



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 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, 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:

- Gail Prow

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

At this point no conflicts of interest were declared.

1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 20 October 2021 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

Minute No. 01/11A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of October

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 October 2021 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2021-2022.

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

That Council receive the Financial Report for October 2021.

Minute No. 02/11A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – October 2021

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for October 2021 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 October 2021.

Minute No. 03/11A/21

Carried 7/0

At this point, 8.40am, the Executive Assistant left the meeting and returned at 8.42am.

At this point, 8.49am, the EHO/LLO entered the meeting.

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

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

Minute No. 04/11A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.4 Ranger's Report

The Ranger's report for October 2021 is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Ranger's report for October 2021.

Minute No. 05/11A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.5 Annual Report 2020/2021

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* section 182 (2) requires that the Annual Report must be adopted by Council within one month after the day the Auditor-General issues the audit report on the local government's financial statements for the financial year. The Auditor-General's report is dated 22 October 2021.

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

That Council adopt the Annual Report for the financial year 2020/2021.

Minute No. 06/11A/21

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.18am, the EHO/LLO left the meeting.

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – October 2021

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

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

That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operations Report for October 2021.

Minute No. 07/11A/21

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.29am, Cr Scobie left the meeting and returned at 9.32am.

4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report

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

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

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for October 2021.

Minute No. 08/11A/21

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.34am Cr Martin left the meeting and Cr Russell assumed the chair.

4.2.3 Loading Zone – Mitchell Street Tambo

Community members have requested the installation of a loading zone in Tambo for the safe unloading/loading of goods for local businesses. Consultation has occurred with various parties and a location selected.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

That Council approve the location of the Loading Zone in Tambo as an area in Mitchell Street adjacent to Lot 1 on RP607434.

Minute No. 09/11A/21

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.36am, Cr Martin returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

4.2.4 Stock Grids and Gates Policy

The Stock Grids and Gates Policy has been developed to ensure that all private infrastructure on road reserves remain in a safe and serviceable condition.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

That Council adopt the Stock Grids and Gates Policy.

Minute No. 10/11A/21

Carried 7/0

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

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

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for October 2021.

Minute No. 11/11A/21

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 DA Hardie**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for October 2021.

Minute No. 12/11A/21

Carried 7/0

Adjournment:

At 9.58am, the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

Resumption:

At 10.23am the meeting was resumed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

At this point Cr Schluter declared an interest.

Cr GK Schluter for item 5.3 – I, Councillor Schluter, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 5.3 2021 Garden Competition.

The nature of my interest is as follows:

- The author of the letter is employed by me.

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

Cr Schluter left the meeting at 10.24am.

5.3 2021 Garden Competition

Council has received correspondence from an entry of the 2021 Garden Competition.

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

That Council:

- 1. Note the comments on how to improve future competitions; and**
- 2. Forward the comments to the Garden Competition Working Group, seek further community feedback and develop a plan; and**
- 3. Donate \$500.00 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.**

Minute No. 13/11A/21

Carried 6/0

At this point, 10.34am, Cr Schluter returned to the meeting.

5.4 Stock Route Discussion Paper

RAPAD had engaged AEC Group to prepare a report on the Queensland Stock Route Network in the RAPAD region.

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

That Council:

- 1. Receive and endorse the Sustainable Funding Options for Stock Route Network prepared by AEC Group; and**
- 2. Provide comment to RAPAD.**

Minute No. 14/11A/21

Carried 7/0

5.5 Shire Rural Lands Officers Group

The Shire Rural Lands Officers Group of Western Queensland have asked Blackall-Tambo Regional Council to host their next meeting.

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

That Council host the Shire Rural Lands Officers Group of Western Queensland on 8th and 9th March 2022 and provide a venue and catering for the meeting.

Minute No. 15/11A/21

Carried 7/0

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

At this point Cr Martin declared an interest.

Cr AL Martin for item 5.6 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 5.6 Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand Fund. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am the chair of Red Ridge which is working jointly with Council towards the project.

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

Cr Martin left the meeting at 10.57am

Cr Russell assumed the chair.

5.6 Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand Fund

An application for grant funding through the Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand Fund for the Blackall-Tambo's Carnival of Circus has been submitted.

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

That Council endorse the application for funding through the Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand Fund for the Blackall-Tambo's Carnival of Circus.

Minute No. 16/11A/21

Carried 6/0

At this point, 11.00am, Cr Martin returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

5.7 Development Application – DA 09-2021-2022 – 10 Star Street & 18, 20 and 22 Arthur Street, Tambo

The Applicant, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, seeks a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (four into five lots, new access easement and new road) involving land at 10 Star Street and 18, 20 and 22 Arthur Street, Tambo, formally described as Lot 2 on RP605624, Lot 2 on SP293537, Lot 1 on SP293537 and Lot 1 on SP197795, respectively.

The proposal involves four lots, three of which have frontage to Arthur Street and one with frontage to Star Street. A 'land exchange' between the subject lots will better reflect the current use of the land and improve vehicle access to lots fronting Arthur Street. The proposal involves both a subdivision and boundary realignment to create the five lots, new access easement and new road.

Under the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020 (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is in the Township Zone (Commercial Precinct). Undertaking the proposed development in the Township zone is code assessable, requiring a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (Subdivision of four (4) lots into five (5) lots, new access easement and new road).

The minimum lot size and lot frontage in the Commercial Precinct of the Township zone is 600m² and 15m respectively. Four of the five lots created meet the minimum lot size/frontage requirements of the Reconfiguring a Lot code, except for the lot containing the tourism display of the vintage fire truck on Arthur Street (proposed Lot 4); this lot will be 272m². The conflict with the 600m² minimum lot size can be justified on account of the long-standing use of the land for passive tourism purposes, for which a standard lot size is not required due to visitors appreciating the display from the main street. An access easement is proposed to benefit this lot for maintenance purposes or in the event the fire truck ever requires removal.

Development conditions are recommended to ensure the reconfiguration of lots complies with all assessment benchmarks. The application is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions stated herein.

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

That Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (Subdivision of four (4) lots into five (5) lots, new access easement and new road) on land located at 10 Star Street and 18, 20 and 22 Arthur Street, Tambo, described as Lot 2 on RP605624, Lot 2 on SP293537, Lot 1 on SP293537 and Lot 1 on SP197795 subject to the following conditions:

1.0 ENDORSEMENT OF SURVEY PLAN

1.1 Council will not endorse or release the survey plan for this development until such time as:

- (a) All conditions attached to this development approval for Reconfiguring a Lot have been fully satisfied;**
- (b) A statement demonstrating compliance with all conditions attached to this development approval has been submitted to Council; and**
- (c) All outstanding rates and charges relating to the site have been paid.**

2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plan of development *Plan of Lots 1-5 and Emt B in Lot 3*, prepared by Anthony Scott Morcom and dated 9-09-2021.**
- 2.2 Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.**

3.0 ACCESS

- 3.1 The proposed new road must be constructed to Council's satisfaction, involving a six (6) metre width and at a minimum, a gravel surface treatment.**
- 3.2 A non-piped crossover must be installed to Council's satisfaction for each new access point between the new road and approved lots.**

4.0 SERVICES

- 4.1 Maintain existing services and utility connections (reticulated water and sewerage, electricity and telecommunications) to approved lots 1, 4 and 5, where applicable.**
- 4.2 Approved lots 2 and 3 must provide and maintain separate connections to reticulated water and sewerage networks (to Council's satisfaction) and electricity and telecommunication services (in accordance with the standards of the relevant service provider). Each connection point must be wholly contained within the respective lot boundary.**

4.3 Any service connection to an existing building that traverses a lot boundary is to be:

4.3.1 removed; or

4.3.2 relocated so that it does not traverse a lot boundary; or

4.3.3 covered by an easement.

5.0 PUBLIC UTILITIES

5.1 The applicant is responsible for the cost of any alteration to public utilities as a result of complying with conditions of this Development Permit.

5.2 Any alteration of any public utility or other facilities necessitated by the development of the land or associated construction works external to the site shall be at no cost to Council.

5.3 Any damage caused to any public utility during the course of construction shall be repaired to the satisfaction of Council's Delegated Officer and at no cost to Council prior to the sealing of the Survey Plan.

ADVISORY NOTES

A. The Developer and his employee, agent, contractor or invitee is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this development approval.

B. Where these Conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or to be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by the Council.

C. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer will be required to obtain further development permits for building work, and plumbing and drainage work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.

D. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions

shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.

- E. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.

Minute No. 17/11A/21

Carried 7/0

5.8 Write Off of Debt

Council recently acquired two properties for overdue rates and charges and it is recommended that the debt be written off.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

That Council write off the debt in sum of \$118,579.70 consisting of the following amounts for overdue rates and charges:

Lot 1 on RP607613	\$81,584.18
Lot 1 on RP602469	\$36,995.52

Minute No. 18/11A/21

Carried 7/0

5.9 Queensland's Electric Super Highway – Stage 3

Yurika, part of Energy Queensland, has written to Council regarding the Queensland Electric Super Highway Stage 3. They have advised that Blackall is to receive a charging station for Electric Vehicles.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

That Council:

1. Receive the letter from Yurika dated 5 October 2021; and
2. Request that Lot 4 on SP157692 (140-144 or 146 Shamrock Street, Blackall) be identified as a site for the charging location.

Minute No. 19/11A/21

Carried 7/0

5.10 Regional Drought Resilience Program

The Director-General of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has written to Council about the pilot year of the Regional Drought Resilience Planning program in Queensland.

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

That Council receive the letter from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and note that the Central West will be targeted in the next phase of the Regional Drought Resilience Planning program.

Minute No. 20/11A/21

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 11.19am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 December 2021.

Signed.....Mayor