

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL, VINDEK STREET,
WINTON ON THURSDAY 15th JANUARY 2009, COMMENCING AT 8.00AM.**

Present: Cr EL Warren (Mayor), Cr JE Sale, and Cr LA Fraser.

Chief Executive Officer	-	G Coulton
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	-	A Rayment
Minute Secretary	-	D Murphy

Item 1: Apologies

Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That the apology of Cr PS Mann and Cr DR Nichols be received.

CARRIED

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes - General Meeting

01.01.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18th December 2008, Folio 15367 to Folio 15377, be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Item 3: Financial Report/Statements

Council considered the Financial Statements and the Finance Reports.

CEO Mr Greg Coulton worked through the Financial Reports, Finance Statements and Capital Works Reports with Councillors.

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

Attendance: Consulting Engineer Mr D Timms, Acting Overseer – Mr J Heslin, Town Foreman – Mr R Ivers, Workshop Supervisor – Mr P Stephens and the Water Officer – Mr R Dooley attended the meeting at 8.33am.

Item 19: ENGINEERS' REPORT

Water Officer's Report

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms briefly updated Council on 2008 water usage.

Departure: The Water Officer left the meeting at 8.45am.

Parks and Gardens Report

Item 18: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Airport Caretaker's Report

Departure: The Town Foreman left the meeting at 8.51am.

Item 19: ENGINEERS' REPORT

Workshop Supervisor's Report

Departure: The Workshop Supervisor left the meeting at 8.55am.

Engineer's Report

ENGINEERING MATTERS ARISING

- F 15141** Rural Addressing
If possible the work to be completed this financial year.
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15176** Awning at the front of library
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15328** That the Consulting Engineer conduct a review of the
Corfield Water, with results for improvement of quality of
delivery of water to be presented to Council.
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15330** Design and construction of extension to gym.
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F 15349** The Overseer is required to do a plan for the fencing of the
Springvale Rail Line interpretation site and submit to the
Consulting Engineer for approval.
Resolved that the matter to remain on Business Arising.

Engineering General Business

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms tabled a final report and plans from Terrain Consulting with respect to Elderslie Street beautification. The matter to be placed on Engineering Business Arising.

Mr Timms advised of a report from Department of Main Roads on work required to be done on the Mistake Creek and Western River Bridge.

Cr Warren requested a report to Council on UHF Repeater Stations in the Shire and maintenance required to same. The matter to be placed on Engineering Business Arising.

Cr Warren updated Council on recent meeting with QR with respect to installation of the proposed loop line.

Engineer's Report

02.01.09 Mover Cr Sale Seconded Cr Fraser
That the Engineer's Report be received.

CARRIED

Departure: The Consulting Engineer and Overseer left the meeting at 9.20am.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES (continuing)

Item 3: Financial Report/Statements
Council considered the Financial Statements and the Finance Reports.

The CEO continued working through the Financial Reports, Finance Statements and Capital Works Reports with Councillors.

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for the Mayor to be involved in a teleconference regarding Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements with the Minister for Primary Industries and Mayors of Mt Isa State Electorate, and Barcoo Shire, the time being 9.31am and resumed at 10.35am, after morning tea, with all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES (continuing)

Item 3: Financial Report/Statements
Council considered the Financial Statements and the Finance Reports.

The CEO continued working through the Financial Reports, Finance Statements and Capital Works Reports with Councillors.

03.01.09 Mover Cr Warren Seconded Cr Sale
That the Consolidated Financial Statements be received.

CARRIED

Item 4: Legal Action for Recovery of Sundry Debts/Rates
04.01.09 Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 5: Planning for a new hospital
05.01.09 Resolved that the matter be removed from Business Arising.

Item 6: Proposed land development for horse paddocks
06.01.09 Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 7: Possible permanent saleyard bull selling ring and seating
07.01.09 Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 8: Lark Quarry Contract Guide supply
08.01.09 Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

CORRESPONDENCE - FINANCIAL

Item 9: Winton District Historical Society and Museum Inc - 219/385
Seeking donation of costs transportation of the merry-go-round from Colston to Winton.

Recommendation:
10.01.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That Council donate the cost of transportation of the merry-go-round, the amount of \$1362.29, back to the Society as requested.

CARRIED

Item 10: Savannah Guides - 369/1381
Offering Council sponsorship opportunity for forthcoming Guide School.

Recommendation:
11.01.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That Council sponsor the event for the amount of \$800.00.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE - SHIRE RURAL LAND MANAGEMENT

Item 11: Department of Natural Resources and Water - Pf 731/0
Seeking Council views regarding a permit to occupy.

Recommendation:
12.01.09 Resolved that Council offer no objection to the requested Permit to Occupy noting the ongoing requirement for all properties in the Shire to have a current Property Pest Management Plan.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE – GENERAL

Item 12: Australian Local Government Women's Association Inc - 204/112
Asking if Winton Shire Council wished to be recognised on the ALGWA web site for support of Review of the National framework for Women in Local Government.

Recommendation:
13.01.09 Resolved that Council acknowledges the publication “The Way Forward” by the ALGWA and in general supports the principles & aims.

Item 13: Premier of Queensland - 119/98
Encouraging Council to use local knowledge and networks to invite the ringing of bells on 10 December 2009 to celebrate Proclamation Day.

Recommendation:
14.01.09 Resolved that the Fire Brigade be requested to sound the fire siren at 10am on Proclamation Day, and that the information be placed in the Winton Herald in due course.

Item 14: Premier of Queensland - 142/462
Encouraging Council to participate in Earth Hour on 28 March 2009.

Recommendation:
15.1.09 Resolved that Council encourage the Winton community to participate in Earth Hour, and that the CEO investigate the designated hour, and that the information be placed in the Winton Herald.

Item 15: Winton Motorsport Association Inc - 333/1133
Seeking letter of support from Council for funding application.

Recommendation:
16.01.09 That the letter of support be provided as requested.

Item 16: Minister for Communities - 412/707
Introducing the Queensland Companion Card program and requesting a formal response to the request to become involved.

Recommendation:
17.01.09 Resolved that Council support the Queensland Companion Card as requested, and that the writer be so advised.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 17: Plant Committee Meeting Report

18.01.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That the minutes of the Plant Committee Meeting be received.

CARRIED

Item 18: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

That information about the new “taxi bus” be placed in the Herald for community information.

Listed Correspondence

1) Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology - 286/138
Announcing the investigation and development of a Queensland War Memorial Register.

19.01.09 Resolved that Council agree to support the Queensland War Memorial Register and that the CEO be the contact for the project.

CEO's Report

That a Special Meeting of Council be held on 17th February for Corporate Planning Review.

Model Code of Conduct for Councillors

20.01.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Warren
That Council adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Councillors dated May 2008 as presented to Council.

CARRIED

Employees Code of Conduct

21.01.09 Moved Cr Warren Seconded Cr Sale
That the Employees Code of Conduct be provided to employees and unions for comment. To be adopted at February Council meeting.

CARRIED

Local Government Remuneration

22.01.09 Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Fraser
That under Section 236A of the Local Government Act the remuneration and meeting fees for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors for 2009 be set at:

	Remuneration	Ordinary Meetings		Total
		Fee \$526		
Mayor	\$50,600	12	\$6,312	\$56,912
Deputy Mayor	\$18,980	12	\$6,312	\$25,292
Councillor	\$12,660	12	\$6,312	\$18,972

CARRIED

Future Local Government Voting Methods

That the matter be placed on Business Arising.

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program Project Details

23.01.9 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That Council establish a recreational facility in Elderslie Street.

CARRIED

Closed

Committee: Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Fraser
24.01.09 That Council form a Closed Committee under Section 463(a) of *the Local Government Act 1993*, the time being 1.05pm.

CARRIED

Out of

Committee: Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
25.01.09 That Council move out of Committee, the time being 1.20pm.

CARRIED

26.01.09 Moved Cr Warren Seconded Cr Sale
That Council adopt the Environmental Health Officer's Conditions of Contract.

CARRIED

27.01.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That Council purchase a Toyota Camry or similar vehicle as a multi pool car for Council use.

CARRIED

28.01.09 Moved Cr Warren Seconded Cr Fraser
That Council donate \$500 in memory of Daniel McDonough, former Principal of St Patrick's School, Winton in lieu of flowers at his funeral, to establish an education grant for St Patrick's school children in Winton.

CARRIED

29.01.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That the CEO's Report be received.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

The DCEO noted a very good audit report on the HACC Program.

Resolved that when official notification comes to Council, a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the HACC team.

Cr Warren asked DCEO for an update on the Waltzing Matilda DVD.

Cr Warren suggested a meeting to discuss flood damage planning.

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15th January, 2009

Item 21: Dates Next Meeting

- Special Meeting – Corporate Plan Review 17th February, 2009
- February Ordinary Meeting 19th February, 2009
- March Ordinary Meeting 19th March, 2009

Closure: The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

Confirmation: Confirmed before me this 19th February, 2009.

Signed
Cr EL Warren
MAYOR