

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

11 November 2008

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8.45am.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Councillors:

Mayor
Deputy Mayor

Cr Joanna Sheppard
Cr Karen Ticehurst
Cr Don Dunsdon
Cr David Land
Cr Carmel Meurant

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer
Director Governance
Shire Engineer
Minutes Secretary

Mark Watt
Neil Mitchell
Jashim Uddin
Rita McIntyre

APOLOGIES

Nil

MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Res.M08/171

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that a Motion of Sympathy be passed for Robert Ross Finlay

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**General Meeting Minutes – 17 October 2008****Res.M08/172**

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 17 October 2008 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE**Minister for Main Roads and Local Government, Warren Pitt MP – Heavy Vehicle Rest Area**

File/Ref: 46/1

Description:

Correspondence from Honourable Warren Pitt Minister for Main Roads and Local Government advising that numerous representations have been made through the Blueprint for the Bush strategy regarding the need for more heavy vehicle rest areas (HVRAs). Safety is a major concern and as many members of the industry as possible are being informed about the strategy to build more HVRAs.

Res.M08/173

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Honourable Warren Pitt MP Minister for Main Roads and Local Government and suggest more rest areas be established, in particular one at Eulo with appropriate infrastructure and provision of cleaning at no cost to Council to ensure such areas don't become an eyesore.

CARRIED

Natural Resources and Water – M Richardson Application for Conversion to Freehold over Lot 4 SP 104614

File/Ref: 67/1;136970

Description:

Correspondence from Natural Resources and Water informing Council of an application for conversion to freehold on land described as L 4/SP 104614, Parish Yowah and located at Boobiella Street, Yowah requiring Council's views or requirements on the application.

Res.M08/174

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that Council offer no objection to the application for conversion to freehold on land described as Lot 4/SP 104614 Parish Yowah and located at Boobiella Street, Yowah.

CARRIED

OFFICERS REPORTS

Attendance: Cr Meurant entered the room at 9.50am. Mark Watt and Neil Mitchell left the room at 9.51 and 9.52am respectively returning at 9.52 and 9.54am.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

First Quarterly Review Period ended 30 Sept 2008

Under the provisions of s.512 of the *Local Government Act 1993* an evaluation of activities and an assessment is to be made of progress towards implementing the Corporate and Operational Plans.

Res.M08/175

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that in accordance with s.512 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt a satisfactory evaluation of the Corporate and Operational Plans.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.10am returning at 10.52am.

Director Governance Report

Consideration of the Director of Governance Report.

Remembrance Day

Council held one minute silence for Remembrance Day at 11am.

CDEP Charges

Consideration was given to a review of CDEP charges.

Res.M08/176

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Meurant that the CDEP charges be amended as follows:-

<i>Mowing and Brushcutting</i>	<i>(Inc GST)</i>
<i>Jack Tonkin Caravan Park</i>	<i>\$176.00</i>
<i>Centrelink</i>	<i>\$ 61.00</i>
<i>Youth Drop In Centre</i>	<i>\$ 88.00</i>
<i>Dwelling – Overgrown</i>	<i>\$ 61.00</i>
<i>Average Household Yard</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>1 and half Average Household yard</i>	<i>\$ 74.00</i>
<i>2 x Average Household yard</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Pensioners Rebate</i>	<i>\$ 11.00</i>
<i>CDEP Labour</i>	<i>\$ 20.00 per hour</i>
<i>House Cleaning</i>	
<i>Internal (normal condition)</i>	<i>\$292.00</i>
<i>Internal (bad condition)</i>	<i>\$407.00</i>
<i>Clean Stove</i>	<i>\$176.00</i>
<i>External (remove cobwebs)</i>	<i>\$121.00</i>

CARRIED

Shire Engineer's Report

Consideration of the Shire Engineer's Report

PETITIONS

Nil

TENDERS

Nil

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

QUESTIONS

Cr Dunsdon enquired about an employment office in Cunnamulla. Cr Ticehurst responded that this can not set up for every small town and is possibly considering a database for jobs through her position.

Cr Ticehurst enquired about SWRED project funding:

Bushlands Project Plan: Cr Ticehurst will look after this.

Saleyards Project Plan: Mark Watt Chief Executive officer will look after this.

Museum Master Plan: Cr Sheppard will look after this.

Cr Ticehurst enquired about the Skills Centre and informed the meeting that funding may be available for renovations. The Chief Executive Officer responded that negotiations were not complete.

Cr Land enquired about the possibility of an established spare tank at the airport being hooked up to the existing bowser and used for jet fuel. The Chief Executive Officer responded that this would be looked into.

GENERAL BUSINESS & LATE ITEMS**Turnaround Time**

File/Ref: 22/1; 137242

Consideration of a letter from Peieta Mills, Stephanie Mills Gallery, advising of the one final public meeting to be held in Cunnamulla to discuss feedback from the community regarding the Turnaround Time Project. It is set-down for Saturday 29 November 2008, 3pm, with the final plan will be submitted to the Department of Sport and Recreation on 2 December 2008.

Resolved that available Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer attend the public meeting on Saturday 29 November 2008 and a written submission be lodged at that meeting. It was noted the Mayor will be away.

Community Grants – Round 2

Consideration of the need to advertise for Round 2 of Community Grants. In July 2008, Council allocated \$28,083 in grants so the budget only allows a further \$21,917 to be allocated in Round 2.

Discussion followed on the format of the existing Community Grants and it was agreed that a new system would be considered for next year's budget based on a fixed donation list with certain criteria having to be met to obtain a grant.

Attendance: Cr Meurant left the room at 12.00pm returning at 12.02pm.

Overdue Rates and Charges

The Chief Executive Officer presented a list of overdue rates and charges and outlined the process under Chapter 14 Part 7 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to commence legal action to recover overdue rates three years and over such that land can be sold at auction.

Council agreed that this matter can be further considered at the December meeting and the necessary resolution passed to commence recovery action.

Review of Bus Fleet

The Chief Executive Officer presented a report that reviews the existing bus fleet in conjunction with the outcomes of the report by Scott Mead, considering a Plant and Oncost Review.

Res.M08/177

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Meurant

1. *That Plant Item 254, Toyota Commuter 11-seater bus be tendered for sale as being surplus to requirements;*
2. *That the hire rate for Plant Item 272, Nissan 22-seater be available for hire as follows:*
 - i. *Not for profit, incorporated bodies hire rate being \$0.90 per km with there being no concession available to hirers as this is incorporated in the hire rate;*
 - ii. *Commercial private hire rate being \$1.65 per km subject to there being no private operators in the shire;*
3. *That Council's Plant Policy be amended to incorporate the above provisions; and*
4. *A review of bus hire be undertaken after twelve months.*

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Review of Strategic Roads Planning

Consideration of a report by Russell Hood, Consultant Engineer, providing a draft report on a Review of Strategic Roads Planning. The report considers current roadworks with a view to developing a strategic approach to road improvement, maintenance methods, decision triggers and how work is delivered. It was noted that further consideration needs to be given of the findings.

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Local Government Bill 2008

Consideration of a letter from the Local Government Association Queensland enclosing notes from Hansard where Hon Warren Pitt MP, Minister for Main Roads and Local Government introduced the Local Government Bill 2008 to Parliament. The new proposed Act is principles based legislation that provides less prescriptive requirements and more principles to be followed by local government.

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MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

Confirmation

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Cr J Sheppard
Mayor

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Mark Watt
Chief Executive officer