

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL, VINDEK STREET,  
WINTON ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 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 - V Corbin  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer - A Rayment  
Minute Secretary - D Murphy

**Item 1: Apologies**

Nil

**Ratification of appointment of Acting CEO**

Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser  
That Mr Vince Corbin be appointed as Acting CEO from 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

**CARRIED**

**Appointment of CEO**

Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Britton  
That Council appoint the Acting CEO Mr Vince Corbin as CEO from 10<sup>th</sup>  
July until a new CEO is appointed.

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment** The Meeting adjourned at 8.15am to conduct the Budget Meeting,

**Resumption** The Meeting resumed at 9.20am.

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

Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser  
That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008, Folio  
15270 to Folio 15286, be confirmed as amended.

**CARRIED**

Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Mann  
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting for Operational Planning, held on  
20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, Folio 15287, be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**Item 3: Financial Report/Statements**

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

Moved Cr Fraser  
That the Consolidated Financial Statements be received.  
Seconded Cr Britton  
**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  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

**Item 6:** Flood Mitigation Applications  
The DCEO updated Council on the Flood Mitigation process, advising that the final date for completion of the projects is no longer 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 and that the projects may now be finalised in due course.  
  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

**Item 7:** Proposed land development for horse paddocks  
The CEO advised Council that there have been 5 expressions of interest in the proposed horse paddocks.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Ms Amy Wilson, representing the Longreach Leader attended the meeting, the time being 9.50am.

Cr Warren welcomed Ms Wilson to the meeting.

**Item 7 (Cont)** Resolved that Council develop the 6 paddocks bounded by Cork Street, Manifold Street, Vindex Street and the Showgrounds and proceed with the fencing and water connection.

Moved Cr Britton  
That the paddocks be fenced and water connected and then offered to the public for annual lease with right of renewal, for the sum of \$400 per annum, subject to annual budget review.  
Seconded Cr Sale

**CARRIED**

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

**Adjournment:** At this stage, the meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10.06am and resumed at 10.40am with all in attendance (except Ms Wilson)

**Item 8:** Possible permanent saleyard bull selling ring and seating

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE FINANCIAL**

**Item 13:** Diamantina Droughtmaster Sale Group - 336/906  
Asking Council to consider erecting a permanent shade cover and sale ring at the saleyards.

Resolved, that the writer be advised that Council's intention over the next 6-12 months is to develop a plan to implement a first rate facility, and that funding options will then be sought.

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

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

**Attendance:** At this stage, Overseer – Mr P Stockham, Town Foreman – Mr R Ivers and the Water Officer – Mr R Dooley attended the meeting, the time being 10.55am.

#### **Water Officer's Report**

The Water Officer advised of enquires from the public as to whether Council is going to raise the current water allocations.

Cr Warren advised that the allocation will remain at 1200kl, but could be reviewed in the future.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Ms Wilson returned to the meeting, the time being 11.05am.

The Water Officer advised that electrical work at the pump station is progressing and is near completion.

**Departure:** At this stage, the Water Officer left the meeting, the time being 11.10am.

#### **Parks and Gardens Report**

Cr Warren thanked the Town Foreman for donating 40 plants for garden beds.

The Town Foreman advised that the airport terminal lights are not functioning correctly.

#### **Airport Caretakers Report**

That the duties of the Airport Caretaker be reviewed.

The Town Foreman advised of dog baiting currently occurring in town.

Cr Warren raised the issue of straying dogs.

The CEO updated Council on procedures used in other areas to control straying dogs which, if implemented, may help to control the matter in Winton.

**Departure:** At this stage, the Town Foreman left the meeting, the time being 11.22am.

**Overseer's Report**

**Workplace, Health and Safety Report**

**Engineer's Report**

**Plant Replacement Program**

Toyota Hiace Commuter Bus to be used as a Taxi.

Moved Cr Mann

Seconded Cr Fraser

That Council ratify the CEO's decision to accept the quote from Sci Fleet for \$64,043.85 (ex GST) for the Toyota Hiace Commuter Bus, as the lowest conforming quote.

**CARRIED**

**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 advised that he has found plans and would present at the August meeting.  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15218** That a quote be sought to enlarge the current gym for budget consideration.  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15213** Water 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.
- F15234** Billboards on Longreach Road  
Resolved that the matter be removed from Business Arising.
- F 15263** That the Consulting Engineer and Overseer cost a wash down bay to service the Industrial Estate for the 08/09 Budget.

Resolved that the matter be removed from Business Arising.

**F 15262** That the Consulting Engineer be asked to further investigate lengthening of the air port runway.

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE ENGINEERING**

**Item 14:** GL & DI Elliott - 268/670  
Request access road be added to Council Road Register.

Moved Cr Mann  
That the Wirilla Access Road be added to Council's Road Register.

Seconded Cr Britton

**CARRIED**

**Item 15:** Transpacific Industries Group Ltd - 144/218  
Advising of increase in cost of waste oil collection.

Resolved, that the letter be received and noted and that the CEO contact Main Roads and other businesses who have waste oil disposal practices to discuss payment for disposal of same if they are using the Council facility.

**Item 40:** **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **LATE ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Mr C Searle  
Request meeting to progress water connection.

That the CEO advise the writer that it is noted that approval is already confirmed as advised in Council correspondence dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2008, for the provision of water as requested. The writer's attention to be drawn to the reasonable and relevant conditions contained therein and be advised to contact the Engineer if he has any further queries.

#### **Engineer's Report**

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

Seconded Cr Fraser

**CARRIED**

#### **Closed**

**Committee:** Moved Cr Fraser  
That Council form a Closed Committee under Section 463 (a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the time being 11.55am.

Seconded Cr Sale

**CARRIED**

**Departure:** The Overseer left the meeting at 12.20am.

**Out of** Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Fraser  
**Committee:** That Council move out of Committee, the time being 12.25am.

**CARRIED**

### **CORRESPONDENCE - FINANCIAL**

#### Australian Age of Dinosaurs

Seeking a loan of \$10,000 to cover expenses associated with obtaining clearances towards the building of the new Museum of Natural History on the Mesa which is in the region where the Koa Community are the Traditional Owners.

Moved Cr Britton Seconded Cr Sale  
That Council ratify the Mayor and CEO's decision in providing a loan of \$10,000, on the understanding that the funding is to cover costs associated with the Cultural Heritage Clearance of the site and will cover such items as the provision of site clearance fees and reimbursement for accommodation, travel and expenses.

**CARRIED**

**Item 9:** Australian Age of Dinosaurs - 405/69  
Requesting Council support through waiving of fees for hire of tables, chairs and PA system for the Foundation Day Dinner on 29 July 2008.

Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale  
That Council waive the fees for the hire of tables, chairs and PA system as requested for the Foundation Dinner.

**CARRIED**

**Item 10:** Winton Branch ICPA – Qld Inc - 340/922  
Request Council consider lifting its contribution towards student teacher sponsorship.

Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser  
That Council increase sponsorship to \$3000 which allow 30 weeks of student teacher sponsorship..

**CARRIED**

**Item 11:** Lightning Ridge Police Bush Safari - 342/487  
Request donation of hire charges for showgrounds for Bush Safari.

Resolved, that Council waive the hire charges for the showgrounds for the Bush Safari, and encourage them to make a small donation to the Winton P&A Show Society or similar organisation.

**Item 12:** Corfield Race Club - 306/232  
Seeking permission from Council to place race dates on the “next event” signs and asking if Winton would like to have an “Experience Winton” sign made up to be placed on the main building at the race track.

Resolved, that the Race Club be authorised to place their race dates on the “Next Main Event” sign, and that Council decline the opportunity to place an Experience Winton sign as there is already one in the vicinity.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE - SHIRE RURAL LAND MANAGEMENT**

**Item 16:** CN & MA Hermann - 312/862  
Seeking permission to bale hay on Apsley Lane.

Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Mann  
That the application to bale hay be agreed to subject to the following reasonable and relevant conditions:

- Approval is granted for the section of the Apsley Lane stockroute, from Oondooroo Creek to Dillcar between the railway line and Landsborough Highway
- 12% of the hay cut and baled will be made available for community purposes
- The area will be inspected by liaison with Council’s Shire Rural Land Officer to minimise spread of declared plants.

**CARRIED**

**Item 17:** Upper Thompson Catchment Landcare Group Inc - 318/123  
Invitation to attend a presentation on Wild Dog Management.

Resolved, that Cr Britton be authorised to attend the presentation on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 in Muttaborra.

**Item 18:** Department of Natural Resources and Water - Pf 1003/0  
Seeking Council views or requirements with respect to the renewal of Preferential Pastoral Holding 45/3877 – Lot 3877 on PH2159.

Resolved, that Council offer no objection to the renewal of the lease.

**Item 19:** Mr DS Sloan - 314/632  
Seeking chemicals to eradicate prickly acacia in borrow pit on Leeson.

Resolved that Council advise the writer of the Policy, confirming the need to have a current Property Pest Management Plan, and subject to the SRLO’s inspection of borrow pit to verify that it is a Council borrow pit.

***Policy on borrow pits:***

- Pre approved by application by landholder to WSC
- Must have current Property Pest Management Plan
- 50% subsidy for declared plant eradication
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**Adjournment:** At this stage, the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 1.03pm, and resumed at 2.08pm, with all in attendance except Ms Wilson,

**Item 20:** Georgina Diamantina Catchment Committee - 95/126  
Inviting Council to nominate a new representative to attend meetings.

Resolved, that Cr Britton be appointed as Council's representative to the Catchment Committee.

**Item 21:** Georgina Diamantina Catchment Committee - 95/127  
Inviting Council to attend Field Day at Corfield Race Course on 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Resolved, that SRLO, RLO and interested Councillors be authorised to attend. Council also noted that the Dingo Baiting Syndicates should be invited to the Field Day as well.

**Attendance:** At this stage, Ms Wilson attended the meeting, the time being 2.15pm

**Item 40: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE STOCKROUTES CORRESPONDENCE**

2. RoadTek - 213/493  
Request permission to use water from Stock Route facilities.

Resolved, that permission be granted for intermittent use in small quantities as requested subject to the facilities being over half full.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL**

**Item 22:** RAPAD - 287/412  
Further information on professional development for RAPAD Directors and local government representatives.

Resolved that Cr Warren and Cr Britton be authorised to attend and that it be noted in the Councillors calendar.

- Item 23:** Australian Age of Dinosaurs - 163/300  
Invitation to Inaugural Foundation Day Celebrations.  
  
Resolved that Cr Mann and DCEO be authorised to attend.
- Item 24:** Australian Age of Dinosaurs - 405/68  
Expressing gratitude for recent support and inviting Council to receive the Honorary Foundation Membership Framed Certificate.  
  
Resolved, that Cr Warren accept the Framed Certificate and that interested Councillors be authorised to attend.
- Item 25:** Koa Clan Group (O'Chin Family) - 21/256  
Informing Council of newly elected representative, Pam Hegarty, who will pursue all cultural heritage matters and/or native title matters relating to Koa Traditional Lands which fall within the Winton Shire Council boundaries.  
  
Resolved, that the information be received and noted.
- Item 26:** Nick and Catherine Monk - Pf 31/8  
Expression of interest to purchase land at Middleton.  
  
Resolved that the writers be thanked for their interest and that they be advised that the land has to be advertised for sale or tender.
- Item 27:** Department of Transport - 213/493  
Advising the Department is currently reviewing the eligibility criteria for a restricted area registration concession.  
  
That the CEO be authorised to respond and that Councillors be advised of the reply.
- Item 28:** Crime and Misconduct Commission - 191/126  
Seeking comment on issues paper with respect to the review of Queensland's off-Road Motorbike Noise Laws.  
  
That the information be received and noted.
- Item 29:** Federal Member for Flynn - 350/681  
Informing Council of recently released guidelines for the Federal Government's Mobile Connect program for 2008-2009.  
  
That the information be received and noted.
- Item 30:** Department of Natural Resources and Water - Pf 134/0

Response to Council correspondence with respect to renewal of Term Lease No. 232372 over Lot 82 on Plan AE88, Parish of Winton – Lessee David Peter Williamson.

Resolved that the information be received and noted and Council also rectify the problems caused to Mr Irwin's land.

- Item 31:** King and Company - Pf 134/0  
Response to Council request for advice with respect to visual pollution and overgrown allotment.

Resolved that the information be received and noted.

- Item 32:** MacAir Airlines - 3/851  
Response to Council correspondence with respect to possible change of flight schedules.

Resolved, that the information be received and noted.

- Item 33:** Mr B Collins - 341/117  
Expressing concerns with respect to possible use of airport for Drag Racing in 2009 on the same weekend as the Show.

Resolved, that the information be received and noted.

- Item 40:** **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**LATE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

5. Winton Pastoral and Agricultural Society Inc - 342/488  
Advising issues with respect to future Drag Races at Showtime.

Resolved, that the CEO write to the Drag Race Committee suggesting they seek another date alternate to the June long weekend advising that Council believes that the Show weekend stay intact.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL**

- Item 34:** Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum - 160/42  
Response to Council correspondence with respect to the former PJ's Tyres Building.

Resolved, that Council agree that the Truck Museum advertise the former PJ's Tyres building for sale for removal, with a time limit to be set for the removal of the building and clean presentation of the grounds.

**Adjournment**

**of Meeting:** The Meeting adjourned at 3.40pm to allow the Budget Meeting to be resumed.

**Resumption**

**of Meeting:** As the Budget Meeting was concluded, the Meeting resumed at 3.45pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Item 35: Shire Beautification and Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting Report**

Moved Cr Mann  
That the minutes of the Shire Beautification and Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting be received.

Seconded Cr Britton

**CARRIED**

**Item 36: Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting Report**

Moved Cr Britton  
That the minutes of the Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting be received.

Seconded Cr Mann

**CARRIED**

**Item 37: Work Program Local Area Committee Meeting**

Moved Cr Mann  
That the minutes of the Work Program Local Area Committee Meeting be received.

Seconded Cr Fraser

**CARRIED**

**Item 38: CEO's Report**

**Locals Card**

Resolved that the DCEO investigate and conduct further discussions with respect to regulations for the issue of the local card. The matter to be taken to the Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting.

**Aged Care Reference Group**

That the Cr Sale and a Council officer be appointed as Council representatives on the Aged Care Reference Group for CWCOP.

**Winton Youth Service Committee**

That the CEO and DCEO be appointed to the WYSC Committee.

**Tourism Development Officer**

That the line of communication/direction to be clarified with respect to the TDO position.

**State Emergency Service**

That Council write and congratulate Mrs Karen Stockham on her award for service to the SES.

**Child Care Centre**

That the Engineer and Overseer be instructed to inspect the potholes at the Child Care Centre for repair.

The CEO noted the need for administrative assistance for a period of time each week for the Child Care Centre.

Resolved that the CEO and DCEO be authorised to conduct a full review of the operations of the Child Care Centre.

**Sister City Committee**

Email from Mrs Jan Brown concerning the Sister City Committee and the Sister City Students trip.

Moved Cr Mann

Seconded Cr Britton

That the CEO's Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Fraser requested a stocktake of books, statues etc available for gifting purposes and for sale, also voicing concerns about storage in the back shed. DCEO advised of possible storage in the Consulting Engineers office after they relocate to the new Depot.

Cr Fraser requested that the complaints form be placed in the library for public use.

The DCEO noted that Council will take possession of the Two Main Roads houses shortly and sought Council direction on a tenant presently in one of the houses.

Cr Warren noted that the newly formed Housing Committee should make future decisions on housing applications.

The DCEO then asked about the Pelican Lodge Units, noting that these units are not tied to Department of Housing. The DCEO felt that these units may be able appropriate for single occupation housing.

Resolved, that the Housing Committee provide Council with recommendations.

DCEO advised that the Taxi Bus is due for delivery very shortly. Resolved that the CEO and DCEO report back to the next meeting on suggested usage for this vehicle.

**Attendance:** At this stage, SRLO Ms Willmott attended the meeting, the time being 5.10pm.

### **SRLO Report**

#### **Item 40: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **LATE STOCKROUTES CORRESPONDENCE**

3. Mr C Searle - 312/863  
Seeking agistment adjacent to his paddocks.

Moved Cr Fraser  
Resolved, that the request be declined as recommended by the SRLO.  
Seconded Cr Mann  
**CARRIED**

4. Mr P Stockham - 13/732  
Expression of interest in leasing or agisting Olio Reserve.

That the writer be advised that the Olio Reserve is already agisted by a neighbouring landholder.

Cr Britton raised the issue of an application from Mr Nick Robinson to agist the Collingwood Reserve which had been declined by the SRLO.

Moved Cr Britton  
That Council offer agistment on Collingwood Reserve to Mr Robinson for 200 head for 28 days and then for a further 28 days.  
Seconded Cr Fraser  
**CARRIED**

**Departure:** At this stage, the SRLO left the meeting, the time being 5.44pm.

#### **Community Meeting - Opalton**

Resolved that a Community Meeting be held at Opalton on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and an advertisement to be placed asking for issues to be advised to Council and a notice be sent to residents of the area.

#### **Bill Express – Council’s bill payment process.**

The DCEO advised that Bill Express has gone into liquidation and Council would not be able to use the facility for payment of rates. However it was hoped to arrange a new facility with the Commonwealth Bank.



Folio 15302  
17<sup>th</sup> July, 2008

**Closed Meeting:** Fraser/Sale  
That Council form a Closed Meeting at 6.10pm to discuss a matter under Section 463 (f) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**.CARRIED**

**Out of Closed Meeting:** Moved Cr Mann  
That Council resume the General Meeting

Seconded Cr Sale

**CARRIED**

**Item 43: Next Meeting**

Resolved that the next Meeting be held on Tuesday 19 August 2008 as Cr Mann would be absent on Council business, and the altered date be advertised.

**Closure:** The meeting closed at 6.37pm.

**Confirmation:** Confirmed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.

Signed .....  
Cr EL Warren  
MAYOR