

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL, VINDEK STREET,  
WINTON ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009, COMMENCING AT 8.09AM.**

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

Chief Executive Officer - G Coulton  
Minute Secretary - D Murphy

Director of Engineering Mr D Timms, Acting Overseer Mr J Heslin,  
Acting Water Officer Mr R Dooley and Workshop Supervisor Mr P  
Stephens.

**Item 1: Apologies**  
Nil

**Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes - General Meeting**  
01.08.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Sale  
That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Folio  
15465 to Folio 15475, be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

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

**Item 3: OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT**  
Water Officer's Report

**Departure:** At this stage, the Acting Water Officer left the meeting, the time being  
8.18am

Workshop Supervisor's Report

**Attendance:** At this stage, Cr DR Nichols attended the meeting, the time being  
8.20am.

**Departure:** At this stage, the Workshop Supervisor left the meeting, the time  
being 8.25am.

Safety Officer's Report

Overseer's Report

Cr Warren raised the issue of procuring water for road works, a  
matter that was discussed at the Cork Information Day.

CEO to investigate road gazettals.

**Departure:** At this stage, the Acting Overseer left the meeting, the time being 8.45am.

Engineer's Report

**Road Safety Barriers – Jundah Road**  
02.08.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser  
That Council utilise funds from the Roads to Recovery Program to cover the over-budgeted shortfall of \$13,160.00 (ex gst) for the Road Safety Barriers works on the Winton-Jundah Road.  
**CARRIED**

**Water Tower**  
03.08.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale  
That Council approve expenditure of \$17,050.00 (ex gst) for lightning protection work to the Winton Water Tower and \$25,000 (ex gst) for restoration work to the concrete apron at the base of the Winton Water Tower. Further, that a depth gauge with metre markings be painted on the outside of the Winton Water Tower at an estimated cost of \$1,800 (ex gst). Should the cost of works exceed the revenue/expenditure budget then shortfall shall be funded from the Water Reserve.  
**CARRIED**

**Plant Replacement Program  
Wood Chipper**  
04.08.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann  
That Council accept the Director of Engineering's recommendation for the purchase of the 1790 Brush Chipper from Red Roo Sales and Service Pty Ltd for \$49,072.73 (ex gst) as this was the lowest conforming tender.  
**CARRIED**

**Concrete Agitator Truck**  
05.08.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Sale  
That Council ratify the CEO's decision to purchase a second hand 2006, 6 cubic metres concrete agitator truck from Manheim Fowles for \$107,681.81 (ex gst).  
**CARRIED**

## **ENGINEERING MATTERS ARISING**

**F 15141** Rural Addressing  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

- F15176** Awning at the front of library  
A quote received from Brett Webber Constructions.  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15328** That the Director of Engineering conduct a review of the possibility of improvement to the Corfield Water Supply and report to Council.  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

**Attendance:** At this stage, the Town Foreman Mr R Ivers attended the meeting, the time being 9.20am.

- F 15349** The Overseer is required to prepare a plan for the fencing of the Springvale Rail Line interpretation site for submission to the Consulting Engineer for approval.  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F 15379** Final report and plans for Elderslie Street beautification.  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.
- F15380** Council requested a report to the March 2009 Council meeting to as the location and ongoing maintenance requirements of the UHF Repeater Stations within the Shire.  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

## **DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

### **Officer's Reports**

Town Foreman's Report

### **Meeting Reports**

Shire Beautification and Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting

Work Program Local Area Committee Meeting

Cr Warren advised Council of a meeting he attended with the CEO and the Historical Society with respect to the preservation of the Willie Mar building in Riley St Winton.

### **Officer's Reports**

Airport Caretaker's Report

**Departure:** At this stage, the Town Foreman left the meeting, the time being 9.50am.

## **DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING'S REPORT (continuing)**

### **Engineering General Business**

Cr Warren noted that the rubbish bins and rocks at the unofficial rest stop south of Corfield had not been removed.

Cr Mann asked that Councillors be kept informed as to the progress of the road works and other items raised at the Cork Community Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

Cr Warren suggested Council consider to naming the new Winton Shire Council Depot building - The Warren "Wagga" Thompson Building.

06.08.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale  
That Council name the new Winton Shire Council Depot Building – The Warren "Wagga" Thompson Building and that an appropriate time and date be organised for the opening.

**CARRIED**

Cr Warren informed Council of commitments made at the recent "road" meeting with Western Queensland Councils and the Minister for Main Roads.

Director of Engineering Mr Timms informed Council of a Consumer Affairs Tribunal Claim made with respect to the relocation of a house under the flood mitigation program.

07.08.09 **Director of Engineering Report**  
Mover Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols  
That the Engineer's Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment:** At this stage, the meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10.15am and resumed at 10.45am with all still in attendance except the Director of Engineering.

## **DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

### **Business Arising**

08.08.09 Country and Regional Living Expo  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

### **Meeting Reports**

Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting

**Officer's Reports**

Director of Corporate and Economic Development Report

09.08.09 Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Mann  
That the Director of Corporate and Economic Development's Report  
be received.

**CARRIED**

**Attendance:** At this stage, the Director of Environmental Health and Community Services, Ms Kimberley Morgan attended the meeting, the time being 11.10am.

**DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

**Meeting Reports**

Minutes of the RADF Committee

**Officer's Reports**

Community Options Report

Community and Individual Support Worker's Report

Youth Development Worker's Report

Child Care Director's Report

Sixty and Better Coordinator's Report

**Director of Environmental Health and Community Services Report**

10.08.09 Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Nichols  
That the Director of Environmental Health and Community Services  
Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**Departure:** At this stage, the Director of Environmental Health and Community Services left the meeting, the time being 12.03pm.

**DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE REPORT  
CEO'S Report**

**Financial Report/Statements**

Council commenced consideration of the Financial Statements and the Finance Reports as presented.

### **Business Arising**

11.08.09 Legal Action for Recovery of Sundry Debts/Rates  
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

12.08.09 Purchase of Council land at Corfield  
Resolved that Council advise Ms Rae there is no Council land for sale in the Corfield area, and that the suggestion be made that writer seek land from a private source.

13.08.09 Resolved that the matter be removed from Business Arising.

### **Correspondence - Financial**

1) Grants Livestock Transport (Qld) Pty Ltd  
Asking Council to abolish some garbage collection fees and some water charges at the industrial estate.

14.08.09 **Recommendation:**  
Resolved that the writer be advised that the water and garbage charges for 2009/2010 will stand as levied but suggestion that Grants Livestock seek to have the allotments amalgamated into one or more valuation thus reducing the rates.

2) Mrs R Archer - 394/20  
Asking Council to reconsider water charges.

**Adjournment:** At this stage, the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 1.03pm and resumed at 2.09pm with all still in attendance.

15.08.09 **Recommendation:**  
Resolved that the Mrs Archer be advised that the previous method of bulk water charges was abolished and those properties outside the Town boundaries on private mains now have water rates at the same level as a residential town single allotment, ie a 6 water units allowance. This provides an equitable base for all water consumers as they all draw from the same bore source and utilise the same cooling and pumping facilities.  
The new charging regime will reduce water charges for the majority of private water main users as they now can consume 1500 kilolitres before excess water charges apply.  
The treating of the writer's individual anomaly and usage pattern by reducing the water charges would create a serious precedent and a one off situation that would stand outside one of the principles of charging for water which is equity for all users.

**CEO's Report**

Item 2:

- 16.08.09 **Recommendation:**  
Resolved that Council revise the water allocation for the category of houses over 3 allotments from 15 units to 12 units to maintain the equity of 6 primary units and 3 units per additional allotment.

**Correspondence - Financial**

- 3) North Queensland Sports Foundation - 333/1160  
Advising of increase in Council levy.

- 17.08.09 **Recommendation:**  
Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Nichols  
That Council continue its membership with North Queensland Sports Foundation.

**CARRIED**

- 4) Australian Age of Dinosaurs - 405/91  
Asking Council to donate hire charges from recent event.

- 18.08.09 **Recommendation:**  
Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols  
That Council donate the hire charges as requested.

**CARRIED**

- 5) Central West OQTA - 369/1416  
Seeking Council contribution of \$2500 for 2009/2010.

- 19.08.09 **Recommendation:**  
Moved Cr Fraser Moved Cr Nichols  
That Council continue membership with the Central West OQTA.

**CARRIED**

- 6) Winton Bowls Club Inc - 333/1161  
Seeking sponsorship and or donations for tournament weekend.

- 20.08.09 **Recommendation:**  
Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Fraser  
That Council donate \$200 towards the Bowls Club tournament as requested.

**CARRIED**

**Correspondence - General**

7) Australian Age of Dinosaurs - 405/56

Seeking a name for the road to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs site.

**Recommendation:**

21.08.09 Moved Cr Fraser  
Seconded Cr Nichols  
That Council hold a competition open to the 3 schools to name the public road from the highway to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs and that appropriate criteria and conditions be formulated. Further that a prize of \$100 cash be made to school attended by the successful student.

**CARRIED**

8) Chairman, Waltzing Matilda Centre Board - 445/574

Requesting Chairman of Board be involved in selection process of new WMC Manager.

**Recommendation:**

22.08.09 Resolved that the Chairman of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Board be invited to participate in the formulating of selection criteria and the interview process for the new manager of the Waltzing Matilda Centre.

**Meeting Reports**

Sister City Committee Meeting

**Officer's Reports**

Winton SES Controller's Report

Shire Rural Land Officer's Report

Corfield Reserve Report

Middleton Reserve Report

Winton Common Ranger's Report

Saleyards Report

**CEO's Report**

Item 1:

23.08.09 Moved Cr Sale  
Seconded Cr Mann  
That Council call for the position of SES Controller and Deputy Local Controller, with the view to making a recommendation to the Director,

SES for approval by the Deputy Executive Director Operations, EMQ.  
**CARRIED**

24.08.09 Item 2:  
Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Nichols  
That Council allow the donation of in-kind assistance for the Drag  
Race Committee for \$2,836.60, and the Winton Shooters Association  
for \$118.80.

**CARRIED**

25.08.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Nichols  
That the Drag Race Committee be advised that the limit of Council's  
in kind assistance for 2010 shall be \$1,500.00.

**CARRIED**

26.08.09 Item 4:  
Resolved that the CEO be requested to further investigate the matter  
of home finance for people prepared to build new houses in Winton.

27.08.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Sale  
That Council establish a Long Service Cash Reserve for \$300,000.

**CARRIED**

Item 5:  
Operational Plan  
Council received the draft 2009/2010 Operational Plan and proposed  
that it be examined in depth for further consideration at the  
September Council meeting.

28.08.09 **CEO's Report**  
Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Sale  
That the CEO's Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**Item 4: Listed Correspondence**

**Item 5: Consideration of Notices Motion**

**Item 6: Petitions**

**Item 7: General Business**

Cr Sale noted driver sight distance difficulties on the western corner  
of Manuka and Vindex Streets for vehicle travelling along Vindex  
Street and looking north. This matter is to be referred to the Director  
of Engineering.

Cr Sale asked if the new saleyard shed had been completed.

Cr Sale asked about the bollards in Elderslie Street. CEO is to seek public feedback through the Winton Herald as to whether the bollards should be retained or removed.

Cr Sale asked about possibility of the supply of corporate shirt and scarf for lady Councillors.

Cr Mann noted the forthcoming trip to St George for the Work Committee Conference.

Cr Fraser asked about policy for the hire of the Shire Hall for the ICPA Conference.

Cr Warren advised Council of a proposed visit to Winton by the US Consul General in October.

CEO advised that the Enterprise Bargaining vote is due next week.

**Item 8: Dates Next Meeting**

- September Ordinary Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009
- October Ordinary Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2009
- November Ordinary Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

**Item 9: Other Items if Any**

**Closure:** The meeting closed at 3.58pm.

**Confirmation:** Confirmed before me this 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.

Signed .....  
Cr EL Warren  
MAYOR