

MCKINLAY SHIRE COUNCIL

CONFIRMED MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD AT THE

BOARD ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE JULIA CREEK

15th July 2014

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1. OPENING BUSINESS

All Councillors having signed the Attendance Book, the Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:05am

2. ATTENDANCE

Mayor:Cr. B MurphyMembers:Cr. E Hick, Cr. A Batt, Cr. P. Curr, Cr. N. Walker

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer: Mr Aaron Childs Director of Corporate and Community Services: Mrs Tenneil Cody Director of Engineering: Mr. Greg Chesterfield Director of Environment and Regulatory Services: Mr. Geoff Rintoul Executive Assistant: Mrs Linda McNab

Other people in attendance:

Nil

APOLOGIES:

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes from the Ordinary Meeting on 16th June 2014 as previously circulated to Councillors.

Moved Cr. Walker Seconded Cr. Curr

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16th June be confirmed.

Resolution No. 1/1415

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval has been given by the Department of Transport and Main Roads for a Dump point in McKinlay.

5. ENGINEERING SERVICE REPORT

5.1 Engineering Works Report – July 2014

Moved Cr. Batt Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council receive the Engineering Services Works Report

Resolution No.2/1415

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: 10:15am – 11:15:am The Mayor adjourned the meeting for the re-opening of the Duncan McIntyre Museum.

Motion

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council change the order of the agenda to receive agenda item 9.6

Resolution No.3/1415

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Procedural Motion

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- (e) "contracts proposed to be made by it" and
- (g) "any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under that Act."

Moved Cr. Batt Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council close the meeting to the public under the Local Government Regulation 2012, Section 275 (1) (e) and (g)

Resolution No.4/1415

• The meeting was closed to the public at 11:16am

Procedural Motion

Moved Cr. Walker

Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council re-open the meeting to the public.

Resolution No.5/1415

• The meeting was re-opened to the public at 11:35am

9.6 Renewal of Punchbowl Bridge

On the 2nd July 2014 a Load Limit Assessment report was received from AECOM for the Punchbowl Bridge. The report was quite disturbing with the report stating that Punchbowl Bridge "*is in very poor condition with severe spalling (and loss of concrete) in large sections and loss of reinforcing sections throughout (particularly on the underside of the deck slab)*".

A full replacement of the structure was recommended and a load limit of 5 tonne recommended until the bridge is replaced.

The load limit will be applied from 4th August 2014, with a bypass road catering for vehicles over 5 tonne.

AECOM were engaged to supply concept assessments, and this report details options and costs for the new bridge.

Moved Cr. Walker

Seconded Cr. Hick

- 1. That Council confirms the preferred option is C1 single narrow culvert.
- 2. Chief Executive Officer be authorized to continue negotiations and discussions on the preferred option.
- 3. Further, the Chief Executive Officer provides regular, timely advice to Council prior to any contract being finalized.
- 4. Council to apply for the Federal Governments Bridges to Renewal program for this project and investigate further funding opportunities

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Attendance – Director of Engineering Greg Chesterfield left the meeting at 11:45am

Attendance - Director of Environment and Regulatory Services Geoff Rintoul entered the meeting at 11:50am

6. ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

6.1 Environment and Regulatory Works Report – June 2014

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council receive the Environment and Regulatory Services Works Report

Resolution No.7/1415

CARRIED

6.2 Julia Creek and McKinlay Town Common

This report makes recommendation to Council for the formalisation of general rules of use for the Julia Creek Town Common and the progression of the lease of the McKinlay Paddock 3.

McKinlay Shire is Trustee for a number of Pasturage Reserves or "Traditional" town commons located in Julia Creek and the three Townships of the Shire. The commons in McKinlay, Kynuna and Nelia have previously operated under Trustee Lease agreements to persons for the intended use of grazing live stock. In the past the traditional use of a "Town Common" was to allow for use of grazing of live stock by residence of the neighboring urban communities.

At the moment, the only "Town Common" that operates in the shire is the Julia Creek Common located to the west of the town. The common has been in use for many years and presently has about 200 head agisted. The general rule of use is a limit of 20 head of livestock per person. The number of stock allowed for agistment varies dependent of the season and available feed. Council should note that feed and stock levels are maintained to provide, where practical, all year round availability of the common.

There have been some management matters that have tendered to limit the access for residences due mainly to multiple family members' agisting livestock. This includes from the same household and brand. This report makes recommendation to formalise this matter moving forward and allow a greater level of access, fairness and equity to community members across the Shire.

As noted above, all Trustee leases paddocks were tendered for lease over two years or so ago with the formal leases on all but one (1) being formalised 1 September 2013. In March 2014, Council approved McKinlay Paddock 3 to be offered for public tender. However a number of residences of the McKinlay Township have requested that this paddock be now utilised as a "Town Common".

The McKinlay Paddock 3 was and has again been considered for use as a Town Common for McKinlay, however due to operational, management and control issues identified this option is a least preferred outcome. In order to effectively deal with the various matters pertaining to the access and use of the Town Common and to allow fair and equitable access to all urban residences of the shire a set of Town Common Rules has been prepared.

Moved Cr. Walker Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council:

- a. Offers by tender McKinlay Paddock 3 as per the March 2014 Resolution 171/1314.
- b. Adopts the Julia Creek Town Common General Rules of Use as detailed below;

General Rules of Use

McKinlay Shire Town Common

PURPOSE

To establish criteria, for the number of livestock agisted on the McKinlay Shire Town Common per household and brand.

DEFINITION

Town Common - The McKinlay Shire Town Common is located on the Western Side of Julia Creek bounded to the south by the Flinders Highway/Rail Line and to the east by the Wills Development Road. Being Lot 9 on EN 71 and of about 2840 hectares in area.

Household - The principal place of residence of the applicant.

Eligibility to Agist - To remove any doubt,

- 1. only those persons whose principle place of residence is located in the urban area of the following communities will be eligible to agist livestock on the Town Common;
 - a. Julia Creek;
 - b. McKinlay;
 - c. Kynuna;
 - d. Nelia.
- 2. they do not have current trustee leases for reserve paddocks.

Livestock - Only Cattle and Horses are to be agisted

RESPONSIBLE PERSONS

- 1. Chief Executive Officer means the Chief Executive Officer of McKinlay Shire Council.
- 2. Livestock Owner The registered and lawful owner of the livestock.
- 3. Shire Ranger Day to day management of the McKinlay Shire Town Common.

CONDITIONS OF USE

The following are the general conditions for agistment for the McKinlay Shire Town Common:

1. Ten (10) head of livestock to be the maximum number agisted per registered Brand and household;

2. Total number of live stock allowable of the Common will be season dependant and will be assessed by the Shire Ranger from time to time. However as a guide the maximum number of livestock will generally be limited to 150 head of cattle and 15 horses. Maximum stocking rate will be approved by the Chief Executive Officer from time to time;

3. Total head of livestock on the McKinlay Shire Town Common will be reduced to an acceptable number determined by Council during poor seasons when insufficient fodder. Number of livestock per household to be reduced proportionately;

4. Agistment charges as fixed by Council are payable in advance. Accounts will be issued prior to the expiry of previously paid agistment. (It is your responsibility to advise Council when livestock is removed to avoid incorrect accounts being raised);

5. Notice must be given to Council to Agist on the McKinlay Shire Town Common must be on the approved form to put livestock on the Common, at least fourteen (14) days in advance;

6. Application must include a copy of a receipt, waybill/NVD or other documentation to prove ownership of livestock;

7. All cattle are to have an NLIS tag in their ear prior to being put on the Common. A list of the NLIS tag numbers are to be given to the Council with your application and read onto the Common;

8. It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that all NLIS transfers on and off the Common are completed

correctly;

9. All livestock are to be cleared of ticks prior to being put on the Common. Proof of dipping/spraying is required prior to placement of stock on the Common;

10. No entire beast is permitted.

11. Council may, from time to time, supply supplements such as lick blocks and the like. Costs associated with this will be charged proportionally to all agistment holders. and

12. The Common will generally be mustered two (2) times per annum. The Shire Ranger will assist with mustering of the Common. All other costs are to be covered by current agistee's.

13. Mustering of stock (designated mustering) from the McKinlay Shire Town Common shall be arranged by the McKinlay Shire Ranger in conjunction with the agistee's at times agreeable to the majority of the agistee's at no fee.

Agistee's on the McKinlay Shire Town Common that do not meet the criteria of the Rules are advised and negotiations to destock are made effective at the next Common Muster.

Resolution No 8/1415

Attendance – Director of Environment and Regulatory Services Geoff Rintoul left the meeting at 12:33pm

Attendance – Director of Community and Corporate Services Tenneil Cody entered the meeting 12:38pm

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

7.1 Community Service Report

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council receive the Community Services Report.

Resolution No 9/1415

7.2 Middle School – Student Enrolment

Council has been working closely with the community and government departments since 2012 to establish a Middle School in Julia Creek. A public notice was issued calling for registrations of interest for delivery in January 2015, whereby three applications were required by Council to move forward with the model. Council received only two applications by 30 June 2014.

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council commit to the Middle School project with two student enrolments to proceed with the proposed model.

Resolution No 10/1415

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7.3 Julia Creek Kindergarten & Childminding Association MOU

Council is presented with a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) inclusive of financial commitment, between Council and the Julia Creek Kindergarten and Childminding Association (Kindy) to ensure the long term continuation of child care services in Julia Creek.

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council defer any decision regarding the Memorandum Of Understanding until the August Ordinary meeting.

Resolution No 11/1415

7.4 Get Out, Get Active Grant

The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing have announced a funding program - Get Out, Get Active. The program is offering up to \$20,000 to support the development and delivery of activities for women. To apply for the grant, Council is required to commit 10% of the total eligible project costs

Moved Cr. Murphy

Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council commit up to \$2000 to the Get Out, Get Active project if the application is successful

Resolution No 12/1415

7.5 McIntyre Park User Groups

McKinlay Shire Council is the Trustee of the land known as McIntyre Park on behalf of the State Government. There is currently five identified user groups who utilise the facility for their group activities and have entered into Memorandums of Understanding with Council for the use of these facilities since 2006. The MOU's are due for renewal including the financial contribution associated.

Moved Cr. Curr

Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council set the user group contributions for each Association as; Julia Creek Turf Club \$5,000; Julia Creek Campdraft \$4,000; Julia Creek Western Riding \$2,000; Julia Creek Pony Club \$1,000; Julia Creek Dirt & Dust \$1,000 and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to endorse the Memorandums of Understanding.

Resolution No 13/1415

8. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

8.1 Corporate Services Report

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council receive the Corporate Services Report

Resolution No 14/1415

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8.2 Audit Committee

Council is required under the Local Government Act 2009 to establish an Audit Committee. This is a new requirement from 1 July as Council moves to the categorisation of a large Council. Council must appoint two Councillors to the committee.

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council appoint Crs Murphy and Batt to the Audit committee and invite Mr Neil Warner to be a member of the Audit committee with Cr Belinda Murphy as the chairperson of the committee.

Resolution No 15/1415

8.3 Procurement Policy Review

As per section 198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council must review the Procurement Policy on an annual basis.

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council adopt the revised Procurement Policy Version 3.4 as presented.

Resolution No 16/1415

8.4 Review Fees and Charges Schedule

Present to Council the proposed Fees and Charges Schedule for the financial year 2014/15.

The schedule contains fees and charges relating to all other services provided by Council.

Moved Cr. Walker Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council adopts the proposed Fees and Charges Schedule 2014/15 Version 1 as presented.

Resolution No 17/1415

Attendance – Director of Corporate and Community Services Tenneil Cody left the meeting at 3:27pm

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

9.1 Chief Executive Officers Report

Moved Cr. Batt Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officers Report.

Resolution No. 18/1415

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9.2 Women in Local Government QLD Leadership Summit 2014

This leadership development opportunity is designed for female leaders to gain practical value through case studies and workshop sessions. This is a unique opportunity to address practical issues within the unique

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operating environment of Local Government. It will help develop and refine skills needed for Successful Leadership and Career Advancement in Local Government.

Moved Cr. Batt Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council nominates Cr. Belinda Murphy and Cr. Edwina Hick to attend the Women in Local Government QLD Leadership Summit , 20th & 21st October 2014 in Brisbane.

Resolution No.19/1415

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9.3 Councillor Remuneration Policy

Due to the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal 2013 review with regards to the remuneration for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors of Local Governments, the need has arisen for Council to develop and adopt a Councillor Remuneration Policy. Whilst this is not a statutory requirement it is imperative that Council has a policy outlining the Councillor requirements with regards to the meeting fee component of Councillor's Remuneration.

Attached to this report for Council's consideration is the Policy. It details for Council's consideration and adoption Council's commitment to "Good governance of, and by, local government" whilst being "Open, transparent and prudent in its decision making".

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Batt

That Council adopt the Councillor's Remuneration Policy attached to the CEO's report and presented to the ordinary meeting of Council held on 15th July 2014.

Resolution No.20/1415

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9.4 Nomination of Special Holiday

Under the *Holidays Act 1983,* "a special holiday within a district, whether it be a day, or the forenoon or afternoon of a day" is permitted, commonly known as a 'Show Holiday'.

Moved Cr. Walker Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council recommends that a date for the special holiday be open for deliberation to the community for a date in 2015.

Resolution No.21/1415

9.5 Corporate Plan

Under the *Local Government Act 2009,* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council must have a Corporate Plan for the 2014-2019 period. The new Corporate Plan is presented to Council.

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council adopt the Corporate Plan attached to the CEO's report and presented to the ordinary meeting of Council held on 15th July 2014.

Resolution No.22/1415

Procedural Motion

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Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council close the meeting to the public under the Local Government Regulation 2012, Section 275 (1) (e) and (g) CARRIED

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Resolution No.23/1415

• The meeting was closed to the public at 3:59pm

Procedural Motion

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council reopen the meeting to the public.

Resolution No.24/1415

• The meeting was re-opened to the public at 4:11pm

9.7 Progression report on Purchase of part of LOT 57 on SP232864 for Solar Farm

The following recommendations were adopted at the May Ordinary Council Meeting (resolution number 223/1314)

With respect to proposed road opening and land acquisition over part of Pasturage Reserve Lot 57 on SP 232864, Council:

- 1. Request staff to accept the offer from DNRM for the proposed road opening, submit plan lodgment fee of \$330 and arrange for the preparation and lodgment of a plan of survey,
- 2. Seek approval from DNRM for an extension of time of twelve (12) months to enable Council to complete negations for the possible lease of the proposed site of approximately 26.3ha to a third party for the purposes of establishing a commercial Solar Farm, and
- 3. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorized to continue negotiations with the proponents regarding the lease of approximately 26.3ha to be acquired from the State Government from Lot 57 on SP 232864on the conditions that:
 - a. The proponents secure funding from Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) for this project and submit evidence that the project is fully funded,
 - b. A satisfactory commercial lease is negotiated with the proponents for a period of up to 30 years with an annual lease fee that provides a timely return on Council's total investment including acquisition costs, survey plan, legal fees,
 - c. Appropriate professional advice be obtained from Council's solicitors, from a registered valuer and from solar industry professional s regarding appropriate Company searches and corporate structures, managing Council's risk exposure, commercial leasing arrangements, advantages to the Julia Creek and McKinlay Shire community etc.

4. Further, the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer provide regular, timely advice to Council prior to any lease being finalized and before acquisition of the land from the State.

This report addresses these items and supplies an update on the current progress of this matter.

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Batt

That Council receives the report and endorses the actions of the Chief Executive Officer

Resolution No.25/1415

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10. WORK PLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

11. MEMBERS BUSINESS

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair of the meeting, Cr. Belinda Murphy declared the meeting closed at 4:18pm

Cr Belinda Murphy Mayor