

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

19 June 2009

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:40am.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Councillors:

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

Officers:

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

APOLOGIES

Nil

MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Res.M09/071

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Land that a Motion of Sympathy be passed for Barry Sweeney, Janet Bismark, Tom Canning and Bill Larkin.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes 15 May 2009

Res.M09/072

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Ticehurst that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 15 May 2009 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council; and further resolved that in accordance with s.451 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council note an amendment of resolution (Res.M09/066) to the extent that no approval is provided for RADF Project – Linda Wharton Paroo Shire Youth Program, \$8,946.00.

CARRIED

Pre Budget Meeting Minutes 28 May 2009**Res.M09/073**

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Dunsdon at the Minutes of the Pre Budget Meeting Minutes held on Thursday 28 May 2009 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Pest and Stock Route Committee Meeting Minutes 22 May 2009**Res.M09/074**

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Meurant that the minutes of the Pest and Stock Route Advisory Committee Meeting held on Friday 22 May 2009 be received.

CARRIED

Museum/Art Gallery Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 12 May 2009**Res.M09/075**

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Ticehurst that the minutes of the Museum/Art Gallery Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2009 be received.

CARRIED

Workplace Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes 29 May 2009**Res.M09/076**

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the minutes of the Workplace Health & Safety Committee Meeting held on Friday 29 May 2009 be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE**LGAQ 113th Annual Conference - Brisbane**

File/Ref: 44/2; 138992

Description:

Registrations are now being taken for the Local Government Association of Queensland 113th Annual Conference in Brisbane on 24-27 August 2009 and Council is requested to nominate either delegates or observers.

Res.M09/077

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Meurant that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to attend the LGAQ 113th Annual Conference in Brisbane on 24-27 August 2009.

CARRIED

Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008

File/Ref: 5/1; 138826

Description:

Letter from the Coordinator General, Department of Infrastructure and Planning, advising of the commencement of new legislation for cats and dogs. Some provisions will commence on 1 July 2009 such as the regulated dog provisions, however, the remaining provisions will take affect from 10 December 2010.

Res.M09/078

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Meurant that the Council receive the information and public notification be made of new rules.

CARRIED

OFFICERS REPORTS**Chief Executive Officer**

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officers Report.

Workplace Health and Safety

The Chief Executive Officer reported that the Workplace Health and Safety Committee had approved Safe Plan 2 introduction to Council and other safety issues were discussed.

Res.M09/079

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that Council endorse the introduction of SafePlan2 and commit to meet legislative and policy requirements to provide a safe working environment.

CARRIED

Divided or Undivided Representation

Consideration of a request from The Hon Desley Boyle, Minister responsible for local government seeking Councils views regarding a possible change to the current method of representation, and whether the shire should be represented on a divided or undivided basis at the next election.

Res.M09/080

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Meurant that the Hon Desley Boyle, Minister be advised that Council supports a continuation of undivided representation for Paroo Shire.

CARRIED

CDEP Review

The Chief Executive Officer reported that there was a Federal review of the CDEP Program and Council was offered a new funding period for three years by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Res.M09/081

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that the Mayor be authorised to sign the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP) agreement for an initial twelve months to allow a continuation of service delivery of the amended program.

CARRIED

South West Local Government Association (SWLGA) Meeting

Consideration of South West Local Government Association (SWLGA) Meeting in St George on 24/25 May 2009 the South-West Regional Road Group meeting. Council has acknowledged its willingness to be involved in the NetRisk project and believes there is a need to re-consider the current LRRS nominated roads.

Res.M09/082

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Meurant that the Shire Engineer be directed to undertake a review of Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS) for further consideration by Council.

CARRIED

Attendance: Mark Watt left the room at 11.17am returning at 11.19am

Engineers Report

Consideration of the Engineers Report

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.05pm returning at 12.42pm.

Attendance: Neil Mitchell entered the room at 12.55pm.

Director Governance Report

Consideration of the Director Governance Report

Attendance: Neil Mitchell departed the meeting at 1.20pm.

Closed Meeting**Res.M09/083**

Moved Cr Land and seconded Cr Dunsdon that the meeting be closed at 1.20pm to discuss Native Title and a land contract in accordance s.463 (1) (e) (f) of the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED

Re-open Meeting**Res.M09/084**

Moved Cr Ticehurst and seconded Cr Dunsdon that the meeting be re-opened at 2.08pm.

CARRIED

Res.M09/085

Moved Cr Meurant and seconded Cr Dunsdon that the following are made to assist in progressing the native title claims process:

- (1) *Council approves the non-legally binding Memorandum of understanding tabled at Council's meeting on 19 June 2009 for the purposes of any native title claim mediations that the Council enters into.*

- (2) *The Mayor is authorised to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on Council's behalf as it relates to the mediation of the Mardigan native title claim and the Budjiti native title claim.*
- (3) *The Mayor and the CEO be endorsed as Council's representatives on the local government negotiating team to be formed under the Memorandum of Understanding.*

CARRIED

PSC2009/008 Sale of House – 11 Bedford Street

Consideration of tenders received for the purchase of a Auction of a Council house located at 11 Bedford Street Cunnamulla and described as L2/RP101002 Parish Cunnamulla. Tenders closed on Tuesday 9 June 2009.

Res.M09/086

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Meurant that in accordance with section 481 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council accept the tender from Herb Wharton for the purchase of a Council house located at 11 Bedford Street, Cunnamulla on land described as L2/RP101002 Parish Cunnamulla for the tendered price.

CARRIED

Cr Land recorded his vote against the motion.

Attendance: Cr David Land left the room at 2.11 pm returning at 2.14 pm.

Development Application

A Development Application – Reconfiguration of a lot has been received from Mr R & Ms H Welsh to reconfigure Lot 1 RP72055 situated at 116 Arthur Street, Cunnamulla into two allotments.

Res.M09/087

Moved Cr Karen Ticehurst seconded Cr Don Dunsdon that the Development Application – Reconfiguration of a Lot to reconfigure Lot 1 RP72055 be approved subject to the following conditions.

1. *The Subject site is to be developed in accordance with the approved plans of development submitted with the application except where amended by the following conditions.*
2. *Outstanding charges or expenses levied by the Council over the subject land are to be paid prior the Council sealing the plan of subdivision.*
3. *Prior to the submission of the plan of subdivision to Council, reinstate survey marks and install new survey marks in their correct position in accordance with the plan of subdivision, and the work is to be certified in writing by a licensed surveyor.*
4. *The relocation of any infrastructure or services required as a result of this approval including these conditions is to be carried out at no cost to the Council.*
5. *All services are to be contained within respective lots.*

6. *Property boundaries are to be located to ensure that the setbacks of existing buildings to property boundaries comply with the Standard Building Regulation. All proposed building work to be in accordance with the Building Code of Australia, Standard Building Regulation 1993 and the Queensland Development Code.*
7. *Any existing or proposed on-site sewerage disposal area must comply with separation distances detailed in the Plumbing and Waste Water Code 2002, AS3500 and AS1547 and Council Policy pertaining to water ways, bores, dams, property boundaries and easements.*
8. *That a reticulated electricity supply be made available to each of the allotments at the applicant's expense.*
9. *That a reticulated water supply is provided to each of the allotments to Council's satisfaction at the applicant's expense.*
10. *That sewerage be connected to each allotment at the applicants expense.*
11. *Industrial crossovers to be constructed to each of the allotments to Council's satisfaction at the applicant's expense.*

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS & LATE ITEMS

Australian Council of Local Government - Canberra

Res.M09/088

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Land that Mayor be authorised to attend the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) meeting in Canberra on 24-25th June 2009 and that the visit incorporate meetings with a Senior Advisor to the Minister for Agriculture to discuss organic production in the shire.

CARRIED

Yowah Rural Transaction Centre (RTC)

The Mayor advised of her recent attendance at the Yowah Rural Transactions Centre (RTC) and reported that given Council subsidies the centre, she would like a Council representative on the Board. In the past, Tom Fagan was on the Board, but not as a Council representative.

Res.M09/089

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that Council write to Yowah Rural Transaction Centre (RTC) to seek an amendment to their constitution to include a Council representative and to advise Council when and where they propose to hold future annual general meetings.

CARRIED

PETITIONS

Nil

TENDERS

Nil

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

QUESTIONS

Nil

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.26pm returning at 2:45pm.

Attendance: Margie Brown entered the meeting at 2:45pm.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM REPORT**Historical Society 'A Collection of Papers' Vol I, II and III**

Council may be aware that these volumes have been sold through the Library and, in more recent times, the Visitor Centre for \$5 a copy. A recent review of stock has revealed that actual costs, based on the advertised photocopying rate are between \$60 and \$100 for each volume. However, the real cost per A4 copy + cone binding (not including staff time) is around \$20 each.

Res.M09/090

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that:

- 1. As an interim measure Council endorses an increase in the retail cost of the Historical Society 'A Collection of Papers' Vol I, II and III from \$5 each to \$20 each +GST; and*
- 2. In consultation with the Knowledge Group, an investigation be conducted of funding opportunities to re-edit and re-publish these Volumes with photographs on behalf of Council.*

CARRIED

Attendance: Cr Meurant departed the meeting at 3.17pm.

OQTA Board Resignation – Cr Meurant**Res.M09/091**

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Ticehurst that Council write to the Chair of the SW Tourism Promotions Group requesting a proper process in appointing a new representative to the OQTA Board with demonstrated tourism knowledge and experience.

CARRIED

Council 'Free Camping' Policy**Res.M09/092**

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that Council requests a review of 'free camping' in the Paroo Shire and development of a position paper for further consideration by Council.

CARRIED

Res.M09/093

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that Council write to Cr Carmel Meurant thanking her for all services to Council on the Outback Queensland Tourism Authority (OQTA).

CARRIED

Res.M09/094

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Ticehurst that Council write to staff associated with the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) to express Council's appreciation for managing the centre during the period without a permanent Tourism Manager.

CARRIED

Attendance: Cr Ticehurst departed the meeting at 3.30pm

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 3:45pm.

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

Confirmation

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Cr J Sheppard
Mayor

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Mark Watt
Chief Executive Officer