

MCKINLAY SHIRE COUNCIL

CONFIRMED MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD AT THE

BOARD ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE JULIA CREEK

18th February 2014

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1. OPENING BUSINESS

All Councillors having signed the Attendance Book, the Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:10am

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Staff:

Acting Chief Executive Officer and Director of Corporate and Community Services: Mrs Tenneil Cody Director of Environment and Regulatory Services: Mr. Geoff Rintoul (9:28am) Acting Works Manager: Mr. Kerry Krogh Executive Assistant: Mrs Linda McNab

APOLOGIES:

Director of Engineering Services Matt Fanning

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes from the Ordinary Meeting on 21st January 2014 as previously circulated to Councillors.

Moved Cr. Batt Seconded Cr. Walker

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21st January 2014 be confirmed.

Resolution No.143/1314

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. ENGINEERING SERVICE REPORT

5.1 Engineering Works Report

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council receive the Engineering Services Works Report

Resolution No. 144/1314

Attendance – Acting Works Manager Kerry Krogh left the meeting at 9:23am

Attendance - Director of Environment and Regulatory Services Geoff Rintoul entered the meeting at 9:28am

CARRIED

6. ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

6.1 Environment and Regulatory Works Report – January 2014

Moved Cr. Walker Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council receive the Environment and Regulatory Services Works Report

Resolution No.145/1314

6.2 Fees and Charges – Wastes generated from outside McKinlay Shire LGA

This report considers a review of fees and charges for waste products being dumped at the various land fill facilities operated by McKinlay Shire Council. The intent is to place controls that will allow Council to recover costs from businesses/operators originating from outside the Local Government Area (LGA). Council currently makes and levies a refuge disposal and management charge to ratepayers in Julia Creek. Therefore others using the facilities do not make a contribution to the maintenance or management of these facilities.

On or about Sunday the 2nd February 2014, over 200 truck tyres were dumped at the Julia Creek Recycling and Waste Management Facility. Whilst investigations are ongoing into the matter, it is apparent that these tyres originated from outside of the Shire and likely originating from a trucking company. Further, from information received, this was not an isolated incident and it is apparent that the dumping of tyres in McKinlay Shire area and specifically Julia Creek is/was a routine practice. Council should note that there are well over 12,000 tyres at the Julia Creek facility at the moment.

It is expected that the dumping of tyres is driven by the costs of utilising other local government facilities, where charges or other controls are in place from such usage. In addition to tyres, Council has also seen other wastes being dumped at the facility, often including a combination of materials that is generally not suitable for clean fill and therefore difficult for Council to manage and use on site. It is not the intention to charge McKinlay Shire ratepayers for the usage at the facilities.

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council amend the 2013/14 Fees and Charges to include:

- 1. Not to accept any regulated wastes including batteries, hydrocarbon and tyres from businesses and or operators from outside the McKinlay Shire Local Government Area;
- 2. A waste disposal fee of \$120.00 per cubic metre or tonne (whichever is greater) for any waste generated from businesses and or operators outside the McKinlay Shire Local Government Area;
- 3. Clean fill (No contaminated products including steel, timber and concrete or the like) will be accepted subject to negotiation and written approval from Council at no charge; and
- 4. These fees are applicable to all waste management facilities operated within the Shire.

Resolution No.146/1314

CARRIED

Attendance - Director of Environment and Regulatory Services Geoff Rintoul left the meeting at 10:05am

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

7.1 Community Service Report

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council receive the Community Services Report.

Resolution No 147/1314

CARRIED

7.2 Anyone Can Get Active – Healthy Community Initiative

The Julia Creek Combined Sporting Association have submitted an application for funding through the Anyone Can Get Active – Healthy Community Initiative program. The club is seeking support to run a variety of exercise programs and to purchase equipment to coincide with Council's Shape Up program.

Moved Cr. Walker

Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council approve the Julia Creek Combined Sporting Association's Anyone Can Get Active – Healthy Community Initiative application for \$4876.

Resolution No 148/1314

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7.3 Animal Loan Agreement – Julia Creek Dunnart

Council holds a Wildlife Exhibitors licence to display the Julia Creek Dunnart at Councils Visitor Information Centre, 'At the Creek'. The initial dunnarts have been provided by University Queensland (UQ) Gatton Campus in December 2012 under an informal arrangement with Council to display the dunnarts at the Centre. Since this time both parties have been in negotiation to develop an Animal Loan Agreement outlining the terms and conditions for loaning the animals. This agreement has now been drafted for endorsement by both parties.

Moved Cr. Batt Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council approve the Animal Loan Agreement and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to endorse the agreement.

Resolution No 149/1314

ADJOURNMENT: 10:20 – 11:20am The Mayor adjourned the meeting for morning tea. Upon resumption all

members were present.

7.4 Regional Arts Development Fund Round 2 Approvals

Council received a quick response RADF application for a project outside the normal funding round. Council's Round 2 of RADF closed on 7th February after 6 weeks of advertising. The RADF Committee will assess the Round 2 application on Friday 14th February and present the recommendations for Council's ratification.

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council ratify the recommendations made by the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee:

- Julia Creek Combined Sporting Association: approve to engage Amy Thieme Dance \$2184;

- McKinlay Shire Cultural Association: approve to engage artist to conduct a glass cutting and fusing workshop to create objects such as jewelry, light catchers, wind chimes, plaques and bowls \$2855.78

CARRIED

Resolution No 150/1314

7.5 Amendment of Fees and Charges Schedule 2013/2014

Propose to Council to amend the Fees and Charges Schedule 2013/14, to change fees for tourism related items including McIntyre Park camping fees, entry fee to Beneath the Creek and merchandise.

Moved Cr. Walker

Seconded Cr. Batt

That Council adopts the amendments to the 2013/14 Fees and Charges as presented:

Section	Description	Fee
1.5	McIntyre Park – Camp/caravan overnight	\$22 per night
18	Entry to Beneath the Creek	\$2 per person
18	Unisex caps	\$15 each

Resolution No 151/1314

7.6 Sponsorship Request – McKinlay Race Club

Council has received a request from the McKinlay Race Club under the Community Grants Policy. The group has requested \$5000 to go towards the cost of a variety of items for their annual event. The application is presented for Council's consideration.

Moved Cr. Walker	Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council sponsor the McKinlay Race Club for \$5000 for their 2014 event.

Resolution No 152/1314

7.7 Independent Living Units Policy and Rental Fees

Council's major capital works project for the 2013/14 financial year has been the Julia Creek Seniors Housing and Community Centre project which is nearing completion with the practical completion date set as 21st February 2014. This involves the construction of 8 independent living units and a community centre. This report has been prepared for Council to give consideration in setting a weekly rental fee for the units and adopting a policy which sets the eligibility and criteria for entry to the units.

Moved Cr. Hick

Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council adopt the Independent Living Units for Older Persons Policy as presented and set the weekly rental charges as \$100 per week for one bedroom unit, \$110 per week for one bedroom and additional room, \$120 per week for 2 bedroom unit.

Resolution No 153/1314

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8.1 Corporate Services Report

Seconded Cr. Walker Moved Cr. Curr

That Council receive the Corporate Services Report

Resolution No 154/1314

8.2 Economic Development Solar Initiative

Council is committed to supporting the Shires Local Businesses and to do this has an allocated Economic Development budget for initiatives which will help sustain and improve the Shires economy. A major operational cost to local business is electricity, this report is a proposal on how Council may be able to assist local business reduce this cost.

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council receives the report for information purposes.

Resolution No 155/1314

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

9.1 Chief Executive Officers Report

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officers Report.

Resolution No. 156/1314

9.2 LGAQ 2014 Financial and Civic Leaders Summits

Council is presented with a request to attend the LGAQ 2014 Financial and Civic Leaders Summits being held in Twin Waters 7-9 May 2014.

Moved Cr. Walker Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council nominates Cr. Belinda Murphy and Cr. Anthony Batt to attend the LGAQ 2014 Financial and Civic Leaders Summits 7-9 May 2014. CARRIED

Resolution No.157/1314

9.3 Proposal to Amendment Lease Agreement – Julia Creek Dirt & Dust Festival

The Council currently leases land to the Julia Creek Dirt & Dust Festival. The land is described as: Lot2 on CP EN 148, Lot6 on JC55713, Lot17 on CP EN 154 and Lot1 on SP250561. The lease term is for 3 years from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2015 with an option for an extension for 3 years. In July last year the Council approved an extension of the lease for a further 10 years which will, amongst other things, provide the Festival Committee with the ability to hopefully secure more permanent

funding/sponsorship for this annual event, given the Festival has a more secure long- term lease over the venue.

In pursuing the new lease documentation required to implement the Councils decision, it was discovered the area of the current lease excluded part of Lot 6 and Lot 1, which in practical terms, is that part of those lots which is fenced and formed part of the former bowling green.

In liaising with the President of the Festival and council officers, it has been determined there is no knowledge of why this area was excluded under the current lease and indeed the area is used by the Festival during the Dirt n Dust weekend. In addition, the extension of the lease by a further 10 years also raises issues in regard to requirements under the Sustainable Planning Act (SPA) which, if there is no 'parts' of land included in the new lease, will not invoke SPA requirements to obtain a development approval to reconfigure those parcels which are leased in part.

CARRIED

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council proceed to formalise a new lease over the whole of Lots 2 ON CP EN 148, Lot 6 ON JC55713, Lot 17 ON CP EN154 and Lot1 ON SP250561 to the Julia Creek Dirt & Dust Festival for an extension of 10 years up to 30 June 2025 with associated costs ,i.e. legal costs and /or stamp duty costs, to be borne by the Festival.

Resolution No.158/1314

CARRIED

10. MEMBERS BUSINESS

Education Ministers letter of response in relation to middle school education proposal for years 7 and 8 in Julia Creek.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair of the meeting, Cr. Belinda Murphy, Mayor, declared the meeting closed at 1:22pm

Cr Belinda Murphy Mayor