



Burdekin Shire Council

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD AT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
145 YOUNG STREET, AYR**

on 27 March 2018

COMMENCING AT 9:00AM



Burdekin Shire Council

TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2018

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ATTENDANCE

Councillors L.A. McLaughlin (Mayor), A.J. Goddard (Deputy Mayor), E.J. Bawden, J.T. Bonanno, U.E. Liessmann, S.P. Perry and J.F. Woods

Mr. T. Brennan - Chief Executive Officer
Mr. D. Mulcahy – Manager Governance and Local Laws
Mr. S. Great - Manager Planning and Development
Mrs. K. Olsen - Manager Financial and Administrative Services
Mr. W. Saldumbide - Manager Operations
Mr. K. Byers - Manager Technical Services
Mrs. E. Robinson – Manager Client Services

Minutes Clerk – Ms. K. Flanagan

1 PRAYER

The meeting prayer was delivered by Pastor Andrew Ballin of the Baptist Church.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor called for declarations of interest.

Councillor McLaughlin declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in relation to the Closed Meeting Item - Consideration of Report on Ayr Aerodrome Electrical Upgrade Project, due to one of the tenderers being a close family friend. Councillor McLaughlin advised of her intention to leave the room during discussion of this item.

3 MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - 13 March 2018

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 March 2018 be received and confirmed.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Goddard that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2 Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting Minutes - 26 February 2018

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting held on 26 February 2018 be received and adopted.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Perry, seconded Councillor Bonanno that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor Perry noted the incorrect spelling of MINUTES in the title of CLAUSE 2.

3.3 Burdekin Road Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 28 February 2018

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Burdekin Road Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on 28 February 2018 be received and adopted.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Liessmann, seconded Councillor Goddard that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor McLaughlin noted that the paragraph in Minutes Received, referring to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 December 2017, could be removed.

4 REPORTS

4.1 Capital Projects Report for Period Ending 28 February 2018

Councillor Woods expressed concern at the amount of outstanding Capital Projects to be completed given there are only four months remaining in the financial year but expenditure was at only 50%. He wondered if Council was adopting a Capital Works Program that was too ambitious. The Chief Executive Officer provided comments on the outstanding projects in each asset class and advised the Capital Program will be revised as part of the second Budget Review which will be completed shortly and presented to Council.

Recommendation

That the Capital Projects Report for Period Ending 28 February be received.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Bawden, seconded Councillor Perry that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

4.2 Operational Monthly Report for Period Ending 28 February 2018**Recommendation**

That the Operational Monthly Report for Period Ending 28 February 2018 be received.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Liessmann that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

5 GOVERNANCE & LOCAL LAWS**6 CLIENT SERVICES****7 FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES****8 OPERATIONS****9 TECHNICAL SERVICES****10 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Position of Deputy Mayor Made Vacant - 5 April 2018

Recommendation

That the position of Deputy Mayor currently occupied by Councillor Tony Goddard be declared vacant from midnight on 5 April 2018 in accordance with the resolution adopted at the Local Government meeting held on 28 March 2017 which limited the term of his appointment to this position to a 12 month period.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Liessmann that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

13.2 Appointment of Deputy Mayor - Councillor Bonanno - 5 April 2018

Recommendation

That Councillor John Bonanno be appointed Deputy Mayor for a period of 12 months commencing at midnight on 5 April 2018 and ending on 5 April 2019.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Goddard that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Easter Holiday Break - Bulk Bins for Boat Ramps

Resolution

Moved Councillor Bawden, seconded Councillor Perry that Council continues to provide a bulk bin service over the Easter and school holiday period for the Plantation, Ocean and Morris Creek boat ramps noting that unreasonable use or abuse of the service may result in its review.

CARRIED

15.2 Council Chambers Fountain

Councillor Liessmann expressed concern regarding the condition of the fountain located at the front of the Council Chambers, highlighting that it may require a refurbishment due to dirty, broken tiles. Councillor McLaughlin requested that a relevant officer report back to Council detailing the condition of the Chambers Fountain.

15.3 Drainage Issue - Ferguson Road

Councillor Liessmann requested an update on the drainage issue relating to 154 Ferguson Road noting that he has reported the issue through Customer Service. He queried why the owners received a letter from Council requesting they pay for pipes to upgrade the drain in front of their house. Councillor McLaughlin suggested the matter be discussed with the Manager Technical Services at a later time when the letter is available for review.

15.4 Queen's Baton Relay

Councillor Goddard reported that he had received mostly positive reviews regarding the Queen's Baton Relay held on Monday 20 March 2018, with only 2 negative comments from businesses regarding loss of revenue due to street closures. Councillor McLaughlin confirmed that businesses had received notification in February of the Queen's Baton Relay proceedings, noting that the final route was decided on by the Games Organising Committee.

15.5 Approved Leave of Absence - Councillor Perry

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Goddard that Council approves leave of absence for Councillor Perry from Thursday 5 April 2018 to Monday 16 April 2018.

CARRIED

10:35am – The Meeting broke for Morning Tea

10:59am – Meeting Resumed

11am – Mr. Shane Great – Manager Planning and Development entered the meeting.

15.6 LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Goddard that Council approves the attendance of the Mayor, Councillor Lyn McLaughlin, and the CEO, Mr. Terry Brennan, at the LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit to be held at the Gold Coast from 10 to 11 May 2018 and their expenses of attendance be met by Council.

CARRIED

16 CLOSED MEETING ITEMS

Council Meeting closed to Public under Section 275 of Local Government Regulation 2012

Resolution

Moved Councillor Liessmann, seconded Councillor Bonanno that the Council meeting be closed to the public under the following sections of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

- 275(1)(e) contracts proposed to be made by Council;
- 275(1)(h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

For the purpose of discussing:

1. Ageing in Place Pilot Project.
2. Auction Process for the Sale of Land for Rate Arrears.
3. Tenders Received for the Management of the Ayr Swimming Pool.
4. Ayr Aerodrome Electrical Upgrade Project.

CARRIED

During the Closed Meeting, Councillors McLaughlin and Bonanno declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting for Item 4 as they are both close family friends with one of the tenderers for the project. Councillor Goddard assumed the Chair during the absence of the Mayor.

Council Meeting opened to Public

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Bawden that the Council meeting be opened to the public.

CARRIED

16.1 Ayr Aerodrome Electrical Upgrade Project

Executive Summary

The upgrade of the electrical capacity at the Ayr Aerodrome has been proposed to encourage further use and development at the Aerodrome. Specifications have been developed and quotations called. This report provides a recommendation to progress the electrical upgrade.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Liessmann that Council approves:

1. The quotation received from Laser Electrical Ayr in the amount of \$180,000 (ex GST) for works associated with QBSC/18/009 – Ayr Aerodrome – Electrical upgrade – Stage 1 Works;

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2. Submission of a connection application to Ergon Energy to enable the works to proceed and acceptance of the connection offer when received;
 3. The continued engagement of Ashburner Francis under *Local Buy Contract BUS262-0317* on a fee for service basis to undertake the project administration component of the works; and
 4. To increase the budget allocation from \$225,000 to \$245,000.

CARRIED

Councillors McLaughlin and Bonanno returned to the meeting. Councillor McLaughlin resumed the Chair.

16.2 Ageing in Place Pilot Project

Executive Summary

The Burdekin Shire Council has been working closely with representatives from Economic Development Queensland (EDQ), which is a specialist unit within the State Government, to pursue an Ageing in Place pilot project in Ayr.

EDQ has undertaken presentations to Council in relation to the project and had a number of discussions with Council Officers concerning the proposal. It is considered the proposed project will be beneficial to the Burdekin district by meeting an existing gap in the current housing market for seniors, enabling them to stay in the community and close to the support network of family and friends.

The Council considered an original proposal by EDQ for the pilot project on Council owned land located on the corner of Mackenzie and Gordon Streets, Ayr. This involved the reconfiguration of the land to enable the construction of three homes on three small lots and the creation of a vacant parcel to also be sold. The business case for this proposal was not supported by the EDQ board.

A revised proposal was subsequently developed by EDQ for the construction of two homes on small parcels of land and the creation of a larger balance lot to be retained by Council from the reconfiguration of the land. This proposal was workshopped with Council and supported subject to the lots sizes of the two small lots being increased slightly to 500 m² each. EDQ has indicated its support for this change.

It is believed that the opportunity to host a successful pilot project for the provision of housing of this nature may act as a catalyst for private investment in similar housing developments in the Shire in the future.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Liessmann that, with respect to the Ageing in Place Pilot Project proposed to be undertaken by Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) in Ayr on land located at 67-69 Mackenzie Street, Ayr, Council approves the following contribution to the revised project proposal:-

- In accordance with Section 236 (1)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council agrees to sell proposed lots 1 and 2 to Economic Development Qld (EDQ) without going to auction or tender for the agreed valuation of \$70,000 and retain proposed lot 3 for future sale or development, subject to the lot sizes for proposed lots 1 and 2 being increased to 500 m2 each;
- Council agrees to waive council related infrastructure charges, development fees and infrastructure extension/connection costs capped at \$40,000;

and the CEO be authorised to enter into a Development Management Agreement with EDQ to reflect these terms.

FOR – Councillors Woods, Goddard, Liessmann, Perry, Bawden and McLaughlin

AGAINST – Councillor Bonanno

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CARRIED

17 DELEGATIONS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:35am.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 April 2018.

MAYOR

