

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, 15 May 2018
Commenced at 8.31am

COUNCIL MINUTES

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018

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**MINUTES – FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 8.31AM TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Councillors

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

Officers

General Manager Corporate Services J. Bradshaw, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris, and Minute Secretary T Wheeler

Observer(s)

Cr A. McIndoe

APOLOGIES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting: 10 April 2018

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the minutes of the previous Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2018 be confirmed.”

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Carried (6-0)

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Nil

OUTSTANDING MEETING ACTIONS

Nil

REVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

PETITIONS

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES

Emerald Airport Advisory Committee Minutes – 26 March 2018 and Emerald Saleyards Coordination Committee Minutes – 9 April 2018

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded Cr Nixon “That Central Highlands Regional Council adopt the minutes of the Emerald Airport Advisory Committee – 26 March 2018 and the Emerald Saleyards Coordination Committee – 9 April 2018.”

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Carried (6-0)

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

Nil

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

National Saleyards Expo – Casino 2018

Executive Summary:

The National Saleyards Expo will be held in Casino from Tuesday 24 July to Thursday 26 July 2018.

The conference program for the Australian Livestock Market Association National Saleyard Expo program will include topics such as incorporating embracing technology, carbon neutral saleyards, future proofing saleyard facilities, Australian herd predictions, innovations in saleyard effluent management, transport chain of responsibility and biosecurity.

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded Cr Daniels “That the Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the General Manager Commercial Services to attend the National Saleyards Expo which is being held in Casino, New South Wales from Tuesday 24 July to Thursday 26 July 2018.”

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Carried (6-0)

CORPORATE SERVICES

Local Government Entities: 2016-17 Results of Financial Audits Report 13: 2017-18

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update and summary of the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) report to Parliament titled '*Local government entities: 2016-17 results of financial audits.*' And as such provide a comparison of the performance of the Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) against other Queensland local governments.

The QAO report includes results relating to 77 local governments and 51 controlled entities and for the purposes of comparison between like councils, segment reporting groups have been adopted. CHRC have been classified into the Resources segment, which includes 15 councils as listed in the attached Appendices.

Considered by Council

Federal Budget 2018-19

Executive Summary:

This information report provides an update on the recently released Federal Budget, outlining the key impacts for local government and the opportunities that are presented for funding projects relevant to local councils.

It also provides a basis on which to reflect our own financial position in seeking to establish financial sustainability as a key fundamental to the community. It is presented as a general overview and reflects the relevant funding sources and programs that will be available for local government.

Considered by Council

Attendance

Manager Water Utilities P. Manning entered the meeting at 9.26am.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

Recommendation to Award Tender 2018T004C – Pritchard Road and Gregory Highway Pipelines

Executive Summary:

Tender 2018T004C has been called for replacing two (2) asbestos cement (AC) mains (water pipelines) in Emerald, one in Pritchard Road and one on the Gregory Highway. It is recommended to award to the lowest tenderer Offaly Civil Engineering Pty Ltd for the sum of \$343,364.05 (excluding GST). Additional budget funding will be reallocated from deferred projects.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the recommendation to award Tender 2018T004C – Mains replacement at two locations, Pritchard Road and Gregory Highway to Offaly Civil Engineering Pty Ltd for the sum of \$343,364.05 (excluding GST).

And Further;

That Central Highlands Regional Council allocate additional funding of \$168,820 to the existing 2017/18 budget of \$260,000, by transferring budget from two (2) deferred projects from the current 2017/18 financial year.”

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Carried (6-0)

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

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

Attendance

Manager Infrastructure J. Hoolihan entered the meeting at 9.42am

❖ **Infrastructure and Utilities**

Infrastructure

1. Road Closure/Opening – Unnamed Road adjacent to Lot 1 SP291981 and Lot 42 SP291980
2. Emerald High School Carpark

Attendance

M. Webster left the meeting at 9.51am and returned at 9.53am

3. Reward Road and associated matters
4. Springwood Road Realignment

Water Utilities

1. Blackwater Irrigation Upgrade
2. Queensland Water Skills Partnership
3. Capella Water
4. Queensland Water Skills Partnership Meeting
5. LGAQ Water Advisory Update

Considered by Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Attendance

J. Hoolihan and P. Manning left the meeting at 10.04am.

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “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.”

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Carried (6-0)

Attendance

J. Bradshaw and A. Ferris left the meeting at 10.05am.

The meeting was closed at 10.05am.

**Subordinate Local Law No. 4 – Local Government Areas Facilities and Roads – Amendment 2014
Exception under Section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012**

Departmental Update

Out of Closed Session

Resolution:

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

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Carried (6-0)

The meeting was opened at 10.20 am.

Subordinate Local Law No. 4 – Local Government Areas Facilities and Roads – Amendment 2014

Executive Summary:

On 2 November 2017, solicitors representing property owners, Keilambete Road, Rubyvale wrote to Council seeking removal of an existing gate on Keilambete Road as it was considered to be a nuisance and the cause of considerable inconvenience for themselves and their visitors, particularly during wet weather.

The owners of the gate have subsequently applied for a permit for the gate under *Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2014*, as the installation of gates and grids on local government roads are a restricted activity and are only permitted if authorised by Council.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded Cr Nixon “That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the application to licence the gate situated on Keilambete Road under *Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2014* and subject to conditions.”

FISC 2018 / 05 / 15 / 007

Carried (6-0)

Exception Under Section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012

Executive Summary:

The *Local Government Act 2009* (The Act) and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (The Regulation) requires that Council must invite at least three written quotes prior to entering into a contractual arrangement with a value great than \$15,000 and must invite written tenders prior to entering into a contractual arrangement with a value greater than \$200,000.

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides for an exception to the requirements to invite quotes or tenders where the local government resolves that there is only one supplier reasonably available or where it would be impractical or disadvantageous to request quotes because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services. While in the majority of cases there are multiple supplier options available for the procurement of goods and services, in limited circumstances this is not the case and to ensure compliance with legislation from time to time, Council may be required to resolve to enter a contract without previously obtaining quotes.

Council is proposing to engage a consultant to undertake the management of the SunWater bulk water pricing negotiations and also SunWater bulk water management on behalf of Council. The proposal is to engage GM Kavanagh to undertake this work, having regard to the consultant's extensive experience and

involvement with Council's current SunWater bulk water pricing negotiations, as well as bulk water trading on behalf of other major SunWater bulk water users and its importance to the future operations of Council.

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded Cr Rolfe "That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the action to enter into a contract under Section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 without first inviting written quotes or tenders, as it is satisfied that the consultant G M Kavanagh has extensive prior experience and involvement with the current SunWater bulk water pricing negotiations and its importance to the future operations of Council."

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Carried (6-0)

Departmental Update

Executive Summary

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

❖ **Commercial Services**

1. Financial Performance
2. Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Limited (CHQHC)

❖ **Infrastructure and Utilities**

Key Activities Summary

1. Nogoia River Timber Footbridge

Considered by Council.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 10.22am.

CONFIRMED

CHAIR

DATE