



General Council Meeting

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

Wednesday, 10 February 2021
Commenced at 9.00am

COUNCIL MINUTES

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2021

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MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 9.00AM WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2021 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Cr) Kerry Hayes (Mayor), Christine Rolfe (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors (Cr) Charles Brimblecombe, Joseph Burns, Anne Carpenter, Natalie Curtis, Megan Daniels, Janice Moriarty and Gai Sypher

Officers

Chief Executive Officer Scott Mason, General Manager Communities John McDougall, General Manager Corporate Services Margaret Gatt, General Manager Customer and Commercial Services Michelle Webster (via skype), Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities Jason Hoolihan and Minute Secretary Marnie Wills

APOLOGIES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution:

Cr Burns moved and seconded by Cr Carpenter “That a leave of absence be granted for Cr Curtis for the General Council Meeting scheduled for 24 March 2021.”

2021 / 02 / 10 / 001

Carried (9-0)

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Curtis “That a leave of absence be granted for Cr Daniels for the General Council Meeting scheduled for 24 February 2021 in Capella.”

2021 / 02 / 10 / 002

Carried (9-0)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Hayes acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and he paid our respects to the elders, past, present and emerging.

OPENING PRAYER

Elder Chris Stolz from the Emerald Christian Assembly delivered the opening prayer.

Attendance

Elder Chris Stolz left the meeting at 9.09am

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting: 28 January 2021

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Carpenter “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 21 January 2021 be confirmed.”

2021 / 02 / 10 / 003

Carried (9-0)

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Nil

OUTSTANDING MEETING ACTIONS

Councillors reviewed the resolution register (meeting actions) update.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Discussions were held regarding upcoming agenda items.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Sypher declared a prescribed conflict of interest in the late agenda item 1.1 – Review of the Stock Route Management Regulation and Strategy due to her business partnership with her husband as landholders who have previously applied for road permits. In accordance with the *Local Government Act* Cr Sypher advised that she will leave the meeting and stay away from the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Rolfe declared:

1. That she has a declarable conflict of interest in Information Report – Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC) - Service Level Agreement Update due to her council nominated position as Director on the board of CHDC;
2. That she has a prescribed conflict of interest in the late agenda item 1.1 – Review of the Stock Route Management Regulation and Strategy due to her business partnership with her husband and owning the property 'Birrong' which is adjacent to the Dawson Highway section of the stock route.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act* Cr Rolfe advised that she will leave the meeting and stay away from the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Curtis declared a prescribed conflict of interest in late agenda item 1.1 – Review of the Stock Route Management Regulation and Strategy due to her property adjoining the stock route. In accordance with the *Local Government Act* Cr Curtis advised that she will leave the meeting and stay away from the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Daniels declared:

1. That she has a prescribed conflict of interest in late agenda item 1.1 – Review of the Stock Route Management Regulation and Strategy due to her owning rural property and was unsure if it was adjoined by the stock routes. In accordance with the *Local Government Act* Cr Daniels advised that she proposes to leave the meeting and stay away from the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.
2. That she has a declarable conflict of interest in Information Report – Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC) - Service Level Agreement Update due to her council nominated position as Director on the board of CHDC;

Cr Hayes declared that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Information Report – Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC) - Service Level Agreement Update due to his council nominated position as Director on the board of CHDC;

Chief Executive Officers Advice:

The CEO advised that he has sought legal advice from King & Company Solicitors for the conflicts of interested that have been declared for the late agenda item 1.1 Review of Stock Route Management Regulation and Strategy and that he will provide the legal advice to councillors once it has been received.

The CEO related that due to the nature of the matter to be considered by Council no councillor has a conflict of interest.

PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Nil

Attendance

Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities J. Hoolihan left the meeting at 9.35am

Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities J. Hoolihan returned to the meeting at 9.36am

DECISION ACTION REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

Request for Sponsorship - Central Highlands Sunflower Festival Committee

Purpose:

Purpose of this report is to:

1. Seek approval for the sponsorship of the 2021 Central Highlands Sunflower Festival;
2. Nominate a councillor to be council's representative on the Central Highlands Sunflower Festival Committee.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved "That Central Highlands Regional Council defer the request for financial sponsorship to the General Council meeting of 24 February 2021 further information can be provided."

2021 / 02 / 10 / 004

Carried (8-1)

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Burns "That Central Highlands Regional Council defer the decision nominating a Council representative on the Central Highlands Easter Sunflower Festival Committee until further information regarding the purpose for requesting a councillor representative on the committee is provided."

2021 / 02 / 10 / 005

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Community Development and Engagement Officers A. Burton and A. Kavanagh attended the meeting at 9.55am

Cr Sypher left the meeting at 10.24am

Community Development and Engagement Officers A. Burton and A. Kavanagh left the meeting at 10.24am

INFORMATION REPORTS

Communities

Community Engagement Action Plan 2020-2022 Progress Report July - December 2020

Purpose:

This report provides councillors an update on the *Community Engagement Action Plan 2020-2022* progress made for the period between July and December 2020.

Resolution:

Cr Moriarty moved and seconded by Cr Carpenter “That Central Highlands Regional Council receives the *Community Engagement Action Plan 2020-2022* progress report for the period between July and December 2020.”

2021 / 02 / 10 / 006

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Arts and Cultural Officers K. Newman and N. Pickering attended the meeting at 10.26am
Cr Sypher returned to the meeting at 10.26am

Creative Cultural Futures and Heritage Action Plan 2020-2022 FYs Progress Report July - December 2020

Purpose:

This report informs councillors of progress made on the *Creative Cultural Futures and Heritage Action Plan 2020-22 FYs* from July – December 2020.

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “that the Central Highlands Regional Council receives the *Creative Cultural Futures and Heritage Action Plan 2020-22 FYs* progress report for the period between July and December 2020.”

2021 / 02 / 10 / 007

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Arts and Cultural Officers K. Newman and N. Pickering left the meeting at 10.48am

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10.48am for morning tea
Meeting resumed at 11.001am

Attendance

Chief Executive Officer Central Highlands Development Corporation A. Bloemer attended the meeting at 11.01am

Central Highlands Development Corporation

Central Highlands Development Corporation - Service Level Agreement Update - Quarter 2 2020 – 2021

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide a Quarter 2 2020 – 2021 update to Council in accordance with the Service Level Agreement for between Central Highlands Development Corporation and Central Highlands Regional Council.

Resolution:

Cr Burns moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Central Highlands Development Corporation Service Level Agreement Update for Quarter 2 2020 – 2021.”

2021 / 02 / 10 / 008

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Chief Executive Officer Central Highlands Development Corporation A. Bloemer left the meeting at 11.38am

Chief Executive Officers Advice:

The CEO provided the following legal advice from King & Company Solicitors to clarify matters regarding the late agenda item 1.1 Review of Stock Route Management Regulation and Strategy:

- No prescribed or declarable conflict of interest exists for Councillors who may utilise the CHRC Stock Route network or facilities on the basis that their interest in the review of the Queensland Stock Route Regulation 2003 and Queensland Stock Route Management Strategy is no greater than that of a significant proportion of persons in the local government area (see section 150EF(2A) of the *Local Government Act 2009*)
- For the Councillors who are members of Councils Saleyards Coordination Committee, they have no prescribed or declarable conflict of interest whatsoever as, regardless of whether they are attending Saleyards Coordination Committee meetings, or Council meetings, they are fulfilling their responsibilities as a councillor, as prescribed by section 12 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, specifically, participating in council meetings, policy development, and decision-making, for the benefit of the local government area.

Crs Sypher and Rolfe acknowledged that despite the legal advice provided they declare that they will continue to leave the meeting and stay away from the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.

Crs Rolfe and Sypher left the meeting at 11.42am

Cr Curtis acknowledged that despite the legal advice provided they declare that she will continue to leave the meeting and stay away from the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Curtis left the meeting at 11.43am

Cr Daniels has accepted the legal advice and elected to stay in the meeting.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Review of Stock Route Management Regulation and Strategy

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to confirm Central Highlands Regional Council's position on providing a written submission on the Review of the Queensland Stock Route Regulation 2003 and Queensland Stock Route Management Strategy 2014-2019.

Resolution:

Cr Moriarty moved and seconded by Cr Carpenter "That Central Highlands Regional Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to develop and submit a written submission on the Review of the Queensland Stock Route Regulation 2003 and Queensland Stock Route Management Strategy 2014-2019."

Attendance

Crs Rolfe, Sypher and Curtis returned to the meeting at 12.08pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Cr Brimblecombe requested for either reports or briefing notes on the following:

- Asset Management - do we have a maintenance program for the machinery and housing?
- Training – are we maintaining the skill levels of our staff ie plumbers, operators, chemical training
- Overtime – what are the long-term benefits of overtime to the organisation

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 12.11pm.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE