

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, 11 September 2018,
Commenced at 8.30am**

COUNCIL MINUTES

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

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**MINUTES – FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 8.30AM TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Crs) K. Hayes (Mayor),
Councillors C. Brimblecombe, M. Daniels, G. Nixon, and C. Rolfe

Officers

General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, General Manager Customer and Commercial Services M. Webster, General Manager Communities D. Fletcher, Coordinator Communications A.Ferris, Minute Secretaries L. Pugh and M.Wills.

Observer(s)

Councillor A. McIndoe

APOLOGIES

Councillor G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor / Chair)

Resolution:

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

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Carried (5-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting: 7 August 2018

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the minutes of the previous Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2018 be confirmed.”

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Carried (5-0)

Business Arising Out of Minutes

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)

Nil

Attendance

Project Officer Resource Recovery K. Worsley and Water Infrastructure Planning Engineer N. Litzow attended the meeting at 8.33am

General Manager Customer and Commercial Services M. Webster left the meeting at 8.58am

General Manager Customer and Commercial Services M. Webster returned to the meeting at 9.00am

COMMUNITIES

Environmental Compliance Status Report

Executive summary:

This report provides Council with a status update on current compliance related matters associated with Central Highland Regional Council's major Environmental Relevant Activities (ERA).

Waste Services provides unbroken kerbside collection, has hundreds of client transactions a day at 18 facilities. Since 2017, Waste Services worked to meet 48 compliance issues with the then Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) that have resulted from the failure of Central Highlands Regional Council to administer their facilities in compliance with their ERA. Two (2) of these non-compliances resulted in an Environmental Evaluation of Lochlees and Blackwater Landfills, whilst the rest have been addressed. In the last inspection regime in January 2018, 11 non-compliances and Areas of Concern were identified with several reoccurring from previous inspections.

Water Utilities manage seven (7) sewage treatment plants within the Central Highlands. Only one of our sewage treatment currently has a Transitional Environmental Program in place to cover upgrades required to bring the plant back into compliance with the ERA conditions.

Resolution:

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Nixon "That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Environmental Compliance Status report."

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Carried (5-0)

Attendance

Project Officer Resource Recovery K. Worsley and Water Infrastructure Planning Engineer N. Litzow left the meeting at 9.06am

Acting Manager Airport L. Dechaineux attended the meeting at 9.06am

General Manager Communities D. Fletcher left the meeting at 9.07am

Minute Secretary M. Wills left the meeting at 9.08am

Minute Secretary M. Wills attended the meeting at 9.13am

CUSTOMER AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Introduction of Passenger Screening Technology

Executive summary:

The Aviation and Maritime Security (AMS) group is part of the Department of Infrastructure section of Department of Home Affairs. Further to the advice received in June 2018, that regional airports will be required to upgrade passenger screening to include full body scanners, the AMS held a presentation seminar for regional airport managers on the 25th of July 2018 in Brisbane.

The background of the need to move to a higher level of security is derived from aviation related security incidents in Australia and overseas in recent times. This move and funding was announced in the Federal Budget of May 2018.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the information contained within the report on Passenger Screening Technology.

Further that Council make representation to the Minister for Home Affairs, the Honourable Peter Dutton MP, expressing concerns regarding the cost and impact upon regional airports including Emerald Airport with impending aviation and maritime security changes to be implemented by December 2020. Council to also engage with its industry body, Australian Airports Association regarding what representations they are making on behalf of member airports impacted by the proposed security changes.”

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Carried (5-0)

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Customer and Commercial Services

Executive summary:

The following report provides an update on key activities for the Customer and Commercial Services department.

- ❖ Airport
- ❖ Quarry
- ❖ Saleyards
- ❖ Land Development
- ❖ Central Highlands (QLD) Housing Company Limited (CHQHC)
- ❖ General Manager

Resolution:

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Customer and Commercial Services departmental update report, highlighting key activities for the month of August 2018.”

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Carried (5-0)

Attendance

Acting Manager Airport L. Dechaineux left the meeting at 9.38am

Manager Infrastructure J. Hoolihan attended the meeting 9.45am

Infrastructure and Utilities

Executive summary:

The following report provides an update on key activities for the Infrastructure and Utilities department.

- ❖ RACQ Unroadworthy Survey 2018 - July
- ❖ Progress Working Group (PWG) meeting for MOU between Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
- ❖ Bowen Basin Regional Road Technical Group (BBRTG) Committee Meeting Minutes

- ❖ Carnarvon National Park Road – Pave and Seal Project Update
- ❖ Black Gully WWTP Upgrade
- ❖ Water Network Team – Stakeholder Engagement
- ❖ Queensland Water Regional Communities Innovations Program (QWRCIP) Scholarship
- ❖ SunWater Asset Evaluation and Commercial Terms update
- ❖ National Honour bestowed to Michelle Bell

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Infrastructure and Utilities departmental update report, highlighting key activities for the month of August 2018.”

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Carried (5-0)

Attendance

Manager Infrastructure J. Hoolihan attended the meeting 9.55am

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 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.”

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Carried (5-0)

The meeting was closed at 9.56am

Attendance

Cr McIndoe left the meeting at 9.56am

Coordinator Communications A. Ferris left the meeting at 9.56am

Departmental Updates (Customer and Commercial Services)

Out of Closed Session

Resolution:

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

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Carried (5-0)

The meeting was opened at 10.08am

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Departmental Update - Customer and Commercial Services

Executive summary:

The following report provides an update on key activities for the Customer and Commercial Services Department for the month of August 2018.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Customer and Commercial Services departmental update report, highlighting key activities for the month of August 2018.”

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Carried (5-0)

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 10.09am

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CHAIR

DATE