



Communities Standing Committee Meeting

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

Tuesday, 5 February 2019
Commenced at 10.17 am

COUNCIL MINUTES

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2019
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**MINUTES – COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 10.17AM TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2019 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Crs) K. Hayes (Mayor), G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor), M Daniels (Chair)
Councillors (Crs) C. Brimblecombe, A. McIndoe, G. Sypher

Officers

Acting General Manager Communities K. Byrne, General Manager Customer and Commercial Services M. Webster, Minute Secretary N. Kerr

Cr Daniels commenced the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

APOLOGIES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 22 January 2019

Resolution:

Cr McIndoe moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the previous Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 22 January 2019 be confirmed.”

2019 / 02 / 05 / 001

Carried (6-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Cr McIndoe questioned maintenance of our trees, parks and gardens last meeting regarding water restrictions. This will be raised in General Business.

Outstanding Meeting Actions

Cr Daniel’s commented in relation to Community Consultation Minutes and resolutions, some notes made may be hard to follow for community members who were not in attendance at meetings. Also some concern was expressed in regard to CRMs entered some months after the consultation. As a reader it is important to be able to understand what has transpired. General Manager Customer and Commercial Services advised the CRM process will be reviewed to understand the delay.

Review of Upcoming Agenda Items

Working with General Manager Communities to ensure there will be more Agenda items in future.

PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Nil

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

Nil

Attendance

Manager Connected Communities S. Poulter and Coordinator Libraries K. Nuss entered the meeting at 10.26am

COMMUNITIES

Library Strategy and Action Plan 2019-2021

Executive summary:

That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the Library Strategy and Action Plan 2019-2021.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith that “Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the Library Strategy and Action Plan 2019-2021”.

2019 / 02 / 05 / 002

Carried (6-0)

Attendance

Manager Connected Communities S. Poulter and Coordinator Libraries K. Nuss left the meeting at 10.36am

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Departmental Updates Communities

Executive summary:

The following information provides an update on key activities for the Communities department.

1. Capital Works
2. Smart City Community Framework
3. Community Consultations
4. Biennial Community Survey
5. Blackwater Banter Newsletter
6. Central Queensland Human and Resource Recovery
7. Emerald Art Gallery meeting room refurbishment
8. Youth Development team
9. Artwork for Queensland Youth Week
10. Proposed Emerald Arts precinct
11. Library Services School Holiday Program
12. Library Service Australia Day celebrations
13. Library Service Valentine’s Day celebrations
14. Library Service at the Information Day Event
15. Library Service International Women’s Day celebrations
16. Illegal removal of stock from impound at sale yards
17. Pest management weed spraying
18. Commencement of trainees
19. Department of Environment & Science (DES) visits to waste facilities
20. Fire at Lochlees landfill late December 2018
21. Overview of Waste Team

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Communities departmental update report, highlighting key activities for the month of January 2018.”

2019 / 02 / 05 / 003

Carried (6-0)

Departmental Updates Customer and Commercial Services

Executive summary:

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

1. Customer Service and Area Support

Resolution:

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

2019 / 02 / 05 / 004

Carried (6-0)

Attendance

Manager Connected Communities S. Poulter and Arts and Culture Officer K. Newman entered the meeting at 10.46am

A presentation was given by our Arts and Cultural Officer.

Attendance

Manager Connected Communities S. Poulter and Arts and Culture Officer K. Newman left the meeting at 11.02am

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Daniels explained the importance of preservation of trees with regards to water restrictions as they may take years to re-establish as mentioned at the previous meeting. Acting General Manager Communities advised that Parks and Gardens staff have been instructed trees are to be watered as necessary to maintain the aesthetics of our parks and public spaces. They have changed their watering times as necessary to maintain the water restrictions.

Resolution:

Cr McIndoe moved and seconded by Mayor Hayes “That an update be provided to the next Communities Standing Committee in regards to Council’s approach in maintaining significant trees, plants and green spaces in Council’s regional open space areas during the current dry conditions taking into account current and potential future water restrictions.”

2019 / 02 / 05 / 005

Carried (6-0)

Cr Brimblecombe asked in relation to spraying of grass weeds along Nogo River, do maintenance personnel carry out spraying? Acting General Manager Communities advised Parks and Gardens teams undertake weed spraying in the urban area. Cr Brimblecombe mentioned another area of large Parkinsonia is located between Botanical Gardens and the top weir. Acting General Manager Communities advised this area will be looked into.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 11.25am

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE