



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday, 14 December 2023**

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
ON THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2023 AT 803**

PRESENT: Cr Gavin Baskett (Mayor), Cr Tina Elliott (Deputy Mayor) Cr Anne Seymour, Cr Cathy White, Cr Shane Mann, Cr Frank Standfast.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Dirk Dowling (Chief Executive Officer), Miss Shannon Van Bael (Executive Manager Community Services), Mr Roger Naidoo (Director of Works), Miss Kirby Reents (Minutes Secretary).

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor recited the Acknowledgement of Country and paid respects to the family and friends of Gordon Hatfield and Karen Cooper.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillors were invited to declare any relevant "Interest" to respective items.

- *No relevant interest were declared.*

4 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

23.12.01

Moved: Cr S Mann

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

1. That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 November 2023 and the Special Council Meeting held on 24 November 2023 be confirmed with amendments.

CARRIED 6-0



5 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cr Cathy White : Question without notice

1. Could you go into more detail.

Cr Cathy White –

1. What bush firefighting equipment has the Winton Shire Council in the case of a bush fire on the town common and reserves?

CEO :

Council does not have much in the way of firefighting.

We have a new 12000lt Tank with a hose reel, that goes on the back of a tip truck.

This can take up to half an hour to set up.

In the past the Rural Fire Service or QFES will call on Council for a watertanker and/or a Grader to assist. That is if we have the gear in Town. Most likely to be on Site out of Town.

The CEO committed to look further into the current arrangements to ensure the right capability exists, and / or to advise Council on budget requirements etc.

6 MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Mayor Meeting & Inspections 16 November – 14 December 2023			
DATE	TYPE	PARTIES	PURPOSE
16/11/2023	Workshop	Mayor + Councillors + Senior Leadership Team	Workshop
17/11/2023	Meeting	Outback Futures - CEO and Executive Community Manager	Winton Region Review
	Interview	Seven News - Christian Penny	Formal Meeting
	Meeting	CEO and MAYOR	Weekly Catch up
20/11/2023	Meeting	CEO and MAYOR	Weekly Catch up
21/11/2023	Meeting	Place Name Audit Working Group	General Meeting
	Meeting	Area Manager - Department of Resources + Mayor + CEO + Senior Leadership Team	State Valuation Service and Lands Division Department of Resources
22-23/11/2023	Event	Governor Visit - Government House Qld	Formal Dinner at Government House
23/11/2023	Forum	Business and Community + Councillors + Senior Leadership Team	Consultation regarding Local laws
24/09/2023	Meeting	Mayor + Councillors + Senior Leadership Team	Special Council Meeting
27-30/09/2023	Conference	RAPAD, ORRTG, RAPADWSA & CWRPMG	F2F meetings in Brisbane. RAPAD AGM
29/11/2023	Function	Red Ridge Interior	Function at Parliament

			House hosted by Lachlan Miller
01/12/2023	Meeting	Mayor and CEO Outback Highway Development Council	General Meeting
4/12/2023	Committee	RADF Advisory Committee	General Meeting
8/12/2023	Workshop	Mayor + Councillors + Senior Leadership Team	Monthly Workshop

23.12.02

Moved: Cr S Mann

Seconded: Cr C White

1. That the Mayors report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

7 MAYOR'S BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT NOTICE

NIL

8 QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NIL

9 QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN

Cr Tina Elliott –

1. Has the emergency buttons that were in place at Diamantina Gardens been removed from all units within the complex?

The director of Works advised that he would confirm the removal, but it was his understanding that they were never hardwired and did not work, so were being removed as part of the current upgrade works.

10 PETITIONS

NIL

11 DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

12 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

NIL

13 DECISIONAL REPORTS

13.1 WILLIE MAR

SUMMARY

Council owns the site upon which the Willie Mar historical infrastructure sits.

Council has developed a comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the Willie Mar site, in consultation with the Winton District Historical Society.

23.12.03

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr C White

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

There was some discussion on the comprehensive nature of the Report and the fact that Council would not be in a position to implement / fund most of the recommendations without financial support from other tiers of government through grants or other funding arrangements. It was acknowledged that the historical portion at the front of the document was a valuable reference tool and that many of the principles and directions for conservation generally, were relevant and desirable in the right circumstances – but also noting the extent to which the recommendations involve large expenses and use of Consultants regularly and best practice excavations etc. It was also noted that some of the other smaller Shires using the same Consultant had not 'adopted' or outright 'endorsed' their Reports, but rather opted to endorse their Plans 'in-principle' so that monetary limitations and resource limitations generally are not committed where they cannot be afforded.

23.12.04

Moved: Cr S Mann

Seconded: Cr F Standfast

2. THAT Council:

- (a) endorse the draft Conservation Management Plan 'in-principle'; and
- (b) work in partnership with the Winton District Historical Society (and other stakeholders) to:
 - (i) explore ideas and concepts identified in the draft CMP that can support this historical site; and
 - (ii) implement projects, and conservation activities that are feasible, affordable and practical to implement on behalf of the community.

CARRIED 6-0

13.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - KENNEDY DEVELOPMENTAL ROAD LOT 88 SP246198

SUMMARY

On 24 May 2022, Council received a properly made development application, lodged by Gideon Town Planning on behalf of Winton Shire Council, seeking a development permit for reconfiguring a lot – subdivision (one lot to eleven lots), on land located at Kennedy Developmental Road Street, Winton (Lot 88 SP246198).

CHTP File Ref: 441_WIN236

23.12.05

Moved: Cr S Mann

Seconded: Cr F Standfast

1. That the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

23.12.06

Moved: Cr S Mann

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

2. For the reasons as set out above, it is recommended the development application be approved subject to reasonable and relevant planning conditions, as set out in Attachment A, which reflect and accord generally with the application as made.

CARRIED 6-0

13.3 EQUITY RESERVE REPORT DECEMBER 2023

SUMMARY

Council has maintained a number of “Reserves” in the Equity section of the internal / management balance sheet, for various projects to benefit the community. During recent meetings the topic has been discussed by Council and triggered a review and request for recommendations to be provided by the Accounting & Management representatives.

23.12.07

Moved: Cr S Mann

Seconded: Cr A Seymour

1. That the Report be received

CARRIED 6-0

There was some discussion on which of the existing projects and entries in the current reporting should be removed and which should stay to indicate reserve amounts are being held. The following were identified to be removed: Bladensburg Dam Development, Integrated Financial System, Saleyards. “Lagoon Development” was also to be changed to “Lake Development”.

23.12.08

Moved: Cr Standfast
Seconded: Cr Elliott

2. That Council

- c) Tidy up existing Reserve allocations reporting (removing reserve allocations that have been expended or are no longer relevant) and continue to maintain and report on Council's future capital funding needs funded from Council's own source funding (ie not grants) - to be identified as Reserves.

CARRIED 5-1

Cr C White voted against

13.4 WALKING LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT

SUMMARY

Winton Shire Council's 2023-24 Operational Plan highlights the significance of the Pedestrian and Mobility Strategy as a crucial project. The objective is to enhance walking accessibility to and around key destinations, ensuring that the walking environments are interconnected, comfortable, safe, and easily accessible.

23.12.09

Moved: Cr F Standfast
Seconded: Cr S Mann

- 1. THAT Council receives the Report.

CARRIED 6-0

23.12.10

Moved: Cr F Standfast
Seconded: Cr S Mann

- 2. THAT if successful with the 'Walking Local Government Grant' Council will provide 50:50 matched funding in the 2024/25 budget.

CARRIED 6-0

23.12.11

Moved: Cr A Seymour
Seconded: Cr T Elliott

- 1. That Council retrieve the report from the table.

CARRIED 6-0

13.3 COMMUNITY GRANTS – 16 NOVEMBER 2023**SUMMARY**

Council is committed to supporting not-for-profit community organisations that support the needs and liveability of the Winton community. This report is a reflection of the expenses during the 2023-2024 financial year thus far, and to present further Community Grant Requests which have been received.

23.11.13

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr S Mann

1. THAT Council receive the Report.

CARRIED 6-0

23.11.14

Moved: Cr C White

The report be laid on the table.

CARRIED 6-0

There was some discussion about being cautious not to fund everything put before Council – noting that intentions are always good and events and other projects are generally good for the community. Notwithstanding this, council has a responsibility to ratepayers to ensure that the Council is not seen as being the source to fund all ideas in the community and that community groups and other agencies and individuals should maybe be supported to get ideas off the ground (seed funding), but that ongoing funding should not become a Council (ratepayer) responsibility for everything. Noting also that a review of the current Community Grant Policy is being scheduled to take place in the new year.

23.12.12

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr C White

2. THAT Council note the request from the Winton Creative Arts Group Inc. and:
 - a. donate \$5000 towards the Sculpture Competition.

CARRIED 5-1

Cr A Seymour voted against



14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**14.1 MINUTES OF THE RADF ASSESSMENT PANEL MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2023****23.12.13**

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

1. That the Minutes of the RADF Assessment Panel Meeting held on 4 December 2023 be received and the recommendation therein be adopted.

CARRIED 6-0**15 CORRESPONDENCE****15.1 CORRESPONDENCE****23.12.14**

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr A Seymour

1. That the correspondence 1-5, 7,8,10 be received.

CARRIED 6-0**23.12.15**

Moved: Cr S Mann

Seconded: Cr A Seymour

Attachment 6 – Winton Campdraft – Gem of the West.

2. That the Mayor write a letter of response regarding the location of the Ray Hermann statue.

CARRIED 6-0**23.12.16**

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr C White

Attachment 9 – Age of Dinosaurs

3. That the Mayor write a letter of support to the AAOD for funding through the Federal Growing Regions Fund.

CARRIED 6-0**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:04am and resumed at 10:40am.

16 LATE CORRESPONDENCE**NIL****17 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION****23.12.17**

Moved: Cr S Mann

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

18.1 GEOTHERMAL

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J (3) - e of the Local Government Regulation 2012, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government..

CARRIED 6-0**23.12.18**

Moved: Cr A Seymour

Seconded: Cr S Mann

1. THAT Council moves into the closed session at 10:41am.

CARRIED 6-0**23.12.19**

Moved: Cr A Seymour

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

1. THAT Council moves out of the closed session at 10:44am

.CARRIED 6-0**18.1 GEOTHERMAL****23.12.20**

Moved: Cr S Mann

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

1. That the report be received

CARRIED 6-0**23.12.22**

Moved: Cr G Baskett

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

2. That Council authorise the CEO to expend up to an additional \$20,000 (+ GST) in legal fees, to ensure that the Response to the Defence Pleadings is completed, and further attempts to negotiate a satisfactory Settlement can be made.

CARRIED 3-3

**Cr A Seymour, Cr C White and Cr F Standfast voted against.
Mayor exercised his casting Vote in favour of the motion.**

18 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

17.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

23.12.23

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr S Mann

1. That the Chief Executive Officer information report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

23.12.24

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr A Seymour

2. That the Financial report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

17.2 EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

23.12.25

Moved: Cr C White

Seconded: Cr S Mann

1. THAT the Executive Manager of Community Services report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

17.3 DIRECTOR OF WORKS

23.12.26

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr C White

1. THAT the Director of Works report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Meeting 18 January 2024

The Meeting closed at 11:40am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 January 2024.


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CHAIRPERSON