

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



Established 1879

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

20 March 2009

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

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer	Mark Watt
Director Governance	Neil Mitchell
Minutes Secretary	Kelly Cordwell

APOLOGIES

[Res.M09/026](#)

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that an apology be received from Cr Meurant.

CARRIED

MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes 27 February 2009

[Res.M09/027](#)

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 27 February 2009 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE**Refuse Tip Contract – Request Termination**

File/Ref: 7/3;137983

Description:

Letter from Bruce Endacott, Refuse Tip Contractor, seeking to terminate the current contract as tip caretaker. Bruce has developed his business interests in Goondwindi along with selling his local property interests in the shire

Res.M09/028

Moved by Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that Bruce Endacott, Tip Caretaker be advised as follows

- 1. Council is willing to accede his request to terminate the Service Provision Contract for the Cunnamulla Refuse Tip by mutual agreement;*
- 2. That the contract be terminated from 31 March 2009;*
- 3. That a review of tip operations be undertaken to ascertain service requirements and staff resources, to be further considered as part of 2009/10 Budget deliberations.*

CARRIED

Attendance: John McCormick entered the meeting at 10.55am

Shire Engineer

Consideration of the Shire Engineer's Report

Deputation: The Member for Warrego Wally Gleeson MP entered the meeting at 11.15 as a part of a visit within his electorate. Mr Gleeson departed the meeting at 11.30 am. Mark Watt left the meeting at 11.30am and returned at 11.32am.

Attendance: John McCormick departed the meeting at 12.00noon.

Cunnamulla Area Band Council – Supper Room Hire Concession

File/Ref: 34/1;138202

Description:

Letter from Shannon Ryan, Cunnamulla Area Band Council seeking a waiver of hall hire to conduct a beginner music workshop. The Band Council require hire of the hall on two occasions because there are no entry fees for participants and the saving will allow funds to be used for food and equipment.

Further advice includes an invitation to attend the Beginner Workshop on Friday 3 April 2009 at 2pm.

Res.M09/029

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that Shannon Ryan; Cunnamulla Area Band Council be advised Council is prepared to waive the costs for hire of Supper Room for one occasion, amounting to \$35.00.

CARRIED

Outback Masters Games – Swimming Pool Event

Conflict of Interest - Cr Ticehurst declared a conflict of interest in this item given her position as Secretary of the 'Outback Games' and decided to remain in the meeting and did not vote on the decision

File/Ref: 22/1;138243

Description:

Letter from Karen Ticehurst, Secretary, Cunnamulla 'Outback' Masters Games requesting further support towards the costs of employing Mary-Ann Johnson to open the pool for training during the Masters Games.

Res.M09/030

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that Karen Ticehurst, Secretary Cunnamulla Outback Masters Games, be advised that Council is prepared to grant the request to employ Mary-Ann Johnson to open the pool for training during the Masters Games.

CARRIED

Yowah Golf Club – Relocation of facilities

File/Ref: 22/1;137897

Description:

Letter from Glenis Hillery, Secretary, Yowah Golf Club, submitting a proposal to relocate the existing Yowah Golf Club to a new location adjacent to the town area, within the northern part of the town. The proposal includes a 'mud' map of the proposed site, a layout plan of the 18-hole course, a petition, and a description of the benefits of the proposal. A letter of support is provided from Howard Hobbs MP, Member for Warrego as the Club intends to commence the strategy by applying for funds to construct a new clubhouse and to immediately start work on building a 18-hole layout, including 50 metre wide fairways.

Res.M09/031

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Ticehurst that Glenis Hillery, Yowah Golf Club be advised as follows:

- 1. Council is willing to provide in-principle support for the general proposal to relocate the Yowah Golf Club;*
- 2. Owing to the land having a tenure of Unallocated State Land (USL) and not Town Reserve, as would normally be the case, Council has no jurisdiction to approve the proposal and they should seek permission from the Department of Natural Resources and Water;*
- 3. Any financial assistance required from Council regarding the project would need to be costed for approval as part of future budget deliberations and such works need to be specified in more detail prior to such consideration.*

CARRIED

OFFICERS REPORTS**Chief Executive Officer**

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officers Report.

RADF Meeting – 30 January 2009

The RADF Community Advisory Committee met on Friday 30 January 2009 to consider a supplementary round of funding for the year. Council is requested to approve the following projects that were either approved at the meeting or approved by ring-around after the meeting and in accordance with current policies:

Res.M09/032

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that the minutes of the RADF Community Advisory Committee of 30 January 2009 be adopted with approval of the following projects:

<i>Applicant Name</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Amount (No Gst)</i>
<i>Cosette Dunsdon</i>	<i>To employ Brian Rutledge to instruct how to make welded pieces of art</i>	<i>\$1,130.00</i>
<i>Yowah Craft Group</i>	<i>Employ Don Ziesemer to teach skills in jewellery making</i>	<i>\$1,589.00</i>
<i>Yowah Craft Group</i>	<i>Employ Don Ziesemer to teach skills in jewellery making</i>	<i>\$644.00</i>
<i>Cunnamulla & District Show Society Inc.</i>	<i>Employ Maxine Thompson to teach pastel arts workshop</i>	<i>\$1657.50</i>
<i>Louise Travers</i>	<i>Purchase three (3) display cabinets and production costs for the RADF display at the Cunnamulla Art Gallery</i>	<i>\$2,260.00</i>
<i>Nash Snider</i>	<i>Create a body of aboriginal artwork for display at Cunnamulla Art Gallery</i>	<i>\$2,724.00</i>
<i>Paroo Shire Council</i>	<i>Attendance by five (5) community members gain skills in a course for collection management and preventative conservation of historical displays</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$10,179.50</i>

CARRIED

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.37pm and resumed at 1.25pm

Director of Governance

Consideration of the Director of Governance Report

Fees and Charges

Consideration of a new charges relating to the hire of bar tables, recently constructed by Council for use at the Annual Bullride event. Further consideration of a new charge for the Annual Report as required by section 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Res.M09/033

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Ticehurst that the following charges be included in Council's Register of Regulatory Fees and Commercial Charges:

Description	Legislative Provision	Amount
Hire of Bar Tables (per item)	Section 36(2)(c)	\$25.00 per table, per event \$20.00 Security Deposit
Copy of Annual Report	Section 535	\$15.00

CARRIED

Write off Stale Debts

Consideration of stale and unrecoverable debts, including a recommendation to write-off such debts following extensive efforts for their recovery.

Library Fees and Charges:**Res.M09/034**

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that Council write off the following library debts and that such persons be restricted from future borrowing privileges at Council Libraries:

Name	Amount Owning
Ms G Beckmann	\$42.90
David Ellery	\$24.20
Mrs M Hall	\$24.20
Jeanene Mitchell	\$110.00
Ms Judy Turnbull	\$110.00
Rayleen Burns	\$24.20
Scott Shillingsworth	\$48.40
Dallas Osborne	\$27.50
Helen King	\$24.20
Shana Waasdorp	\$16.50
Linda Lucas	\$7.00
Antoine Munday	\$33.00
Payton Munday	\$33.00
Ronisa Munday	\$55.00
Catherine Welsh	\$9.90
Marcia Brown	\$55.00
Kirsten Shillingsworth	\$102.30
Len Ditton	\$15.40
Brooke Shillingsworth	\$104.50
Mr Ronald Rapley	\$55.20
Murial Brown	\$27.50
Helen Welsh	\$15.40
	\$965.30

CARRIED

CDEP Debts**Res.M09/035**

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that Council write off the following stale and unrecoverable debts:

Name	Amount Owing
<i>Mrs Cheryl Lyons</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>
<i>Ms Tina Lucas</i>	<i>\$44.00</i>
<i>Ms Judy Turnbull</i>	<i>\$44.00</i>
<i>Caroline Wiggell</i>	<i>\$44.00</i>
<i>Ms Judy Turnbull</i>	<i>\$44.00</i>
<i>Ms Diane Pender</i>	<i>\$44.00</i>
<i>Andy Hammond</i>	<i>\$81.00</i>
<i>Donna Hooper</i>	<i>\$44.00</i>
	<i>\$385.00</i>

CARRIED

Creditor in Liquidation**Res.M09/036**

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that Council write off the following stale and unrecoverable debt:

Name	Amount Owing
<i>Hemples Aviation - 20/8/08 799.53L</i>	<i>\$1767.01</i>
	<i>\$1,767.01</i>

CARRIED

PETITIONS

Nil

TENDERS**Tender PSC2008/005 – Domestic Building**

Consideration of tenders received for the construction of a Domestic Building at 246B Weir Road, Cunnamulla on land described as L2/RP101106 Parish Cunnamulla. Tenders Closed on Monday 9 February 2009.

Res.M09/037

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that:

1. Council accept the tender of Rosecove Pty Ltd (trading as Holling Constructions) for the construction of a domestic building at 246B Weir Road, Cunnamulla, on land described as L2/SP101106, for the tendered price, subject to the negotiation and execution of a contract acceptable to the Mayor; and

2. *In accordance with section 472 of the Local Government Act 1993:*
 - 2.1 *the CEO is delegated authority to accept the tender subject to negotiation and execution of a contract acceptable to the Mayor;*
 - 2.2 *the Mayor is delegated authority to negotiate the contract;*
 - 2.3 *the Mayor is delegated authority to execute the contract; and*
 - 2.4 *the Mayor is delegated authority to negotiate any preliminary agreement that may be required about foundations data (soil test etc), final specifications and ancillary matters, with the Mayor having delegated authority to execute such an agreement.*

CARRIED

Tender PCS2009/007 Kiddie Pool Upgrade

Consideration of tenders received for an upgrade of the Kiddies Pool at 42 John Street, Cunnamulla. Tenders closed on Monday 9 March 2009.

Res.M09/038

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that:

1. *Council accept the tender of K & R & S Sanders (trading as Country Style Pools & Spas) for the construction of a Childrens' Pool at 42 John Street, Cunnamulla, for the tendered price of \$66,000 (incl GST); and*
2. *Council proceed to obtain quotes for an upgrade of lighting at the deep-end of the pool and the entertainment facilities to expend remaining funds under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP).*

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

QUESTIONS

Cr Ticehurst - Councillor Ticehurst enquired if Council could accommodate a new fridge for the Cunnamulla Shire Hall in the kitchen area. Noted.

Cr Dunsdon - Councillor Dunsdon enquired if Council could adopt a policy relating to future road works along the lines of grading to include water tricks and roller, instead of dry grading. The Chief Executive Officer responded that a 10-year financial plan is the most appropriate way to include such a strategy.

GENERAL BUSINESS & LATE ITEMS

Yowah Free Camping – Unauthorised Occupancy

Consideration of a report from Steve Mizen, Environmental Health Officer, concerning recent complaints about the unauthorised occupancy by Lennard Ditton of the Yowah free camping site. Over the past few years, Council has received complaints over the amount of rubbish accumulated and the conditions under which Mr Ditton is living.

Several notices have been issued to Mr Ditton to clean-up and vacate the site. Despite his agreement to move-on, Mr Ditton has failed to abide by such directions.

If Council commenced legal action, there would be costs involved and consideration needs to be given to legal costs involved and what local laws are relevant to the alleged breach.

Res.M09/039

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that an investigation be undertaken regarding the legal options available to Council to restrict unauthorised occupancy by Lennard Ditton at the Yowah free camping site in accordance with current local laws.

CARRIED

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2.30pm

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

Confirmation

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Cr J Sheppard
Mayor

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Mark Watt
Chief Executive officer