

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL, VINDEK STREET,
WINTON ON THURSDAY 18th MARCH 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 - Special Meeting

01.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser
That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 18th February 2009, Folio
15386 to Folio 15387, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Confirmation of Minutes - General Meeting

02.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols
That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 19th February 2009, Folio
15388 to Folio 15401, 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 Seeley, Town Foreman– Mr R Ivers, Workshop Supervisor –
Mr P Stephens and the Water Officer – Mr R Dooley attended the meeting
at 8.38am.

Item 21: ENGINEERS' REPORT

Overseer's Report

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

Water Officer's Report

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms is to contact Kavanagh Earthmoving to arrange the silt removal from the water cooling dam in Manifold Street.

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

Parks and Gardens Report

The Town Foreman suggested the rejuvenation of the soil cover of the recreation grounds later in the year. He has advised that a quote for pop up sprinklers for the recreation grounds was expected for possible consideration in the 2009/2010 budget.

Item 20: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Airport Caretaker's Report

The CEO advised of an Emergency Disaster Exercise scheduled at the Winton aerodrome for the 5th April 2009 and that this was a requirement of the new Local Disaster Management Plan.

The Town Foreman advised that there is still a problem with the automatic apron lights and that the "installer" is to return to repair. He also advised that the apron lights were able to be operated manually.

Departure: The Town Foreman left the meeting at 9.18am.

Item 21: ENGINEERS' REPORT

Workshop Supervisor's Report

Departure: The Workshop Supervisor left the meeting at 9.25am.

Safety Officer'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
Consulting Engineer to readvertise.
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 be removed from 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.
Consulting Engineer Mr Timms updated Council on a recent inspection of the area, noting fencing of the area and historical artefacts. Cost Clerk and Assisting Overseer are preparing costing for the job.
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.

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.
Consulting Engineer Mr Timms presented a list of Council owned UHF repeater stations.
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Supply and Delivery of Outdoor Furniture

03.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Sale
That Council ratify the CEO's action in awarding the tender for the purchase of outdoor furniture for the shaded area at the Depot, to Steel Post and Rail for the amount of \$12,100.00 (inc gst) as the lowest conforming tenders.
CARRIED

Pre Coated Aggregate

04.03.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann
That Council ratify the CEO's action in awarding the tender for the purchase of 14mm precoated aggregate to IES Resources for the amount of \$17,941.25 (ex gst) as the lowest conforming tender.
CARRIED

Supply, Carting, Heating and Spraying of Bitumen

05.03.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That Council ratify the CEO's action in awarding the tender for the supply, carting, heating and spraying of bitumen to Rock 'n Road Bitumen for the amount of \$42,398.40 (exc gst) for the prime and bitumen spraying as the lowest conforming tender.
CARRIED

The CEO and Consulting Engineer are to prepare a Management Plan for the operations of the new Works Depot.

An official opening of the new Works Depot is to be held after the completion of the Depot. Councillors are to consider an appropriate time and format for the event.

Cr Sale asked why so much plant is being hired. Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised of cost recovery benefits involved with hiring. He also noted that future planning projections may indicate the need to purchase plant currently being hired.

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10.00 am. Sgt Pat McCarthy, Constable Santina Barbagallo and Mr Bill Fletcher from QRAA joined Council for morning tea. The meeting resumed at 10.35 am with all members again in attendance including Mr Fletcher, Sgt McCarthy and Constable Barbagallo.

Cr Warren asked Mr Fletcher to address Council regarding the Natural Disaster Relief Assistance Recovery Program. Council thanked Mr Fletcher for his presentation and information provided.

Departure: At this stage, Mr Fletcher left the meeting, the time being 10.40am.

Cr Warren welcomed Sgt Pat McCarthy and Const Santina Barbagallo to the meeting and to Winton. Cr Warren requested Sgt McCarthy address the meeting in respect to the proposed liquor licensing conditions pertaining to functions that sell liquor in the Winton Police District.

Cr Warren suggested a community information meeting to inform the public of the new licensing conditions. Sgt McCarthy agreed that this was a good idea and advised he would try to secure a representative of the Liquor Licensing Division to also attend the meeting.

The CEO advised of a proposal for CC TV installations at the new Works Depot and in Elderslie Street. Further information was provided on the subsidy available for these installations.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Item 20: Chief Executive Officer's Report

Item 2: Liquor Licences

06.03.09 Moved Cr Nichols
That Council approve liquor licences at Council facilities subject to: Seconded Cr Sale

- A closing time for the sale of liquor being 1.00 am or as legislated, and
- The licensing conditions as provided by the Winton Police.

CARRIED

07.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser
That Council continue the hire of the showground for private parties, weddings and other events with the provision that any private parties, weddings or other events commence on or after 6.00 pm and cease at 1.00 am and that all guests disperse and depart the premises within 30 minutes of 1.00am.

CARRIED

Cr Warren suggested the new taxi/bus be made available for hire as a “booze bus” when functions are held at the Showgrounds or the Recreation Grounds. The CEO and DCEO are to investigate the bus hire conditions that would be necessary for such hire.

Departure: At this stage, Sgt McCarthy and Const Barbagallo left the meeting, the time being 11.08am.

Attendance: At this stage, the Consulting Engineers returned to the meeting, the time being 11.10am.

ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

Item 14: George Bourne and Associates - 433/62
Providing preliminary recommendations for a location of an airstrip at Opalton.

08.03.09 Resolved that the location of the Opalton Air Strip be reconsidered at Council’s Special Meeting scheduled for the 6th April 2009.

The CEO advised of a meeting and inspection of a proposed water main extension to the subdivision of C&A Searle.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that preliminary costs were:

Section 1 (191 m)	\$ 54,000
Section 2 and 3 (2009m)	\$140,700

09.03.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Mann
That Council reaffirm the previous decision of May 08 and that the information again be sent to Mr Searle and a copy to Mr Scott.

CARRIED

Engineering General Business

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that tenders for Safety Barriers for Mistake Creek, Western River and Jundah Road Jump-up closed this week.

Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised that 5 tenders were received and that they were currently being assessed.

Winton Drainage Plan – Consulting Engineer Mr Luckhurst advised the Drainage Plan is progressing and the Draft Report will be presented shortly.

Cr Warren advised that he had followed up on the request from Western Picnic Race Club for the donation of material and had asked the Consulting Engineer to cost blend mix as requested.

Engineer's Report

10.03.09 Mover Cr Mann Seconded Cr Sale
That the Engineer's Report be received.

CARRIED

Departure: The Consulting Engineers left the meeting at 11.54am.

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.

11.03.09 Mover Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Sale
That the Consolidated Financial Statements be received.

CARRIED

Item 4: Legal Action for Recovery of Sundry Debts/Rates

Closed

Committee: Mover Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann
12.03.09 That Council form a Closed Committee under Section 436 1(f) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to discuss a legal matter, the time being 12.30pm.

CARRIED

Out of

Committee: Mover Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols
13.03.09 That Council move out of Committee, the time being 12.42pm.

CARRIED

Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Item 5: Proposed land development for horse paddocks

Item 20: **CEO'S REPORT**

CEO's Report

Item 4: Horse Paddocks

The CEO's Report covered the options available for proposed Horse Paddocks.

Council discussed the options.

14.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Cr Nichols
Resolved that the CEO investigate the acquisition of lot R23 Rifle Range Reserve for use as horse paddocks.

CARRIED

15.03.09 Resolved that the Horse Paddock Project be placed on hold until a suitable location is identified.

16.03.09 Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 1.10pm, and resumed at 2.03pm with all still in attendance.

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

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

Item 8: Sporting Clubs Rating Matters
To be discussed later in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE - FINANCIAL

Item 9: Department of Natural Resources and Water - 51/34
Offer to purchase land for Materials Depot.

19.03.09 **Recommendation:**
Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Nichols
That Council purchase the land for the Materials Depot for \$50,000 (ex gst) as offered.

CARRIED

Item 10: Radio Outback Pty Ltd - 369/1386
Revised quotation for Winton Tourist Radio.

To be discussed later in the meeting.

Item 11: Waltzing Matilda Bush Poetry Awards - 398/177
Seeking Council approval, assistance and resources to assist with the running of the Waltzing Matilda Bush Poetry Awards – Junior Section.

Recommendation:

20.03.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale

That Council assist with:

- Hire of the Shire Hall for the performances;
- Hire of the Supper Room facilities for catering;
- Hire of chairs and tables;
- Loan of the Shire Hall P/a;
- Access to photocopying facilities for general correspondence and the Official Program (noting they will supply their own paper).

as requested for the Bush Poetry Event – Junior Section.

CARRIED

Item 12: Lions Club of Winton - 343/266
Asking Council to waive supper room hire fees for annual Senior Easter Diner.

Recommendation:

21.03.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale

That Council waive the hire fees for the supper room as requested to hold the annual Lions Senior Easter Dinner.

CARRIED

Item 13: Winton Health Action Team - 128/786
Booking Showgrounds for Winton-a-thon and requesting Council waive hire fees for same.

Recommendation:

22.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols

That Council waive the hire fees for the Showgrounds to enable the holding of the Winton-a-thon, also that Council give permission for the Winton-a-thon information to be placed on Council's web site.

CARRIED

Item 22: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

LATE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Arts West - 7/337

Inviting Council to renew Corporate Membership for 2009.

Recommendation:

24.03.09 Resolved that a decision be deferred until after the Arts West AGM. That the matter be placed on Business Arising.

2. Public Trustee of Queensland - Pf 153/0

Transfer documents and advising amount of purchase of Lot 3 on CP W24016 (Estate of Yen Shoo Mar).

Recommendation:

25.03.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Mann
That Council accept offer to purchase the leasehold property Lot 3 on CP W24016 (Estate of Yen Shoo Mar) for \$3,500.00 for historical purposes.

CARRIED

3. Roberts Nehmer McKee - 445/570

Re Waltzing Matilda Centre restructure.

To be furthered later in the meeting.

4. Winton Bowls Club - Pf 00222/0

Request reduction in current water charge.

To be furthered considered later in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE – GENERAL

Item 15: Local Government Association of Queensland Inc - 193/4416

Advising of Local Government Infrastructure Symposium 2009.

Recommendation:

26.03.09 Resolved that Cr Warren, Cr Mann and DCEO be authorised to attend.

Item 16: Local Government Association of Queensland Inc - 193/4414

Advising of Elected Member Update 2009.

Recommendation:

27.03.09 Resolved that Cr Warren, Cr Sale, Cr Nichols, Cr Fraser and DCEO be registered to attend.

Item 22: **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

LATE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

5. Western Picnic Race Club - 333/1140
Seeking permission to hang banner advertising Picnic Races in Elderslie Street.

28.03.09 **Recommendation:**
Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser
Resolved that permission to hang the banner be granted.
CARRIED

6. Department of Natural Resources - Pf 00731/0
Seeking Council response to application for Permit to Occupy.

29.03.09 **Recommendation:**
Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann
That Council offer no objection to the Permit to Occupy subject to the following reasonable and relevant condition: Council noted the ongoing requirement for all properties in the Shire to have a current Property Pest Management Plan.
CARRIED

7. Mrs J Lane - 418/860
Comment with respect to Work Program and weeds in the vicinity of her property.

Recommendation:
That the letter be acknowledged and the correspondence be passed on to the Work Committee.

8. Western Queensland Local Government Association - 194/415
Invitation to WQLGA Conference 2nd and 3rd April in Longreach.

30.03.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Fraser
That Council send 2 delegates to the Conference.
CARRIED

9. Mrs R Archer - Pf 933/5
Seeking Council approval for sub-division of block.

31.03.09 **Recommendation:**
Resolved that the plans be sent to Council's Town Planners for comment prior to Council making any decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 17: Work Advisory Committee Meeting Report

32.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser
Resolved that the Minutes of the Work Advisory Committee Meeting be received.

CARRIED

Cr Warren read a letter received from Australian Age of Dinosaurs with respect to seeking Council assistance towards part time employment of a supervisor for Work Program personnel for 3 days per week for 3-5 years.

33.03.09 Resolved that Council decline to assist with part time employment as requested and that the writer be so advised.

Item 18: Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting Report

33.03.09 Moved Cr Warren Seconded Cr Nichols
Resolved that the Minutes of the Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting be received.

CARRIED

34.03.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Fraser
That the new FM88 script be supplied by Winton Shire Council and recorded by 4LG for \$1,200. Further that a modified MP3 Player be purchased for an additional \$300.

CARRIED

Item 19: Shire Beautification and Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting Reports

35.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols
Resolved that the Minutes of the Shire Beautification Committee Meeting held on the 10th February 2009 be received.

CARRIED

36.03.09 Resolved that the Brochure and Cemetery Register be placed on Council's website as time permits.

37.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols
Resolved that the Minutes of the Shire Beautification Committee Meeting held 10th March 2009 be received.

CARRIED

Attendance: At this stage, being 3.15pm, Council's EHO Ms Kimberley Morgan and TDO Ms Rosanne Mollenhagen attended the meeting.

Item 20: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

EHO's Report

- 38.03.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann
That Council allow Mr Trevor Hoad to use part of the old depot for a recycling plant.

CARRIED

Cr Mann suggested a rubbish bin be placed at the wash down bay.

Departure: The EHO left the meeting, the time being 3.30pm.

TDO's Report

- 39.03.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That Council agree to the licensing agreement with the Australian Museum for a two and a half minute animation of the Lark Quarry Dinosaur Stampede for a cost of \$5,000.

CARRIED

The Mayor complimented the TDO on her community newsletter which she placed in the Herald.

Lark Quarry Business Plan

The TOD tabled the Lark Quarry Business Plan.

- 40.03.09 Resolved that the Lark Quarry Business Plan be received, and that Councillors be requested to peruse the document and come back to the April meeting for discussion. That the matter be placed on Business Arising with the Lark Quarry guide matter.

Departure: The TDO left the meeting, the time being 3.48pm.

SRLO Report

- 41.03.09 Resolved that Council accept recommendation numbers 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Wild Dog Meeting minutes.

CEO's Report

- 42.03.09 Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Fraser
That Winton Shire Council support the appointment of an Executive Officer or Chief Executive Officer for the Outback Highway Development Council; such appointee to be based in Alice Springs and be in the position as at the 1st July 2009. Further that Council consider increasing its contribution to the Outback Highway Development Council in the 2009/2010 budget.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Item 8: Sporting Clubs Rating Matters

Winton Golf Club - PF 00958/1

Asking Council to consider a 50% rebate on the General Rate charged to the Golf Club.

and

Item 22: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

4. Winton Bowls Club - Pf 00222/0

Request reduction in current water charge.

43.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols
That the writer be advised that no changes can be made at this time due to set fees and that the matter will be reviewed at budget time.

CARRIED

44.03.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Mann
That the Golf Club be advised that Council will investigate the possibility of leasing back the sewerage pond land and will advise when legal opinion has been sought.

CARRIED

20/20 Grant – Community Plan

Declaration of

Interest: Cr Nichols declared a material personal interest in the matter and left the meeting, the time being 4.45pm.

Closed

Committee: Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser
45.03.09 That Council form a Closed Committee under Section 463 part 1 (e) of *the Local Government Act 1993*, to discuss a contractual matter, the time being 4.45pm.

CARRIED

Attendance: At this stage Cr Nichols returned to the meeting, the time being 4.50pm.

Out of

Committee: Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
46.03.09 That Council move out of Committee, the time being 5.20pm.

CARRIED

47.03.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That Council appoint Mrs DR Nichols to act as facilitator and oversee the
20/20 Community Plan.

CARRIED

48.03.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann
That Council advertise the Director of Engineering Works position with
conditions as discussed.

CARRIED

Local Disaster Management Plan

49.03.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Nichols
That Council adopt the Winton Shire Council Local Disaster Management
Plan as amended.

CARRIED

Waltzing Matilda Restructure

50.03.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Sale
That the solicitor's recommendation be forwarded to Council's accountant
O'Regan and Partners to assess Council's financial position as at 30th June
2009 and seek comment on the recommendation.

CARRIED

CEO' Report

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

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

The DCEO advised that keys will be provided to stakeholders at the
Recreation Grounds.

The DCEO advised of the appointment of Mr and Mrs Megaw as Airport
Caretakers from 1st April, 2009.

52.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols
That Council ratify the appointment of Mr Jeff and Mrs Heather Megaw to
the position of Airport Caretaker.

CARRIED

Cr Sale asked about signage on the Longreach Road, noting the unfinished
signs. DCEO advised that the unpainted signs are due for completion and
that the second stage signs have commenced construction.

Cr Sale noted that the Telstra pits on Winton footpaths are dangerous and unsightly. Cr Warren has spoken to Telstra who have requested a list of damaged pits.

Cr Fraser asked what was happening about the employment of a Youth Worker. DCEO advised that there is a meeting planned for next week to discuss the position.

Cr Fraser asked for an update on the proposed gardens on the corner of Elderslie Street and Riley Street. The matter to be placed for budgetary consideration.

Cr Fraser noted forthcoming weed spotting workshops.

Cr Nichols congratulated the male members of Council on wearing their Council ties.

53.03.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Sale
That Council accept the proposal from Queensland Music Festival for the proposed Earth Machine Music production in July 2009.

CARRIED

Cr Warren advised of a Landcare Conference to be held in Longreach in October 2009 and that they are seeking sponsorship for the event. This matter is to be placed on Business Arising.

Cr Warren asked if Council wished to donate toward aggregate requested by the Western Picnic Race Club for a project at Corfield.

54.03.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols
That Council donate \$500 towards the planned work the Western Picnic Race Club intends to carry out.

CARRIED

Cr Warren asked if Council is interested in reviving the Sister City Committee. Cr Fraser suggested Ms Narelle Banning as a possible Chair for the Committee.

55.03.09 Resolved that Council call a Sister City Committee Meeting to gauge interest.

Cr Warren advised that the CEO's Review will be conducted on 6th April at the Special Corporate Planning Meeting.

Item 23: Dates Next Meeting

- Corporate Planning Meeting 6th April 2009
- April Ordinary Meeting 16th April 2009
- May Ordinary Meeting 21st May, 2009

Closure: The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

Confirmation: Confirmed before me this 16th April, 2009.

Signed
Cr EL Warren
MAYOR