General Council Meeting

Meeting of the Central Highlands Regional Council held in the Blackwater Civic Centre, Blain Street, Blackwater on

Tuesday, 29 May 2018
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MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 2.00PM TUESDAY 29 MAY 2018 IN THE BLACKWATER CIVIC CENTRE, BLAIN STREET, BLACKWATER

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, Manager Asset Management M. Gatt, Manager Planning and Environment K. Byrne, Minute Secretary M. Wills

Mrs Mackay and Mrs Johnson with the year 5 and 6 students from Blackwater North State School attended the Council meeting.

APOLOGIES
Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
General Council Meeting: 15 May 2018
Resolution:
Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 15 May 2018 be confirmed.”

2018 / 05 / 29 / 001
Carried (9-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes
Nil

Outstanding Meeting Actions
#1 – GP Superclinic – has the land been transferred to Council? CEO S Mason advised that a deputation is being arranged for 11 June 2018 by the Central Highlands Health Limited, followed by a reporting regarding the history of the GP Superclinic, then a report to the 26 June 2018 General Meeting regarding land transfer, valuation changes etc

Review of Upcoming Agenda Items

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, PERSONAL GIFTS AND BENEFITS
Cr Rolfe declared that she has a conflict of interest in item 10 of the agenda as the Notice of Motion to Rescind – Game Plan Framework due to her position of president of the Springsure Pastoral and Agricultural Society and the The Central Highlands Agricultural Show Societies.

Cr Rolfe declared that she has a conflict of interest in item 10 Notice of Motion to Rescind – Game Plan Framework matter (as defined by section 175D of the Local Government Act 2009) as follows: -
(a) President of the Springsure Pastoral and Agricultural Show Society and President of the Central Highlands Agricultural Show Societies; and

Cr Rolfe determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead her to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. She maintains that she will best perform her responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council’s area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

However, Cr Rolfe acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009:

(a) Whether she has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
(b) If so, whether:
   a. She must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
   b. If she may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

Councillors determined that it was a perceived conflict of interest and voted for Cr Rolfe to remain in the room, debate and vote on the matter.

\[2018 / 05 / 29 / 002\]

Carried (7)

Carried unanimously by those 7 Councillors entitled to vote

Cr McIndoe declared that he has a perceived conflict of interest in item 10 Notice of Motion to Rescind – Game Plan Framework matter (as defined by section 175D of the Local Government Act 2009) as follows:

(a) As a parent of children participating in local sports and with a local sporting park named after him; and
(b) That he has not declared on his register of interest that he is a director of the CQ Capras.

Cr McIndoe determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. He maintains that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council’s area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

However, Cr McIndoe acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009:

(c) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
(d) If so, whether:
   a. He must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
   b. If he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.”

Councillors determined that it was a perceived conflict of interest and voted for Cr McIndoe to remain in the room, debate and vote on the matter.

\[2018 / 05 / 29 / 003\]

Carried (8)

Carried unanimously by those 8 Councillors entitled to vote
PETITIONS (IF ANY)
Nil

NOTICE TO MOTION TO RESCIND

Notice of Motion to Rescind – Game Plan Framework

Resolution:
Cr Bell moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That Central Highlands Regional Council thoroughly review the processes adopted by the Game Plan Committee in carrying out its role of establishing the Game Plan in the Central Highlands Regional Council area. This review is to include a reassessment of the draft Tenure Framework.”

2018 / 05 / 29 / 004 Carried (9-0)

COMMUNITIES

Planning Scheme Amendment Process

Executive summary:
The Central Highlands Regional Council is committed to having a dynamic planning scheme which is reviewed both periodically and on an as required basis to integrate key policy changes, economic growth opportunities and community expectations. The benefit of having an evolutionary planning scheme ensures that there is ongoing improvement to the planning scheme.

Considered by Council.

CORPORATE SERVICES

Monthly Financial Report - April 2018

Executive summary:
A Financial Report which summarises the financial performance and position of the Central Highlands Regional Council is presented each month to provide a snapshot on Council’s financial performance. While this report complies with statutory obligations, it is also intended to provide additional information to keep Councillors informed in relation to relevant financial matters of Council.

Resolution:
Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 30 April 2018.”

2018 / 05 / 29 / 005 Carried (9-0)

Attendance
Students of Blackwater North State School left the meeting at 3.02pm
LGAQ - Waste Forum - 7 June 2018

Executive summary:
A local government peak body-organised Waste Forum is being held at Brisbane on June 7, 2018 to discuss the rapidly changing waste and recycling environment and the challenges and opportunities this presents to Queensland councils to create a 'zero waste to landfill' future.

Received and noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

LGAQ Roads and Transport Advisory Group and the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan
Cr Rolfe advised that she will be attending the LGAQ Road and Transport Advisory Committee Meeting in Brisbane on 27 July 2018.

Cr Rolfe advised that while the Bowen Basin Regional Roads and Transport Group (BBRRTG) is not formally supportive of the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQRAP), individual Councils of the group are supportive of the plan. The IQRAP has been recently amended.

Attendance
Cr Daniels left the meeting at 3.11pm
Cr Daniels returned to the meeting at 3.13pm

CEO Mr Mason advised the position of the LGAQ in relation to the IQ-RAP.

Cr Rolfe advised that the LGAQ Regional Roads and Transport Advisory Group has had a number northern representative’s resign from the group which makes the group more southern-centric.

Deputations for Canberra
Cr Sypher queried if any deputations had been secured and what projects was Council seeking support for while Councillors were in Canberra attending the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly? Cr Sypher requested that we request a deputation to discuss aged care and funding for the Ivy Anderson home.

CEO S Mason advised that it was not the most constructive time to lobby and advocate projects due to the number of representatives already trying to secure deputations, however every effort will be made to secure deputations.

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session
Resolution:
Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “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.”

2018 / 05 / 29 / 006 Carried (9-0)
Attendance
Chief Executive Officer S. Mason, General Manager Community Services D. Fletcher, General Manager Corporate Services J. Bradshaw, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster, Manager Asset Management M. Gatt, Manager Planning and Environment K. Byrne, Minute Secretary M. Wills left the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 3.30pm

Mayoral Minutes - Extension of Chief Executive Officers Contract

Out of Closed Session
Resolution:
Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That the meeting now be re-opened to the public.”

2018 / 05 / 29 / 007 Carried (9-0)

The meeting was opened at 3.57pm

Attendance
Minute Secretary M. Wills returned to the meeting at 3.57pm

Mayoral Minute - Extension of Chief Executive Officers Contract
Resolution:
Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That the Mayor be delegated authority to extend the CEO Contract of employment dated 30 November 2015 for a period of three years commencing 1 December 2018 and expiring 30 November 2021, under terms agreeable to the parties.”

2018 / 05 / 29 / 008 Carried (8-1)

Cr Sypher requested for her vote to be recorded against the motion

Attendance
CEO S. Mason returned to the meeting at 4.01pm

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 4.02pm

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE