

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

15 September 2009

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.25am.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Councillors:

Mayor

Cr Joanna Sheppard

Deputy Mayor

Cr Karen Ticehurst

Cr Don Dunsdon

Cr David Land

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer

Mark Watt

Minutes Secretary

Kelly Cordwell

APOLOGIES

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

CARRIED

MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Res.M09/153

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that a Motion of Sympathy be passed for Ronald Bennett, Walter Turnbull and Donna O'Connell.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Budget Meeting Minutes 18 August 2009

Res.M09/154

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that the Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 18 August 2009 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.

CARRIED

General Meeting Minutes 18 August 2009**Res.M09/155**

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 18 August 2009 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE**Application for Renewal of SL15/44582 – Philip A & Karma L Leeds**

File/Ref: 2009/006719

Description:

Letter from the Department of Environment and Resource Management seeking Council's views or requirements on an application by Philip and Karma Leeds to renew Special Lease 15/44582 on land located at Wyandra and described as L22/PR74 Parish Claverton.

Res.M09/156

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Ticehurst that the Department of Environment and Resource Management be advised Council has no objection to an application by Philip and Karma Leeds to renew Special Lease 15/44582 on land located at Wyandra and described as L22/PR74 Parish Claverton.

CARRIED

South West Regional Plan Launch

File/Ref: 22/1:139628

Description:

Letter from Brendan Nelson, Executive Director, Southern Region Division, Department of Infrastructure and Planning, providing the Consultation Report – Draft South West Regional Plan.

The Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning released the South West Regional Plan in accordance with Part 5A of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* in Charleville on Thursday 13 August 2009, with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer in attendance.

RECEIVED

Balonne Highway – Centre White Line

File/Ref: 46/1:139758

Description:

Correspondence from Peter Evans, Regional Director, South West Region, Department of Main Roads informing Council of the MUTCD requirements in response to a request for a centre white line on the Balonne Highway between Cunnamulla and Bollon.

RECEIVED

Yowah Community Rural Transaction Centre – Council Delegate

File/Ref: 9/21:139762

Description:

Correspondence from Blair Menzies, Secretary of the YCRTC informing Council of a decision made at the executive meeting of 23 August 2009 in response to a request by Council, that an elected member be elected to the YCRTC executive.

Res.M09/157

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that the Yowah Community Rural Transaction Centre be advised of Council's disappointment of their decision not to allocate a Council position on the Board and they be requested to clarify the use of Council's annual donation of \$5,000 which is paid in addition to library rent.

CARRIED

OFFICERS REPORTS**Chief Executive Officer**

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officers Report.

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.38am returning at 11.27am. The Director Governance was in attendance.

Director Governance Report

Consideration of the Director Governance Report.

Council Housing Rent Adjustment

Consideration was given to a market rent increase on Council owned and operated residential properties. Such increases reflect the current market value of rent along with the cost of owning and maintaining residential properties.

Res.M09/158

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that In accordance with s36(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council increase rent on residential properties as follows:

<i>Property</i>	<i>New Rent per week</i>	<i>Date applicable</i>
<i>Pensioner Village 1</i>	<i>\$60</i>	<i>1 October 2009</i>
<i>Pensioner Village 2</i>	<i>\$80</i>	<i>1 October 2009</i>
<i>Community Houses</i>	<i>\$120</i>	<i>1 October 2009</i>
<i>Council Houses (staff)</i>	<i>\$80</i>	<i>1 October 2009</i>
<i>Council Houses (non-staff)</i>	<i>\$120</i>	<i>1 October 2009</i>

CARRIED

Annual Financial Statements – Period ended 30 June 2009

Consideration of the 'draft' annual Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2009. Under the provisions of the *Local Government Finance Standard 2005*, they are required to be provided to the Auditor before 15 September each year.

Res.M09/159

Moved Cr Land and seconded Cr Dunsdon that the 'draft' Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009, as presented, be adopted in accordance with s.48 of the Local Government Finance Standard 2005.

CARRIED

Attendance: The Director Governance departed the meeting at 11.55am. The Economic Development & Tourism Manager entered the meeting at 11.55am.

Economic Development & Tourism Manager's Report

Consideration of the Economic Development & Tourism Manager's Report.

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.27pm returning at 1.08pm with the Shire Engineer in attendance.

Review of Caravan Parks & Camping in the Paroo Shire

Consideration was given to the need to review Council's current camping policy in light of the increasing numbers of caravan and camping visitors. It was discussed that there may be a need to develop a set of agreed 'principles' for camping that could form the basis of a policy aimed at building a business strategy for Councils 'best use' of existing facilities such as the caravan park, reserves and showgrounds.

Suggested outcomes from a report would consist of the following components:

1. Policy and Best Practice Review
2. Develop and distribute survey (print and/or online)
3. Two facilitated workshops – one in Yowah and one in Cunnamulla (inviting Wyandra and Eulo participation)
4. Draft and Final Recommendations

Following extensive industry research, it has been established that EC3 Global could undertake the review based on their extensive experience.

Res.M09/160

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that EC3 Global be appointed to conduct a review of Caravan Parks and Camping in the Paroo Shire at a cost of \$12,000 (no GST) with such funds being sourced from the Economic Development Budget.

CARRIED

Attendance: Economic Development & Tourism Manager departed the meeting at 1.40pm.

Shire Engineers Report

Consideration of the Shire Engineers Report

Attendance: The Shire Engineer departed the meeting 2.03pm.

PETITIONS

Nil

TENDERS

Tender PCS2009-10-01 Sale of Domestic Building

Consideration of tenders recently received for the sale of a domestic building on land located at 16 Coongoola Road, and described as L1/C5054 Parish Coongoola.

Res.M09/161

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that endorsement be granted for the acceptance of a tender for Bill Lee, Peak Hill, NSW to remove a domestic building on land located at 16 Coongoola Road, and described as L1/C5054 Parish Coongoola, at a cost of \$5,000 (No GST).

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS & LATE ITEMS

Angel Flight – Outback Trailblazer

Consideration of Council's previous decision to support a team for the Angel Flight 2009 Trailblazer Challenge and a need to determine participants and use of an appropriate vehicle.

Res.M09/162

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded by Cr Land:

- 1. That authorisation be given for the use of the Mayor's vehicle to participate in the 2009 Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer Challenge between 18-24th October 2009; and*
- 2. The General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 20th October 2009 be rescheduled for Thursday 29th October 2009.*

CARRIED

Financial Management & Sustainability Workshop

Consideration of advice from the Hon Desley Boyle MP, Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships inviting the Mayor and a Councillor to attend a workshop pertaining to asset management, community engagement and powers and obligations of councillors under the *Local Government Act 2009*. The workshop is being held at Redland City Council, Cleveland on Tuesday 29 September 2009.

Res.M09/163

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the Mayor be authorised to attend the Financial Management and Sustainability Workshop in Cleveland on Tuesday 29 September 2009.

CARRIED

Information Session

Consideration was given to a scheduled Information Session in the near future. Items that may be discussed include the housing maintenance program, Caravan Park Lease and review of camping and accommodation policy for Shire and Safety, including establishing recruitment and uniform policies.

Res.M09/164

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that an Information Session be held on Thursday 15th October 2009.

CARRIED

Stock Route Management Regulation 2009 – Regulatory Impact Statement

Consideration of the release of the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) outlining the likely impacts from proposed regulatory changes to stock route management, particularly a revised fee structure. In addition to the proposed fee structure, the Government has approved reforms aimed at improving the management and use of Queensland's stock route network. The reforms were developed following the review of stock route network management and will be incorporated in drafting new stock route legislation - the Stock Route Network Management Bill.

Res.M09/165

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that the Mayor be authorised to attend the Stock Route Management Session in Charleville in early October [date to be confirmed].

CARRIED

SunWater Community Reference Group

Consideration was given to the issue of ongoing management and operation of the AD Tannock Weir and following a recent teleconference between various stakeholders and the Mayor and Mark Bartlem, Senior Project Officer – Water Services, Department of Environment and Resource Management an option was to establish a community reference group.

Res.M09/166

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the Chief Executive Officer be directed to investigate the establishment of a community advisory committee to advise SunWater and the Department of Environment and Resource Management on management of the AD Tannock Weir.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting**Res.M09/167**

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Ticehurst that the meeting be closed at 2.50pm in accordance with Section 463(1)(b) to discuss enterprise bargaining.

CARRIED

Attendance: The Minute Secretary departed the meeting at 2.50pm.

Meeting Re-opened

Res.M09/168

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that the meeting be re-opened at 3.25pm.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS

Nil

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 3.25pm.

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

Confirmation

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Cr J Sheppard
Mayor

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Mark Watt
Chief Executive Officer