



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2020
AT 8.32AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

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

CONDOLENCES:

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of:

- Mrs Annette Jinks

Attendance by Video link

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

“That Council approve Cr Scobie attending by video link due to the situation with her family.”

Minute No. 01/12A/20

Carried 7/0

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Hardie for item 4.1.6 – I, Councillor Hardie, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.6 Blackall State School Parents and Citizen's Association Sport Star of the Year and Dash for Cash Saturday 23 January 2021. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- David Hardie Real Estate is a co-sponsor of the event.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Russell for item 4.1.5 – I, Councillor Russell, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.5 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 1 (2020-2021). The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Gill Russell is the president of an applicant, Better in Blackall.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Martin for item 4.1.5 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.5 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 1 (2020-2021). The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am president of the one of the applicants, Red Ridge;

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 November 2020 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 02/12A/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of November

The Finance Report for November 2020 was presented to Council

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

“That Council receive the financial report for November 2020.”

Minute No. 03/12A/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – November 2020

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

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for November 2020.”

Minute No. 04/12A/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.3 Arts and Cultural Report – November 2020

The Arts and Cultural Report is provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

“That Council receive the Arts and Cultural Report for November 2020.”

Minute No. 05/12A/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.4 Environmental Health Officer’s Report

The Environmental Health Officer’s report is provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell** **Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

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

Minute No. 06/12A/20

Carried 7/0

At this point, 8.59am Cr Russell and Cr Martin left the meeting.

Cr Johnstone assumed the chair.

4.1.5 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 1 (2020-2021)

The first round of the 2020-2021 RADF program closed for application on October 30.

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

“That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to fund two applications totalling \$8,400.00.”

Minute No. 07/12A/20

Carried 5/0

At this point, 9.00am Cr Russell and Cr Martin returned to the meeting.

Cr Martin resumed the chair.

At this point, 9.01am Cr Hardie left the meeting.

4.1.6 Blackall State School Parents and Citizens Association – Sport Star of the Year and Dash for Cash Saturday 23 January 2021

The Blackall State School have requested in-kind support for the event they are holding 23 January 2021.

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

“That Council approve the request to provide in-kind support to the Blackall State School Parents and Citizens Association for the event being held 23 January 2021.”

Minute No. 08/12A/20

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.03am Cr Hardie returned to the meeting.

4.1.7 Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Corporate Plan 2020 to 2025

Section 165(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires local governments to adopt a five-year corporate plan.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

“That Council adopt the 2020-2025 Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Corporate Plan.”

Minute No. 09/12A/20

Carried 7/0

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – November 2020

The Director of Works and Services report for November 2020 is presented to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Director of Works and Services’ Operation Report for November 2020.”

Minute No. 10/12A/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 JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

“That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for November 2020.”

Minute No. 11/12A/20

Carried 7/0

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for November is presented to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

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

Minute No. 12/12A/20

Carried 7/0

5.2 Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development Report is presented to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

“That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for November 2020 and note that there was 1 development application approved and 3 planning enquiries for the month.”

Minute No. 13/12A/20

Carried 7/0

5.3 Change of Meeting Date

Administration commitments requires the change of date for the January 2021 general meeting.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

“That the general meeting date for January 2021 be changed to 27 January 2021 and advertised as such.”

Minute No. 14/12A/20

Carried 7/0

5.4 2021 Special Holiday

The Office of Industrial Relations has granted Council’s request to nominate 2 November 2021 as a special holiday for the purpose of Melbourne Cup.

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

“That Council receive the letter from the Office of Industrial Relations advising that the Blackall-Tambo Region has been appointed 2 November 2021 as a holiday for the purpose of the Melbourne Cup Day.”

Minute No. 15/12A/20

Carried 7/0

5.5 New Local Government Workcare Bank Guarantee

LGAQ have provided advice to Council that LGAQ intend, on behalf of LGW members, to request QTC to issue an updated bank guarantee.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

“That Council receive the letter from LGAQ advising that they intend, on behalf of LGW members, to request QTC to issue an updated bank guarantee.”

Minute No. 16/12A/20

Carried 7/0

5.6 Heavy Vehicle Road – Blackall Saleyards

Council has received funding of \$808,346 through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and an offer of funding of \$950,000 through the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program Round Seven for the construction of a new heavy vehicle road for the Blackall Saleyards.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council accept the offer of funding of \$950,000 from the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program and \$808,346 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program for the Blackall Saleyards Heavy Vehicle Road project.

Minute No. 17/12A/20

Carried 7/0

5.7 Review of the Stock Route Management Regulation

Council has been asked by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy to provide any comment on the proposed mapping for declaring stock routes in Queensland.

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

“That Council received the proposed new mapping for declaring stock routes in Queensland and provide comment.”

Minute No. 18/12A/20

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.01am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2021.

Signed.....Mayor