

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 19 September 2008

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10.36am.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Councillors:

Mayor

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

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer
Accountant
Shire Engineer
Minutes Secretary

Mark Watt
Neil Mitchell
Jashim Uddin
Rita McIntyre

APOLOGIES

Res.M08/139

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Land that an apology be received from Cr Ticehurst
CARRIED

MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Irene Brown
Hector Stewart
Jean Stewart
Gayle Spaul
Jack Gill

Res.M08/140

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that as a more personal touch, the family of the Motions of Sympathy recipients in future be sent a Sympathy Card from Council.
CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**General Meeting Minutes 15 August 2008****Res.M08/141**

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 15 August 2008 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Budget Meeting Minutes 26 August 2008**Res.M08/142**

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Land that the Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 26 August 2008 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE**NR & JL Haig - Application to lease land, L20/C14623**

File/Ref: 69/6; 975.8

Description:

Letter from NR & JL Haig, "Cobbrum" applying for a Trustee Lease or purchase of a camping reserve located at Ivan Street, Cunnamulla and described as L20/C14623 Parish Cunnamulla.

Res.M08/143

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that an advertisement be placed in a local newspaper calling tenders for a Trustee Lease of L20/C14623 Parish Cunnamulla and that NR & JL Haig be advised that Council has decided to advertise for the lease of the land and they should respond accordingly

CARRIED

Native Title Update – Local Government Association of Queensland Inc

File/Ref: 44/2; 924.8

Description:

Letter from the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) enclosing a copy of the Queensland local government template Indigenous Land Use Agreement. The agreement is the outcome of a project involving 16 Councils, 3 native title claimant groups and will address common issues arising from native title claims. The letter also provides an update of Native Title Claims over Paroo Shire Council which are as follows:

1. Bidjara #3
2. Kooma People
3. Kooma People #3
4. Gunggari People #2
5. Mardigan People
6. Budjiti People

Council is only a party to claims 2, 3 and 4 above with King & Company being our

legal representative. Murweh, Balonne and Roma are also party to these claims which form part of a new grouping proposed for South West Queensland. These groupings take into account claim areas and legal representatives.

Res.M08/144

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Dunsdon that the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc be advised that Council supports its inclusion in South West Queensland Group including a change to legal representative from King and Company to MacDonnells Law.

CARRIED

Outback Queensland Tourism – Invitation to 2008 Outback Tourism Awards

File/Ref: 80/1; 1195.8

Description:

Letter from Outback Queensland Tourism inviting Council to attend the 2008 Outback Tourism Awards being held in Birdsville on Saturday 01 November 2008.

Res.M08/145

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to attend the 2008 Outback Queensland Tourism Awards in Birdsville on Saturday 01 November 2008

CARRIED

Minister for Primary Industries & Fisheries – Administration Officer Position at the Dept of Primary Industries and Fisheries Cunnamulla office.

File/Ref: 93/2; 1227.8

Description:

Letter from the Hon Tim Mulherin MP concerning Council's letter regarding the withdrawal of the Administration Officer position at the DPI & F office in Cunnamulla.

RECEIVED

Natural Resources and Water – Application for renewal of Preferential Pastoral Holding 15/5213 being Lot 5213 on PH1110 Paroo Shire

File/Ref: 2008/006660

Description:

Letter from Amanda Scott, Administration Officer, State Land Asset Management advising of the application for renewal of the above Preferential Pastoral Holding. The proposed use of the land is grazing and pastoral purposes. Council is requested to advise NRW of its views or requirements that the department should consider when assessing the application.

Res.M08/146

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Land that Council offer no objection to the application for renewal of Preferential Pastoral Holding 15/5213 being Lot 5213/ PH1110 Parish Bundilla.

CARRIED

Natural Resources and Water – Application for Conversion to freehold of GHPL 15/1660 being Lot 2 on KU50

File/Ref: 2008/007141

Description:

Letter from Amanda Scott, Administration Officer, State Land Asset Management advising of an application for Conversion to Freehold of GHPL 15/1660 being Lot 2 on KU 50. The proposed use of the land is grazing. Council is requested to advise NRW of its views or requirements that the department should consider when assessing the application.

Res.M08/147

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that Council offer no objection to the application for Conversion to Freehold of GHPL 15/1660 being Lot 2/ KU50 Parish Shard.

CARRIED

Natural Resources and Water – Application to purchase State Land being Lot 12 on SP104613 – Paroo Shire

File/Ref: 2008/006862

Description:

Letter from Amanda Scott, Administration Officer, State Land Asset Management advising of an application to purchase State Land being Lot 12/SP104613 Parish Yowah and located at Bluebonnet Boulevard, Yowah. The proposed use of the land is residential. Council is requested to advise NRW of its views or requirements that the department should consider when assessing the application.

Res.M08/148

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that Council offer no objection to the application to purchase State Land being Lot 12/SP104613 Parish Yowah and located at Bluebonnet Boulevard, Yowah.

CARRIED

Department of Sport and Recreation – Ministerial Community Pre Forum Workshop and Forum.

File/Ref: 44/5

Description:

Letter from Jim Grassick, Regional Manager, Office of Rural and Regional Communities, Darling Downs/South West Queensland Region. Inviting the Chief Executive Officer to attend the Ministerial Regional Community Pre Forum Workshop and Forum for the Darling Downs/ South West Queensland Region to be held on the 21 & 22 September 2008 in St George.

Res.M08/149

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Meurant that the Mayor attend the Ministerial Regional Community Forum for the Darling Downs/South West Queensland Region on 22 September 2008 in St George.

CARRIED

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

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

Attendance: Neil Mitchell entered the room at 11.15am leaving at 11.35am, returning again at 11.36am.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS & LATE ITEMS**Country Week**

Council acknowledged that Cr Ticehurst was currently in Brisbane working at Country Week and had done a great deal of work on the project including a very good 12 page brochure on Cunnamulla.

Date Plantation - Hampel

Consideration was given to a recent update by Mark Hampel, regarding his investigations into developing a date plantation in land leased from Council and described as L2/SP169573. The submission highlights that Lot 2 is subject to restrictions regarding remnant vegetation as regulated under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*. Mr Hampel has expressed an interest in using L3/SP169573 which is not affected by remnant vegetation.

Res.M08/150

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that Council advise Mark Hampel that it withdraws its offer to lease L2/SP169573 owing to restrictions arising out of the Vegetation Management Act 1999 and that the Chief Executive Officer be directed to investigate options for the disposal of L3/SP169573.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.24pm returning at 1.43pm

Closed Meeting**Res.M08/151**

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the meeting be closed at 1.53pm in accordance with Section 463 (1) (b) and (h) to discuss Annual Tenders & Enterprise Bargaining.

CARRIED

Attendance: Neil Mitchell entered the room at 2.15pm leaving at 2.47pm.

Meeting Re- opened

Res.M08/152

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Land that the meeting be re opened at 2.18pm.

CARRIED

Attendance: Cr Land left the room at 2.18pm returning at 2.20pm.

Draft Audited Financial Statements – year ended 30 June 2008

Res.M08/153

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that the Draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2008 to be adopted in accordance with S.48 of the Local Government Finance Standard 2005..

CARRIED

QUESTIONS

Cr Land enquired about:

Ningaling Stock Route Closure – If an application is re-submitted this will be looked into more carefully.

Camping and Caravans - these are currently being brought up to standard.

Park lighting at Yowah – Council will look into watchman lighting.

Long grass at airport – Council will make this normal maintenance.

Cr Dunsdon enquired about:

Business Awards.

Council to meet the new Sergeant of Police at Cunnamulla – this will be organised when the new Sergeant is appointed.

Meet and greet with Centrelink – this can be organised with Centrelink head office.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 2.53pm.

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

Confirmation

.....
Cr J Sheppard
Mayor

.....
Mark Watt
Chief Executive officer