

**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 19th JUNE 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

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned to conduct inspections of Council properties/assets, the time being 8.01am, and resumed at 8.25am with all in attendance.

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes - General Meeting

Fraser/Mann

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 15th May 2008, Folio 15256 to Folio 15269, be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Item 3: Cheque List

Fraser/Britton

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

CARRIED

Financial Report/Statements

Council considered the Financial Statements and One Page Finance Report.

Mann/Britton

That the Financial Statements be received.

CARRIED

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

The CEO updated Council on the acquisition of valueless land at Middleton.

Fraser/Sale

That the amount of \$3188.10 as rates on Pf 031/8 be written off as uncollectable.

CARRIED

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 5:

Planning for a new hospital

The CEO updated Council on new budget allocations to the Health District on possible funding for a new hospital.

The Mayor updated Council on a recent meeting with the District Manager and representatives from Queensland Health.

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 6:

Flood Mitigation Applications

The CEO updated Council on flood mitigation projects that are outstanding.

Item 23:

LATE CORRESPONDENCE

LATE ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

6. Diamantina Engineering - 111/473

Update on flood mitigation project.

Resolved, that the funds for flood mitigation be processed to complete Council's obligations until the projects are complete.

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 7:

Proposed land development for horse paddocks

The CEO reported on the matter in his CEO's Report.

Council discussed options such as the number of paddocks and rental/costs for each paddock. Estimated cost to build each paddock and supply water to them is approximately \$4,000.00.

Resolved, that Council seek expressions of interest in the paddocks with an estimated rental value of \$400.00 per year.

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 8:

Possible permanent saleyard bull selling ring and seating

The CEO updated Council on recent meetings held with the Bull Sale Committee noting that the Committee had expressed preference with continuing to hold sales at the saleyard. The Committee is yet to provide feedback to Council.

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE FINANCIAL

- Item 9:** RAPAD - 287/408
Seeking feedback on RAPAD Strategic Plan and Operational Plan, and member Local Government financial contributions.

Britton/Mann

That the RPAPD Strategic Plan and Operational plan be endorsed.

CARRIED

Britton/Sale

That the future funding model for member local governments as from 1 July 2008 to be set at \$30,000 (plus CPI) per member Local Government (Year 1 – 2008/9). with a staged increase over the following three years up to \$50,000 (plus CPI) per annum, per member local government.

CARRIED

- Item 10:** Postie Bike Challenge - 333/1106
Seeking complementary access to the Eric Lenton Recreation Grounds for camping, showering and catering purposes with respect to the Postie Bike Challenge.

Mann/Sale

That Council donate the Recreation Grounds venue hire charges as requested.

CARRIED

- Relocation:** Council relocated to the Redcliffe Room to view a Power Point presentation by Mr Dennis Kirby, of LG Asset, the time being 9.45am.

- Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10.20am, and resumed at 10.42am with all in attendance.

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 Water Officer – Mr R Dooley attended the meeting, the time being 10.42am.

- Deputation:** At this stage, Mr Robert Wilkins, Miriwinni Lime Pty Ltd attended the meeting, the time being 10.42am.

The Mayor welcomed Mr Wilkins to the meeting.

Item 23: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

LATE ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

11. Mr M Mitchell

Response to advertisement noting possible changes to rating for gypsum mining.

Mr Wilkins addressed the meeting with respect to gypsum mining in the Shire, noting how crucial it is to discuss matters to reach a solution.

Mr Wilkins advised that he has reached an agreement with Mr Banning at Cork to supply water for Council to attend to 15 kilometres of road works from Cork Station house back towards the gypsum mine to facilitate the movement of gypsum from the area.

Mr Wilkins noted that he is wanting to cooperate with Council and to continue mining gypsum in the Shire and moving gypsum as soon as possible.

The Mayor advised that Council would consider his offer and will advise him of Council's decision.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms asked who would be drawing up the written agreement. The CEO advised that Council could prepare an appropriate agreement.

Mr Wilkins advised of an appointment at 1.00pm to discuss further movement of gypsum.

Mr Wilkins thanked Council for allowing him to attend the meeting and requested regular consultation between Council and gypsum miners

Departure: At this stage, Mr Wilkins left the meeting, the time being 11.20am.

Britton/Sale

That Council accept the offer made by Mr Wilkins to cart and deliver water to the relevant road site, free of charge to Council, to enable satisfactory grading and rolling of the 15 kilometre section of road commencing from Cork Station house in the direction of Miriwinni Lime Pty Ltd's gypsum mine.

CARRIED

That Council advise Mr Mitchell that his letter would be considered as part of budget deliberations.

Water Officer's Report

The Mayor welcomed the Water Officer back to work after his extended leave.

Council discussed the tabled water analysis summary.

Resolved that Council write to the Hospital and Medical Practice advising of the sodium concentration in the water as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.

The Consulting Engineer raised the issue of Council's water snorter, advising that it had recently been broken down. The Consulting Engineer advised of a surplus in the plant budget and recommended replacement.

Recommendation that the old model be kept, as the trade in value may be low and that it be kept as a back up unit.

Fraser/Mann

That Council purchase the Projet Cannon High Pressure Water Jet Cleaner from Sewer Equipment Company (Aust) for \$70,450.00 (exc gst), as the lowest of two quotes obtained in a limited, specialist supply market, and that the old model be kept as a back up unit.

CARRIED

Cr Fraser asked how Corfield water was progressing and the Water Officer noted that things appeared to be working well at this stage.

Departure: At this stage, the Water Officer left the meeting, the time being 11.45am,

Parks and Gardens Report

The Overseer noted that the outside linemarkings in Elderslie Street and the centre line in Manuka Street were to be redone.

Airport Caretakers Report

Departure: At this stage, the Town Foreman left the meeting, the time being 11.52am.

Workplace, Health and Safety Report

Council discussed recent fuel thefts and methods planned to remedy this.

Overseer's Report

The Overseer advised that Whyrallah Station had offered water from an old dam at Whyrallah and a waterhole at the bore at Whyrallah. The new owner has offered water from Happy Valley for road construction as well.

Council decided that the proposed dam would be too small. The Overseer to provide further information on a larger dam at Whyrallah to the next Council meeting. The business to be placed on Business Arising.

Britton/Mann

That the Whyrallah waterhole excavation be approved.

CARRIED

Engineer's Report

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that drainage work in Cork Street to the Cemetery and Depot will be undertaken shortly and the work at the western end of Cork Street will follow.

Aerodrome Terminal Upgrade

Declaration of

Interest:

At this stage, Cr Sale declared a Material Personal Interest in the matter and left the meeting, the time being 12.25pm.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised of a quote received for the Aerodrome Terminal Upgrade from Winton Plumbing for \$59,880 (plus GST).

Fraser/Britton

That Council accept the quote from Winton Plumbing for \$59,880.00 (gst inc) as the only quote received following appropriate advertising.

CARRIED

Disabled Toilet Addition To Elderslie Street Toilets

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised of quotes received from Brett Webber Constructions for \$24,912 (inc gst), Winton Plumbing for \$15,540 (ex gst) and PBI for \$49,288 (ex gst).

Fraser/Mann

That Council accept the quote from Winton Plumbing for \$15,540.00 (ex gst) on the basis of it being the lowest quote.

CARRIED

Attendance: At this stage Cr Sale returned to the meeting, the time being 12.32pm.

ENGINEERING MATTERS ARISING

F 15141

Rural Addressing

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.
- Consulting Engineer Mr Timms noted that the original quote provided was verbal and the latest verbal quote was for approximately \$70,000. The amount to be placed for budget consideration.
- That the matter be removed from 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 Industrial Estate – Council requested Consulting Engineer provide costings on an in-line booster pump.
That the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15234** Billboards on Longreach Road
That the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15244** That the Consulting Engineer be asked to plan and cost options for a disabled access to the Supper Room and the Shire Hall buildings.
- Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised Council of proposed plan for disabled access to the Supper Room and Shire Hall buildings and proposed costings of \$8-10,000.
- 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.
- 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 updated Council on a proposal to lengthen the air port runway. Mr Luckhurst

advised that former Consulting Engineer Mr Kevin Kerr noted that the runway aprons and approaches were not strengthened during the last runway upgrade and this should be done as a priority.

Resolved that the Consulting Engineer provide costings for strengthening of runway aprons and approaches for the 2008/2009 budget, and that the Remote Aerodrome Assistance funding application be amended.

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 1.06pm, and resumed at 2.00pm with all in attendance including the Consulting Engineers and Overseer.

F 15264 That the Consulting Engineer be requested to cost and design footings for the flag pole at the Recreation Grounds.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised of a price of approximately \$1,500. Resolved that the work be undertaken.

That the matter be removed from Business Arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE ENGINEERING

Item 12: Mrs G McKerrow - 274/231
Suggestion with respect to gate/grid signs that could be installed when rural addressing signs are installed.

The Consulting Engineer advised that he was going to order the appropriate signs from Artcraft.

Item 13: Central West Health Service District – Winton Hospital - 171/33
Advising Council of materials required for tennis court end replacement.

Resolved, that Council make an offer on a pro-rata basis.

Item 14: J. Anonymous - 369/1336
Returning stone removed from Middleton area.

Resolved, that the stone be returned to the area.

Item 23: **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

LATE ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

7. Mr J Paynter - 274/236
Suggestion for rural addressing signage.

That the writer be advised that Council is still intending to place signs as advised.

8. Ark Homes - Pf 413/1
Requesting exemption for rain water tank at new dwelling.

Resolved that Council waive the requirements for this size tank and that Council's planners be requested to remove this requirement from the Town Plan.

10. Mr R Banning - 268/667
Response with respect to proposed water agreement at Cork Station.

Resolved, that no agreement be entered into at this stage.

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

CARRIED

Engineering General Business
Cr Warren noted the directional sign to the west of the Ayrshire Hills, noting the Dagworth Cemetery could possibly lead to confusion for tourists.

Departure: At this stage, the Consulting Engineers and Overseer left the meeting, the time being 2.43pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE FINANCIAL

Item 11: Kids Alive Do the Five - 343/261
Seeking guaranteed amount of funds and a complementary venue for Drowning Prevention Campaign.

Fraser/Mann
That Council book one show and donate the venue and appropriate cash contribution

CARRIED

Item 23: **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

LATE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Winton State School - 342/484

Seeking donation of Showgrounds for Inter-School Horse Sports Competition.

Resolved that Council donate venue hire charges for the showgrounds as requested and that the writer be so advised.

2. Winton State School - 340/920

Seeking donation of money for seedling trees for School's Tree Day.

Fraser/Sale

That Council donate \$100 towards seedling trees as requested.

CARRIED

4. Dig the Tropic - 369/1336

Requesting financial sponsorship for the Dig the Tropic Geotourism Trail.

Resolved that the request be denied.

5. Tourism Development Officer - 369/1338

Cooperative Marketing Proposal.

Britton/Fraser

That Council support the marketing proposal as recommended.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL

Item 15: Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations - 133/110

Asking if Council would like to request a special holiday for 2009.

Resolved that Council request 25th September, 2009 as a special holiday in 2009 for the purpose of the Outback Festival.

Item 16: Local Government Association of Queensland Inc - 193/4360

Advising of LGAQ Annual Conference.

Resolved that Council register for 3 attendees and that the matter be placed on Business Arising.

Item 17: Ms C Mimms - 343/260

Requesting use of Redcliffe Room for Winton Photographic Group Workshop on 13/14 September 2008.

Resolved that the request be allowed.

Item 18: Ms S Chambers - Pf 535/0
Requesting renewal of Permit to Keep Animals.

Resolved that the request be allowed subject to the following reasonable and relevant conditions:

- Permission will need to be renewed next year and annually, updating Council on the number of sheep remaining
- No fee has been set for this.
- Permission will be revoked only on the basis of a substantiated complaint of nuisance.
- No further cats are to be obtained and/or kept on the premises
- As the number of cats kept on the property reduces over time, these are not to be replaced, until there are no more than two cats. There is no time limit for this to be undertaken.
- At present, there is no requirement for cats to be registered, nor is there a fee for a cattery licence. Please advise Council of the number of cats, at the same time as the renewal of the permit for the sheep
- The cattery licence will be revoked by Council if there is a substantiated nuisance or animal welfare complaint

CARRIED

Item 23: LATE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Declaration of

Interest: At this stage, Cr Sale declared a Material Personal Interest in the matter and left the meeting, the time being 3.02pm.

13. Winton Plumbing Service - 354/726
Application for permission to establish a concrete batching plant.

Attendance: At this stage, Cr Sale returned to the meeting, the time being 3.06pm.

Resolved that Council receive the plan and advertise for objections and comments.

14. Mrs H Collins - 341/114
Expressing concern over recent clash of local events.

Resolved that Council offer to facilitate a meeting between the parties to debrief and discuss options at 5.00pm on 10th July.

15. Local Government Association of Queensland Inc - 193/4369
Nomination for election of LGAQ Office Bearers.

That the information be received and noted.

16. Local Government Association of Queensland Inc - 193/4367
Circular – Council position on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

That Council advise that it is not an issue that they wish to form policy or position on.

17. Central West Community Health Services - 128/765
Seeking permission to attach posters and perspex covers inside doors of all male and female toilet facilities.

That the writer be advised that Council has no objection to the request for the recreation grounds and showgrounds.

LATE STOCKROUTES CORRESPONDENCE

12. Water Management Consultants - 317/19/81
Advising of appointment by BHP to investigate Middleton bore levels and seeking particular information.

Resolved that Council supply the requested information as far as this is possible.

LATE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Australian Age of Dinosaurs - tabled
Development Application for project to build a museum and conservation area.

Resolved that Council receive the plan and advertise for objections and comments.

LATE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Outback Festival Inc - tabled
Requesting upgrade of cash sponsorship from \$3,500 to \$10,000 as well as inkind sponsorship to support funding application.

Fraser/Britton

That Council increase the cash component of sponsorship to the Outback Festival Inc to \$10,000 as requested.

CARRIED

The Mayor raised the issue of a staff member being available to assist with coordinating activities and requests during Outback Festival.

Resolved, that the CEO be directed to attend Outback Festival Organising Committee meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 19: Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting Report

Mann/Britton

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

CARRIED

Item 20: RADF Committee AGM Meeting Report

Fraser/Sale

That the minutes of the RADF Committee AGM Meeting be received.

CARRIED

Britton/Mann

That Council ratify the matching of additional RADF funding of \$6,000 on a dollar for dollar basis.

CARRIED

Item 21: CEO's Report

Saleyard Construction Works

Sale/Fraser

That the proposed works be advertised in the local media for quotation.

CARRIED

Library Report

That the Locals Card information be advertised in the Winton Herald.

That the new library bags have the Experience Winton logo on them.

Listed Correspondence

Late Listed Correspondence

24. Queensland Corrective Services - 418/778

Date claimer for 17th Annual Work Program Conference in Springsure in August.

That Cr Mann and one other be authorised to attend the conference in Springsure.

Work Committee Representation

There were two nominations to the Work Committee – Mrs I East and Mr G Lenton.

Resolved that both nominations be welcomed to the WORK Committee.

Resolved that Mr Lenton be authorised to accompany Cr Mann to attend the Work Conference in Springsure.

Shire Rural Land Management Committee Representation

There were 4 nominations for the Shire Rural Land Management Committee – Mrs D Nichols, Mr G East, Mr E Entriiken and Mr G Elliott.

Mann/Britton

That Mrs D Nichols and Mr G Elliott be appointed to the SRLM Committee.

CARRIED

Outward Correspondence

Cr Fraser asked about an item of outward correspondence. The CEO updated Council on the matter.

CEO's Report

Policy Review – Staff Discount on Bulk Materials

Fraser/Sale

That Council Policy on Staff purchase of bulk materials be reduced from 30% to 25%.

CARRIED

Billboards Project

That the CEO allocate the remaining billboard to Central Motors.

That Council budget for another 5 signs and advertise for expressions of interest in these signs.

Fraser/Britton

That the CEO's leave be allowed as requested.

CARRIED

Mann/Britton

That the CEO's Report be received.

CARRIED

CEO's General Business

Sale of Hospital Estate Land

Into

Committee: Fraser/Mann

That Council move into Committee to discuss a Contractual and Legal Matter, the time being 4.48pm.

CARRIED

Out of

Committee: Fraser/Mann

That Council move out of Committee, the time being 4.55pm.

CARRIED

Mann/Sale

That the CEO advise the selling agent of the reserve as discussed.

CARRIED

The CEO advised that the Member for Mount Isa will be visiting Winton on Friday 27th June at and would like to meet with Mayor and Councillors at 3.30pm.

That Council offer to meet informally and have dinner with Mrs Kiernan and party at the Winton Hotel at 6.30pm for 7.00pm dinner.

The CEO noted the MacAir consultation is ongoing.

The Mayor noted a Australian Dinosaur Trail meeting to be held in early July noting a proposed expansion of ADT.

Shirts

That Council proceed with the order of chambray shirts, advising sizes required.

Polo T Shirt

That Council proceed and order the white with black trim polo shirt, with an optional pocket if available.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Sale asked for a progress report on visual pollution issues. The CEO updated Council on legal steps being taken.

Cr Sale raised the matter of the Bloomfield Street Units possibly being converted to twin share units.

Cr Sale asked about possible increase in rates noting community concern.

Cr Mann advised of a request for the use of a generator for the forthcoming football function. The CEO assured Cr Mann that Council has already indicated support for the function as required.

Cr Fraser noted that the tennis club needed storage area, and suggested a new purpose built gym be built and that the old gym be given to the tennis club for storage purposes. The CEO advised that long term, the plan was to build a new gym, but that finances would not allow it at the moment.

The DCEO advised of the yearly housing inspections, commenting on how well presented the dwellings were.

The Mayor reminded all that the Operational Planning meeting is on Friday 20th August.

The Regional Roads Group Meeting and RAPAD will be held in Longreach on 1st and 2nd July, 2008.

Media Training	Monday 7 th July.
Governance for Elected Members	14 th and 15 th July.
Company Directors Course in Longreach	19 th and 20 th August

Mann/Sale

That Cr Warren and Cr Britton be authorised to attend the Company Directors Course in Longreach.

CARRIED

Item 24: Dates Next Meeting

- Special Meeting Operational Planning 20th June, 2008
- Pre Budget Meeting 10th July, 2008
- July Ordinary Meeting and Adoption of Budget 17th July, 2008
- August Ordinary Meeting 21st August, 2008

Closed

Committee: Fraser/Britton

That Council form a Closed Committee to discuss a Contractual Matter, the time being 5.55pm.

CARRIED

Departure: At this stage, the DCEO left the meeting, the time being 5.55pm.

Departure: At this stage, the CEO left the meeting, the time being 6.10pm.

Out of

Committee: Fraser/Sale

That Council move out of Committee, the time being 6.40pm.

CARRIED

Warren/Fraser

That the Chief Executive Officer be advised that he had not prepared the Drug and Alcohol Policy as directed and nor had he introduced it.

That the relationship between Council and the Chief Executive Officer has deteriorated and cannot continue.

That as a consequence of the above, Council is offering to pay the prerequisite six (6) months notice as provided for in his contract.

CARRIED

Attendance: At this stage, the CEO returned to the meeting, the time being 6.40pm.

Item 25: Mayor's Minute

Nil

Item 26: Other items if any

Nil

Closure: The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Confirmation: Confirmed before me this 17th July, 2008.

Signed
Cr EL Warren
MAYOR