



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2020
COMMENCING AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr LP Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cr BP Johnstone, Cr PJ Pullos, Cr JH Scobie, Cr DA Hardie, Cr GK Schluter.

OFFICERS:

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

Mr John Turlan, Director of Works and Services attended via videoconference due to COVID-19 restrictions.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Hardie 4.1.5 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Water Connection – Application to Connect Town Water (as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009*) as I have a business relationship and friendship with the applicant. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of significance that it could lead me to make a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.”

CONGRATULATIONS:

The Mayor and Councillors congratulated Mr D Howard and Mrs D Rich on their awards for the Queen’s Birthday 2020 Honours.

1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 20 May 2020 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 01/06B/20

Carried 7/0

At this point, 8.37am the CEO left the meeting.

4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of May 2020

The Finance Report for May 2020 is presented to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

“That Council receive the Financial Report for May 2020.”

Minute No. 02/06B/20

Carried 7/0

At this point, 8.44am the CEO returned to the meeting.

4.1.2 Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services Operations Report – May 2020

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operation report May 2020 is presented to Council. This report includes housing and administration, 60s and Better, youth program, community development, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, Tambo Multipurpose and Tambo Child Care.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

“That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for May 2020 and note that work is being conducted on the units at Coolibah Village.”

Minute No. 03/06B/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.3 Arts and Cultural Report – May 2020

The Arts and Cultural Report is provided to Council. The report addresses tourism, Grassland Gallery and multiple funded projects.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

“That Council receive the Arts and Cultural Report for May 2020 and note that the Blackall Saleyards Business Plan is being update.”

Minute No. 04/06B/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.4 Environmental Health Officer's Report

The Environmental Health Officer's report is provided to Council. The Environmental Health Officer has dealt with multiple enquiries regarding food safety, scrap metal, obsolete fire extinguishers and COVID-19.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

“That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer’s report.”

Minute No. 05/06B/20

Carried 7/0

At this point Cr Hardie left the meeting.

4.1.5 Water Connection – Application to Connect Town Water

Council has received a request from the landowner of Lot 40 on SP134393 for a water connection with an allocation of 2400 kilolitres per annum.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council approves the application for a water connection to Lot 40 on SP134393 with an allocation of 2400 kilolitres per annum and the agreement will include a condition that water supply cannot be guaranteed.”

Minute No. 06/06B/20

Carried 6/0

At this point Cr Hardie returned to the meeting.

4.1.6 Tambo Child Care Centre

A report has been provided to Council on proposed changes to the Tambo Child Care Centre.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That this matter be held over to the 15 July 2020 meeting.”

Minute No. 07/06B/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.7 Tambo Child Care Centre – Policies and Procedures

Long day care services are required to have current policies and procedures that govern the running of the operation. The policies and procedures have been updated.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council resolve to adopt the Tambo Child Care Policies and Procedures dated 29 May 2020.”

Minute No. 08/06B/20

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.29am the Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services left the meeting.

At this point, 9.30am the CEO left the meeting and returned at 9.33am.

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – May 2020

The Director of Works and Services report for May is provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

“That Council receive the Director of Works and Services’ Operation Report for May 2020 and note that flood damage work has been occurring at Harden Park, Mineeda, Woodbine, Suttons, Norwood and Avington Roads.”

Minute No. 09/06B/20

Carried 7/0

4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report

The Work Health and Safety Report has been provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

“That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for May 2020 and note that there was only one incident for the month.”

Minute No. 10/06B/20

Carried 7/0

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.44am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

RESUMPTION

At 10.15am the meeting was resumed.

The CEO and Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services were not in attendance at the resumption of the meeting.

4.2.3 Ranger Coordinator’s Report

The Ranger Coordinator’s Report has been provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

“That Council receive the Ranger Coordinator’s report for May 2020 and note that 4675 kilograms of bait was used for the period.”

Minute No. 11/06B/20

Carried 7/0

Order of Business

Council changed the order of business to discuss item 5.1; Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

Minute No. 12/06B/20

Carried 7/0

At this point, 10.24am the CEO returned to the meeting.

At this point, 10.27am Alastair Rutherford the Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services joined the meeting via Zoom.

This item was discussed after item 5.2.

4.2.4 Blackall Saleyards Canteen Extension

Quotes have been called twice for the extension to the Blackall Saleyards canteen. Two responses were received and assessed. Due to the time restrictions for the period the CEO and Mayor made the decision to award the contract to SJL Building to expedite the project.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council ratify the decision of the CEO and Mayor to award the quote to SJL Building Co Pty Ltd for \$82,740.37 (inc GST) as it provides the best value for money.”

Minute No. 13/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for May 2020 shows the number of spelling cattle is the highest to date.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for May 2020.”

Minute No. 14/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.2 Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development Report is presented to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

“That Council receive the planning and development report for May 2020 and note that there has been 4 building applications and 4 planning enquiries for the month.”

Minute No. 15/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.3 Safety Fence at Blackall Aerodrome

Council was recently successful in obtaining funding for a safety fence at the Blackall Aerodrome. Funding was secured through Round 7 of the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council note that an application for funding for a safety fence at the Blackall Aerodrome was successful for \$109,358 over two financial years and that Council will make a 50% contribution to the project.”

Minute No. 16/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.4 LGAQ Call for Motions – Annual Conference

The Local Government Association of Queensland are calling for motions for debate at the annual conference on 19-21 October 2020. Submissions will be open from Monday 29 June through to the deadline of Monday 10 August 2020.

That Council decide on motions for debate and these to be put to the general meeting on 15 July 2020.

5.5 Boundary Realignment – Barcaldine Regional Council

The Barcaldine Regional Council have notified Council that it has submitted its boundary realignment proposal to the Minister for Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs. The boundary realignment affects 2 properties that are split between Barcaldine Regional Council and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

“That Council:

- a) Receive the letter from Barcaldine Regional Council and note that Barcaldine Regional Council have submitted a boundary realignment proposal to the Minister of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs. Property L10 MX814407 to wholly in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council and property L1 RP617241 to be wholly within Barcaldine Regional Council.**
- b) Support the boundary realignment.”**

Minute No. 17/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.6 Councillor Remuneration Policy

The Councillor Remuneration Policy has not been reviewed since 1 July 2016 and with a new term of Council a revision was required.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council adopt the revised Remuneration Policy and it become effective from 1 July 2020.”

Minute No. 18/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.7 Complaints about the Chief Executive Officer Policy

The Complaints about the Chief Executive Officer Policy has been reviewed in accordance with the changes in the relevant legislation. The policy outlines the procedure in which complaints about the Chief Executive Officer are dealt with.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council adopt the revised Complaints about the Chief Executive Officer Policy.”

Minute No. 19/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.8 Registered Leases

Council currently have several registered leases over parcels of land and the leases require renewal.

MOTION: Moved: Cr JH Scobie

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That Council:

- 1. Renew the leases with the current lessees for a period of 3 years with an option to extend for 2 years and that the leases be increased by the Consumer Price Index and the CPI to be applicable each year for the duration of the lease.**
- 2. That the Aerodrome Paddock B to be advertised for expressions of interest.”**

Minute No. 20/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.9 Credit for Bin Collection

Council received a request from a local business for a credit on their rates for collection during the period of 15 April 2020 to 30 June 2020 as the business was not able to operate due to COVID-19.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council approve the request for credit for bin collection during the period of 15 April 2020 to 30 June 2020.”

Minute No. 21/06B/20

Carried 7/0

At this point Cr Johnstone left the meeting 10.48am.

5.10 Outback Regional Roads & Transport Group – Regional Investment Strategy

George Bourne & Associates on behalf of the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group has prepared a Regional Investment Strategy. This plan allows the ORRTG to maintain and enhance a safe transport network accessible to everyone.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council receive the adopted Outback Regional Roads & Transport Group Regional Investment Strategy.”

Minute No. 22/06B/20

Carried 6/0

At this point Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting 10.50am.

5.11 Local Disaster Management Group Pandemic Sub-Plan

The Disaster Management Coordinator drafted a Pandemic Sub-Plan on behalf of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Local Disaster Management Group. The sub-plan provides a framework for preventing, preparing for,

responding to and recovering from a pandemic event. The sub-plan also outlines the role of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council LDMG in providing support to Queensland Health as the lead agency.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council adopt the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Local Disaster Management Group Pandemic Sub-Plan.”

Minute No. 23/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.12 Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group

The Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group Strategic Group held a meeting 26 May 2020 via Skype and the draft minutes have been provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

“That Council receive and note the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group Strategic Group draft minutes from 26 May 2020.”

Minute No. 24/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.13 RAPAD Water and Sewerage Alliance

The RAPAD Water and Sewerage Alliance held a meeting via Skype 26 May 2020 and the draft minutes have been provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie**

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council receive and note the RAPAD Water and Sewerage Alliance draft minutes from 26 May 2020.”

Minute No. 25/06B/20

Carried 7/0

5.14 Conversion to Freehold Tenure – Term Lease No. 0/233115 Lot 5102 on Plan PH591

Correspondence has been received from Land Officer Longreach, Department of Natural Resources and Mines requesting as to whether Council have any objection to the application of conversion of term lease to freehold tenure. The proposed use of the land is pastoral.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

**“That Council offer no objection to the application of conversion of
Term Lease No. 0/233115, Lot 5102 on plan PH591 to Freehold Tenure.”**

Minute No. 26/06B/20

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.58am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 July 2020.

Signed.....Mayor