



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021
AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

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

Leave of Absence

Cr Pullos has requested a leave of absence.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie** **Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

“That a leave of absence be granted to Cr Pullos.”

Minute No. 01/03A/21

Carried 6/0

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr JH Scobie for item 4.1.6 – I, Councillor Scobie, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.6 Blackall Social Riders – Request for In-Kind Support. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My son was a recipient of the fundraising activity.

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

Cr BP Johnstone for 4.1.6 – I, Councillor Johnstone, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.6 Blackall Social Riders – Request for In-Kind Support. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a co-convenor 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 DA Hardie for item 4.1.8 – I, Councillor Hardie, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.8 Barcoo Pastoral Society – Request for Assistance. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My family are members of the society; and
- My family is involved in the organisational side of the society.

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

Cr DA Hardie for item 5.5 – I, Councillor Hardie, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 5.5 Blackall Industrial Lots. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a real estate agent and stand to make a profit should I be the agent for the available lots.

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

“That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 February 2021 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 02/03A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of February

The Finance Report for February 2021 was presented to Council.

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

“That Council receive the financial report for February 2021.”

Minute No. 03/03A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – February 2021

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for February 2021 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, 60s and Better, community development program, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, Tambo Multipurpose and Tambo Child Care Centre.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

“That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for February 2021.”

Minute No. 04/03A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.3 Arts and Cultural Report – February 2021

The Arts and Cultural Report is provided to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Arts and Cultural Report for February 2021.”

Minute No. 05/03A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.4 Environmental Health Officer’s Report

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr DA Hardie Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

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

Minute No. 06/03A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.5 Ranger Coordinator’s Report

The Ranger Coordinator’s report for February 2021 is provided to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Ranger Coordinator’s report for February 2021.

Minute No. 07/03A/21

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.08am, Cr Scobie and Cr Johnstone left the meeting.

4.1.6 Blackall Social Riders – Request for In-Kind Support

Blackall Social Riders have requested in-kind support for an event they are holding 13 March 2021.

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

“That Council endorse the actions of the DFCCS in approving this request for in-kind assistance.”

Minute No. 08/03A/21

Carried 4/0

At this point, 9.09am Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting.

4.1.7 Blackall Campdraft Association – Request for In-Kind Support

The Blackall Campdraft Association have requested in-kind support for an event they are holding 3rd & 4th April 2021.

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

“That Council approve the request for in-kind assistance for the Blackall Campdraft Association.”

Minute No. 09/03A/21

Carried 6/0

At this point 9.10am, Cr Hardie left the meeting.

At this point 9.12am, Cr Scobie returned to the meeting.

This matter, 4.1.8 Barcoo Pastoral Society – Request for Assistance was held over so Councillor officers could conduct further research.

At this point, 9.20am Cr Hardie returned to the meeting.

This matter, 4.1.8 Barcoo Pastoral Society – Request for Assistance was discussed after item 5.8.

At this point 10.06am, the Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services left the meeting.

At this point 10.07am, Cr Hardie left the meeting.

At this point 10.14am the DFCCS returned to the meeting.

4.1.8 Barcoo Pastoral Society – Request for Assistance

The Barcoo Pastoral Society is requesting assistance with a firework display at the end of the Blackall Show on 1 May 2021. The request is for \$3,000.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin** **Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

“That the matter be held over until the 21 April 2021 Council meeting pending further information.”

Minute No. 10/03A/21

Carried 5/0

At this point 10.18am Cr Hardie returned to the meeting

4.1.9 Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee

Minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held Friday 5 March 2021.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

“That Council receive the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee’s minutes.”

Minute No. 11/03A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.10 Risk Management

The Risk Management documents have been updated and were approved by the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee at their meeting Friday 5 March 2021.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie** **Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

“That Council adopt the Risk Management documents as follows:

- 1/. Risk Management Policy**
- 2/. Enterprise Risk Management Strategy**
- 3/. Risk Register.”**

Minute No. 12/03A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.11 Fraud Control

The Fraud Control documents have been updated and were approved by the Internal Audit Risk and Management Committee at their meeting Friday 5 March 2021.

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

“That Council adopt the Fraud Control documents:

- 1. Fraud Control Policy**
- 2. Fraud Control Plan**
- 3. Fraud Risk Assessment.”**

Minute No. 13/03A/21

Carried 6/0

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – February 2021

The Director of Works and Services report for February 2021 is presented to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Director of Works and Services’ Operation Report for February 2021.”

Minute No. 14/03A/21

Carried 6/0

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 February 2021.”

Minute No. 15/03A/21

Carried 6/0

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

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

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

“That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for February 2021.”

Minute No. 16/03A/21

Carried 6/0

5.2 Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development Report is presented to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for February 2021.”

Minute No. 17/03A/21

Carried 6/0

5.3 RAPAD Board Meeting Communiqué – 29 January 2021 & 23,24 February 2021

RAPAD held board meetings on 29 January 2021 and 23, 24 February 2021. The communiqué provides an outline of matters covered at the meetings.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

“That Council receive the RAPAD Board Meeting 29 January 2021 Communiqué and 23, 24 February 2021 Communiqué.”

Minute No. 18/03A/21

Carried 6/0

5.4 Rail Trail Feasibility Study

Expressions of Interest were called for the development of a Business Case and Strategic Implementation Plan for a Rail Trail from Yaraka to Blackall as part of the Barcoo Way Tourism Project Offering. Applications closed Friday, 26 February 2021 with four applications received.

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

“That Council award the development of a business case and strategic implementation for a Rail Trail from Yaraka to Blackall to the Tilma Group for \$49,525.00 as their proposal provides best value for money.”

Minute No. 19/03A/21

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.52am, Cr Hardie declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

5.5 Blackall Industrial Lots

There is 1 lot at the Blackall Industrial Estate currently available with another lot pending a valuation.

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

“That Council receive the report and offer Lot 26 on SP 210376 for sale.”

Minute No. 20/03A/21

Carried 5/0

At this point, 9.55am, Cr Hardie returned to the meeting.

5.6 Local Disaster Management Group

The Blackall-Tambo Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) held a meeting on Friday 5 March 2021. At the meeting, the revised Local Disaster Management Plan and COVID-19 Event Specific Recovery Plan were adopted.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie** **Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

“That Council

- 1. Receive the minutes from the 5 March 2021 Local Disaster Management Group meeting; and**
- 2. Adopt the revised Local Disaster Management Plan, version 4.2; and**
- 3. Adopt the BTRC COVID-19 Event Specific Recovery Plan, version 2.”**

Minute No. 21/03A/21

Carried 6/0

5.7 Queensland Treasury Corporation Assistance

Queensland Treasury Corporation have offered assistance to Council through a Business Improvement Program.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

“That Council participate in the Business Improvement Program offered by Queensland Treasury Corporation.”

Minute No. 22/03A/21

Carried 6/0

5.8 Flood Classifications

Council representatives met with the Bureau of Meteorology regarding flood classifications for the Barcoo River in Blackall-Tambo.

MOTION: Moved: Cr JH Scobie

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council ratify the decision to adjust the flood classifications to the following:

- 3.5m Minor flood level – Bridge Deck (manual gauge)**
- 4m Moderate flood level – Bridge Deck (manual gauge)**
- 5.5m Major flood level – Bridge Deck (manual gauge).”**

Minute No. 23/03A/21

Carried 6/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.19am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 April 2021.

Signed.....Mayor