayer.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**General Council Meeting: 27 March 2018**

***Resolution:***

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 27 March 2018 be confirmed.”

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 002**

Carried (9-0)

**Business Arising Out Of Minutes**

General Business item raised by Cr Daniels subject to amendment regarding the playgrounds, she requested for the wording be changed to be more around asset upgrade renewal assessment.

Cr Daniels also advised that she is now unable to attend the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.

**Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly**

***Resolution:***

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Sypher “That Central Highlands Regional Council authorise Cr Rolfe to attend Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference which is being held in Canberra from 17 – 20 June 2018.”

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 003**

Carried (9-0)

**Outstanding Meeting Actions**

Quarterly reports of the master list of the resolutions register (meeting actions) are to be provided to Council.

**Review of Upcoming Agenda Items**

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

Nil

**PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

Nil

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES**

**Minutes - Game Plan Advisory Committee Meetings - 26 February 2018 and 14 March 2018**

**Resolution:**

Cr McIndoe moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the Game Plan Advisory Committee meetings held on 26 February 2018 and 14 March 2018 be endorsed.”

2018 / 04 / 10 / 004

Carried (9-0)

**Attendance**

Manager Planning and Environment K. Byrne attended the meeting at 2.47pm

**COMMUNITIES**

**Development Application Update March 2018**

**Executive summary:**

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

This 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 Planning team.

Considered by Council.

**Attendance**

Manager Planning and Environment K. Byrne left the meeting at 2.51pm

## **CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **Regional Growth Fund - Expression of Interest**

#### **Executive summary:**

The Australian Government has announced the Regional Growth Fund, a \$272.2 million investment program to provide grants of \$10 million or more for major transformational projects, which support long term economic growth and create jobs in regions, including those undergoing structural adjustment. Further, Council has to contribute a minimum of 50% of total project costs.

Initial Applications for competitive assessment are open, will close on 27 April 2018 and this report is seeking Council endorsement of proposed project applications to be submitted.

#### **Resolution:**

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following project submissions of an Initial Application for competitive assessment under the Australian Government Regional Growth Fund:

1. Air Hub Precinct; and
2. Yamala Feeder Roads.”

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 005**

Carried (9-0)

### **Building our Regions Round 4 - Expression of Interest**

#### **Executive summary:**

The Queensland State Government has released the \$70 million Building our Regions (BOR) Round 4 grant funding program, which is a targeted regional infrastructure program for local government projects. The purpose of the program is to provide funding for critical infrastructure in regional areas of the state that meet the specific needs of regional communities and support economic development, including generating jobs. Further, Council has to contribute a minimum of 50% of total project costs and applying is a competitive, two-stage process. Submission of an Expression of Interest (EoI) does not guarantee the applicant will be asked to submit a business case for further consideration.

Round 4 of Building our Regions is open for EoI's between 3 April 2018 until 27 April 2018 and this report is seeking Council endorsement of proposed project applications to be submitted.

#### **Resolution:**

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following project submissions as Expressions of Interest under the Building our Regions Round 4 program:

1. Saleyards Upgrade; and
2. Emerald Airport General Aviation Compliance Upgrade.”

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 006**

Carried (9-0)

### **Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP)**

#### **Executive summary:**

The Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) is a competitive grants and subsidies program administered in Queensland by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), and jointly funded (50/50) by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the National Partnership Agreement on Natural

Disaster Resilience. The total funding available for the 2017-18 financial year is \$12 million and applicants are expected to contribute to the project.

Applications for competitive assessment are open, will close on 27 April 2018 and this report is seeking Council endorsement of proposed project applications to be submitted.

**Resolution:**

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following project applications for competitive assessment under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program:

1. Gemfields All Hazard Early Warning System (2 sirens) - \$350,000;
2. Isaac River Regional Flood Model (Joint Central Highlands Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council Project) - \$100,000; and
3. Flood Early Warning Network Enhancement - \$250,000.”

2018 / 04 / 10 / 007

Carried (9-0)

## **INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES**

### **Application for Conversion of Lease - Lot 76 PT810297**

**Executive summary:**

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) previously sought Council’s views on the application to convert the current Non-Competitive Lease (NCL 0/212238) over Lot 76 on PT81027 at the Gemfields. Council did not support the conversion on 14 November 2017, as the lot had no dedicated access, but gained access via an unsurveyed track that commences at the end of Vale of Tralee Road and bisects Lot 1 on SP235821, a freehold block of land owned by Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC), then through Unallocated State Land (Lot 2 and 3 AP19970).

In addition, the land parcel size of 0.6 hectares, does not conform to the CHRC Council Planning Scheme, which stipulates a minimum size of 5,000 hectares in a Rural Zone – Precinct RZ3 – Gemfields Balance Precinct RZ3.

Council has now received a letter dated 22 March 2018 from DNRME asking Council to reconsider legal access, either in the form of a dedicated road or an access easement. The Department advised that the property has reticulated town water and further that a case of precedence exists as majority of other lots in this zone that are of similar or smaller size to this lease are freehold.

**Resolution:**

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council, having reconsidered the application for conversion of the Non-Competitive Lease (NCL 0/212238) over Lot 76 on PT81027 at the Gemfields, confirms its objection to the conversion of the lease to freehold on the basis that Council is not prepared to either dedicate a road or grant an access easement over Council land.”

2018 / 04 / 10 / 008

Carried (9-0)

**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 configuration trucks and trailers, between their proposed Meteor Downs South Coal Mine and the existing Minerva Coal Mine through the Springsure Township 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 Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the issue of a Road Use Direction to the resource authority holder, Sojitz Meteor Downs South Mining, formalising a compensation agreement due to their operations impacting road conditions. Further, that any contributions received by Council from Sojitz Meteor Downs South Mining are to be constrained within the Roads and Drainage Contribution Reserve for the purpose of maintenance and refurbishment of the nominated roads in the compensation agreement."

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 009**

Carried (9-0)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Call for Motions - Additional Motion - Western Queensland Local Government Association (WQLGA)**

**Executive summary:**

The Western Queensland Local Government Association conference is being held in Emerald on 17 – 19 May 2018. Submissions are currently being sought for motions for the annual conference. Proposed motions are due by 13 April 2018.

This report is to seek Council's endorsement of an additional motion for submission to the upcoming Conference.

**Resolution:**

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the motion "Mining Field Roads and Mining Leases" for inclusion on the agenda for the Western Queensland Local Government Association (WQLGA) Annual Conference."

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 010**

Carried (9-0)

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Nil

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **Into Closed Session**

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

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

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 011**

**Carried (9-0)**

The meeting was closed at 3.25pm

### **Attendance**

General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster, General Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S. Hobbs and Coordinator Communications A. Ferris left the meeting at 3.26pm

### **Request for Rates Relief: Assessment Number 2945**

### **Out of Closed Session**

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

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

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 012**

**Carried (9-0)**

The meeting was opened at 4.14pm

### **Request for Rates Relief: Assessment Number 2945**

#### ***Executive summary:***

A local Club met with Council officers recently to discuss opportunities for rates relief for the Club on the basis that the Club continues to provide community benefits and the Council charges, especially for water supply and consumption, are substantial and whether there are avenues to assist the Club to ensure its sustainability in the longer term.

Council has been provided with options for consideration to assist with relief from the local government rates and charges, which have accumulated since 2015.

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

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council seek to enter into a repayment plan with the owners of assessment number 2945 for the arrears of rates and charges.”

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 013**

**Carried (9-0)**



## **LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Minutes of Meeting – Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting: 10 April 2018, Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 10 April 2018 and Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting 10 April 2018**

***Resolution:***

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That the minutes of the

1. Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2018 (subject to amendment – change reference from Cr Nixon to Cr Rolfe regarding the query on the outstanding meeting actions for Reward Rd);
2. Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2018; and
3. Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2018.

be confirmed.”

**2018 / 04 / 10 / 014**

Carried (9-0)

## **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 4.22pm

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE