

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

29 October 2009

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.20am.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Councillors:

Mayor

Cr Joanna Sheppard

Deputy Mayor

Cr Karen Ticehurst

Cr Don Dunsdon

Cr Carmel Meurant

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer

Mark Watt

Minutes Secretary

Rita McIntyre

APOLOGIES

Res.M09/169

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

CARRIED

MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Res.M09/170

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that a Motion of Sympathy be passed for Karen Guttie, Julie Jacka and Noel Vievers.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes 15 September 2009

Res.M09/171

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Meurant that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2009 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.

CARRIED

RADF Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 18 September 2009**Res.M09/172**

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Dunsdon that the Minutes of the RADF Community Advisory Committee Meeting held on Friday 18 September 2009 be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE**Alice Street Park – Reserve for Recreation Purposes**

File/Ref: 39/6:139998

Description:

Letter from the Department of Environment and Resource Management advising of their in-principle approval to sell Alice Street Park, located at Alice Street Cunnamulla and described as L501/C1462, Parish Cunnamulla [Reserve for Recreation Purposes]. The purchase would be conditional upon the requirement of Council to address native title in accordance with various outlined options.

Res.M09/173

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that the Department of Environment and Resource Management be advised that

- 1. Council accepts the offer to purchase a reserve located in Alice Street Cunnamulla and described as L/501/C1462, Parish Cunnamulla; and*
- 2. Conditional upon the purchase, Council wishes to negotiate a successful Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) and have it registered in the Native Title Tribunal within two (2) years from the date of their correspondence.*

CARRIED

Attendance: Cr Sheppard, Cr Meurant & Rita McIntyre left the meeting at 9.47am, 9.52am and 9.59am returning at 10.01am, 9.54am and 10.00am respectively.

Sustainable South West Regional Transport Plan Support

File/Ref: 9/19: 139965

Description:

Correspondence from David Stewart Director General Department of Transport and Main Roads, advising Council of his Departments support in the development of a Sustainable South West Regional Transport Plan by providing a cash contribution of \$150,000 and support in kind.

Res.M09/174

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Dunsdon that

- 1. David Stewart, Director-General be notified of Council's appreciation in providing funding for the transport study.*

2. *The project be co-ordinated through SWRED and referred to them accordingly.*

CARRIED

OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officers Report.

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.15am returning at 10.50am.

Attendance: Ray Hicks, Eva Montgomery and Gary Cook of Brandon & Associates entered the room at 10.50am and presented the Roads Revaluation Project conducted recently and left at 11.35am.

Christmas Closedown

Consideration was given to the following closedown dates during the Christmas period 2009.

	Works Staff	Office
Start	Friday, 18 December 2009	Thursday, 24 December 2009
Finish:	Monday, 11 January 2010	Monday, 4 January 2010

Res.M09/175

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon

1. *That appropriate public advertising be placed in the local newspaper advising of the Christmas Closedown period; and*
2. *The staff Christmas party be held at the Bowls Club on Friday 18 December 2009.*

CARRIED

Training – Local Government Act 2009

Consideration of advice, regarding training in Community Engagement under the requirements of the new *Local Government Act 2009*. Section 4 of the new Act requires anyone who is performing a responsibility under the Act to do so in accordance with new local government principles. One of the principles includes democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful engagement.

Res.M09/176

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Meurant and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to attend a Community Engagement Workshop in Thargomindah on Monday 23 November 2009.

CARRIED

AD Tannock Weir - Community Reference Group (CRG)

Consideration was given to the establishment of a community reference group to advise SunWater and the Department of Environment and Resource Management on operations at the AD Tannock Weir. Following an investigation it would appear most appropriate to establish a group of interested persons which may be referred to as a

Community Reference Group (CRG). Such group is not connected to Council, nor is the group appointed by Council as would be the case if it were an Advisory Committee appointed under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Res.M09/177

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Dunsdon

1. *That Council establish a Community Reference Group to exist as a point of reference for the Department of Environment and Resource Management regarding how the rules of the Resource Operations Plan – January 2006 rules may be applied and other ongoing management issues;*
2. *Council write to the Department of Environment and Resource Management of its intention to establish a Community Reference Group;*
3. *It be recommended the Community Reference Group consist of the following positions:*
 - a. *Department of Resource Management representative;*
 - b. *SunWater representative;*
 - c. *Council representative;*
 - d. *Irrigator representative;*
 - e. *Downstream representative;*
 - f. *Community representative.*
4. *Subject to endorsement of the Community Reference Group, a notice be placed in the local newspaper, inviting for membership of the group.*

CARRIED

Shire Engineer

Consideration of the Shire Engineer's Report.

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.55am returning at 12.27 pm.

Attendance: Neil Mitchell entered the room at 12.27pm.

Director Governance Report

Consideration of the Director Governance Report.

First Quarterly Review – Period Ended 30 Sept 2009

Under the provisions of s.512 of the *Local Government Act 1993* an evaluation of activities and an assessment is to be made of progress towards implementing the Corporate and Operational Plans.

Res.M09/178

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that in accordance with s.512 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council note its requirement to conduct a quarterly review and adopt a satisfactory evaluation of the financial statement, as presented, for the period ended 30 September 2009.

CARRIED

Impact of Commonwealth Government Guarantee on QTC borrowings

Consideration of the Commonwealth Government provision of a time limited, voluntary guarantee over Australian state and territory government borrowings. On 16 June 2009, as part of the 2009–10 budget speech, the Queensland State

Government announced that it will take up the offer of the Guarantee on all existing Australian Dollar denominated bond lines with a maturity date of between 12 months and 15 years, and on select new AUD denominated benchmark bond lines to be issued in the future.

Res.M09/179

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Ticehurst that Council takes up QTC's option of repayments of existing debt being left as is for the budget year and QTC will notify Council in March, 2010 of the value of increased debt service charges in order for the debts to be extinguished by the original due dates.

CARRIED

Attendance: Neil Mitchell left the room at 1.20pm

TENDERS

Tender PSC2009-10-03 – Sale of Vacant Land

Tenders closed on Friday 2 October 2009 for the sale of vacant land in Cunnamulla. Nine individual allotments were offered for sale with tenders being received for all allotments.

Res.M09/180

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Ticehurst that in accordance with s.491 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council accept the tenders for the sale of the following land:

Assessment	RPD	Address	Name	Amount
00066-00000	L9/RP80853	62 Little Bedford St	Shane Saunders	\$100
00066-00000	L10/RP80853	64 Little Bedford St	Shane Saunders	\$100
00088-00000	L1 /RP101002	9 Bedford Street	Joanne Garton	\$1200
00137-00000	L2/RP82483	57 Jane Street	Tina Holland	\$500
00167-00000	L26/C14621	100 Jane Street	Rosecove P/L	\$1800
00241-00000	L3/RP82483	8 John Street	Tina Holland	\$1000
00436-00000	L7/RP905320	56 Watson Street	John Sanford	\$800
00489-00000	L1/RP98456	9 Mabel Street	Rosecove P/L	\$1200
00221-00000	L132/C1465	Garden Street	Rosecove P/L	\$6600

CARRIED

Attendance: Liz Land coordinator of the Cunnamulla Fella Festival and PBR Bullride entered the room at 1.32pm to report on the progress of the Festival, leaving at 2.07pm

OFFICERS REPORTS (Continued)

RADF Liaison Officers Report

Consideration of the RADF Liaison Officers Report.

Applications for Assistance – Supplementary Round

The RADF Community Advisory Committee met on Friday 18 September 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.M09/181

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that the RADF projects as listed below be approved for funding.

<i>Applicant Name</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Amount (No Gst)</i>
<i>Cunnamulla and district Show Society</i>	<i>To be used to bring Audrey Hoffmann to Cunnamulla to teach creative bookmaking workshop.</i>	<i>\$1,105.00</i>
<i>Cunnamulla and district Show Society</i>	<i>To be used to bring Audrey Hoffmann to Cunnamulla to teach how to operate (hang or present) an art exhibition.</i>	<i>\$455.00</i>
<i>Cunnamulla and district Show Society</i>	<i>To be used to employ pastel artist Maxine Thompson to hold a pastel workshop.</i>	<i>\$1,592.00</i>
<i>Cunnamulla Ballet</i>	<i>To be used to hold a number of lessons's in ballet to build skills in preparation for an end of year concert.</i>	<i>\$1,273.00</i>
<i>Yowah Craft Group.</i>	<i>To be used to send two craft members away to attend McGregor Summer School USQ</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Yowah Craft Group</i>	<i>To be used for a wrought iron furniture workshop.</i>	<i>\$1,118.00</i>
<i>Yapunya Craft Group</i>	<i>To be used to employ a professional artist to teach patchwork.</i>	<i>\$2,675.00</i>
<i>Yowah Craft Group</i>	<i>To be used to employ a professional artist to teach the techniques of pastel landscape painting.</i>	<i>\$664.00</i>
<i>Yowah Craft Group</i>	<i>To be used to employ a professional artist to teach the techniques of silver smithing</i>	<i>\$1,589.00</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$12,471.00</i>

CARRIED

Economic Development & Tourism Manager's Report

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

Proposed Changes to OQTA Constitution and Implications for the South West Tourism Sub-Region.

Consideration of a Special General Meeting of OQTA members to be held in Winton on 7 November 2009, to deliberate proposed changes to the OQTA Constitution, followed by an Annual General Meeting in December 2009.

There have been major organisational changes over the past 12 months. The Board has completely restructured the organisation, relocated the head office from Brisbane to Longreach and entered into a significant new 'partnership' agreement with Tourism Queensland. OQTA staff is now also positioned in Charleville, Barcaldine and Cloncurry.

Res.M09/182

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Ticehurst that

- 1. Paroo Shire Council should write to the South West Tourism Promotions Group Chair, requesting formal advice of the intention of the Barcoo, Boulia and Diamantina Councils to establish a new Sub-Region. Given that Paroo, Murweh, Bulloo and Quilpie Councils may support this proposition, further details should be sought relating to the distribution of joint South West tourism funds.*
- 2. Paroo Shire Council should enquire from the OQTA Board how funds will be obtained and distributed to a fourth sub-region and how this will impact on the existing three sub-regions in Outback Queensland; and how has the OQTA Board and staff established a business case to support this request.*
- 3. These matter should be discussed with Councils in the South West as a matter of urgency and prior to the Special Meeting on 7 November 2009, so that we can support an agreed South West position.*

CARRIED

PETITIONS

Nil

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS & LATE ITEMS

Nil

QUESTIONS

Cr Dunsdon enquired about upgrading the fuel system at the airport and clean up of the hangars. It was suggested that if funds were available from the airport runway re-construction, these could be used to upgrade other airport facilities. Shire Engineer to provide a preliminary report.

Cr Meurant enquired about the dates of the next General Council Meeting in November and highlighted a possible need to change the date.

Change to General Meeting - November 2009

Res.M09/183

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that the November 2009 General Meeting be changed from Tuesday 17th November 2009 to Friday 27 November 2009 commencing at 9.00am and that such change be advertised in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 2.20pm.

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

Confirmation

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Cr J Sheppard
Mayor

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Mark Watt
Chief Executive Officer