

**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 31st MARCH 2008,
COMMENCING AT 11.00AM.**

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

Item 1: Apologies

Nil

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, Acting Town Foreman – Mr J Anderson and the Acting Water Officer – Mr R Dooley attended the meeting, the time being 11.00am.

Water Officer's Report

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that the pumping station seems to be operating satisfactorily at present.

The Mayor asked about progress for the full transition to the new system. The Consulting Engineer advised that this is still waiting for the arrival of some fittings.

Departure: At this stage, the Acting Water Officer left the meeting, the time being 11.05am.

Parks and Gardens Report

The Mayor asked about the lack of availability of a tractor mentioned in the report. The Acting Town Foreman advised both Council tractors were broken down but are available now.

Cr Mann noted some comments in relation to infections arising from the football field. The Acting Town Foreman confirmed that no recycled sewerage water had been used on the field for several months.

Airport Caretakers Report

The Mayor asked about progress with the airport certification. The Consulting Engineer advised that the runway lights are working and a connection to the terminal is being worked on. The Consulting Engineer advised that the certification from CASA will be available in a week or so.

Departure: At this stage, the Acting Town Foreman left the meeting, the time being 11.15am.

Airport Caretaker's Report

Workplace Health and Safety Report

The Consulting Engineer circulated a guide to the terminology in the report.

Engineer's Report

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms updated Council on his written report.

The Consulting Engineer updated Council on progress with the depot construction.

Plant Replacement Program – Tender For Sale of Crane Truck

Fraser/Mann

That Council ratify the CEO's action as recommended by the Consulting Engineer in accepting the tender from Truck Cranes Australia, for \$8,000 (ex gst), on the basis of it being the highest conforming quotation.

CARRIED

The Consulting Engineer reported on the blasting of the Tattoo gravel pit, noting the cost and the result were within expectations.

Bitumen Sealing of 4 Kilometre Jundah Road Passing Lane and Extension to Existing Passing Lane - Supply and delivery of 14 mm aggregate

Mann/Fraser

That Council ratify the CEO's action as recommended by the Consulting Engineer in accepting the tender from Boral Resources for \$53,658 (inc gst), on the basis of it being the lowest conforming quotation.

CARRIED

Supply, carting, heating and spraying of AMC00 prime and C170 bitumen

Mann/Britton

That Council ratify the CEO's action as recommended by the Consulting Engineer in accepting the tender from Rock 'n' Road Bitumen with a total of \$103,320.00 (ex. gst), on the basis of it being the lowest conforming quotation.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING MATTERS ARISING

- F 15141** Rural Addressing
The data has been checked and this has progressed to the point of being ready to order signs.
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
The Consulting Engineer advised that levels have been surveyed and water could be made available but there would be no guarantee of the amount of pressure available. The Consulting Engineer confirmed that a better long term option would be the installation of an in-line booster pump.
That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Council requested that the Consulting Engineer provide costings on an in-line booster pump.

Sale/Britton

That water be made available on the bulk-water arrangements basis, but that the applicants be advised that Council could not guarantee the availability of reasonable levels of pressure.

CARRIED

Engineer's Report

Mann/Britton

That the Engineer's Report be received.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

Item 12:

Mr L Deem - 343/259

Providing account for payment for grading work done on the Cambeela-

Mundurin Access Road junction.

That the account be approved for payment, but that the CEO advise the writer of the due process.

- Item 13:** Winton Pastoral and Agricultural Society Inc - 341/
Advising of dissatisfaction with Winton Motorsport Association's intention to host inaugural drag races on Sunday 8th June which they feel conflicts with the annual show.

That the writer be advised of the process and advise the writer that the event is a "one off" trial.

- Item 14:** Diamantina Droughtmaster Sale Committee - 336/899
Booking Winton Saleyards indefinitely for future Droughtmaster sales, requesting Council build a permanent selling ring with shaded seating and also seeking another bull wash area removed from the existing wash down areas.

Council requested the CEO arrange a site meeting with the Saleyard Manager, the matter to be further considered at the April meeting.

- Item 15:** Mrs L Gillies - 399/52
Comment on erection of new Depot and fencing.

Deferred until later in the meeting.

- Item 16:** Mrs L Cusack - 399/53
Voicing concerns with build up of dirt and drainage issues in Cork Street in the vicinity of the new Depot.

Deferred until later in the meeting.

- Item 31:** **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

D&M Elliott - Pf 00406/5 (tabled)
Requesting consideration of allowing writers to move existing fence to minimise pruning and removal of trees.

That the writer be advised that Council has no objection to making the land available as requested, the CEO to arrange the details, depending on the final land tenure.

CORRESPONDENCE

ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

Item 17: Muttaburra Motel Pty Ltd - 354/722

Seeking permission to erect a sign on the Kynuna Road facing traffic from Boulia and Mt Isa.

Fraser/Mann

That permission to erect a sign on the Kynuna Road be approved subject to the following reasonable and relevant conditions:

- The structural integrity of the design of the sign should be approved by an engineer prior to installation and the sign installed according to that design. A sketch should include dimensions of material intended to be used and depth of footings.
- The sign must be maintained such that the sign does not present a safety hazard
- That the sign be professionally painted and maintained such that the content remains relevant to the operation of the business and the appearance of the sign be maintained in a presentable condition.
- Any other relevant legislation must be complied with including any Department of Main Roads requirements with respect to the location and design of the sign
- If the sign is on private property, permission of the owner of the land will be required
- The sign should be situated as per the directions provided in your application

CARRIED

Engineering General Business

Billboards on Longreach Road – place on Engineering Business Arising.

Cr Britton asked about grids on the road between Old Cork and Middleton. The Overseer advised that these will be installed in the next 4-6 months.

The Mayor asked about progress with the 07/08 Flood Damage claim. The Consulting Engineer advised that this is nearing completion and is about \$1.5m.

The Mayor advised of discussions with Main Roads Department Cloncurry with respect to the 80% load limit on the Winton to Hughenden Road. It is planned to have a teleconference with MRD on Wednesday.

The Consulting Engineer advised of a request from Mr Paul Neilsen for Council to build up the footpath in Riley Street, west of Werna Street. The Consulting Engineer advised that the cost would be no more than \$1,500.

Departure: At this stage, Cr Fraser left the meeting, the time being 12.45pm.

The CEO advised that there was no perceived community benefit for the requested work.

Resolved, that Council offer no objection to the placement of soil but that Council not contribute to the project.

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes - General Meeting

Mann/Warren

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 21st February, 2008, Folio 15211 to Folio 15223, be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Item 3: Cheque List

Council commenced consideration of the cheque list.

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 1.00pm and resumed at 2.05pm with all present, including Cr Fraser and CISP Coordinator Ms Caroline Sciascia.

Item 29: CEO'S REPORT

The meeting considered the CISP report.

Departure: At this stage, the CISP Coordinator left the meeting, the time being 2.15pm.

Attendance: At this stage, Consulting Engineers Mr K Luckhurst and Mr D Timms attended the meeting, the time being 2.15pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

**Item 15: Mrs L Gillies - 399/52 (revisited)
Comment on erection of new Depot and fencing.**

That the writer be advised that the area of concern is not a road, that Council would make parking available on Anzac Day and that Council has asked the works department to install lockable bollards for entrances which will allow pedestrian access but further restrict illegal vehicle access to the cemetery.

**Item 16: Mrs L Cusack - 399/53 (revisited)
Voicing concerns with build up of dirt and drainage issues in Cork Street in the vicinity of the new Depot.**

That the writer be advised that the matter of the drain had been considered by the appropriate staff, that the final level has not been trimmed, that rainwater tanks will reduce stormwater and that the drain will be opened up at the existing cemetery access with a larger culvert.

Item 31: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs M Elliott - 399/54 (tabled)

Drainage concerns over the proposed design for the stormwater spoon drain in the vicinity of writers yard and new Depot.

That the writer be advised that the matter of the drain had been considered by the appropriate staff, that the final level has not been trimmed, that rainwater tanks will reduce stormwater and that the drain will be opened up at the existing cemetery access with a larger culvert.

Mann/Fraser

That the Engineer's Report be received.

CARRIED

Departure: At this stage, the Consulting Engineers left the meeting, the time being 2.30pm.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Council resumed consideration of the cheque list.

Item 3: Cheque List

Fraser/Sale

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

CARRIED

Financial Report/Statements

Council considered the Financial Statements and One Page Financial Report.

Mann/Fraser

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
That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 8: ALGWA Conference
That Cr Fraser and Cr Sale be authorised to attend the ALGWA Conference.
That the matter be removed from Business Arising.

CORRESPONDENCE - FINANCIAL

Item 9: Winton Pony Club - 333/1091
Seeking Council support for forthcoming Pony Club State Championships.

Britton/Fraser

That Council donate the assistance as requested –

- Additional wheelie bins around the camping areas
- Daily collection of rubbish from the bins
- Council staff to clean the toilets once per day during the event, early each morning
- Tank at the stables to be refilled with water, if required
- Hire fees for the venue to be waived (electricity charges only to apply)

CARRIED

Item 10: Lions Club of Winton - 175/72
Thanking Council for use of Supper Room for Lions Easter Dinner.

Sale/Mann

That Council waive the venue and equipment hire fees.

CARRIED

Item 11: Corfield Race Club - 333/1093
Offering opportunity for sponsorship of Corfield Races.

Fraser/Britton

That Council donate \$1000 (plus GST) as in previous years.

CARRIED

Item 31: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

LATE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Waltzing Matilda Centre - 445/552 (tabled)
Requesting financial assistance for 10th Anniversary celebrations.

Fraser/Mann

That Council support the 10th Anniversary celebrations with contributions to the celebrations, as requested:

- \$20,000 towards the costs of running of the event funded from Public Celebrations
- In-kind assistance with hire of equipment such as tables and chairs
- Normal assistance with events such as closing of the street and street sweeping if required

CARRIED

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for afternoon tea, the time being 3.35pm, and resumed at 3.55pm with all in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL

Item 18: Residents of Vindex Street - 434/234

Seeking Council assistance with mouse plague they are experiencing.

That the writers be advised of the current status and request details of specific assistance required.

Item 19: Mrs M Johnston - 418/759

Requesting written apology from person who made allegations regarding unhygienic conditions in her yard.

That the information be received and noted.

Item 20: Outback Regional Gallery - 435/747

Advising donation of photos by Mrs Mulholland do not meet the collection policy and suggesting that they be placed in the Museum for preservation.

That Council accept the recommendation of the Gallery Committee and advise that Council would be very happy for the photographs, therefore, to be passed on to the Historical Society for the Museum collection.

Item 21: Ken and Beth Laffin - 142/441

Response to proposed land development for horse paddocks.

That the matter be placed on Business Arising for the April 2008 meeting.

Item 22: Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation - 193/4333

Advising the Department has produced a Councillor Induction Toolkit 2008.

That the information be received and noted.

Item 23: Local Government Association of Queensland Inc - 193/4340

Advising of forthcoming Local Government Symposium 16-18 April 2008.

That Crs Warren, Britton and Mann be authorised to attend.

- Item 24:** RAPAD - 287/399
Asking if there are any changes to Council representation on the RAPAD Board.

That the writer be advised that the Mayor is Winton Shire's nominated Director and that Cr Britton is a potential second Director.

- Item 25:** Local Government Grants Commission - 6/493
Request to visit Winton Shire Council.

That the information be received and noted.

- Item 26:** Local Government Association of Queensland Inc - 193/4341
Calling for nominations for the election of the District Representative to the Association's Executive for the period 2008-2012.

Fraser/Mann

That Cr Warren be nominated as a District Representative to the Association's Executive.

CARRIED

- Item 29: CEO'S REPORT**

Delivery of Council Documents

Resolved that Council provide laser printers for each Councillor, as recommended by the CEO.

Resolved, that the Mayor be provided with a laptop computer.

Mann/Sale

That the CEO's Report be received.

CARRIED

CEO's General Business

Ministerial Forum – That the Mayor be authorised to attend to meet with Minister for Primary Industries with respect to DPI personnel being stationed in Winton.

Australian Age of Dinosaurs/RAPAD Function – that attendance be organised in conjunction with the LGAQ Symposium.

The CEO tabled dingo bounty payment update.

Britton/Mann

That Council confirms support for the Winton Hughenden Branch rationalisation road agreement as negotiated by the previous Council.

CARRIED

Tender – Agistment Airport Paddocks

Only one tender received – A Grant.

That the tender of A Grant be accepted only if the agistment is for horses.

Mr P Neilsen - Pf 00194/00000 (tabled)

Development application - Reconfiguring a Lot.

Fraser/Britton

That Council offer no objection to the reconfiguration of the allotment, as per the plans received.

CARRIED

Mr P Neilsen - Pf 00194/00000 (tabled)

Town Panning Application – Material Change of Use for use as a Caravan Park.

Fraser/Britton

That Council offer approval for the Material Change of Use, for use as a Caravan Park, subject to the following reasonable and relevant conditions:

- The development will be in accordance with the lodged plan GVD Building Design Job No 080032PN and the associated supporting information including lighting, landscaping, dust and sewerage connections
- The access to Werna Street to be constructed to agreed Council specifications or supervision
- Separate Department of Main Roads approval or conditions are to be obtained as a referral agency
- Any other relevant legislation, federal, state or local must be complied with including Building approvals and application for Local Law permit to operate as a caravan park

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Fraser asked for an update on the Hospital Estate, the DoN situation at Winton Hospital and a Stormwater Plan update.

Cr Sale requested an occasional inspection of Council facilities. Council agreed, starting with the swimming pool complex.

The Mayor provided general updates on various matters.

The DCEO advised that the Winton DVD was screened at the Tourism Strategy Committee meeting. The Committee did not generally favour the outcome. There is to be a further review of the DVD.

The DCEO advised that the revaluation of building assets was taking place on 21st April, 2008.

Item 32: Dates Next Meeting

- April Ordinary Meeting - 24th April, 2008
- May Ordinary Meeting - 15th May, 2008

Item 33: Mayor's Minute

Nil

Item 34: Other items if any

Nil

Closure: The meeting closed at 5.05pm.

Confirmation: Confirmed before me this 24th April, 2008.

Signed
Cr EL Warren
MAYOR