

# PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

15 August 2008

### OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:45am.

### ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

#### Councillors:

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

#### Officers:

Chief Executive Officer	Mark Watt
Accountant	Neil Mitchell
Shire Engineer	Jashim Uddin
Minutes Secretary	Rita McIntyre

### MOTION OF SYMPATHY

The Mayor advised the meeting of the deaths of  
Ponjydflydu (Una Joan Brandfield)  
Lorna May Simpson  
Baby Jacob Drury  
David Newsham  
Cyril Tuckwell  
Upon which those present stood and observed a minute of silence.

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### General Meeting Minutes 18 July 2008

#### [Res.M08/110](#)

*Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Ticehurst that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 18 July 2008 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.*

*CARRIED*

**Special Budget Meeting Minutes 24 July 2008****Res.M08/111**

*Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that the Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held on Thursday 24 July 2008 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.*

CARRIED

**Special Budget Meeting Minutes 07 August 2008****Res.M08/112**

*Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Meurant that the Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held on Thursday 07 August 2008 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.*

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****Cunnamulla Airport Avgas Charges**

In response to an enquiry by Cr Dunsdon at the meeting of 18 July 2008, Neil Mitchell informed Council how the pricing of Avgas at the Cunnamulla Airport is calculated.

Council currently charges \$ 2.09 per litre for Avgas which includes a 12.5% mark up, costing is currently being undertaken for a card system which is estimated at \$30,000. A landing fee is not being charged, but is incorporated with the Avgas price.

Adjournment: Council adjourned the General Meeting for Junior Council from 10:55am to 11:33am.

Attendance: Mark Watt, Neil Mitchell and Jashim Uddin left the room at 10:55am returning at 11:30, 11:40 and 11:42am respectively.

Attendance: Rita McIntyre left the room at 11:35 returning at 11:40am

**CORRESPONDENCE****Consultation – Annual Valuation Effective 30 June 2009**

File/Ref: 39/6 & 67/1:1029.8

Correspondence from the Department of Natural Resources and Water seeks Councils opinion of whether an annual valuation should be undertaken to be effective in 2009

**Res.M08/113**

*Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that the Department of Natural Resources and Water be advised that Council does not support a valuation being conducted effective 30 June 2009.*

CARRIED

**Submission to the Chairman of the Grants Commission Re: FAGS**

File/Ref: 44/2:

Correspondence from Murweh Shire Council informing Council of a recently sent submission to the Chairman of the Grants Commission expressing concern that following amalgamations that two classes of Council are being created, one cash rich and one cash poor.

RECEIVED

**Request Write – Off - Bob Little, Randwick Downs**

File/Ref: 71/11:1003.8

Correspondence from B & M Little of Randwick Downs returning an invoice to Council for charges incurred by providing an access road to Randwick Downs from the Paroo Shire asking that the road be registered at their access road and incur the costs.

Dennis Hogan Councils Works Coordinator advises that this is a road reserve and access road and no cost should be placed on road reserves.

**Res.M08/114**

*Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that the account sent to B & M Little of Randwick Downs for \$480.00 be waived.*

CARRIED

**OFFICERS REPORTS****Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

**Roads to Recovery (RTR) Program****Res.M08/115**

*Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that the following projects be allocated to complete current funding within the Roads to Recovery (RTR) Program up to and including the period ending 30 June 2009:*

- 1. Jobs Gate Road, 97.2 – 135km, Gravel re sheeting 37.8km to create all weather access road, \$667,998;*
- 2. Thurlagoonia Road, Formation and sealing 5.2km from commencement of Mitchell Highway, \$110,000;*
- 3. Wicks Street, Reseal between Emma & Florence Sts & Arthur & Louise Sts, \$150,000;*
- 4. Alice Street, Reseal between Wicks & Watson Sts, \$25,000;*
- 5. Jane Street, Reseal between Wicks & Florence Sts and between Mabel & Emma Sts, \$50,000;*
- 6. Watson Street, Reseal between Jane & Emma Streets, \$25,000;*
- 7. Broad Street, Reseal between Murray & Emma Sts, \$75,000.*

CARRIED

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:35pm returning at 1:15pm.

**Closed Meeting****Res.M08/116**

*Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Ticehurst that the meeting be closed at 1:19pm in accordance with Section 463 (1) (b) and (h) to discuss staff matters and a commercial in confidence contract.*

CARRIED

Attendance: Rita McIntyre left the room at 1:19pm returning at 2:00pm

**Meeting Re- opened****Res.M08/117**

*Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Ticehurst that the meeting be re opened at 1:55pm.*

*CARRIED*

Attendance: Neil Mitchell left the room at 1:57pm returning at 2:00pm

**Accountant's Report**

Consideration of the Accountants Report.

**Shire Engineer's Report**

Consideration of the Shire Engineers Report.

**PETITIONS**

Nil

**TENDERS**

Nil

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**QUESTIONS**

Nil

Attendance: Cr Meurant left the room at 2:30pm and did not return.

**GENERAL BUSINESS & LATE ITEMS****Queensland Health Executive Forum**

File/Ref 33/9; 1086.8

Correspondence from Gloria Wallace, Queensland Health, General Manager, Southern Health Service advising of an Executive Forum being held in Charleville and Cunnamulla between 1 – 3 September 2008 and inviting Councils participation. The purpose of the forum is to enhance the understanding of rural communities and improve health in the bush

**Res.M08/118**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that Crs Land & Dunsdon be authorised to deputise for the Mayor during the Executive Forum in Cunnamulla on Tuesday 2 September 2008 and an apology be offered on behalf of the Mayor.*

*CARRIED*

**Cunnamulla Indigenous Association – In liquidation**

File/Ref 67/1; 1089.8

Correspondence from Aggs Robson, Chartered Accountants seeking Council's interest in either acquiring or remitting rates for a property at 20-28 Stockyard Street, Cunnamulla, given the property is in receivership.

**Res.M08/119**

*Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that Aggs Robson, Chartered Accountants, be advised Council is willing to discuss the purchase of 20-28 Stockyard Street, at an agreed price equivalent to outstanding rates and charges.*

*CARRIED*

**Paroo Wild Dog Advisory Committee – Minutes 31 July 2008****Res.M08/120**

*Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Ticehurst that the minutes of the Paroo Wild Dog Advisory Committee meeting of 31 July 2008 be received.*

*CARRIED*

Attendance: Rita McIntyre & Neil Mitchell left the room at 2.40pm returning at 2.43 and 2:48pm respectively.

**Mark Hampel – Date Farm Project**

The Chief Executive Officer provided an update on the Date Farm Project and the recent visit to Cunnamulla by the successful tender, Mark Hemple. As part of Mr Hemple's inspection and due diligence process, there are problems with clearing vegetation under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*, and other regulatory issues such as *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer will discuss these issues during a proposed meeting next week with Greg Field and Toni Ferguson, Department of Natural Resources and Water.

Attendance: Neil Mitchell left the room at 3:30pm returning at 3:31pm

**MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 4:03pm.

**MINUTES CERTIFICATE**

Confirmation

.....  
Cr J Sheppard  
Mayor

.....  
Mark Watt  
Chief Executive officer