

**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 FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008,  
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM.**

**Present:** Cr EL Warren (Mayor), Cr RB Archer, Cr NA Banning, Cr GS Sorensen  
Cr CR Angus, Cr DR Nichols, Cr GT Lenton, Cr JP Paynter, Cr LA Fraser.

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

**Item 1: Apologies**

Sorensen/Lenton  
That the apology of Cr PS Mann be received.

**CARRIED**

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

Archer/Nichols  
That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2007, Folio  
15187 to Folio 15198, be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES (continuing)**

**Item 3: Cheque List**

Sorensen/Fraser  
That the cheques for the month of December 2007, as presented be  
endorsed.

**CARRIED**

**Financial Report/Statements**

Council considered the Financial Statements.

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 Engineer Mr D Timms, Overseer – Mr P  
Stockham, Acting Town Foreman – Mr J Anderson and the Water Officer –  
Mr R Dooley attended the meeting, the time being 8.35am.

#### Water Officer's Report

Cr Warren asked the Water Officer how the new system was performing. The Water Officer advised that there were a few problems, but in the main it is working well, and the water gang and fire brigade are both finding it easier to work with the cooler water. The water tower is working at 85% full.

Cr Fraser asked about repairs to the water mains and the Water Officer advised that the cold water is causing a few problems with old mains, but that the repairs are straight forward and much safer and should provide savings with fewer water meters needing to be replaced.

The Consulting Engineer noted that the new system is still setting alarms off during the night, by telemetry to mobile phones, but that he hopes to rectify the issue shortly.

**Departure:** At this stage, the Water Officer left the meeting, the time being 8.50am.

#### Parks and Gardens Report

Acting Town Forman Mr Anderson presented a verbal report to Council noting that most of the work performed is dealing with the rampant growth of grass and weeds following recent rain.

#### Airport Caretaker's Report

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Item 15: Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting**

Nichols/Fraser

That the minutes of the Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting be received.  
**CARRIED**

**Item 12: Airport Advisory Committee Meeting**

Nichols/Archer

That the minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting Report be received.

**CARRIED**

Cr Lenton advised of an ant, the Singapore Ant, that has been identified in town and requested information about eradication. Council agreed that this should be circulated to the community.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **CORRESPONDENCE ENGINEERING**

**Item 8:** Winton Motorsport Association - 333/1082  
Thanking Council for support of drag racing at aerodrome and requesting parking and emergency suggestion/solutions. The CEO noted that some of the requested work was covered by existing policies for assisting community groups.

Lenton/Banning

That Council perform the requested works to prepare the secondary taxiway between the emergency air strip and the terminal.

**CARRIED**

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

Safety Officer's Report

The Safety Officer updated Council on a workplace incident which occurred on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2008 and advised that he would report further to the February meeting.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Ms Amy Wilson from the Longreach Leader attended the meeting, the time being 9.12am.

Cr Warren welcomed Ms Wilson to the meeting.

Overseer's Report

Engineer's Report

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms updated Council on his report.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms noted the difficulties/uncertainties with electrical connection for the Depot with the possibility of the need for a pole mounted transformer, which could take 24 weeks to procure which would take project completion to July.

Hospital Estate

Cr Warren raised the issue of the size of the Hospital Estate blocks. The Consulting Engineer noted that the blocks are just about ready to be listed for sale.

Cr Archer noted her preference for retaining larger blocks.

Cr Fraser and Cr Nichols noted that there should be both large and small sized blocks, keeping 2x 1200<sup>2</sup>m blocks and splitting the others into 4x 800<sup>2</sup>m blocks.

Lenton/Fraser

That the plans for the subdivision be amended to retain 2 of the 1200<sup>2</sup>m blocks, but split 2 of the 1600<sup>2</sup>m blocks to create 4 x 800<sup>2</sup>m allotments.

**Amendment:** Paynter/Fraser

That the plans for the subdivision be amended to create 7 x 800<sup>2</sup>m blocks.

The Mayor put an amended motion.

The amendment was lost and the Mayor put the original motion which was **CARRIED**.

The CEO noted that the change to the subdivision requires a town planning application for the reconfiguration of the allotments, splitting Lot 4 and Lot 5 on Plan SP 187177 into four new parcels.

Paynter/Fraser

That the reconfiguration of allotments, as detailed, be approved.

**CARRIED**

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AUGUST MEETING**

**F 15141** Rural Addressing

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

**F15174** That the Consulting Engineer and Overseer prepare costings for installing a causeway on the Diamantina River Road across Mullray Creek for cost/benefit analysis.

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

**F15176** Awning at the front of library

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Cr Archer asked about toilets for the disabled. The Consulting Engineer advised that Brett Webber constructions and a local builder would be providing quotes shortly.

Angus/Paynter  
That the Engineer's Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**Item 19: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE**

3. Winton Health and Fitness - 128/742  
Advising of weather problem at gym at Eric Lenton Recreation Grounds and seeking assistance with same.

Cr Lenton also advised of a mud problem at the entrance of the building.

Council noted that rectification would be a minor maintenance matter and approved the work.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**Item 5:** Mr J and Mrs E East - 120/312  
Making comment on draft streetscape plan for Elderslie Street.

**Item 6:** Mr B Collins - 120/313  
Making comment on draft streetscape plan for Elderslie Street.

**Item 7:** Mrs H Collins - 120/314  
Making comment on draft streetscape plan for Elderslie Street.

**Item 8:** Mrs F Nicholson - 120/316  
Making comment on draft streetscape plan for Elderslie Street.

That the information be received and noted and the matter be furthered in due course with more public consultation to be arranged.

Cr Warren asked if the blasting on the Dinosaur Access Road was successful and Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that the blasting was very successful. Cr Paynter confirmed that the road across the channels was in the "right spot" with good crossings and a nice drive.

**Departure:** At this stage, the Consulting Engineer and Overseer left the meeting, the time being 10.04am.

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES (continuing)**

Council resumed perusal of the Financial Statements.

Paynter/Sorensen  
That the Financial Statements be received.

**CARRIED**

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

The CEO updated Council on a memo from the Debtors Clerk noting mining leases that have been cancelled by the Mines Department due to unpaid lease fees and noted that the rates owing on these were also unrecoverable.

Paynter/Banning  
That Council write off the 5 mining leases listed:  
ML 95383  
ML 95038  
ML 95247  
ML 95248  
ML 95249, as unrecoverable.

**CARRIED**

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  
That the matter remain on Business Arising.

**Item 19:** **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Queensland Boulder Opal Association Inc - 409/209  
Seeking sponsorship for the "Queen of Gems" Jewellery Design Competition in 2008.

Fraser/Paynter  
That Council sponsor \$2,000 towards Category 2 - Professional Section of the Jewellery Design Competition for 2008 funded from Area Promotions.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL**

**Item 9:** Environmental Protection Agency - 144/206

Advising that the Queensland Heritage and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 was passed and the amended Act is scheduled to commence at the end of March 2008 and asking if Council is seeking to be exempted from Part 7B of the Act.

Resolved that Council not seek an exemption from Part 7B of the Act, and that the writer be so advised.

**Adjournment:** At this stage, the meeting adjourned for morning tea at the Waltzing Matilda Centre, the time being 10.30am. After morning tea, Council inspected the renovations at the Waltzing Matilda Centre. Council resumed the meeting at 11.45am with all in attendance.

Cr Warren thanked the DCEO for the tour of the renovations at the Waltzing Matilda Centre and requested that a letter be written to the Board noting Council's approval to the very positive outcome achieved.

**Item 19: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

2. Waltzing Matilda Centre - 445/547  
Asking if Council wishes to become involved with proposed Winton DVD.

Cr Lenton noted that it's time the old Winton DVD was updated.

The meeting agreed that it was opportune to update the DVD, also noting that the previous video had provided many useful promotional opportunities over many years. The meeting also noted the very successful previous arrangement using Mr Elliott for the Winton video.

Paynter/Nichols

That Council contract Mr John Elliott to produce the proposed Promotional DVD of Winton as recommended by the Manager of the Waltzing Matilda Centre, on the basis that Council's agreement to proceed with the proposal to fund the \$22,000 production costs, be funded from Area Promotion.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL**

**Item 10:** Roberts Nehmer McKee - 445/543  
With respect to the restructure of the Waltzing Matilda Centre.

**Closed**

**Committee:** Nichols/Fraser

That Council form a Closed Committee to discuss a legal matter, the time being 11.58am.

**CARRIED**

**Out of  
Committee**

Angus/Fraser

That Council move out of Committee, the time being 12.25pm.

**CARRIED**

**Item 11:** Waltzing Matilda Centre Board - 445/546

With respect to the restructure of the Waltzing Matilda Centre.

Fraser/Angus

That the recommendations of Council's solicitors Roberts Nehmer McKee and the Board, to proceed by application to the Supreme Courts be supported and the CEO instruct the solicitors to proceed with this.

**CARRIED**

The CEO provided advice of recommendations from King and Co with respect to Council's Supreme Court claim arising from the Lark Quarry rammed earth wall collapse.

Paynter/Lenton

That Council instruct King and Co to agree to the extension of time for the defendants as requested, and that an independent engineering expert be engaged by King and Co to determine the amount of damages.

**Item 19: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

4. Australian Hotel - 354/718

Applying for permission to have tables and chairs on footpath.

Lenton/Banning

That permission for a Designated Outdoor Smoking Area be granted subject to the following reasonable and relevant conditions:

- Straight line access be available on the footpath for a wheelchair, or a pram, or two adults walking abreast
- Permission is ongoing and need not be re-applied for but permission can be revoked or reapplication required according to the provisions of Council's local law or due to a breach of these conditions
- No fee currently applies to this permit but fees and charges are reviewed annually by Council as part of the budget process and on an ad hoc basis
- Any other legislation or regulations relevant to this matter, including licensing and smoking, must be complied with

- A reasonable effort must be made to provide an aesthetic appearance for the area including furniture of reasonable quality and appearance with the area being kept tidy
- Due to the specific concerns with DOSA's, Council requests a site meeting to confirm the positioning of tables and chairs to comply with the above conditions

**CARRIED**

9. Paul Neilson - Pf 194/0

Requesting subdivision, combining an allotment and requesting permission for a caravan park.

That the CEO contact the writer advising that the request is more complex than that which can be dealt with in a brief letter, detailing the steps required for a subdivision, combining an allotment and permission for a caravan park, suggesting a meeting to go through planning scheme issues.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Item 13:** Shire Rural Land Management Committee Meeting

Archer/Nichols

That the minutes of the Shire Rural Land Management Committee Meeting be received.

**CARRIED**

**Item 14:** Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting

Banning/Sorensen

That the minutes of the Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting be received.

**CARRIED**

**Item 16:** Child Care Committee Meeting

Archer/Angus

That the minutes of the Child Care Committee Meeting be received.

**CARRIED**

**Item 17: CEO'S REPORT**

**Adjournment:** At this stage, the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 1.02pm, and resumed at 2.00pm with all in attendance except Cr Angus.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Ms Wilson from the Longreach Leader attended the meeting, the time being 2.08pm.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Cr Angus returned to the meeting, the time being 2.10pm.

The CEO raised the issue of the TDO's resignation and asked for feedback from Council on whether a replacement be recruited along the same lines or as an Economic Development position, or whether Council had any views on the matter.

That the matter be placed on Business Arising.

CEO's Report

Archer/Angus

That the CEO's Report be received.

**CARRIED**

### **Nadjayamba Bursary**

#### **Declaration of**

**Interest:** At this stage, Cr Paynter declared a Conflict of Interest, the time being 2.57pm.

The CEO noted four (4) applications received.

The CEO recommended that Miss Kate Durack receive the Nadjayamba Bursary on the basis of her superior marks. Councillors to peruse the applications and make at decision at the end of the meeting.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Cr Paynter returned to the meeting, the time being 3.02pm.

The CEO advised of an email to LGAQ and reply advising no recent action with respect to a plebiscite for non-amalgamated Council.

The CEO follow up the matter of the plebiscite with LGAQ to have it before the March election.

The CEO advised of not receiving any objection to the acquisition of Native Title rights for the Depot site in Cork Street.

Angus/Nichols

That Council proceed with the acquisition of land for the Depot Site, and that Council's solicitors Roberts Nehmer McKee be so advised.

**CARRIED**

Council confirmed that they wish to nominate Winton for the 2009 Tidy Towns Competition.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Banning asked if Council wished to host a farewell function for the departing TDO. Cr Warren noted that he thought that Council should acknowledge her work by a farewell function. The CEO sought clarification on the precedent that may be set by a public function.

The CEO suggested a public function where the public may pay their respects, similar to other departing residents. Cr Banning and Cr Nichols to organise a public farewell.

Cr Lenton asked if there was any update about the Hughenden Rail Line.

Cr Lenton noted that there should be a review on how plant is looked after. The CEO advised that the Consulting Engineer is following this matter up in the near future. The matter to be raised at the next Plant Committee Meeting.

Cr Sorensen presented a verbal report on the LGAQ HR Conference he attended at the Gold Coast in November, noting the benefits of some of the ideas.

Cr Paynter asked if Council had asked George Bourne and Associates to update Sewerage Plan and Storm Water Plan. The CEO to request an update from George Bourne and Associates.

Cr Nichols advised that the WHAT 5 year plan is due for planning/review at 9.30am on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Council noted that the previous planning meeting was held in the Supper Room and offered the room to WHAT at no charge.

The CEO noted that the March Ordinary Meeting of Council is 20<sup>th</sup> March, and suggested Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March as an alternative date to ensure all voting is counted. Council resolved that the date be changed as recommended.

### **Nadjayamba Bursary**

#### **Declaration of**

**Interest:** At this stage, Cr Paynter declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting, the time being 3.52pm.

Fraser/Nichols

That Kate Durack be awarded the Nadjayamba Bursary.

**CARRIED**

**Attendance:** At this stage, Cr Paynter returned to the meeting, the time being 3.53pm.

That a function for retiring Councillors and former Mayor Bruce Collins be discussed at the February meeting.

**Item 20: Dates Next Meeting**

- February Ordinary Meeting - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2008
- March Ordinary Meeting -

**Item 21: Mayor's Minute**

Nil

**Item 22: Other items if any**

Nil

**Closure:** The meeting closed at 3.55pm.

**Confirmation:** Confirmed before me this 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2008.

Signed .....  
Cr EL Warren  
MAYOR