

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL, VINDEK STREET,
WINTON ON THURSDAY 19th AUGUST 2008, COMMENCING AT 8.00AM.**

Present: Cr EL Warren (Mayor), Cr PJ Britton, Cr JE Sale and Cr PS Mann.
Cr LA Fraser attended later.

Chief Executive Officer	-	V Corbin
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	-	A Rayment
Minute Secretary	-	D Murphy

Item 1: Apologies

Nil

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes - General Meeting

Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Britton
That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 17th July 2008, Folio
15288 to Folio 15302, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Mann
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting for Adoption of the 2008/2009
Budget, held on 17th July, 2008, Folio 15303 to Folio 15308 be confirmed.

CARRIED

The CEO advised that it was not possible to conduct the special rate for
gypsum mining and that the only path available was to charge a differential
rate.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Item 3: Financial Report/Statements

Council considered the Financial Statements and the One Page Finance
Report.

Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Britton
That the Consolidated Financial Statements be received.

CARRIED

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

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 5: Planning for a new hospital

Cr Warren updated Council on recent changes in the Health System.

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

- Item 6:** Flood Mitigation Applications
The DCEO updated Council on progress of the Flood Mitigation applications.

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- Item 7:** Proposed land development for horse paddocks
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- Item 8:** Possible permanent saleyard bull selling ring and seating
Resolved that an increased spelling opportunity be investigated at the same time as the bull ring upgrade for development of the saleyards and research into what additional land may be available to increase the yard capacity.

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

CORRESPONDENCE - FINANCIAL

- Attendance:** Cr LA Fraser attended the meeting at 8.45am
- Item 9:** Murweh Shire Council - 61/496 and 61/497

Providing information re submission to Grants Commission.

That the information be received and noted.
- Item 10:** Department of Mines and Energy
Forwarding compensation agreement renewal with respect to Mining Claim 95132.

That the information be received and noted.
- Item 10a:** Mal Walker and Co
Requesting to rent part of the Capell building.

Resolved, that the two offices in the Capell building be advertised for rental on an "as is" basis for short term lease and that the toilet facility be investigated prior to advertising.
- Item 11:** Department of Natural Resources and Water - 381/392
Seeking Council's opinion on whether an annual valuation should be undertaken.

Moved Cr Fraser

Seconded Cr Mann

That Council advise it does not require an annual valuation for 2009/2010

CARRIED

Item 21: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

LATE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation
Advising of costs (\$5,546.00) associated with the 15 March 2008 Local Government Election.

Resolved that the information be received and the account paid.

2. Saint Patricks' School
Requesting Council assistance to solve water usage anomaly.

Resolved, that Council Water Officer check the water meters, and that the writer's attention be drawn to the possible increased usage due to the installation of a new oval.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL

Item 15: King and Company
Seeking instructions with respect to earth wall fall at Lark Quarry.

Closed

Committee: Mover Cr Fraser
That Council form a Closed Committee at 9.05am to discuss a matter under Section 463 (f) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
Seconded Cr Britton

CARRIED

Out of

Committee: Moved Cr Sale
That Council move out of Committee at 9.40am.
Seconded Cr Mann

CARRIED

Moved Cr Fraser
That Council accept the advice of King and Co and continue with the legal action.
Seconded Cr Britton

CARRIED

Item 21: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

LATE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

7. Winton Motorsport Association
Response with respect to Drag Racing over Queen's Birthday weekend.

That the information be received and noted.

8. Local Government Managers Australia - 193/4387
Advising of LGMA Queensland Annual Conference in Townsville.

Moved Cr Mann
That the CEO, Cr Mann, Cr Sale and Cr Britton be authorised to attend.
Seconded Cr Sale
CARRIED

9. Premier of Queensland - 142/450
Inviting Winton to consider the Queensland Mosaics project as part of Queensland's 150th Celebrations.

That the information be received and noted and Council participate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 16: Sister City Committee Meeting Report

Moved Cr Mann
That the minutes of the Sister City Committee Meeting be received.
Seconded Cr Sale
CARRIED

Item 17: Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting Report

Moved Cr Mann
That the minutes of the Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting be received.
Seconded Cr Fraser
CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.08am and resumed at 10.35am with all in attendance.

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

Attendance: The Consulting Engineers Mr K Luckhurst and Mr D Timms, Overseer – Mr P Stockham, Town Foreman – Mr R Ivers, Workshop Foreman – Mr P Stephens and the Water Officer – Mr R Dooley attended the meeting at 10.35am.

Item 20: ENGINEERS' REPORT

Item 18: Showgrounds Users Committee Meeting

Moved Cr Fraser
That the Showgrounds Users Committee Meeting be received.
Seconded Cr Mann
CARRIED

New Amenities Block Drainage Issues

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that upon investigation, a solution which he hopes is an acceptable result as a drainage option has been provided.

New Amenities Block Sealing of Mound – still to be actioned

Water from grassy mound – still to be investigated

Water Officer's Report

Cr Warren asked the Water Officer about leakages from No 3 and the Water Officer advised that the bores are leaking due to their being switched off, and that the leakage is being allowed to take the pressure off the main while work is being performed.

Item 21: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

LATE ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum

Asking if Council is agreeable to supply and cost of extension to the water main inside the Museum land for the purpose of connecting fire service hose reels.

Fraser/Mann

That the requested materials be supplied as a 100mm line from the boundary to opposite the first hydrant, with the Museum to provide the excavation and back fill.

CARRIED

The Consulting Engineer advised of a meeting between himself, the Water Officer and Mr Colin Searle with respect to the connection of water to his subdivision west of the Industrial Estate.

Resolved, that the Consulting Engineer advise Mr Searle of the cost of water connection; that his town planning approval expires in December; and that he should apply for an extension of time to perform the works.

That the matter be placed on Engineering Business Arising.

Departure: The Water Officer left the meeting at 11.31am.

Parks and Gardens Report

Resolved that Council plant shrubs around the sewerage dump site at the Eric Lenton Recreation Reserve.

Airport Caretakers Report

Council discussed the cleaning of the airport.

Fraser/Mann

That Council apply to QR for an OLC licence to cross the railway line at the airport.

CARRIED

Workplace, Health and Safety Report

Departure: The Town Foreman left the meeting at 11.47am.

Workshop Foreman's Report

Departure: The Workshop Foreman left the meeting at 11.55am.

Overseer's Report

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for an inspection of the walking track at 11.56am and resumed at 12.15am with all in attendance.

Resolved that the Consulting Engineer Mr Luckhurst be requested to investigate the newly surveyed airstrip at Opalton.

Cr Britton asked about safety on the Cork/Mackunda Road at Mackunda Creek. The Overseer to investigate.

Cr Warren requested a costing for the installation of lighting at the truck park either solar or as part of the street lighting system.

Cr Warren noted the kerb and channelling is being severely damaged at the BP Roadhouse due to trucks parking up on the footpath.

Cr Fraser noted a suggestion at the Opalton meeting to create a road along the Bareeda fence line to Lark Quarry which seemed worthy of merit.

Cr Fraser and Cr Sale noted that Mr David Strang also had an airstrip near Opalton which could possibly be utilised for Opalton in an emergency.

The Overseer noted concerns from the Crusher Yard operator of people dumping road train tyres at the Council tyre dump. Cr Warren suggested

fencing the tyre pit and the need to organise authority with the Crusher Yard operator to dump tyres.

Engineer's Report

Acquisition of Native Title Rights – Cork Street (Depot)

The CEO advised Council that notices were sent to Gurang Land Council with respect to the acquisition of land for the works depot, noting that no response has been received. Council further noted that the need for the land, for a works depot, was still present.

Moved Cr Mann
That Council proceed with the acquisition of the land for the works depot.
Seconded Cr Sale
CARRIED

Acquisition of Native Title Rights – Materials Depot (Crusher Yard)

The CEO advised Council that notices were sent to Gurang Land Council with respect to the acquisition of land for the materials depot, noting that no response has been received. Council further noted that the need for the land, for a materials depot, was still present.

Moved Cr Mann
That Council proceed with the acquisition of the land for the materials depot.
Seconded Cr Fraser
CARRIED

Plant Replacement Program

Sale of Hino Tip Truck

Moved Cr Fraser
That Council accept the tender of Gilbert and Roach for the amount of \$32,972.73 (ex GST) as the only conforming tender.
Seconded Cr Mann
CARRIED

House Removal Bond

Moved Cr Britton
That Council modify the Building Removal Bond to “a minimum fee of \$5,000”.
Seconded Cr Fraser
CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.01pm and resumed at 2.01pm with all in attendance, including the Consulting Engineers and the Overseer.

Local Roads of Regional Significance

Moved Cr Britton
That the Olio/Muttaborra Road be transferred off the Local Roads of Regional Significance scheme and that the Winton to Richmond Road be added to the scheme.

Seconded Cr Mann
CARRIED

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Moved Cr Britton
That Council adopt the Drug and Alcohol Policy subject to no objections being received by Monday 25th August, 2008. The Policy to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Seconded Cr Mann
CARRIED

Purchase of new Vehicle Hoist

Moved Cr Britton
That Council accept the quote of Norosco Hose and Fitting Supplies for the vehicle hoist for the amount of \$14,070 (ex GST) as the lowest conforming tender.

Seconded Cr Mann
CARRIED

Report on Aerodrome after Drag Racing Event

That the information be received and noted.

ENGINEERING MATTERS ARISING

- F 15141** Rural Addressing
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15176** Awning at the front of library
Consulting Engineer Mr Timms provided concept sketch to Council.

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15218** That a quote be sought to enlarge the current gym for budget consideration.
Consulting Engineer Mr Timms noted that the plan would be an add on to both ends of the gym.

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15213** Water Supply to land west of Industrial Estate – Council requested Consulting Engineer provide costings on an in-line booster pump.

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

- F 15262** That the Consulting Engineer be asked to further investigate lengthening of the air port runway.
Consulting Engineer Mr Luckhurst presented a report to Council providing costs/options for lengthening the runway.
Resolved that Council proceed with an application for the full extension of the apron and taxiway under the Regional Airports Development Scheme.

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE ENGINEERING

- Item 12:** Roberts Nehmer McKee - 122/68
Advising it was not intended to proceed with access to the Gravel Pit at Tattoo and forwarding account.

That the information be received and noted and account paid.
- Item 13:** Attorney General - 60/206
Advising applications for funding in 2008-2009 under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program have opened.

That the information be received and noted.
- Item 14:** Winton Business and Tourism Association Inc - 398/175
Request to consider upgrade to Winton Airport entrance.

Resolved that the matter be received and noted and that the writer be thanked for their interest and advised that they will be updated as matters progress.
- Item 21:** **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**
- LATE ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE**
3. Queensland Transport - 3/853
Advising that Regional Airports Development Scheme Grants are now available.

That Council apply for the airport runway lengthening and strengthening under this scheme.
4. Queensland Fire and Rescue Service - 103/241
Advising that some fire hydrants in Winton are in need of general

maintenance and proposing that if Council were to provide equipment to maintain the hydrants, the Winton Fire Service Social Club would provide man power at a rate to be negotiated.

Moved Cr Fraser
That Council negotiate a price of \$500 plus equipment for maintenance of the hydrants.

Seconded Cr Mann

CARRIED

5. Australian Age of Dinosaurs - 405/71

Seeking Council assistance by transporting loader to Elderslie Station to remove overburden from site prior to dig.

Moved Cr Fraser
That Council ratify the CEO's actions in authorising the transportation of the loader to Elderslie and back to the mesa, and provide the generator as requested.

Seconded Cr Sale

CARRIED

6. Corfield and Fitzmaurice Winton Tourism Development Centre - 168/78

Seeking assistance to divert storm drainage between North Gregory Hotel and Corfield and Fitzmaurice building.

That the matter be placed on Engineering Business Arising.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms provided Council with a report on traffic counter data from the Jundah Road.

Engineer's Report

Moved Cr Mann
That the Engineer's Report be received.

Seconded Cr Fraser

CARRIED

Departure: The Consulting Engineers and Overseer left the meeting at 3.20pm.

Item 19: CEO's Report

Community Options Report

The CEO to discuss education/training options with the Community Options Worker.

Cr Fraser asked if there was any progress with a Travel Coordinator. The DCEO advised that the matter is facing difficulties and will need further investigation.

Child Care Director's Report

The CEO be authorised to meet with the Director to resolve licensing issues and the fee structure.

CEO's Report

Mud Maps

That the matter be referred to the Tourism Strategy Committee for proof reading.

Request for write off of rates – Assessment 00099-0000-000

Moved Cr Sale

Seconded Cr Mann

That Council write off an amount of \$1032.74 and refund the amount as requested due to the fact that there is only one water service connected to the land, noting that this discount is only allowed if the second house remains unoccupied.

CARRIED

Attendance: The Shire Rural Land Officer Ms T Willmott attended the Meeting at 4.05pm.

SRLO Report

The SRLO reported on the recent Dingo Syndicate Meeting and advised of further interest in aerial baiting.

Moved Cr Mann

Seconded Cr Fraser

That the Bait Meat and Freezer Policy be adopted as:

- Key to be kept with SRLO and in office at all times
- All meat to be weighed in containers prior to freezing and weights noted on boxes and in the office (containers numbered)
- Records to be kept who has what containers to ensure they are returned.
- Meat will be paid at \$2.20 (plus GST)/kg or \$2.20 with ABN and no GST.
- With the relocation of the Council workshop it may be possible to move the freezer into the SRLO's yard.

CARRIED

SRLO recommended that Council place an advertisement in the Winton Herald advising that a GPS reading is to be noted on all dingo/fox scalp claims.

Moved Cr Mann

Seconded Cr Fraser

That a GPS location be placed on dingo/fox scalp claims where possible,

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being phased in over two years and becoming mandatory after that.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Mann
That Council donate \$250 towards the Predator Control Field Day being held at Dunluce as a Shire initiative.

Seconded Cr Fraser

CARRIED

Moved Cr Fraser
That Council add "50c/per head per week agistment for goats" to Council's Fees and Charges.

Seconded Cr Sale

CARRIED

The SRLO advised that the proposed hay making on the Apsley Lane will not be happening as the quality of the grass is not good enough.

Cr Mann asked when and/if Collingwood Reserve would be fenced. Cr Warren advised that the job was withdrawn from the budget.

Item 21: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

LATE STOCKROUTES CORRESPONDENCE

10. Mr D Carlton - 315/327

Request to purchase a quantity of dingo and rabbit traps.

Resolved, that the SRLO advertise the surplus traps for sale and that the writer be so advised.

Departure: The SRLO left the meeting at 4.40pm.

CEO's Report (continuing)

Local Government Review Commission

Moved Cr Fraser
That Council provide a letter of support for the Mr Vince Corbin's application for reappointment to the Local Government Review Commission.

Seconded Cr Sale

CARRIED

Town Planning Issues

The CEO updated Council on Town Planning Issues in the hands of the Town Planners.

Resolved that Council progress the extension of the Industrial Estate.

Dispute of Invoices received for gravel pad at the Industrial Estate

The CEO presented documents to Council with respect to a dispute about invoices charged which differed to the provided estimate.

Moved Cr Mann
That Council charge \$1530 for the sub grade and the estimate price of \$2340, a total of \$3870.00.

Seconded Cr Britton

CARRIED

Audit Report – Performance Management System

The CEO reported to Council on the results of a recent Performance Management System Audit.

The CEO updated Council on documents put in place to acquit Community Grants, and advised Council that he has contacted the Queensland Audit Office with this information.

Moved Cr Fraser
That the CEO's Report be received.

Seconded Cr Mann

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Fraser asked about the investment of Farm Cam to be placed at the Crusher Yards and new Depot to prevent vandalism. The CEO to investigate.

Land in Fraser Street – Cr Fraser asked what was happening on the cleared land.

Closed

Committee: Moved Cr Sale
That Council form a Closed Committee at 5.20pm to discuss a matter under Section 463 (a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Seconded Cr Mann

CARRIED

Out of

Committee: Moved Cr Fraser
That Council move out of Committee, the time being 5.50pm.

Seconded Cr Sale

CARRIED

Departure: Cr Warren and Cr Fraser left the meeting at 5.50pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Britton noted he is unavailable to attend the Stockroutes meeting on Thursday.

Cr Sale asked about caravan generators running over the weekend.

Attendance: Cr Warren and DCEO returned to the meeting at 6.00pm.

Engineering Business Arising – The Consulting Engineer and Overseer to provide estimates about how much it will cost to reinstate the walking track on the north side of the town.

The DCEO noted that there is a Greyhound Bus parked at the railway station in Longreach and that it is for hire.

The DCEO advised of Country Week – 19-21st September in Brisbane. The DCEO advised of the possibility of sending a staff member to Country Week, being assisted by RAPAD to the value of \$1000.

Resolved that Council allow a staff member to attend Country Week.

The DCEO advised of a request from Mr G Neshausen to use the fire hydrant situated near the kitchen at the Waltzing Matilda Centre. A letter of approval is required from Council.

Resolved, that Council provide the requested letter, with the following reasonable and relevant conditions:

- That the use, interests and fire safety measures of the Waltzing Matilda Centre are not compromised;
- Any upgrades or the like necessary to meet minimum standards to service Mr Neshausen's building are at his cost; and
- Approval to utilise the fire hydrant is obtained from the regulatory fire authority and assessing Building Certifier.

The DCEO advised that Parks and Gardens staff are commencing work on Council property front yards/gardens.

The DCEO noted a request from Waltzing Matilda Centre staff to access Council staff discounts on soil, gravel etc.

Resolved that staff discounts be extended to Waltzing Matilda Centre staff.

Item 22: Dates Next Meeting

- September Ordinary Meeting 18th September, 2008
- October Ordinary Meeting 16th October, 2008

Position of CEO

Moved Cr Mann

Seconded Cr Sale

That the position of CEO be offered to Mr Greg Coulton.

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CARRIED 3-1 with Cr Britton requesting his vote be recorded against.

Closure: The meeting closed at 6.12pm.

Confirmation: Confirmed before me this 18th September, 2008.

Signed
Cr EL Warren
MAYOR