

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF  
WINTON HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL,  
VINDEK STREET, WINTON ON THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008,  
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM.**

**Present:** Cr EL Warren (Mayor), Cr LA Fraser, Cr PJ Britton, Cr JE Sale,  
Cr PS Mann

Chief Executive Officer - B Hoogland  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer - A Rayment  
Minute Secretary - D Murphy

**Item 1: Apologies**

Nil

**Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes - Statutory Meeting**

Mann/Sale

That the minutes of the Special meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008,  
Folio 15224 to Folio 15229, be confirmed as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Confirmation of Minutes - General Meeting**

Fraser/Sale

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008, Folio  
15230 to Folio 15241, be confirmed as amended.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**Item 3: Cheque List**

Britton/Mann

That the cheques for the month of March 2008, as presented be endorsed.

**CARRIED**

With the agreement of Council, Standing Orders were altered to permit  
earlier attention to the Engineering section of the meeting.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Consulting Engineers Mr D Timms and Mr K Luckhurst,  
Overseer – Mr P Stockham, Town Foreman – Mr R Ivers and the Acting  
Water Officer – Mr R Dooley attended the meeting, the time being 8.35am.

## Water Officer's Report

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that the average water temperature for the month was 49 degrees.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that power fluctuations are still causing problems with the telemetry system.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that the detailed water test results have just been received and that there was no notation on the results advising that the water was not fit for human consumption, but that he would have to check the finer details and would update Council at the next meeting.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms updated Council on a recent visit by SunWater representatives with respect to fluoridation of potable water supplies.

Cr Sale asked if there were any old water mains left around town that could cause problems. The Acting Water Officer advised that the oldest main was in Manifold Street which is about 20 years old, and that about 80% of the mains are newer than 15 years old. The CEO updated Council on the systematic replacement of the older mains.

Cr Fraser asked about a request from the recent Showground Users meeting for a larger tank and larger pressure pump to service the new ablution block at the Showgrounds.

Consulting Engineer provided quotes for a 47kl tank and pressure pump plus installation and earthworks - total cost \$25,000 to \$30,000. The Acting Water Officer agreed that without the tank and larger pressure pump there was no guarantee of supply. The CEO advised that a poor system of showers at the showgrounds would reflect badly on Winton, particularly at larger events.

Fraser/Mann

That Council proceed with the purchase of the required pump and tank and perform the associated earthworks and installation as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.

**CARRIED**

**Departure:** At this stage, the Acting Water Officer left the meeting, the time being 9.10am.

## Parks and Gardens Report

Cr Warren welcomed the Town Foreman back after his extended leave.

Cr Fraser asked who is responsible for emptying the newly erected bins near Corfield. The CEO suggested a community meeting at Corfield to discuss local issues including the bins.

Cr Mann noted water in the gutter outside the Winton Club and near the Main Roads compound in Bloomfield Street. The CEO advised of constant search for solution to gutter problems, and the ongoing maintenance of same. The Town Foreman agreed to a procedure for regular but infrequent inspection and cleaning of the gutters.

Cr Britton asked about the old lights which were removed from the airstrip and the Town Foreman advised that they are stored at the Crusher Yards, but did not attract interest at Council's recent surplus goods auction.

Airport Caretakers Report

**Item 18: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE**

5. Shoprite Discount Store - 104/473  
Requesting a bench seat to be placed outside the shop.

Resolved that a seat be placed outside the shop with the owner's consultation, as requested.

**Departure:** At this stage, the Town Foreman left the meeting, the time being 9.30am.

Workplace Health and Safety Report

That the Consulting Engineer be asked to plan and cost options for a disabled access to the Supper Room and Shire Hall buildings. It was suggested that Ms Howard (Community Options) and possibly community member Ms Beverly Taylor be asked to provide suggested/preferred options.

Overseer's Report

The meeting noted the proposal for realignment on the Haul Road. Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that Hoffman's Surveyors will be properly identifying the road. The CEO confirmed that legal processes for gazetting the road will be followed.

Cr Warren asked for an update on the gravel pit. Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised Council of the process in place to expand the pit area including Native Title clearances.

Engineer's Report

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms updated Council on his written report.

The Consulting Engineer advised that the Depot is very close to completion. Practical Completion is expected to be within 3 weeks. Power connection will probably be July. Once Practical Completion is reached, sealing of the grounds and landscaping will begin.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Ms Nonie Rutherford from the Longreach Leader attended the meeting, the time being 9.55am.

**PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

**Replacement of Hino Ranger Tip Truck – Plant 208**

Britton/Mann

That Council purchase the Isuzu FVR 1000 Medium Truck from Tony Ireland Isuzu as the lowest conforming tender, as recommended by the Consulting Engineer for \$139,582.83 (ex gst).

**CARRIED**

Noting earlier discussions with Cr Britton, the CEO asked Council consider allowing locals a 10% advantage of tender process for plant tenders, in a similar way to Council's purchasing policy. Council decided to consider this on a case-by-case basis.

**Replacement of Plant 17**

Britton/Fraser

That Council purchase the Ford Ranger XL Crew Cab Utility from Carmichael Ford and trade in the Ford Courier XL Utility to Carmichael Ford for a changeover price of \$17,679.69 (ex gst), as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.

**CARRIED**

**Replacement of Plant 24 and Plant 27**

Fraser/Britton

That Council purchase one Toyota Landcruiser 79 Series utility from Sci Fleet Toyota outright for \$48,000 (ex gst), and accept the tender from P and C White for Plant 24 for \$30,144.55 (ex gst), and trade in Plant No. 27 to Sci Fleet Toyota for one Toyota Landcruiser 79 Series for \$17,545.45 (ex gst) changeover as the lowest conforming tender, but allowing the local tender as being quite close to the trade-in price and advantaging the community by improving the quality of vehicles in circulation.

**CARRIED**

**Replacement of Plant 28**

Mann/Sale

That Council purchase the Toyota Landcruiser 76 Series GXL Wagon and trade in the Toyota Landcruiser 100 series GXL Wagon, to Sci Fleet Toyota for \$20,409.09 (ex gst) changeover as the lowest conforming tender, as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.

**CARRIED**

The Consulting Engineer updated Council on the Aerodrome Certification.

**Adjournment:** At this stage, the meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10.32am, and resumed at 11.01am, with all in attendance. The Consulting Engineers and Overseer were invited to return to the meeting after the lunch break. The TDO Ms Rosanne Mollenhagen joined Council for morning tea.

Financial Report/Statements

Council considered the Financial Statements.

**Departure:** At this stage, Ms Rutherford left the meeting, the time being 11.49am.

Mann/Sale

That the Financial Statements be received.

**CARRIED**

**Item 4:** Legal Action for Recovery of Sundry Debts/Rates

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

**Item 5:** Planning for a new hospital

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

**Item 6:** Flood Mitigation Applications

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

**Item 7:** Expenses Incurred by Chairs of Committees

Fraser/Sale

That Council adopt a policy whereby Chairs of Committee, by application to Council, may claim mileage on the same basis as mileage reimbursement for Councillors, for attendance at Advisory Committee meetings called by Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses on presentation of dockets.

**CARRIED**

That the matter be removed from Business Arising.

**Item 8:** Proposed land development for horse paddocks

Cr Britton expressed concerns and suggested Mr and Mrs Laffin have first choice of the allocated paddocks.

Cr Mann noted approach from people who thought that the horse paddocks would be free.

That Council seek expressions of interest from the public who may wish to utilise small horse paddocks, prior to undertaking infrastructure works.

Mann/Britton

That Council adopt the Common Management Plan without amendment, and the CEO be authorised to proceed with a Trustee Agreement with Natural Resources and Water.

**CARRIED**

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

**Item 9:** Possible permanent saleyard bull selling ring and seating  
To be visited later in the meeting.

**Departure:** At this stage, DCEO left the meeting, the time being 12.35pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE - FINANCIAL**

**Item 10:** Winton Health Action Team Inc - 128/758  
Request waiving of hire fees for show grounds and recreation grounds for A Winton-a-Thon event.

Fraser/Sale

That Council waive the hire fees as requested, noting the partners involved in the project and the positive community outcomes intended, further noting the range of non-profit organisations and volunteers participating and wide cross section of the community targeted.

**CARRIED**

**Item 18:** **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Department of Main Roads - Pf 296/1

Advising listed properties are surplus to requirements and asking if Council is interested in purchase of same.

To be visited later in the meeting.

2. Guides and Elliott - Pf 075/5

Requesting Council not take action on late payment of rates, and confirming that payment will be made as soon as property sells.

Fraser/Mann

That Council advise the writers that Council is prepared to withhold action for recovery of the rates arrears, but that the interest charges will continue to accrue, with review of the matter in 6 months.

**CARRIED**

3. Department of Housing - 134/585

Advising of requirements to be released from obligation to properties funded under Department of Housing Long Term Community Housing Program.

The CEO advised that this process was commenced as a result of concerns with the "One Social Housing" legislation and the need to have units available for Winton Shire residents. The concerns have not materialised.

Resolved, that no action be taken and Council not follow through with the release from obligation to properties as listed.

4. Winton Senior and Junior Rugby League - 333/1096

Request Council waive equipment hire charges associated with proposed Queensland Outback versus New South Wales Football Game.

Sale/Britton

That Council waive the requested hire charges on the basis of the direct economic benefit to organisations and businesses in Winton, as well as being a strong promotional opportunity, further that Council considers that there will be social and recreational benefits for our community as well.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE - STOCKROUTES**

**Item 12:** Department of Natural Resources and Water - 312/850

Advising it is time for 3<sup>rd</sup> annual review of Local Government Stock Route Network Management Plan.

That the Shire Rural Land Management Committee review the document.

**Item 18: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE STOCKROUTES CORRESPONDENCE**

6. Department of Natural Resources - Pf 775/1

Seeking Council views on application for a Permit to Occupy.

Resolved, that Council advise of no objection subject to the ongoing requirement for all properties in the Shire to have a current Property Pest Management Plan.

7. Blue Bush Pest Destruction Syndicate - 318/120  
Request reduction in account due to "bad" meat.

That the matter be held until after the Shire Rural Land Management Meeting and discussion with the SRLO.

**Adjournment:** At this stage, the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 1.02pm, with Councillors being requested to meet at Council office at 2.00pm, to perform inspections of the saleyards, swimming pool, Main Roads and QR houses. Council meeting resumed at 2.54pm with all in attendance except the DCEO. Ms Rutherford also returned to the meeting.

8. Mr G Wells - 14/386  
Seeking agistment for 80 bulls on 4 Mile Reserve.

**Attendance:** At this stage, the DCEO attended the meeting, the time being 2.55pm.

Resolved, that the writer be advised that the Reserve is for short term/emergency agistment and that the request not be allowed.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Consulting Engineer Mr Timms returned to the meeting, the time being 2.56pm.

Council returned to the Engineering section of the meeting.

## **ENGINEERING MATTERS ARISING**

**F 15141** Rural Addressing  
Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that the numbers for Rural Addressing have been ordered, and the CEO advised of the process planned in communicating with property owners to ensure that signs are not installed contrary to property owners wishes.  
That the matter remain on Business Arising.

**F15176** Awning at the front of library  
That the matter remain on Business Arising.

**F 15216** Council requested the Consulting Engineer investigate costs to upgrade the toilet facility at Lark Quarry to enable greater numbers for larger visitation.  
That the matter remain on Business Arising.

- F15218** That a quote be sought to enlarge the current gym for budget consideration.  
That the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15213** Water to land west of the Industrial Estate – in line booster pump.  
That the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15234** Billboards on Longreach Road  
Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised Council that erection of the billboards should start on 6<sup>th</sup> May.  
That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Engineer's Report  
Mann/Fraser  
That the Engineer's Report be received.

**CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **CORRESPONDENCE – ENGINEERING**

- Item 11:** QR - 288/589  
Declining Council's offer to purchase 2 residences and QR's counter offer.  
  
That the writer be advised that Council is no longer interested in the houses at the stated price.

**Item 18:** **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

### **LATE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Department of Main Roads - Pf 296/1  
Advising listed properties are surplus to requirements and asking if Council is interested in purchase of same.

Fraser/Britton  
That Council offer \$120,000.00 to Department of Main Roads for the purchase of the listed properties subject to the an inspection by Council officers.

**CARRIED**

### **LATE ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE**

6. Winton Health and Fitness - 333/1098  
Thanking Council for new locks and seeking permission to erect new piece of sports equipment for the gym.

Resolved, that installation of the boxing bag be approved and that the Council Carpenter be requested to assist with the installation.

### **Engineering General Business**

Cr Mann noted a perceived need for training for sign installation.

Cr Fraser asked about the disabled toilets in Elderslie Street. Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised he is unable to procure a quote for the work because local building tradesmen have too many projects on hand.

Resolved, that the Consulting Engineer place an advertisement in the Longreach Leader seeking quotes for the project.

Cr Sale noted that the tops of the Telstra pits are broken in various streets, and the CEO advised that they have to be reported individually to Telstra.

Cr Fraser asked for an update on sale of land at the Hospital Estate. The CEO advised that he has contacted the agents seeking expressions of interest to arrange sale of the land by auction. The approximate expected time frame is 3-5 weeks.

Cr Mann asked about the Mistake Creek overshoot at Bladensberg. The Consulting Engineer noted that QPWS has approached Council for a quote to remove the existing overshoot. That the Consulting Engineer be requested to investigate the feasibility and cost of repair of the weir/overshoot as a community/Work Program project. The CEO to write to QPWS seeking permission for such a project.

**Departure:** At this stage, Consulting Engineer Mr Timms left the meeting, the time being 3.44pm.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Mrs Dana Heslin, Director of Little Swaggies Child Care Centre attended the meeting, the time being 3.44pm.

### **Item 16: CEO's Report**

Little Swaggies Child Care Director's Report

### **Item 18: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **LATE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

9. Little Swaggies Child Care Centre - 52/906  
Request permission to use land at back of Child Care Centre.

Mrs Heslin advised she has applied for funding for things to do with keeping children active or helping children experience fresh food and would like to plant fruit trees and/or a vegetable garden.

Resolved, that Council offer no objection to the request for use of the land at the back of the Centre on the basis that the proposed use was very positive in providing participation and awareness of our young people in food production and associated activities such as composting and worm farms, also that Council notes that the area is presently not being used, under the control of Winton Shire Council and the matter has been discussed with St Patrick's School, also noting the further participation of families and other community members in the project.

**Departure:** At this stage, Mrs Heslin left the meeting, the time being 3.51pm.

**Adjournment:** At this stage, the meeting adjourned to allow Councillors to attend a funeral, the time being 3.51pm and resumed at 4.55pm with all in attendance.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**Item 9:** Possible permanent saleyard bull selling ring and seating  
Deferred from earlier in the meeting.

Resolved, that a site meeting be arranged with representatives of the Diamantina Droughtmaster Bull Sale Committee.

Fraser/Sale

That removable shade be arranged for the existing portable grandstands prior to the sale in May, to a maximum amount of \$2,500.

**CARRIED**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL**

**Item 13:** Mr J Smith - 75/506  
Seeking permission to keep more than 2 dogs.

Britton/Sale

That permission to keep more than 2 dogs be granted, and that the writer be advised that Council has not set any fee for registration as a kennel and therefore no further payment is required, also that re-registration each year is not required but Council may request re-registration from time to time.

**CARRIED**

**Item 14:** Outback Regional Gallery - 445/553  
Recommendation to the WMC Board with respect to the Eddie Hackman bronzes.

The CEO advised that the recommendation can not be fulfilled as the Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Status requirements preclude this type of transfer.

**Item 18: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

10. Ms K Hoksbergen - Pf 933/1  
Development application - interim approval.

The CEO advised that the application is impact assessable, that the due process must be followed, and that the advertising process be commenced.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Item 15: RADF Committee Report**

Fraser/Mann  
That the minutes of the RADF Committee meeting be received.

**CARRIED**

**Item 16: CEO'S REPORT**

Fraser/Sale  
That the CEO's Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**CEO's General Business**

CEO's Quarterly Report on Operational Planning  
Mann/Britton  
That Council receive the CEO's Quarterly Report on Operational Planning.

**CARRIED**

LGAQ Councillor Training in Winton – offered 12 and 13 May.  
That the CEO obtain alternative dates for this training for consideration by Council.

**Item 18: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE GENERAL CORR3ESPONDENCE**

Local Government Association of Queensland Inc - (tabled)  
Advising of 2 nominations for District – Cr J Palmer and Cr R Dare.

Council discussed the experience of the two candidates and resolved to support Cr Dare.

Country Week

Resolved that Council not attend Country Week due to the fact that Winton is not able to provide adequate housing for an influx of people at this stage.

Local Government Week Colouring Competition

Resolved that Cr Mann and Cr Sale be appointed to judge the local schools Colouring Competition entries.

The CEO advised that the Australian Age of Dinosaurs has arranged with the Koa People for a Cultural Audit and suggests that Council arrange a barbecue to have an informal welcome. Council agreed to host a welcoming function.

Cr Warren requested a meeting with Mrs Harbour for an informal get together with CEO and interested Councillors as a representative of the Jerendali people.

Cr Britton advised Council of further land being surveyed off his property to donate to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs project.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Fraser asked about applications for the Infrastructure Officer and Shire Rural Land Officer position. The CEO provided an update.

Cr Mann asked for an update on the doctor/medical situation. The Mayor provided an update.

Cr Britton provided an update on his attendance at the Local Government Symposium which he found very beneficial. Cr Mann shared his experiences as well.

Cr Warren also updated Council on his, Cr Britton's and Cr Mann's attendance at the Governor's function for RAPAD/Australian Age of Dinosaurs.

Cr Warren advised Council of his recent attendance at a Dig the Tropic teleconference. Cr Warren noted that the previous TDO had mentioned hosting a function while the Dig the Tropic family is in Winton. Cr Warren and TDO to arrange the hosting of an appropriate function on behalf of Council.

Cr Warren advised Council that there is a shortfall of pipe for the running rail at the race course.

Resolved that Council match the Race Club with funds to finish the job.

Cr Fraser let Council know of a visit to town by film maker Curtis Levy who is making a documentary on Waltzing Matilda and the visits she has arranged to show him around. Resolved that Cr Fraser be authorised to guide Mr Levy and involve Council's new TDO as much as possible as familiarisation.

Cr Warren advised that Channel 10 will be in Winton in May.

**Item 19: Dates Next Meeting**

- May Ordinary Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2008
- June Ordinary Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2008
- Special Meeting Operational Planning 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008
- Pre Budget Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008
- July Ordinary Meeting and Adoption of Budget 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2008

**Item 20: Mayor's Minute**

Nil

**Item 21: Other items if any**

Nil

**Closure:** The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

**Confirmation:** Confirmed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2008.

Signed .....  
Cr EL Warren  
MAYOR