

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL, VINDEK STREET,
WINTON ON THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2009, COMMENCING AT 8.00AM.**

Present: Cr EL Warren (Mayor), Cr JE Sale, Cr PS Mann, Cr Dr Nichols and
Cr LA Fraser.

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

Item 1: Nil

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes - General Meeting

01.02.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 15th January 2009, Folio
15378 to Folio 15385, 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 Engineers Mr K Luckhurst and Mr D Timms, Assisting
Overseer– Mr P Sealy, Acting Overseer– Mr L Heslin, Town Foreman– Mr
R Ivers, Workshop Supervisor – Mr P Stephens and the Acting Water
Officer – Mr R Dooley attended the meeting at 8.38am.

Item 26: ENGINEERS' REPORT

Water Officer's Report

Overseer's Report

Departure: The Assisting Overseer and Acting Overseer left the meeting at 8.50am.

Water Officer's Report (continuing)

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms provided Council with an update on Radtel's recent visit to improve the electronics to Winton Water Pump Station.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms provided Council with an update with respect to the completed Winton sewer relining project.

Departure: The Acting Water Officer left the meeting at 9.00am.

Parks and Gardens Report

The Town Foreman advised that the PAL system/apron lights would be repaired on 4th March.

Item 25: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Airport Caretaker's Report

Departure: The Town Foreman left the meeting at 9.05am.

Item 26: ENGINEERS' REPORT

Workshop Supervisor's Report

Departure: The Workshop Supervisor left the meeting at 9.12am.

Safety Officer's Report

The CEO suggested a get well card be sent to the staff member presently recuperating after an accident in Townsville Hospital.

02.02.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann
That Council send a get well card to staff member Malcolm McCalman, recently injured in an accident, to be signed by the Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED

Consulting Engineer

03.02.09 **Plant Replacement Program**
Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Fraser
That Council ratify the CEO's action in awarding the tender for the purchase of a Toyota Aurion AT-X sedan primarily for use by the EHO for the amount of \$25,650.00 (ex GST) from Sci-Fleet Toyota, and for the purchase of the Toyota GLX Prado and trade of current Nissan Patrol for use by the

Consulting Engineer, for a change over price of \$26,500.00 (ex GST) as the lowest conforming tenders.

CARRIED

Drug and Alcohol Policy Implementation

04.02.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That Council ratify the minor changes to the Drug and Alcohol Policy Version 4 with the addition of a “Medication Declaration Form” and adopt the new revised version.

CARRIED

Bulk Materials Price Increase

05.02.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols
That garden products used by residents of Winton including loam, mulch, manure, tree mix and garden mix is to be charged out at cost plus 10%, and that the matter of Bulk Material Pricing be reviewed in conjunction with the 2009/2010 Council budget.

CARRIED

Saleyard Bull Sale Shade Structure

06.02.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Mann
That Council ratify the CEO’s actions in awarding the tender for the provision of a bull sale shade structure to Winton Plumbing for the amount of \$56,940.00 (ex GST) on the basis of local supplier.

CARRIED

Works Depot – Office Furniture and Workshop Equipment

07.02.09 Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Nichols
That Council ratify the CEO’s actions in awarding the tender for the supply and delivery of office equipment to Qld Factory Direct Office Furniture for the amount of \$30,390.73 (ex GST), on the basis of quality of supply.

CARRIED

08.02.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols
That Council ratify the CEO’s actions in awarding the tender for the purchase of a new metal lathe to A Mans Toyshop for the amount of \$10,489.00 (ex GST) as the lowest conforming tender.

CARRIED

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10.00am. Mr Col Higginson from Campbell Higginson Town Planners joined Council for morning tea. During morning tea Tamika Standfast was congratulated by the Mayor on receiving her Certificate III in Office Administration. The meeting resumed at 10.28am with all members and the Consulting Engineers and Mr Higginson in attendance.

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.
- F 15379** Final report and plans for Elderslie Street beautification.
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

09.02.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser
That the Town Street Scape Plan be referred back to Terrain Consultants for amendment of items as identified by Council and that Terrain Consultants be requested to resubmit a revised Plan to Council for final decision subject to a community awareness/consultation.

CARRIED

- F15380** Council requested a report to the March 2009 Council meeting to as the location and ongoing maintenance requirements of UHF Repeater Stations within the Shire and maintenance required to same.
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

Item 16: Phil Doolan Earthmoving - 333/1136
Long Water Hole proposal.

Recommendation:
10.02.09 Resolved that Cr Mann be requested to liaise with Mr Doolan and the other Plant Operators to provide a financial costing for the proposal to establish a recreational water sports facility at Long Water Hole. Further that Phil Doolan be thanked for his information he has provided to date.

Item 17: CASA Operations – Brisbane - 333/1137
Advising that CASA requires that Council assumes ultimate responsibility for the safety of aircraft operations during the staging of the proposed drag races event.

Recommendation:

Council noted that permission has already be granted to allow the Winton Motor Sport Association to use the Winton Aerodrome for the drag racing event, concurring to all of CASA’s requirements, and that the permission will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Item 18: Brodie Agencies - Pf 00703/0
Seeking clarification from Council, with respect to forthcoming auction of property, that in the event that an area is not purchased by a neighbouring property, whether Council will assign and maintain an access road to the boundary.

Recommendation:

11.02.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser
That in the event that the area known as “Roseburn” being part GHPL16424 not being purchased as an aggregation with a neighbouring property, Council will provide a non gravelled natural soil access road to the property boundary.

CARRIED

Engineering General Business

DCEO asked if there should be signage at the intersection of Bostock and Nesbit Streets, noting a sharp drainage dip across the road that recently damaged a tourist’s vehicle. The Consulting Engineer Mr Timms was asked to investigate.

Consulting Engineer Mr Luckhurst asked if Council required George Bourne and Associates to complete the Master Drainage Plan.

Mr Luckhurst advised that if Council provides firm direction on the final drainage planning, George Bourne and Associates will make no additional charge to complete the work. Should Council require additional drainage proposals and scenarios, GBA will probably charge a further \$15,000.

12.02.09 Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Nichols
That Council, opting for the underground pipe option, request that George Bourne and Associates complete the Master Drainage Plan for Winton. This option would incur no additional cost to Council and would be available as a fully completed plan for consideration at Council’s March general Meeting.

CARRIED

Engineer's Report

13.02.09 Mover Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Nichols
That the Engineer's Report be received.

CARRIED

Departure: The Consulting Engineers and Overseer left the meeting at 11.05am.

Cr Warren welcomed Mr Higginson to the meeting to discuss town planning.

Mr Higginson updated Council on latest issues in the Priority Infrastructure Planning project.

Attendance: At this stage, Ms N Rutherford, Editor from the Longreach Leader attended the meeting, the time being 11.12am.

Mr Higginson advised that there could be a need to amend the Planning Scheme zones. A Priority Infrastructure Planning workshop could be held in conjunction with Planning Scheme zones discussions.

Closed

Committee: Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Nichols
14.02.09 That Council form a Closed Committee under Section 463 (h) of the *Local Government Act*, to discuss a town planning matter, the time being 11.35am.

CARRIED

Out of

Committee: Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Fraser
15.02.09 That Council move out of Committee, the time being 12.10pm.

CARRIED

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 lunch, the time being 12.40pm and resumed at 1.30pm with all in attendance. Mr Craig Angus representing the Winton RSL Club also attended the meeting at this time.

16.02.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Mann
That the Consolidated Financial Statements be received.

CARRIED

Cr Warren welcomed Mr Angus to the meeting and requested he address the meeting.

Mr Angus, on behalf of the RSL Club asked Council to consider the waiving of rates for the next 12 months to assist their financial position.

Departure: Cr Warren thanked Mr Angus for his attendance and he left the meeting at 2.00pm.

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

Item 5: Proposed land development for horse paddocks
18.02.09 Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 6: Possible permanent saleyard bull selling ring and seating
19.02.09 Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 7: Lark Quarry Contract Guide supply
20.02.09 Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 8: Future Local Government Voting Methods
The CEO presented options for methods of future voting.

21.02.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Fraser
That Council apply to the Department of Local Government for full attendance voting for all future local government elections.

CARRIED

That the matter be removed from Business Arising.

CORRESPONDENCE - FINANCIAL

Item 9: Winton Branch Arts Council - 343/264
Requesting Council consideration to waive hall hire fees for Co-Opera performance.

Conflict of Interest: At 2.07 pm Cr Fraser as President of the Winton Branch of Arts Council declared an interest in the matter under S463/1© of the Local Government Act 1993. Cr Fraser left the Chambers and took no part in the discussion.

22.02.09 **Recommendation:**
Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Nichols
That Council waive the hire fees as requested.

CARRIED

Cr Fraser was recalled to the Meeting and resumed her chair at 2.10pm.

Item 10: Western Picnic Race Club Inc - 333/1138
Asking if Council can donate or supply gravel at a discounted rate.

Recommendation:
23.02.09 Resolved that the CEO contact the Western Picnic Race Club to obtain further information as to the required quantities of gravel/blendmix.

Item 11: Corfield Race Club 333/854
Seeking Council sponsorship for races.

Recommendation:
24.02.09 Moved Cr Warren Seconded Cr Nichols
That Council sponsor the Corfield Race Club, as in previous years, for the sum of \$1,100.00 and request a sign be erected behind the bar in recognition sponsorship.

CARRIED

Item 12: George Bourne and Associates - 45/61
2009 remuneration review.

Recommendation:
That the information be received and noted.

Item 13: Australian Age of Dinosaurs - 405/77
Thanking Council for their sponsorship of the Savannah Guide School and requesting additional support in the way of a donation of chairs and a PA system for the school.

Recommendation:
25.02.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Mann
That Council donate the use of chairs and PA system as requested.

CARRIED

Item 14: Winton Golf Club - PF 00958/1
Asking Council to consider a 50% rebate on the General Rate charged to the Golf Club.

The CEO is to provide a report on the rates and charges paid by all sporting clubs within Winton. This matter will be considered further in conjunction with the CEO's report.

Item 15: Outback Festival Inc - 93/282
Seeking Council assistance for 20th Biennial Outback Festival.

26.02.09 **Recommendation:**
Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann

That Council support the Outback Festival as requested:

- Council sponsorship of the Fireworks display to the value of \$3,500;
- Use of the Eric Lenton Memorial Recreation Grounds at no charge;
- Use of the Diamantina Garden's hostel accommodation at no charge;
- In kind assistance during the five days of festival by Council staff, on the proviso that there is full and timely disclosure of the assistance Council is expected to provide as Council's workforce is expected to be fully engaged in roadway flood restoration works. Council is also happy for the announcement of the Garden Competition winners to be made during the Mardi-Gras ceremony.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE - SHIRE RURAL LAND MANAGEMENT

Item 19: I and S Muir - 121/366
Further correspondence with respect to the grid adjoining the Collingwood Reserve and Elderslie Station.

Recommendation:

That Cr Mann discuss the matter with Main Roads and report back to Council.

Item 20: Department of Natural Resources and Water - Pf 1032/0
Seeking Council views/requirements regarding renewal of lease.

Recommendation:

27.02.09 Resolved that Council offer no objection subject to the following reasonable and relevant conditions: Council notes the ongoing requirement for all properties in the Shire to have a current Property Pest Management Plan.

CORRESPONDENCE – GENERAL

Item 21: Minister for Main Roads and Local Government - 119/100
Advising the Department will be seeking community involvement in "bridging the name gap"- the opportunity to name key bridges as commemoration of Queensland's 150th birthday.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

Item 22: Winton Cattle Club - 341/123
Seeking Council permission to use the facilities at the Showgrounds for the preparation of cattle for the show in June.

Recommendation:
28.02.09 Resolved that Council give approval for the use of the Showgrounds for the preparation of cattle for the show in June.

Item 23: King and Co - 414/585
Seeking further information with respect to Lark Quarry.

To be visited later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: At this stage, being 3.05pm, Council's TDO Ms R Mollenhagen attended the meeting..

Item 24: Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting

30.02.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser
That the minutes of the Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting be received.
CARRIED

Item 25: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

TDO's Report

FM88 Licence
31.02.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Sale
That Council approve the recommendation of the Tourism Strategy Committee to retain the FM88 licence. Further that the TDO write or arrange the writing of the script.
CARRIED

TDO attendance at Trade Shows

32.02.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann
That the CEO and the TDO identify the trade shows that would best promote Winton and its attractions and arrange appropriate representation.
CARRIED

Diamantina Gardens Dormitory

That an investigation into an upgrade be prepared for budgetary purposes.

Wholesale Lark Quarry Tickets

33.02.09 Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Nichols
That Council proceed with the Sunlover Holidays offer and sign a contract for the 09/10 season.
CARRIED

Departure: The TDO left the meeting at 3.30pm.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea, the time being 3.30pm and resumed at 3.47pm with all in attendance.

Attendance: At this stage Council's Environmental Health Officer Ms K Morgan attended the meeting the time being 4.02 pm.

EHO's Report

Refuse Tip

The EHO is to provide further information with respect to a proposed cardboard recycling program.

Carbon Sink

Cr Warren suggested inspecting the Western Gateway Park adjacent to the sewerage ponds/wetlands as a possible site.

Horses in Town

The EDO advised that she had made an inspection following complaints with respect to horses in town yards and advised the situation is being followed up.

Departure: The EHO left the meeting, the time being 4.10pm.

CEO's Report

Departure: Mr Higginson and Ms Rutherford left the meeting, the time being 4.15pm.

Code of Conduct

Moved Cr Mann

Seconded Cr Sale

That the Code of Conduct and Code of Discipline for staff, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

20/20 Community Plan

The CEO advised Council of the inability to find a facilitator to prepare the 20/20 Community Plan. The Mayor asked Councillors if any of them would be interested in performing the duties as a community facilitator. Cr Nichols indicated her interest and will meet with the CEO to discuss the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE - FINANCIAL

Item 14: Winton Golf Club - PF 00958/1 (revisited)
Asking Council to consider a 50% rebate on the General Rate charged to the Golf Club.

That the matter be placed on Business Arising.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Mann noted there may be a clash of some meeting dates – to be investigated.

Cr Sale noted a lean on the tank stand at the Waltzing Matilda Centre. To be investigated.

Cr Sale noted Council vehicles being used out of hours.

Cr Sale noted the gate still being unlocked between Mr D Elliott and the Council Depot. To be investigated.

Cr Sale asked about work done by Winton Electrical and expenses to date.

Cr Sale suggested Council could have a need for a concrete truck and asked that it this be included in the 2009/2010 budget deliberations.

Cr Fraser asked if the Sister City Committee is still functioning. The CEO advised the Committee is seeking a Chairperson.

Cr Fraser agreed that the contractor and plant as advised of by Cr Mann for drain cleaning could be a worthwhile idea.

Cr Fraser noted that there was a need for a public notice board in front of the Shire hall, near Vindex Street access door to advice of coming productions and shows. The CEO is to arrange the construction and erection of an appropriate notice board.

Cr Nichols noted her attendance at the Neighbourhood Centre Meeting, where various issues were raised, including the need for a fire drill.

Cr Nichols noted her attendance at the Education and Learning Committee Meeting, noting educational courses are being planned.

Cr Nichols noted her attendance at the WHAT Committee Meeting.

Cr Nichols noted her attendance at the CAN Meeting, noting the position of Doctor for Winton has been advertised.

Cr Nichols noted her attendance at the Pony Club Meeting – noting there was not a fire extinguisher in the kitchen of the showgrounds. To be investigated. Pony Club also asked how the power bill is allocated.

Cr Nichols has requested Council's Horticulturalist be asked to trim tree adjacent to the Butcher Shop at Oondooroo and Cork Street Winton .

DCEO advised that the Clean Up Winton Campaign was organised will be conducted during the week 24th February to 27th February 2009.

DCEO discussed the Local Card, noting that it should purely for locals.

Resolved, that in lieu of Local Cards being issued, Local Card rights will accrue to those holders of a current Queensland drivers licence with a Winton address. Should a Winton resident not have a driver's licence, then two forms of identification which provide evidence of residence within Winton would suffice.

Cr Nichols advised her Blue Card has expired, and she will need to renew her Blue Card.

Cr Warren noted the Excellence Awards will be held in Longreach on being held on 14th March 2009.

Moved Cr Warren
That Council ratify the Mayor's actions in booking a table for 10, at Council expense.

Seconded Cr Fraser

CARRIED

Cr Warren advised of an information day to be sponsored by Council at Tower Hill on 15th April 2009.

Cr Warren advised Local Government Week is in June, the theme being Climate Change – Sustainability.

Donations to Fire and Flood Appeals

Moved Cr Nichols
That Council donate \$1000 towards the Victorian Fire Appeal through the Red Cross.

Seconded Cr Fraser

CARRIED

Closed

Committee: Moved Cr Fraser
That Council form a Closed Committee under Section 463 part 1 (a) of the *Local Government Act 1997*, to discuss staff matters, the time being 6.00pm.

CARRIED

Out of

Committee: Moved Cr Nichols
That Council move out of Committee, the time being 6.20pm.

Seconded Cr Mann

CARRIED

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19th February, 2009

CEO' Report

Moved Cr Nichols
That the CEO's Report be received.

Seconded Cr Mann

CARRIED

Item 21: Dates Next Meeting

- Corporate Planning Meeting
- March Ordinary Meeting
- April Ordinary Meeting

18th March 2009
19th March, 2009
16th April, 2009

Closure: The meeting closed at 6.28pm.

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

Signed
Cr EL Warren
MAYOR