

**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 15th MAY 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
Minute Secretary - D Murphy

Item 1: Apologies

Nil

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes - General Meeting

Sale/Britton

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 24th April 2008, Folio 15242 to Folio 15255, be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Item 3: Cheque List

Mann/Fraser

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

CARRIED

Financial Report/Statements

Council considered the Financial Statements.

The one page Financial Summary to be presented later in the meeting.

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: Proposed land development for horse paddocks

That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 8: Possible permanent saleyard bull selling ring and seating
That the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 9: Request refund baiting meat
The CEO advised that he had received advice that the Blue Bush Pest Syndicate has removed the request for refund.

That the matter be removed from Business Arising.

Item 10: Development Application to Reconfigure an Allotment and Material Change of Use

That the writer be advised that town water be supplied on the same basis as other applications, advising that there is no guarantee of water pressure.

That the writer be advised that Council offers no objection to the reconfiguring of the allotment as per the plan, subdividing Lot 17 on Plan G2499 to Lots 1 & 2 on SP107123.

Britton/Mann

That Council confirm preliminary approval to the material change of use, subject to the following reasonable and relevant conditions:

- The development will generally be in accordance with the lodged application including the layout plan and attached additional information
- Separate Department of Main Roads approval or conditions are to be obtained as a referral agency (Council has received verbal advice that approval will be offered with one minor condition)
- Any other relevant legislation, federal, state or local must be complied with including Building Approvals
- Provision of water is offered, subject to the following reasonable and relevant conditions:
 - Water will be made available according to Council's "Bulk Water" provisions – all water will be charged at \$1.40 per kilolitre used by meter reading with other rate levy applying. This rate is reviewed annually as part of Council's budget process.
 - There is no implied or actual of guarantee of water pressure for the applicant or to any subsequent owner, tenant or lessee of the property and Council's rate records will be annotated to this effect
 - Water supply is available from the nearest appropriate water main, as determined by Council.
 - The applicant is responsible for all costs associated with accessing the supply including a water meter and all pipe work and its installation.

- The applicant is responsible for negotiating the traversing of any third party property necessary for access
 - The applicant is responsible for the ongoing monitoring, maintenance and repair of all pipe work from the water meter to the property.
 - The applicant is responsible for payment for all water that is recorded as having passed through the meter, including any that is lost through damage to the pipe work, whether used by the applicant or not.
 - Council's provisions for faulty meter disputes apply to bulk water in the same way as for normal town water supply, according to planning scheme standards
- An on-site effluent disposal system (septic or similar) to be installed
 - All premises must have a supply of electricity
 - Stormwater to be collected/disposed of according to planning scheme standards
 - All premises must have access to a formed road, designed and constructed to planning scheme standards
 - Lighting is not to exceed 8.0 lux at 1.5m beyond the boundary of the site

CARRIED

That the matter be removed from Business Arising.

CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL

Item 16: Francis Haulage - 434/238
Making Council aware of caravans camped behind a local business and on Council land.

Item 25: **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

6. Mr P Neilsen - Pf 193/0
Response to show cause notice – Local Laws/Integrated Planning Act Breach.

Mann/Sale

That the writer be advised that Council believes that his intentions were sincerely and not selfishly motivated, and that Council does not believe magistrate's court action is appropriate on this occasion. However, Council does believe the matter is serious and this leniency should not be seen as license for future actions and that Francis Haulage be so advised.

CARRIED

Item 17: Longreach Regional Council - 443/112
Advising that it had been noted that Longreach Regional Council and

Winton Shire Council have been removed from the Central West Region and placed in the North West region for the purpose of designating regions under the Integrated Planning Act 1997.

The CEO advised that the issue is an administrative error and that the Department is correcting it. The CEO to thank Longreach Shire Council for their vigilance.

Item 18: Mr M Ivkovic - Pf 498/0
Initial correspondence with respect to subdividing a block.

To be considered further later in the meeting, after an inspection.

Item 25: **LATE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

4. Ms P Eatts - 21/253
Seeking letter of support and other information to enable Winton to host a Ministerial Forum.

That further clarification be sought on the requested issues, and that a letter of support be provided as requested.

5. Mr P Neilsen - 29/530
Requesting permit to operate a caravan park.

That the writer be advised of the information required to for the issue of a permit to operate a Caravan Park, as detailed in Local Law 23 Caravan Parks, that the writer also be advised that, the Local Law and Subordinate Local Law prescribe minimum numbers of toilets and hand basins and the application should detail how these will be complied with, and that the application specifically address an appropriate system of grey water disposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 19: Showground Users Committee Meeting Report

That Council write to the DPI advising that the Pony Club State Championships are being held in Winton in September, requesting advice in relation to risk assessment and prevention/preparedness for a potential Equine Influenza outbreak.

That Council monitor opportunities for the potential to use a Council employee to assist with the sound system at the showgrounds.

Mann/Sale

That the minutes of the Showground Users Committee Meeting be received.

CARRIED

Item 20: Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting Reports

Mann/Britton

That the minutes of the Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting held 14th April, 2008 be received.

CARRIED

The CEO updated Council on the Billboard Project.

That 5.30pm on Thursday 29th May be set as the date for the draw of names of businesses for the allocation of billboard signs, as recommended.

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for an inspection of Council facilities including the recreation grounds and showgrounds, then Council photos at the Shire Hall the time being 9.47am. and resumed at 11.00am with all in attendance.

Attendance: At this stage, Consulting Engineers Mr Timms and Mr Keith Luckhurst, Town Foreman Mr R Ivers and Overseer Mr P Stockham attended the meeting, the time being 11.00am.

Parks and Gardens Report

The Mayor noted positive comments about the presentation of Winton and complimented the Town Foreman and staff on their efforts.

Airport Caretakers Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 21: Cemetery Beautification Committee Meeting Report

Fraser/Mann

That the minutes of the Cemetery Beautification Committee Meeting be received.

CARRIED

Attendance: At this stage, the Acting Water Officer Mr R Dooley attended the meeting, the time being 11.05am.

Departure: At this stage, the Town Foreman left the meeting, the time being 11.05am.

Water Officer's Report

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms updated Council on the town water supply.

The Acting Water Officer noted ongoing problems with the Corfield water supply, particularly electrical faults, and action being taken to rectify the situation.

Departure: At this stage, the Acting Water Officer left the meeting, the time being 11.17am.

Workplace, Health and Safety Report

Overseer's Report

The Overseer noted reports of the very bad condition of the Cork Mail Road from the Boulia Road to New Cork and Red Hill turnoff, and damage being done by gypsum trucks, with lack of water hindering road works.

That the road be inspected, noting the possibility of closing the road, if the road is considered unsafe.

The CEO suggested consultation with public on the possibility of increasing rates for gypsum mines to more properly reflect the costs associated with road maintenance required due to road damage directly related to the gypsum mining industry, as per Council's user pays principles.

Engineer's Report

Plant Replacement Program – Purchase of 12.5 kVa Generator
Mann/Britton

That Council accept the quotation from Winton Electrical for 12.5 kVa Generator P14E2S-CAL with Perkins Diesel engine for \$18,987.00 (ex gst) with the 10% allowance for local supplier.

CARRIED

Manifold Street Water Main Replacement - Pipes and Fittings
Fraser/Mann

That Council ratify the Acting CEO's action in the acceptance of Tyco Water Pty Ltd quote for \$61,711.00 (ex gst) as the lowest conforming quotation for the replacement of the pipes and fittings for the Manifold Street Water Main replacement.

CARRIED

Damage to the Walking Track

The Consulting Engineer provided an updated map of the proposed direction for the walking track around town, particularly around the Truck Museum area. Resolved, that Council accept the proposal, noting that the plan now allows for travel in Chirnside, Werna, Cork and Fraser Streets. That the Werna and Cork Street sections should be installed as concrete footpaths.

Council was advised of concerns of damage to the existing walking track due to motorcycles. Council noted that thousands of dollars of community funds were allocated to projects like these and that these funds were wasted due to the thoughtless actions or deliberate vandalism of a minority of residents and the lack of supervision by their parents. Council agreed that the situation be monitored and if this type of community facility is not appreciated that further funds not be wasted on them.

Wash Down Bay at Industrial Estate

That the Consulting Engineer and Overseer cost a wash down bay to service the Industrial Estate for the 08/09 Budget.

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.
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 – in line booster pump.
That the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15234** Billboards on Longreach Road
Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised Council that erection has commenced.
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.
That the matter remain on Business Arising.

CORRESPONDENCE ENGINEERING

- Item 11:** Queensland Transport - 3/
Asking that Council review their desire to continue with airstrip lengthening

project.

Consulting Engineer Mr Luckhurst updated Council on the capabilities of the current airstrip.

That the Consulting Engineer be asked to investigate further, and that the matter be placed on Business Arising.

Item 12: Central West Health Service District - 171/28

Advising of removal of northern side of tennis courts at hospital and requesting replacement of same.

That the writer be requested to provide Council with more details of the timing of the tender process, action taken by the Hospital to inform Council, as a significant stakeholder of the process and the specific remediation requested.

Declaration of

Interest: At this stage, Cr Britton declared a Material Personal Interest in the following matter and left the meeting, the time being 12.45pm.

Item 13: Mrs CR Britton - 121/358

Requesting replacement of gates with grids on Old Cork to Middleton Road.

Resolved, that Council accept the request for replacement of gates with grids on the Old Cork to Middleton Road as requested, noting that the matter related to a previous approval of Council.

Attendance: At this stage, Cr Britton returned to the meeting, the time being 12.50pm.

Item 25: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

LATE ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr J Paynter - 121/359

Seeking permission to replace gates with grids on the Fairymead Access Road.

That permission be withheld subject to further investigation and that the matter be placed on Engineering Business Arising.

2. Winton Rugby League - 333/1102

Asking if Council could place a flag pole at the Eric Lenton Recreation Grounds.

Resolved that Council utilise the flag pole in Elderslie Street median strip, for use between the Recreation Grounds and the median strip in Elderslie

Street and that the Consulting Engineer be requested to cost and design footings.

3. Roads Alliance Board - 272/254
Review of Regional Road Group boundaries.

Resolved that Council remain in the Outback Regional Road Group.

Engineering General Business

Cr Sale enquired about the time frame for the Hospital Estate Subdivision. The matter to be considered later in the meeting.

Cr Britton advised Council that when Council work is being done at Franklin, Council may access the Franklin Bore for use as required. Council requested this information in writing, the CEO to draft an agreement.

Cr Fraser asked about water analysis from the new bore, as raised at previous minutes. That the matter be placed on Engineering Business arising.

The Overseer and Consulting Engineer noted an issue with Council's satellite phones becoming extremely unreliable through the present provider which is becoming a safety issue. The Consulting Engineer noted advice from Central Coms of a company who can provide replacement Iridium phones for roughly \$4,000 each. The Consulting Engineer also advised of an Australia only satellite phone from Optus for \$8,000 with considerable extra costs.

Resolved that Council support the Consulting Engineer's recommendation of purchasing Iridium phones, subject to investigation of any cheaper, reliable options, purchasing enough to meet safety needs with a small pool of phones for ad hoc use.

The Overseer noted that the new Depot may result in changes to the Stores position and will create a need for cleaning.

Engineer's Report

Sale/Fraser

That the Engineer's Report be received.

CARRIED

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 1.10pm, and resumed at 2.05pm with all in attendance, including the SRLO Ms B Searle.

Item 23: CEO's Report

SRLO Report

Cr Britton asked if there were water problems at Middleton. SRLO updated Council on water issues at Middleton.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE - SHIRE RURAL LAND MANAGEMENT

Item 14:

Mr R Scarr - 112/27

Expressing interest in leasing paddocks at the airport.

The CEO raised the issue of the recent airport tender awarded to Mr A Grant for cattle. The CEO noted that Mr Grant's intent was to open the paddocks to stock from his neighbouring property rather than for a few horses which was Council's original intent. Council noted that there was no mention of horses in the tender advertisements and Council had already approved the tender. The CEO noted that this was subject to an agreement being made satisfactory to the SRLO. The SRLO advised that the approach taken by Mr Grant was not appropriate for the size of the paddocks. The CEO supported the SRLO's recommendation. Council noted that Mr Grant's tender was for \$250 per month and that Council should just take the money. Council noted that the matter would be reviewed in 12 months.

Mann/Fraser

That Mr Grant's tender be accepted on the basis of opening the airport paddocks to his neighbouring property.

CARRIED

Item 15:

Mrs G McKerrow - 312/851

Response to acquisition of pipe.

Resolved, that the writer be advised that Council agrees that the value of the item is probably minimal and certainly less than the cost of transporting it anywhere and that there are not likely to be many other interested parties and certainly not now that it has been moved from the facility and that Council has agreed to transfer ownership to the writer, in this instance. Council requires that the writer take note of the processes and contact Council in writing prior to taking similar action in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 22:

Shire Rural Land Management Committee Report

Council directed that the Dingo and Fox Bounty be reduced as per the recommendations from the Shire Rural Land Management Committee Report for the purpose of preliminary budget figures but that the matter be considered through the budget process.

That Council cost the fencing of stockroutes/reserves alongside main roads – Collingwood, Apsley and Corfield Reserve/Common.

That Council advertise for expressions of interest for additional representatives from specific areas of the Sire (namely north west and north east parts of the Shire) to join the Shire Rural Land Management Committee.

Direction of stock travelling around town – the SRLO inspected the route and suggested that travelling stock could move round the southern side of Winton township. That the SRLO re-inspect the area and report to Council on her recommendations.

Sale/Mann

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

CARRIED

Departure: At this stage, the SRLO left the meeting, the time being 3.20pm.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES (continuing)

Item 3: Financial Report/Statements
Council considered the One Page Financial Report.

Mann/Britton

That Council received the Financial Reports.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL

Item 18: Mr M Ivkovic - Pf 498/0
Initial correspondence with respect to subdividing a block.

The CEO noted that each lot would have a frontage of at least 20m, legal access and good practical access but would be less than the minimum lot size stipulated in Council's planning scheme for the Urban Zone. Council noted a serious need for appropriate housing presently being experienced in Winton.

Fraser/Sale

That the writer be advised that Council provide indicative advice that

Council support a subdivision.

CARRIED

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for afternoon tea, the time being 3.35pm, and resumed at 4.00pm with all in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 20: Fraser/Mann
That the minutes of the Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting held 6th May, 2008 be received.

CARRIED

Item 23: CEO'S REPORT

Mann/Britton
That the CEO's Report be received.

CARRIED

CEO's General Business

The Mayor and CEO presented options for Standing Orders. Resolved, that Council inspections be at 8.00am, prior to the start of the meeting, and that the Engineering section of Council be at 10.30am. That morning tea be at 10.00am, that afternoon tea be a working afternoon tea without an adjournment (tea and coffee to be available).

Sale of Hospital Estate Land

The CEO presented expressions of interest by selling agents for the auction of Stage 1 of the Hospital Estate – Chirnside Street residential subdivision.

Fraser/Sale

That Brodie Agencies be appointed as selling agents for the Hospital Estate Subdivision, Stage 1, for a commission percentage of 2.5%, on the basis of having the lowest charges.

CARRIED

Civic Leaders Summit in Brisbane

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

Biggest Morning Tea

The CEO noted that Council staff are hosting a Biggest Morning Tea and has had a request for Council to match raised funds.

Resolved, that Council match funds raised by the staff for the Biggest Morning Tea.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Fraser asked if any dates have been thought of for a community meeting at Corfield and Opalton. The CEO suggested that when Council visits

Opalton, they could fit in a visit to Lark Quarry, possibly during the week ending 15th August.

Cr Fraser asked for an update on the medical situation. The Mayor provided as much information as was available to Council.

Cr Britton noted uneven footpaths in Vindex Street, east from Oondooroo Street. The CEO to direct works staff to inspect.

Cr Sale requested a shire map providing property/road information. The CEO noted the Road Register information provided electronically.

Cr Sale asked for an update on how the North Gregory Hotel is able to run a caravan park. The CEO reported on the Town Planning and Local Law approvals of Council.

Cr Sale asked if the truck parking area is on rural residential land. The CEO confirmed that this area of Winton has been “zoned” as Rural Residential.

The Mayor requested an update on the Winton DVD. The CEO to follow up.

The Mayor thanked Councillors for attending the welcome to the Koa People.

The Mayor advised of a meeting with QR with respect to rail issues in Winton, during the Local Government Symposium.

Clarification of Reimbursement of Councillor Expenses

Resolved, that Councillors be paid mileage for attendance at Committee Meetings where they have been designated as Council’s representative or where attendance at any meeting has been specifically authorised by Council as a portfolio or other representation

Resolved, that Cr Britton is Council representative on the WBTA Committee.

The Mayor raised that matter of the Outback College of Tourism meeting on 28th May and noted that Mrs Warren was interested in becoming a community representative if requested.

Item 26: Dates Next Meeting

- June Ordinary Meeting 19th June, 2008
- Special Meeting Operational Planning 20th June, 2008
- Pre Budget Meeting 10th July, 2008

- July Ordinary Meeting and Adoption of Budget 17th July, 2008
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Item 27: Mayor's Minute

Nil

Item 28: Other items if any

Nil

Closure: The meeting closed at 5.35pm.

Confirmation: Confirmed before me this 19th June, 2008.

Signed
Cr EL Warren
MAYOR