



Burdekin Shire Council

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

on 23 April 2019

COMMENCING AT 9:00AM



Burdekin Shire Council

TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2019

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ATTENDANCE

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

Mr. T. Brennan - Chief Executive Officer

Mr. N. O'Connor – Director Corporate and Community Services

Mr. N. Wellwood – Director of Infrastructure, Planning and Environmental Services

Mr. W. Saldumbide - Manager Operations (Part)

Mr. S. Johnston – Manager Water and Waste Water (Part)

Mr. D. Mulcahy – Manager Environmental and Health Services (Part)

Minutes Clerk – Miss. N. Loizou

1 PRAYER

The meeting prayer was delivered by Pastor Peter Holmes of the Australian Christian Church.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor called for declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest were identified.

3 MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - 9 April 2019

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 April 2019 be received and confirmed.

Resolution

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

CARRIED

3.2.1 RADF Advisory Group Meeting Minutes - Upgrade of Cane Harvester - near Home Hill Diorama (Clause 5)

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Liessmann that Council not proceed the project outlined in Clause 5 - Upgrade of Cane Harvester – near Home Hill Diorama until further investigation and consultation has been undertaken.

CARRIED

3.2 RADF Advisory Group Meeting Minutes - 9 April 2019

Recommendation

That the minutes of the RADF Advisory Group Meeting held on 9 April 2019 be received and adopted.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Liessmann, seconded Councillor Perry that the recommendation be adopted, noting Clause 5 – Upgrade of Cane Harvester – near Home Hill Diorama had been considered separately.

Voting on Motion

FOR - Councillors Bonanno, Perry, Liessmann, Woods, Goddard and Bawden

AGAINST – Councillor McLaughlin

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CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 Visitor Information Facility - Plantation Park - Tender for Building Elements of Project

Executive Summary

One of Council's approved projects under the 2017-2019 Works for Qld program (W4Q2) is the construction of a new Visitor Information Centre (VIC) in Plantation Park. The project involves a number of different elements including the construction of a new car parking area, new toilet block which also services the Nature Based Playspace project, new retaining wall and trailer parking bay, and a large covered deck area adjacent to the trailer parking bay.

Tenders for the building elements of the project were invited during February and closed during March with only one tender being received from a local builder for a price substantially above the project budget. Due to the poor tender response enquiries were made with other builders in the region and this resulted in a tender being submitted by Proview Homes for an amount well below the other tender received.

Due to the tight time frames for the construction of the building elements of the project and the need to secure the builder, verbal acceptance of the tender has been provided and confirmation of this action is requested.

Recommendation

That Council confirm the action taken by the CEO to verbally accept the tender of Proview Homes for Contract TBSC/19/004 involving the construction of a new toilet block, retaining wall, shade structure and concrete slab associated with the Visitor Information Centre project in Plantation Park, for the sum of \$343,486 (excluding GST) and be authorised to finalise written execution of the contract.

Resolution

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

CARRIED

5 GOVERNANCE

5.1 Funding Application - Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund

Executive Summary

Council's endorsement is sought to the submission of a funding application to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund for the provision of one fixed and two mobile generators, with a financial commitment of \$101,500 (25%) of the total project cost of \$406,000, noting that the generators will improve resilience in water and sewerage operations.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the submission of a funding application to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund for provision of one fixed and two mobile generators for use in water and sewerage operations with a financial commitment of \$101,500 (25%) if the project is successful in receiving funding.

Resolution

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

CARRIED

9.44am – Councillor Bawden left the meeting

5.2 Revised Councillors Remuneration Policy

Executive Summary

Council's current Councillor Remuneration Policy was adopted in February 2018 and has a 12 monthly review schedule. As such the policy has been reviewed and the eligibility criteria for meeting attendance fees to apply has been updated for clarity.

Councillor Remuneration is set by the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal which is established under chapter 6, part 3 of the *Local Government Act 2009*. The Tribunal must decide annually, the maximum remuneration payable to Councillors, Mayors or Deputy Mayors in each category of Local Government. Although the Tribunal sets the amount of councillor remuneration, the Tribunal has indicated that each Category 1 Council is responsible for determining how and when it will pay meeting fees to its Councillors.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the revised Councillor Remuneration Policy as attached to the report.

Resolution

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

CARRIED

6 ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

7 CLIENT SERVICES

8 FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

9.46am – Councillor Bawden returned to the meeting

8.1 Monthly Financial Report for Period Ending 31 March 2019

Recommendation

That the Monthly Financial Report for Period Ending 31 March 2019 be received.

Resolution

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

CARRIED

9 OPERATIONS

10 TECHNICAL SERVICES

11 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13.1 Regional Skills Investment Strategy - Project Coordinator

Executive Summary

The Regional Skills Investment Strategy is a State Government investment of \$9 million over four years that will support the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) to partner with selected regional communities to identify current and emerging jobs and ensure a supply of skilled local people to meet this demand.

With many of Queensland's regions facing unprecedented change to their local economies and labour markets, the need to realign skills development pathways to local jobs, and support local employers to employ skilled locals, is vital to the economic success of these communities.

DESBT has offered Burdekin Shire Council funding of \$350,000 (exc GST) over 2 years to engage a project officer to coordinate engagement with the community and local industry, and to develop solutions to training and skills priorities in partnership with DESBT to deliver the Regional Skills Investment Strategy program in the Burdekin.

Recommendation

That Council approves entering into an agreement with the Queensland Government – Department of Employment, Small Business and Training to enable Burdekin Shire Council to engage a Project Coordinator to collaborate with local stakeholders to develop local training responses that align training pathways to local jobs, building skilled local workforces to meet skill shortages and emerging opportunities; with funding provided by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training of \$350,000 exc GST over 2 years to cover expenses incurred as part of the project.

Resolution

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

CARRIED

10.01am – Mr. Wayne Saldumbide and Mr. Shaun Johnston entered the meeting

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Councillor Woods Chiverton Cane Rail Siding Beach Road

Councillor Woods referred to email correspondence received from one of the adjoining cane growers seeking approval to use the siding with infilled transporters to lead the cane. The siding is currently designed for roll on – roll off operations and a plan has been prepared by the grower to address operations with the current design. It was agreed that given the issues involved the matter be referred to a Council Workshop for discussion.

10.26am – Meeting adjourned for morning tea

11.00am – The meeting resumed

18 DELEGATIONS

18.1 Deputation - Cane Grower Collective Members

Background

The Burdekin Shire Council Standing Orders for Council Meetings including Standing Committees, states under item 6.3:

“For deputations comprising three or more persons, only three persons shall be at liberty to address Council unless the Councillors at the meeting determine otherwise by resolution. A deputation shall be given adequate opportunity to explain the purpose of the deputation.”

Cane Growers Collective Group have requested four representatives be permitted to address Council as part of their deputation.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Woods, seconded Councillor Bawden that Council allow the following four speakers from Cane Grower Collective to address Council regarding concerns in relation to Budget and General Rates.

Mr. Dean Sgroi, Pioneer Cane Growers Organisation Limited; and
Mr. Phil Marano, Canegrowers Burdekin Limited; and
Mrs. Paula Langdon, Kalamia Cane Growers Organisation Limited; and
Mr. Michael Kern, Invicta Cane Growers Organisation Limited.

The various representative individually addressed councillors posing questions and providing suggestions on various financial matters. At the end of the deputation the Mayor thanked the representatives for their addresses.

CARRIED

17 CLOSED MEETING ITEMS

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

Resolution

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

275(1)(c) the Council's budget;

For the purpose of discussing:

- Proposed Water Charges 2019/20 Budget
- Animal Registration Fees and Charges 2019/20 Budget

CARRIED

Council Meeting opened to Public

Resolution

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

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.50am.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 May 2019.

MAYOR

