

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL, VINDEK STREET,
WINTON ON WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 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: **Apologies**
Nil

Item 2: **Confirmation of Minutes - General Meeting**
01.05.09 Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Fraser
That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 16th April 2009, Folio
15421 to Folio 15432, 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 briefly worked through the Financial Reports,
Finance Statements and Capital Works Reports with Councillors.

02.05.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann
That the Consolidated Financial Statements be received.

CARRIED

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

Item 5: Proposed land development for horse paddocks
04.05.09 Resolved that the matter be removed from Business Arising.

Item 6: Possible permanent saleyard bull selling ring and seating
05.05.09 Resolved that the matter be removed from Business Arising.

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

Item 8: Sporting Clubs Rating Matters
07.05.09 Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

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

Attendance: Assisting Overseer Mr P Seeley, Acting Town Foreman– Mr L Parry, Workshop Supervisor – Mr P Stephens attended the meeting at 8.30am.

Item 29: ENGINEERS' REPORT

Parks and Gardens Report

Cr Sale noted an ongoing problem with mosquitoes. Acting Town Foreman Mr Parry advised that mosquito treatment is a regularly scheduled job. However the colder weather is expected to lessen the problem.

Acting Town Foreman Mr Parry mentioned public concerns regarding the height of plants in garden beds in the middle of Vindex Street impairing driver visibility.

Acting Town Foreman Mr Parry advised he is awaiting information on the correct fertiliser ratios to be used on the Recreation Grounds during the winter to keep the grass green.

Attendance: At this stage, Acting Water Officer Mr R Dooley attended the meeting, the time being 8.45am.

Item 28: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Airport Caretaker's Report

Departure: The Acting Town Foreman left the meeting at 8.50am.

Water Officer's Report

CORRESPONDENCE- ENGINEERING

Item 16: Mr HJ Harris - Pf 00008/5000
Application to upgrade water supply at dwelling in Corfield.

Recommendation:
08.05.09 Resolved, that Council offered no objection to the requested work of upgrading the water supply to Mr HJ Harris. The Water Officer is to liaise with Mr Harris regarding the matter.

Departure: The Acting Water Officer left the meeting at 8.55am.

Item 29: ENGINEERS' REPORT

Workshop Supervisor's Report

The Workshop Supervisor discussed defects in the new workshop building and equipment.

Departure: The Workshop Supervisor left the meeting at 9.15am.

Overseer's Report

The Assisting Overseer provided a verbal report on current road works activities.

The Mayor thanked the Mr Sealy for his efforts on behalf of Winton Shire Council during his time in Winton. Councillors confirmed the Mayors sentiments. Mr Seeley also thanked Council for the opportunity of working in Winton.

Safety Officer's Report

Engineer's Report

CORRESPONDENCE- ENGINEERING

Item 17: Winton Pastoral and Agricultural Show Society Inc - 341/129
Request portaloos be placed at front gate at Showtime for ease and convenience of gate keepers.

Recommendation:
09.05.09 Resolved that Council provide the porta-loo as requested.

Item 18: Ms J Strandquist - 82/612
Applying to Council for permission to have power poles erected in Lynett Lane.

Recommendation:
That Council further investigate the site before a decision is made.

ENGINEERING MATTERS ARISING

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

F15176 Awning at the front of library
The Consulting Engineer is to procure quote from Brett Webber Constructions for the erection of the awning.
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

F15328 That the Consulting Engineer conduct a review of the possibility of improvement to the Corfield Water Supply and report to Council.
The Consulting Engineer advised of an approach to Queensland Drilling Services for quotations for clearing the bore obstruction.
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

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.
The Cost Clerk and Assisting Overseer prepared an estimate of \$33,000 for the erection of a fence at the Springvale Rail Line interpretation site.

Moved Cr Fraser
That Council accept the estimate of \$33,000 for the erection of a fence at the Springvale Rail Line interpretation site and proceed with the works.

CARRIED

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.
The Consulting Engineer Mr Timms advised of contact with Mr Alan Abbott with respect to maintenance of UHF Repeater Towers.
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

F15 425 Draft Master Drainage Plan
Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

Departure: At this stage, the Assisting Overseer left the meeting, the time being 9.56am.

Engineer's Report

10.05.09 Mover Cr Fraser
That the Engineer's Report be received.

Seconded Cr Nichols

CARRIED

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 9.57am, and resumed at 10.38am with all still in attendance except the DCEO.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES (continuing)

Item 9: Arts West Corporate Membership
11.05.09 Moved Cr Fraser Moved Cr Mann
That Council pay the 2009/2010 membership fee and review the matter in twelve months time.

CARRIED

12.05.09 Resolved that the matter be removed from Business Arising.

Attendance: At this stage, DCEO Mr A Rayment returned to the meeting, the time being 10.46am.

Item 10: Country and Regional Living Expo
That the DCEO follow up on funding opportunities prior to the June meeting.

13.05.09 Resolved that the matter remain on Business Arising.

CORRESPONDENCE - FINANCIAL

Item 11: Winton Pony Club Inc - 333/1148
Request Council assistance with cost of arena fence.

Recommendation:
14.05.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Mann
That Council pay for the cost of the Polvin fence material (\$16,000), and ask Pony Club to contribute \$3000 towards the associated costs.

CARRIED

Attendance: At this stage, Sgt Pat McCarthy attended the meeting, the time being 11.00am.

Cr Warren welcomed Sgt McCarthy to the meeting.

Cr Warren advised Sgt McCarthy of community concerns with clause 8, 9 and 10 of the General Purpose Permit and asked if these clauses could be reconsidered or modified.

Sgt McCarthy explained the licensing requirements.

Cr Warren thanked Sgt McCarthy for his attendance at the meeting.

Departure: At this stage, Sgt McCarthy left the meeting, the time being 12.10pm.

15.05.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols

That Winton Commercial Public Event Permit be broken into Low Risk and High Risk categories. For the purpose of a General Purpose Permit, a High Risk event is defined as an event or occasion that:

- a) permits the consumption of liquor in an area or areas totalling more than 200 square metres; or
- b) has an anticipated attendance throughout any particular day exceeding 2,000 persons, or
- c) permits the supply of liquor between midnight and 10.00am.

All other events will be Low Risk.

Conditions for Winton Commercial Public Event Permit - High Risk are:

1. No liquor shall at any time be sold or supplied to, or consumed by, any person under the age of 18 years.
2. No liquor shall at any time be sold or supplied to, or consumed by any person who is unduly intoxicated.
3. A person other than the permittee or his servant or agent, or a person acting on the instruction of the permittee, shall not bring liquor onto the premises to which the Winton Commercial Public Event Permit relates.
4. The permit and these conditions must be prominently displayed at all times during the function or activity to which the permit relates.
5. Liquor may only be consumed in the area designated and described in the Winton Commercial Public Event Permit.
6. The conduct of the event or function to which this permit relates must not be so loud as to unduly disturb residents in the locality.
7. Unless otherwise specified in the permit, liquor may be sold or supplied for immediate consumption in opened containers. The sale of takeaway liquor is not permitted.
8. **Only Mid-strength beer, wine and Mid-strength spirits (pre-mixed – Rum, Bourbon & Vodka UDL's-only) must be sold for . consumption.**
9. **All spirits must be sold in pre-mixed form and only mid-strength. The sale of spirits in jugs or bottles is not permitted.**
10. **Wine is to be served in plastic containers.**
11. No sale of alcohol in breakable containers is permitted.
12. An adequate number of receptacles must be provided for the disposal of empty containers.
13. The issue of this permit does not in any way relieve an obligation to obtain approval from any other relevant authority.
14. Liquor may only be sold and supplied between the hours specified in the permit and may only be consumed during those hours and for a period of 30 minutes grace after the cessation of the sale of liquor.

15. Noise emanating for the premises to which this permit relates, from entertainment or other activities and conduct by any person within the premises or while entering or leaving the premises shall not be such as to unduly disturb or inconvenience the owners or occupiers of neighbouring premises.
16. The grant and issue of this permit does not in any way relieve the permittee, or any other party, of an obligation to obtain any other relevant license, permit, permission, consent or approval, whether from the Commonwealth or State Government, the Local authority, the owner or occupier of the relevant premises, or any other person or authority.
17. Unless otherwise specified in the permit, the permit holder will ensure that Liquor is not removed from the consumption area.
18. Adequate security in such numbers as may be required by the Officer in Charge of Police in the locality must be provided. (If made applicable.)
19. Signs will state that liquor is not to be removed from the consumption area and the permit holder will ensure same.

Conditions for Winton Commercial Public Event Permit - Low Risk are:

1. No liquor shall at any time be sold or supplied to, or consumed by any person under the age of 18 years.
2. No liquor shall at any time be sold or supplied to, or consumed by any person who is unduly intoxicated or disorderly.
3. A person other than the permittee or his servant or agent, or a person acting on the instruction of the permittee, shall not bring liquor onto the premises to which the Commercial Public Event Permit relates.
4. The permit and these conditions must be prominently displayed at all times during the function or activity to which the permit relates.
5. Liquor may only be consumed in the area designated and described in the Commercial Public Event Permit.
6. The Conduct of the event or function to which this permit relates must not be so loud as to unduly disturb residents in the locality.
7. Unless otherwise specified, liquor may be sold or supplied for immediate consumption in opened containers. The sale of takeaway liquor is not permitted.
8. All spirits must be sold and supplied in measures of 30mls or 15mls, or in pre-packaged, pre-mixed form. The sale of spirits in jugs or bottles is not permitted.
9. An adequate number of receptacles must be provided for the disposal of empty containers.
10. This issue of this permit does not in any way relieve an obligation to obtain approval from any other relevant authority.
11. Liquor may only be sold and supplied between the hours specified in the permit and may only be consumed during those hours and for a period of 30 minutes grace after the cessation of the sale of liquor.
12. The permit holder will ensure that liquor is not removed from the

consumption area.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE - FINANCIAL

Item 12: Winton State School - 340/940
Request waiving of Recreation Grounds hire fees.

Recommendation:
16.5.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That Council waive the \$110 hire fees for the Recreation Grounds as requested.

CARRIED

Item 13: RFDS Outback Air Race 2009
Seeking Council support for 2009 Outback Air Race.

Recommendation:
17.05.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Fraser
That Council donate \$100 towards the 2009 Outback Air Race as requested.

CARRIED

Item 14: Winton Health Action Team Inc - 128/792
Request Council "top-up" School Children's Sports Fund,

Recommendation:
18.05.09 Moved Cr Sale Seconded Cr Warren
That Council provide \$5,000 plus \$440.50 to "top up" the School Children's Sports Fund as requested.

CARRIED

Item 15: Outback Queensland Tourism - 369/1399
Advising time for membership renewal.

Recommendation:
19.05.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Fraser
That Council pay the Outback Queensland Tourism annual membership.

CARRIED

Item 30: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

LATE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mrs J Welsh - 279/976
Request Council consider no increase to rates.

Recommendation:
20.05.09 Resolved that the writer be thanked for her thoughts and be advised that Council will endeavour to keep rates as low as possible and maintain employment opportunities within the Shire.

2. Australian Age of Dinosaurs - 405/82
Assistance required prior to proposed June opening.

Recommendation:
21.05.09 Moved Cr Mann Seconded Cr Nichols
That the requested matters be investigated and reported back to Council for the June ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED

Adjournment: At this stage, the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 12.58pm, and resumed at 2.08pm with all in attendance.

Attendance: At this stage, Mr Col Higginson from Campbell Higginson Town Planning attended the meeting, the time being 2.08pm.

ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENCE

Item 18: Ms J Strandquist - 82/612 (revisited)
Applying to Council to have power poles to be erected in Lynett Lane.

Recommendation:
22.05.09 Resolved that the CEO discuss the request with the Winton Manager of Ergon Energy to ensure that there is sufficient room for power poles to be erected.

Mr Higginson updated the meeting on Town Planning matters, Priority Infrastructure Plan, review of Planning Act, Standard Planning Scheme, Regional Plan, and a workshop with Council on proposed amendment to the current Planning Scheme.

23.05.09 Resolved that Mr Higginson be requested to further extend or modify some Zonings of the Winton Shire Council Town Plan being:

- The “Rural Residential” land south of the gypsum plant being lot 3 SP107123 (east of the Kennedy Developmental Road) be rezoned to “Industrial”;
- The extension of the current “Industrial” zoning for land on the western side of the Kennedy Development Road and east of the Winton/Hughenden Rail Line to the north to include lot 90 USL37909;
- Lot 1 SP107123 be rezoned Rural Residential;
- A triangular area of Lot 118 AE151 (Town Common) immediately east of Winton, South of the Winton/Longreach Railway Line and

north of the Landsborough Highway, being approximately 19 hectares rezoned to Road Commercial.

CORRESPONDENCE – GENERAL

Item 19: Winton District Historical Society & Museum Inc - 219/390
Requesting Council permission to add extra wording to the QANTAS Cairn in Elderslie Street.

Recommendation:
24.05.09 Resolved that Council give permission for the extra wording to be added to the plaque on the QANTAS Cairn in Elderslie Street as requested.

Item 20: RN and BJ Shaw - Pf 00567/1
Request Council allow to keep Prickly Acacia tree on their property.

Recommendation:
25.05.09 Resolved that Council allow the Prickly Acacia tree to remain while the writers reside at the address.

Item 21: The Salvation Army - 64/232
Seeking permission to hold a Static Collection for the Red Shield appeal out side Searle's Menswear and the Newsagency.

Recommendation:
26.05.09 Resolved that Council give permission to the Salvation Army to hold a Static Collection for the Red Shield appeal out side Searle's Menswear and the Newsagency.

Item 22: Australian Local Government Association - 198/791
Invitation to 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government.

Recommendation:
27.05.09 Resolved that Cr Warren be authorised to attend the 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government.

Item 23: ALGWA (Qld) - 204/114
Register of interest for 2009 ALGWA Conference.

Recommendation:
28.05.09 Moved Cr Warren Seconded Mann
That Cr Fraser, Cr Sale and Cr Nichols be registered for the 2009 ALGWA Conference.

CARRIED

Item 24: Mr SB Collins - 428/1
Comment on draft Corporate Plan.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and considered when the Corporate Plan is adopted and that the writer be thanked for his contribution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 28: Sister City Committee Meeting Report

29.05.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Mann
That the minutes of the Sister City Committee Meeting be received.
CARRIED

Item 29: Tourism Strategy Committee Meeting Report

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

31.05.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That Winton Shire Council approve the decision to source funding from Australian Tourism Development Fund (TQUAL) for the upgrade of the Diamantina Gardens dormitories and to complete the upgrade within a two year time span upon funding approval.
CARRIED

Item 30: Shire Beautification and Cemetery Advisory Committee Report

32.05.09 Moved Cr Nichols Seconded Cr Sale
That the minutes of the Shire Beautification and Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting be received.
CARRIED

Item 28: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The DCEO advised that applications for the Youth Worker position had been received and a potential candidate had been invited to attend an interview at Winton.

Cr Warren suggested a visit to the Child Care Centre during the next Council meeting to inspect the Centre and to compliment Dana on her good work at the Centre.

CEO's Report

Item 30: **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

LATE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Diamantina Rodeo Association - tabled
Response with respect to the Alcohol regulations.

That the information be received and noted.

33.05.09

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

Seconded Cr Nichols

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

DCEO Mr Rayment updated Council on the recent Tidy Towns judging.

DCEO suggested opening the Capell building for rental.

Cr Sale asked if Council cars would be locked up when the last fence at the Depot is erected. CEO confirmed as soon as fencing is completed, Council cars would be locked in the Depot yard.

Cr Fraser asked about the 2020 Project. Cr Nichols advised the project will be progressing from next week.

Cr Nichols noted people walking on the Boullia Road with very little visibility, causing a possible traffic problem.

Cr Fraser suggested that the WHAT Committee be requested to place an advertisement in the Herald reminding people about visibility on roads.

Cr Nichols advised Council on the recent Healthy Queensland Awards judging in which the WHAT Committee were shortlisted.

Cr Nichols advised Council on the recent Elected Member Update held in Longreach.

Cr Warren reminded Council of the proposed visit to Council by LGAQ representatives Cr Paul Bell and Mr Greg Hallam.

The DCEO provided an update from the previous WHAT Committee Meeting attended also by the Mayor and Cr Sale.

The DCEO advised that the WHAT Committee has requested minor changes to the existing School Children's Sporting Sponsorship including the addition of a financial hardship category that is paid to the respective school of the child prior to the actual event occurring. The current process of paying to the parent/ guardian after the event remains unchanged for those people not deemed by the committee as suffering financial hardship. The document was presented.

34.05.09 Moved Cr Fraser Seconded Cr Sale
That minor changes as detailed, including the addition of a financial
hardship category paid to the respective child's school prior to the event be
approved.

CARRIED

Item 31: Dates Next Meeting

- June Ordinary Meeting 18th June, 2009
- July Ordinary Meeting 16th July, 2009
- August Ordinary Meeting 20th August, 2009

Closure: The meeting closed at 5.59pm.

Confirmation: Confirmed before me this 18th June, 2009.

Signed
Cr EL Warren
MAYOR