

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

23 January 2009

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10.30am.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Councillors:

Mayor
Deputy Mayor

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

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer
Director Governance
Minutes Secretary

Mark Watt
Neil Mitchell
Rita McIntyre

APOLOGIES

Nil

Attendance: Father Rod McGinley entered the room at 10.30am to say a small prayer for the first meeting of 2009 leaving at 10.40am.

MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Res.M08/197

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Meurant that a Motion of Sympathy be passed for John Cuffe and Nancy Bird Walton.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
General Meeting Minutes 19 December 2008

Res.M08/198

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Ticehurst that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 19 December 2008 are taken as a true and correct record of that meeting of Council.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Annual Resolution - Remuneration for Councillors

File/Ref: 26/1/1; 137676

Description:

Letter from the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal enclosing its annual report and advising that in accordance with section 236A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required, by resolution, to authorise payment of remuneration to Councillors. A resolution must be made within 2 months after a schedule is published in the Gazette and applies after 1 January of that year.

Res.M08/199

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that in accordance with section 236A of the Local Government Act 1993, Council authorise the following remuneration for Councillors effective 1 January 2009:

Category	Remuneration range determined (p.a) (% of rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly)		Remuneration range (p.a) (in \$'s rounded to nearest \$10)
Category 1	Mayor	35-45%	\$44,300 to \$56,950
	Deputy Mayor	15-20%	\$18,980 to \$25,310
	Councillors	10-15%	\$12,660 to \$18,980

Rates for Paroo Shire Council have been determined as follows:

Description	Determination	Calculation
Mayor	95% of the upper limit of the Mayor remuneration range for a Category 1 Council.	95% of \$56,950
Deputy Mayor	90% of the upper limit of the Deputy Mayor remuneration range for a Category 1 Council.	90% of \$25,310

Description	Determination	Calculation
Councillor	90% of the upper limit of the Councillor remuneration range for a Category 1 Council.	90% of \$18,980

The remuneration is to be paid in twelve equal installments at the end of each calendar month.

CARRIED

Eulo Development Association – Asset Ownership

File/Ref: 22/1; 137579

Description:

Letter from Helen Rosenow, President of the Eulo Development Association, requesting that Council take ownership of certain assets belonging to the Association and located on Council land. The assets in question are the Lizard Lounge (\$30,885.55), Play Equipment (\$10,375.00), and Cold Room (\$4,840.00). These assets were constructed by the Association and given the ongoing costs of maintenance; they are seeking Council's ownership thereof.

Res.M08/200

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Land that Helen Rosenow, Eulo Development Association be advised that Council is willing to take ownership of the Play Equipment and Cold Room, located on hall grounds and the Lizard Lounge, being at no cost and free of current maintenance requirements.

CARRIED

OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officers Report.

Review of Policy – Grants to Community Organisations

Consideration of a draft policy that reflects Council's desire to move back to a Fixed List grants system rather than an assessment based process. Such a change will enable a more consistent approach, better budget planning and better outcomes for the community.

Res.M08/201

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that the policy Grants to Community Organisations be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

Attendance: Mark Watt, Neil Mitchell and Cr Land left the meeting at 11.15am, 11.15am and 11.18am returning at 11.18am, 11.17am and 11.19am respectively.

Structural Inspection of Civic Centre

Council is in receipt of a report from Rod Davies, Senior Civil/Structural Engineer GHD regarding a structural inspection of the Civic Centre conducted in June 2008. Following major cracking and risks associated thereof, along with the general condition of the building GHD were engaged to report on possible options to rectify the building.

Res.M08/202

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Meurant that Rod Davies, GHD, be engaged to make a further visit to Cunnamulla to present the report and to discuss options included in the report.

CARRIED

Demaining Proposal – Bollon-Charleville & Eulo-Hungerford Roads

Consideration of an informal offer from Peter Evans, Regional Director, Department of Main Roads concerning a demaining proposal for the Bollon-Charleville and Eulo-Hungerford Roads.

Res.M08/203

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that Peter Evans, Regional Director, Department of Main Roads, be advised that after due consideration, Council does not wish to proceed with a demaining proposal for the Bollon-Charleville and Eulo-Hungerford Roads

CARRIED

LGAQ Infrastructure Symposium

Notification from the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) that the annual Infrastructure Symposium 2009 is scheduled for 21-24 April 2009 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Symposium will explore various challenges relating to infrastructure.

Res.M08/204

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to attend the LGAQ Infrastructure Symposium in Brisbane on 21-24 April 2009.

CARRIED

Attendance: Mark Watt left the meeting at 11.45am returning at 11.46am.

Director of Governance Report

Consideration of a report by the Director Governance.

Half Yearly Review of Budget**Res.M08/205**

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Dunsdon that in accordance with Section s.512 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt the half yearly financial review, period ended 31 December 2008 including a satisfactory evaluation of the Corporate and Operational plans for the same period

CARRIED

Attendance: Cr Meurant and Cr Land left the meeting at 12.00 noon and 12.01pm returning at 12.01pm and 12.02pm respectively.

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm returning at 1.21pm.

Review of Cunnamulla Visitor Information Centre – Presentation of Report

Attendance: Margie Brown and Ian Armstrong entered the meeting at 1.21pm to present the Visitor Information Centre report and left the meeting at 2.52pm.

Res.M08/206

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Meurant that the Cunnamulla Visitor Information Centre Report be received.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.55pm returning at 3.03pm.

Shire Engineers Report

Consideration of the Shire Engineers report

PETITIONS

Nil

TENDERS

Nil

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

QUESTIONS

Cr Meurant

Cr Meurant enquired if Council has submitted information to the OQTA Travellers Guide. Cr Meurant also reported on the Qld Information Centre Association conference at Warwick, whether Council will be sending a delegate. Cr Meurant will circulate the details.

Cr Ticehurst

Cr Ticehurst enquired about Council submitting two projects for Cunnamulla through SWRED "Home of the Natural Sciences". A consultant will be in Charleville in February to receive the projects. If accepted, assistance will be given for branding and development only on any project.

GENERAL BUSINESS & LATE ITEMS

Replace Grader – CAT 12H Plant No 306

Res.M08/207

Moved Cr Dunsdon seconded Cr Land that in accordance with Section 483 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to enter into a contract for the purchase of a new Motor Grader, in accordance with approved budget allocations in the 2008/09 Budget (Plant Replacement Program)

CARRIED

Cunnamulla Biggest Loser Competition

Consideration of a request for a concession of hire and lighting costs for John Kerr Park over a 10 week period amounting to \$360.00 being the Cunnamulla Biggest Loser Competition.

Res.M08/208

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Dunsdon that the hire of John Kerr Park and lighting costs be offered at no charge for one month as a community fitness incentive.

CARRIED

Attendance: Cr Land left the meeting at 4.10pm returning at 4.11pm.

Truck Stop Rest Area

The Chief Executive Officer reported on recent discussions with Queensland Transport regarding possible funding of a Heavy vehicle rest area/truck stop

Res.M08/209

Moved Cr Ticehurst seconded Cr Land that

1. *John Glaister, Deputy Director General, Queensland Transport, be advised that Council has identified a preferred site for a proposed heavy vehicle rest area/truck stop being a site located in Emma Street, Cunnamulla, and described as L84/C14610 Parish Cunnamulla, County Wellington (Reserve for Town Purposes);and*
2. *The Chief Executive Officer be directed to investigate, through the Department of Natural Resources and Water, the requirements of securing the land as freehold tenure for the purpose identified.*

CARRIED

Change in February 2009 General Meeting

It was resolved that the February 2009 General Meeting be postponed to Friday 27 February 2009 and that such change be advertised in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4.30pm

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

Confirmation

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Cr J Sheppard
Mayor

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Mark Watt
Chief Executive officer