



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2022
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, Cr PJ Pullos.

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.

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Margaret Anne Wagstaff

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Martin for items 4.1.8 & 4.1.9 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in items 4.1.8 ICPA State Conference – Request for Sponsorship and 4.1.9 ICPA State Conference – Request for In-Kind Support. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Louise Martin, is the president of the Queensland ICPA.

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

1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 12 January 2022 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

Minute No. 01/02A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of January

In accordance with s204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a monthly financial report is required to be presented to Council. The financial report for January 2022 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2021-2022.

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

That Council receive the Financial Report for January 2022.

Minute No. 02/02A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – January 2022

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for January 2022 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, community development program, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, Tambo Multipurpose and Tambo Child Care Centre.

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

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for January 2022.

Minute No. 03/02A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.3 Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's Report

The Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report.

Minute No. 04/02A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.4 Ranger's Report

The Ranger's report for January 2022 is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Ranger's report for January 2022.

Minute No. 05/02A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.5 Operating Plan Review 31 December 2021

Section 174 (3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Councils to review their Operational Plans every three months.

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

That Council receive the December 2021 report.

Minute No. 06/02A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.6 Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre – Policies and Procedures

The TMPC's policies and procedures were last updated in 2010 and are out of date. The TMPC is due for an audit by the department, and it is an opportune time to update all policies and procedures.

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

That Council adopt the Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre Policies and Procedures.

Minute No. 07/02A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.7 Sale of Land for Overdue Rates

There are currently 2 properties with overdue rates and charges which have been overdue for 3 years. Under section 140(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may, by resolution, decide to sell the land.

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

That under section 140(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to sell Lot 4 on RP608958 (dwelling at 9 Shamrock Street, Blackall), and Lot 10 & Lot 11 on T15030 (vacant land at 21-23 Garden Street, Tambo) for overdue rates and charges.

Minute No. 08/02A/22

Carried 7/0

Cr Martin was requested by Cr Pullos to provide additional information on items 4.1.8 and 4.1.9.

At this point, 9.20am, Cr Martin left the meeting and Cr Russell assumed the chair.

4.1.8 ICPA State Conference – Request for Sponsorship

The Blackall ICPA is hosting the ICPA State Conference in June 2022.
Council has received a request for sponsorship at levels outlined below.

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

That Council decline the request for cash sponsorship of the ICPA Conference.

Minute No. 09/02A/22

Carried 6/0

4.1.9 ICPA State Conference – Request for In-Kind Support

The Blackall ICPA is hosting the ICPA Qld State Conference in June 2022.
Council has received a request for the use of equipment with a waiver of fees and charges (not bonds).

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

That Council support the in-kind request from the Blackall ICPA.

Minute No. 10/02A/22

Carried 4/2

At this point, 9.45am Cr Johnstone left the meeting.

At this point, 9.46am Cr Johnstone and Cr Martin returned to the meeting and Cr Martin resumed the chair.

4.1.10 Tambo Child Care Centre - Policies

The Tambo Child Care Centre's policies were last updated in 2020 and a number need to be revised. This revision will take place over the next few months with the most important ones being completed first.

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

That Council adopt:

- (a) The revised Stat 23 – Tambo Child Care Policies and Procedures; and**
- (b) The Enrolment and Orientation Policy; and**
- (c) The Fees Policy; and**
- (d) The Parental Code of Conduct Policy.**

Minute No. 11/02A/22

Carried 7/0

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – January 2022

The Director of Works and Services report for January 2022 is presented to Council.

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

That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operations Report for January 2022.

Minute No. 12/02A/22

Carried 7/0

Adjournment:

At 10.04am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

Resumption:

At 10.23am the meeting was resumed.

The CEO was not in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report

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

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for January 2022.

Minute No. 13/02A/22

Carried 7/0

4.2.3 Allocation of Base TIDS 2022/23 Financial Year

Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group have requested Council propose a project for which Base Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) funding will be applied for the 2022/23 financial year.

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

That Council propose to allocate the \$200,000 Base TIDS funding to the Blackall Jericho Road widening project.

Minute No. 14/02A/22

Carried 7/0

At this point, 10.25am, the CEO entered the meeting.

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for January is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for January 2022.

Minute No. 15/02A/22

Carried 7/0

5.2 Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development monthly report provides a summary of building applications and planning and development activity in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area.

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

That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for January 2022.

Minute No. 16/02A/22

Carried 7/0

5.3 Land Protection Fund Annual Payment

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have notified Council that the Land Protection Fund annual payment for the 2021-22 financial year is now due.

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

That Council receive the letter from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and note that the Land Protection Fund annual payment for the 2021-22 financial year is \$83,431.00.

Minute No. 17/02A/22

Carried 7/0

5.4 Public Interest Disclosure Policy

The *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* requires public sector entities to develop reasonable procedures to deal with public interest disclosures.

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

That Council adopt the revised Public Interest Disclosure Policy.

Minute No. 18/02A/22

Carried 7/0

5.5 Local Government Remuneration Commission

Section 241 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* states that the remuneration commission is to decide the maximum amounts of remuneration that are payable from 1 July each year to mayors and other councillors in each of the categories of local governments. The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is a category 1 council.

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

That Council receive the Local Government Remuneration Commission Annual Report 2020-21.

Minute No. 19/02A/22

Carried 7/0

5.6 Review of Council's Corporate Structure

The Chief Executive Officer and Directors recently reviewed the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's corporate structure.

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

That Council adopted the revised Corporate Structure.

Minute No. 20/02A/22

Carried 7/0

5.7 Delegation Register Update – Council to CEO

The *Local Government Act 2009* requires local government CEOs to establish a register of delegations which must record all delegations by the Council.

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

That Council delegates all powers of section 335G of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, to the Chief Executive Officer of Council pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Where a matter may be contentious, controversial or otherwise warrants consideration by Council, the CEO shall not act or exercise the delegated power or function to that matter.

Minute No. 21/02A/22

Carried 7/0

5.8 Financial Assistance Grant Methodology

Paul Bell, Chair of the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission, wrote to councils advising the outcomes from the Financial Assistance Grant Methodology Review and the indicative allocations to each council.

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

That Council ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's letter to the Hon Dr Steven Miles MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning advising of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's support for the outcomes of the 2021 Financial Assistance Grant Methodology Review undertaken by the Queensland Local Government Commission.

Minute No. 22/02A/22

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.56am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2022.

Signed.....Mayor