



WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes 16/5/19

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL,
75 VINDEX STREET, WINTON ON THURSDAY 16 May 2019,
COMMENCING AT 8.05am.

Present: Cr G Basket, Cr T Elliott, Cr T Harbour, Cr J Mann, Cr P Mann and Cr J Sale

Chief Executive Officer	-	R Bruhn
Director of Works	-	P Krisanski
Director of Community & Economic Development	-	J Laidler
Minute Secretary	-	S Van Bael

Item 1: Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor recited the Acknowledgment of Country and on behalf of Council, extended condolences to the family and friends of Mr Brad Mutton.

Item 2: Apologies

Nil

Item 3: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

Cr Basket invited Councillors to declare any relevant "Interest" to respective items.

- Cr J Mann declared an interest in Decisional Report 13.15 Geothermal Power Plant – Update as he is a contractor who has worked on this project.

Item 4: Confirmation of Minutes

General Meeting held on 18 April 2019

01.05.19 *Moved Cr S Mann* *Seconded Cr J Sale*
That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 March 2019 be confirmed.
CARRIED 6-0

Item 5: Business Arising out of Previous Meetings

Nil

Item 6: Mayor's Report

The Mayor provided a verbal update on meetings and activities since 15 April 2019 and answered questions in relation to the report.

MAYOR MEETINGS & INSPECTIONS 15.4.19 – 12.5.19		
TYPE	PARTIES	PURPOSE
Meeting	Local Disaster Management Group	General Meeting
Teleconference	RAPAD, Mayors CEO	Exclusion Fence Funding
Meeting	Sound Australia	WOWF Update
Meeting	TMR Eric Denham	Roads
Meeting	QRA, DoC, DOW	North and Far North QLD Monsoon Trough Recovery Priorities Workshop
Meeting	Councillors, Senior Management, Architect	General Meeting
Meeting	Frank Peterson	Rangelands
Meeting	Councillors, Senior Management	Elderslie Street Renewal
Meeting	David Elliott, CEO	AAOD
Meeting	Rural Lands Advisory Committee	General Meeting
Meeting	Beautification Committee	General Meeting
Workshop	Councillors, Senior Management	Longreach – Winton Tourism Plan
Meeting	Mayors, DAF, Other Agencies	New livestock industry recovery working group
Meeting	District Disaster Management Group	De-brief floods
Training	Staff	Fire Training
Event	Qantas Foundation Museum	AGM

02.05.19 *Moved Cr T Elliott*
That the Mayor's Report be received. *Seconded Cr S Mann*
CARRIED 6-0

Item 7: Mayor's Business to be Considered Without Notice

Nil

Item 8: Questions (without debate) for which notice has been given

Nil



Item 9: Questions (without debate) for which notice has not been given

Cr T Elliott asked if Terms of Reference had been established for the Australian Government's Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing and Pest and Weed Management funding programs.

The CEO advised grant agreements for these two programs had just been received and would be circulated to the Elected Members. Also, that Council would need to determine its own application process and conditions for distributing the grant funds.

Item 10: Petitions

Nil

Item 11: Presentation / Deputations

- RPS Group Landscape Architects
- Brian Jackson PEAK Services

Item 12: Consideration of Motions for which notice has been given

Nil

Item 13: Decisional Reports

13.1 Infringement Notices – Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008

Summary: This report requests Council to consider setting Infringement Fees for offences committed pursuant to the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.

**03.05.19 Moved Cr J Mann Seconded Cr T Elliott
 THAT the report be received. CARRIED 6-0**

04.05.19 *Moved Cr S Mann* *Seconded Cr T Elliott*
THAT Council sets an Infringement Fine of \$90.00 for any offence committed pursuant to the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008, except for dog wandering at large offences with these fines to remain at \$230.00 in accordance with the Fees and Charges register. **CARRIED 6-0**

13.2 Development Application – J E & V J Bowden

Summary: This application seeks an approval for a Development Permit for a Material Change in Use to establish an "Industrial Activity" - "Storage facility" situated at 21 Colston Road, Winton. CHTP File Ref: 441 WIN109.

06.05.19 *Moved Cr S Mann* *Seconded Cr T Harbour*
THAT the development application be approved subject to the reasonable and relevant planning conditions as set out in Attachment A of the 'Summary Statement of Assessment Report" prepared by Campbell Higginson Town Planning which reflect and accord generally with the application and as reflected in the proposal plans included in Attachment B. **CARRIED 6-0**

13.3 Rates Payment Incentive Scheme

Summary: As an incentive for rate payers to pay their rates by the due date, Council has introduced a “rates payment incentive scheme” whereby people who paid their rates on time were automatically entered into a draw to win a cash prize of \$1,000.

07.05.19 *Moved Cr S Mann* *Seconded Cr J Sale*
THAT the report be received. **CARRIED 6-0**

09.05.19 *Moved Cr T Harbour* *Seconded Cr S Mann*
THAT following the draw for the "rates payment incentive scheme", Mr Clarence Hermann be awarded the cash prize of \$1,000. **CARRIED 6-0**

13.4 Change of Meeting Dates

Summary: At the Council meeting held on 20 December 2018, the Ordinary Meeting dates for 2019 were determined by Council. This report seeks Council's consideration for several of these meeting dates to be varied due to Elected Member and staff absences and LGAQ conference dates.

**10.05.19 Moved Cr S Mann Seconded Cr J Sale
THAT the report be received. CARRIED 6-0**

13.05.19 *Moved Cr T Elliott* *Seconded Cr J Sale*
That Council change the order of Agenda items to enable the Director's reports to be considered and to allow for the presentations by RPS Group Landscape Architects and Brian Jackson from Peak Services to be heard in the presence of the Directors. **CARRIED 6-0**

13.7 Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum – Bankable Feasibility Study Funding

Summary: *The Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History is arranging for a bankable feasibility study (BFS) to be prepared in support of its Stage 3.3 project to create the 'Museum of Natural History'. The cost of completing Stage 3.3 has been estimated at \$50m. The BFS is being undertaken by Grant Thornton in Brisbane and is nearing completion, however for the BFS to meet government cost / benefit and viability criteria, an accurate cost and construction timeframe for the MNH needs to be identified.*

The Museum has obtained a quote for the additional work on the BFS to be carried out which is \$200,000. The Department of State Development are prepared to contribute \$100,000 towards this cost, however the Museum must source the remaining \$100,000. Council is asked to consider allocating \$50,000 as a contribution towards this project in its 2019/2020 budget.

15.05.19 *Moved Cr J Sale* *Seconded Cr S Mann*
THAT the report be received. **CARRIED 6-0**

16.05.19 *Moved Cr J Sale* *Seconded Cr T Elliott*
THAT Council offer its support to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History by committing to provide \$50,000 in its 2019/2020 budget as a contribution towards the bankable feasibility study for Stage 3.3 of the Museum's development for the construction of the Museum of Natural History. **CARRIED 6-0**

13.8 Water Access Agreement – Muddy Waters

Summary: *This report seeks Council to grant delegated authority pursuant to Section 236 of the Local Government Act 2009 for the Mayor to sign off on the Water Access Agreement with the owners of five (5) properties located outside Council's declared water service area. Council has extended the water main to the delivery point and once the Water Access Agreement has been signed off, each of the five property owners can construct their private water lines in accordance with the Agreement to receive a potable water supply.*

17.05.19 *Moved Cr T Elliott* *Seconded Cr J Sale*
THAT the report be received. **CARRIED 6-0**

Adjourned: The Meeting was adjourned at 10.03am for morning tea and resumed at 10.33am with RPS Group Landscape Architects in the chambers to discuss landscaping in Elderslie Street. Both the Director of Works Mr P Krisanski and Director of Community and Economic Development Mrs J Laidler were also present.

Departure: RPS Group Landscape Architects departed the chambers at 12.02pm.

13.5 Vendorpanel Proposal

Summary: *This report summarises the process Council needs to upgrade their licence to conduct effective procurement. Currently Council's procurement methods are cumbersome, time consuming and outdated and there is room for significant improvement by fully utilising commercial software management programs. There have been numerous discussions with providers and other local Councils who have been undertaking these methods for some time and there are numerous advantages to both Council and suppliers and this report recommends a way forward.*

18.05.19	<i>Moved Cr S Mann</i> THAT the report be received.	<i>Seconded Cr T Elliott</i> CARRIED 6-0
19.05.19	<i>Moved Cr S Mann</i> THAT Council upgrade their Vendorpanel Licence to implement 'Preferred Suppliers List's' and other source-to-contract procurement functionality. CARRIED 6-0	<i>Seconded Cr J Mann</i>
20.05.19	<i>Moved Cr J Sale</i> THAT Council undertake an information and support session to educate potential suppliers and contractors on the new procurement arrangements during the implementation period.	<i>Seconded Cr S Mann</i> CARRIED 6-0

13.6 Consideration of Building Tenders

Summary: *In order to seek best value for money and attempt to complete jobs as quickly as possible, three separate projects have been tendered concurrently to attract greater competition and potential discounts.*

The projects include:

- *Winton Showgrounds Amenities (Amenities)*
- *Winton Depot Refurbishment (Depot)*
- *Winton Showgrounds Stables (Stables)*

There was significant interest in the projects with 11 companies responding, many offering competitive prices and/or discounts based on being awarded multiple projects.

Attendance: Mr C Dyer Asset Manager attended the meeting at 12.16pm to provide further information on the report.

Departure: Mr C Dyer Asset Manager departs the chamber at 12.34pm.

Adjournment: Council adjourned for lunch at 1.03pm and returned at 1.35pm.

Late Report: Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program – Biosecurity Management of Pests and Weeds.

Summary: Central Western Queensland has been affected by 8 years of drought and other extreme environmental conditions that had devastating effects on the region's primary economic driver – agriculture.

Council were successful in gaining \$800,000 for wild dog fencing and \$200,000 for pest and weed management.

**23.05.19 Moved Cr S Mann Seconded Cr T Harbour
 THAT the late report be received. CARRIED 6-0**

Community and Economic Development Report.

Departure: Mrs J Laidler Director of Community and Economic Development departed the chamber at 2.37pm.

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Attendance: Mr B Jackson from PEAK Services joined the meeting at 2.38pm via teleconference to give an update on The Waltzing Matilda Centre and the Geothermal Project.

Declaration of Interest:

Cr J Mann declared an interest in this matter and departed the chamber at 2.43pm.

"I declare that I have a conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in the Local Government Act, 2009, section 175D). I am a sub-contractor involved with the Geothermal Project."

13.15 Geothermal Power Plant – Update

Summary: *The Geothermal Plant is nearing completion, however there are currently several outstanding issues which need to be resolved before the integration works can be completed by the contractor gTET. This report provides an update on those issues and seeks direction from Council on what needs to happen to complete this project. The report also contains a Project Status Report from the Project Manager, Mr Hans Muller from Peak Services.*

26.05.19	<i>Moved Cr S Mann</i> THAT the Report be received.	<i>Seconded Cr J Sale</i> CARRIED 6-0
27.05.19	<i>Moved Cr S Mann</i> THAT Council approve the payment of the following outstanding invoices to gTET:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Invoice No. 171 dated 06/03/2019 for \$178,284.50 (GST exclusive) subject to the amount being varied to reflect the terms of the contract in that should practical completion be awarded, 50% of the retentions are to be released and 50% be retained until the end of the defects liability period after 12 months;- Invoice No. 173 dated 18/03/2019 for \$37,942.20 (GST exclusive);- Invoice No. 174 dated 26/03/2019 for \$3,300.00 (GST exclusive);- Invoice No. 176 dated 16/04/2019 for \$55,325.70 (GST exclusive);	<i>Seconded Cr T Elliott</i> CARRIED 4-1
28.05.19	<i>Moved Cr J Sale</i> THAT Council approves of the budget variation proposed by gTET for \$419,109 (GST exclusive) noting the sum of Invoice No. 176 for \$55,325.70 is already included in this amount and the value of the \$40,000 retainer is to be deducted from gTET's final claim.	<i>Seconded Cr S Mann</i> CARRIED 4-1



29.05.19 *Moved Cr T Elliott* *Seconded Cr S Mann*
THAT Council increase its 2018/2019 budget allocation for the completion of the Geothermal Plant from \$1,000,000 to \$1,213,280 with the additional funding of \$213,280 to be recovered from the Water Infrastructure Reserve.
CARRIED 4-1

30.05.19 *Moved Cr T Elliott* *Seconded Cr S Mann*
THAT the CEO be granted delegated authority to implement the above decisions.
CARRIED 4-1

Attendance: Cr J Mann returned to the meeting at 3.43pm.

Item 16: Officers Reports

Works Department Report.

31.05.19 *Moved Cr S Mann* *Seconded Cr T Harbour*
THAT the Director of Works Report be received and accepted. **CARRIED 6-0**

Departure: Mr P Krisanski Director of Works departed the meeting at 3.56pm.

Item 13: Decisional Reports Continued

13.8 Water Access Agreement – Muddy Waters (continued)

32.05.19 *Moved Cr J Sale* *Seconded Cr T Elliott*
THAT Council grant delegated authority pursuant to Section 236 of the Local Government Act 2009 for the Mayor to sign off on the Water Access Agreement with the owners of five (5) properties located outside Council's declared water service area.
CARRIED 6-0

13.9 Rural Lands Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference

Summary: At the Rural Lands Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2019, the Committee took the opportunity to review its 'Terms of Reference'. This report seeks approval from Council for an amended version of the Terms of Reference to be adopted.

33.05.19 *Moved Cr S Mann* *Seconded Cr J Sale*
THAT the report be received.
CARRIED 6-0

34.05.19 *Moved Cr T Elliott* *Seconded Cr S Mann*
THAT Council adopt the amended Terms of Reference for the Rural Lands Advisory Committee.
CARRIED 6-0

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13.10 Transfer of Properties

Summary: *This report provides an update on Councils decision to seek a settlement with the Department of Housing and Public Works in order to exit the social housing system by transferring the title of the following two properties: -*

- *Amberley House at 51 Nesbit Street Winton;*
- *Manuka House at 73 Manuka Street Winton*
in exchange for the Winton Shire Council to gain full control and title of: -
- *Diamantina Gardens Complex Units 1 to 18 at 59 Blomfield Street;*
- *Youth Housing Units 1 to 3 at 3 Bladensburg Street; and*
- *Lark Quarry Residence located at Lark Quarry Conservation Park.*

**35.05.19 Moved Cr T Elliott Seconded Cr S Mann
THAT the report be received. CARRIED 6-0**

13.11 Tower Hill Picnic Amateur Race Club Inc

Summary: Advice has been received from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) that the Tower Hill Picnic Amateur Race Club Inc. is seeking to renew the lease over the property described as Lot 7 of TL45 (SL 23/51180). The property is located at 12377 Olio-Muttaburra Road and the proposed use of the land is for Sporting and Recreation (Racecourse) purposes.

The Department is seeking Council's views on the proposed renewal of this lease, or any requirements the Department should consider when assessing this application. If Council seeks to object to the application, a full explanation stating the reason for the objection needs to be provided.

38.05.19 *Moved Cr T Elliott* *Seconded Cr S Mann*
THAT the report be received. **CARRIED 6-0**

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13.12 Variations to the Australian Government's Drought Communities Program

Summary: To seek endorsement from Council to vary the projects nominated for funding under the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme Round 1 and the Drought Communities Programme Extension to ensure Council receives the full benefit of the funds allocated.

- Terminating project DCP000150 – Virtual Gym Upgrade \$220,000
- Terminating project DCP000353 – Elderslie Street Upgrade \$200,000
- Increasing project DCP000071 – Way Out West Fest from to \$820,000; \$400,000
- Terminating project DCP182357 – Swimming Pool Kiosk \$300,000
- Terminating project DCP182354 – Showground Stables \$128,000
- Terminating project DCP182356 – Showground Amenities \$320,000
- Creating a new project for the Elderslie Street Upgrade with a grant allocation of \$781,281. **CARRIED 6-0**

- Virtual Gym Upgrade	\$220,000	
- Swimming Pool Kiosk	\$300,000	
- Showground Stables	\$128,000	
- Showground Amenities	\$320,000	CARRIED 6-0

13.13 Longreach & Winton Sub-Region Tourism Activation Plan 2019 - 2024

Summary: *The Winton Shire Council and the Longreach Regional Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to formalise a partnership between the Councils whilst they worked together to develop a proposal that investigated the tourism industry. This project was supported by the Department of*

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Innovation, Tourism and Industry Development with a \$50,000 financial contribution.

Following the Council workshop held on 8 May 2019, Council is now in a position to consider adopting the 'Longreach & Winton Sub-Region Tourism Activation Plan 2019-2024. This matter was previously considered at the Council Meeting held on 21 March 2019 and the document was presented to the Winton Tourism Strategy Advisory Committee for review and comment.

43.05.19	<i>Moved Cr J Sale</i> THAT the report be received.	<i>Seconded Cr S Mann</i> CARRIED 6-0
44.05.19	<i>Moved Cr T Harbour</i> THAT the Longreach & Winton Sub-Region Tourism Activation Plan 2019 – 2024 be adopted by Council.	<i>Seconded Cr T Elliott</i> CARRIED 6-0
45.05.19	<i>Moved Cr T Harbour</i> THAT Council actively pursue the introduction of Qantas flights to service Winton which ties in with the review of the current air service contract that ends December 2019.	<i>Seconded Cr J Mann</i> CARRIED 6-0

13.14 Request for Rates Concession – North Gregory Hotel Pty Ltd

Summary: An application has been received for a rate concession to be considered for major building renovation work carried out to an existing commercial building within the Town of Winton – the North Gregory Hotel Pty Ltd. Should Council agree to grant a concession for the general rates component, it will need to determine the amount of concession to be granted and the length of time the concession is to be granted for.

46.05.19	<i>Moved Cr S Mann</i> THAT the Report be received.	<i>Seconded Cr T Elliott</i> CARRIED 6-0
47.05.19	<i>Moved Cr T Elliott</i> THAT Council approves a rate concession being granted for the general rates component for Assessment No. 00230-00000-000 being the North Gregory Hotel.	<i>Seconded Cr J Mann</i> CARRIED 6-0
48.05.19	<i>Moved Cr J Mann</i> THAT Council grants a concession of 100% on the general rates component for Assessment No. 00230-00000-000.	<i>Seconded Cr J Sale</i> CARRIED 6-0
49.05.19	<i>Moved Cr T Elliott</i> THAT the concession be applied for a period of 2 years.	<i>Seconded Cr T Harbour</i> CARRIED 6-0

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Item 14: Advisory Committee Meeting Reports

Minutes of the Shire Beautification & Cemetery Committee

50.05.19 *Moved Cr J Sale* *Seconded Cr T Elliott*
THAT the Draft Minutes of the Shire Beautification & Cemetery Committee meeting be received. **CARRIED 6-0**

51.05.19 *Moved Cr T Elliott* *Seconded Cr S Mann*
THAT the Draft Minutes of the Rural Lands Advisory Committee meeting be received. **CARRIED 6-0**

52.05.19 *Moved Cr J Sale* *Seconded Cr G Baskett*
THAT Council note the Advisory Committee's request to hold a public meeting regarding the Grids Policy and will consider this request before the policy is adopted. **CARRIED 6-0**

Item 15: Correspondence

Queensland Boulder Opal Association Inc. (QBOA)

QBOA request to use the remainder of the \$10,000 grant to help fund the development of Opalton Bush Park Wi-fi.

53.05.19 *Moved Cr S Mann* *Seconded Cr T Elliott*
THAT the correspondence be received. **CARRIED 6-0**

54.05.19 *Moved Cr S Mann* *Seconded Cr J Sale*
THAT Council support the QBOA in accordance with the Community Grants Policy. **CARRIED 6-0**

Minutes of the Western Queensland Local Government Association

Minutes of the General Meeting.

55.05.19 *Moved Cr T Elliott* *Seconded Cr S Mann*
THAT the correspondence be received. **CARRIED 6-0**

Northern Alliance of Councils Inc. (formerly North Queensland Local Government Association)

Invitation to NAOC Meeting and Conference – 14-16 August 2019 – Whitsundays Regional Council in Bowen.

56.05.19 *Moved Cr S Mann* *Seconded Cr J Sale*
THAT the correspondence be received. **CARRIED 6-0**



The Hon Mark Furner MP

Thanking Council for their letter dated 11 March 2019 and noting Local and Federal Governments support.

57.05.19 *Moved Cr J Sale* THAT the correspondence be received. *Seconded Cr T Elliott* **CARRIED 6-0**

Winton Show 50s Prom Ball

Invitation to the annual Show ball.

58.05.19 *Moved Cr J Sale* THAT the correspondence be received. *Seconded Cr S Mann* **CARRIED 6-0**

Item 16: **Officers Reports**

Chief Executive Officer's Report.

59.05.19 *Moved Cr S Mann* That the Chief Executive Officer's Financial Report as at 30 April 2019 be received and accepted. *Seconded Cr T Harbour* **CARRIED 6-0**

60.05.19 *Moved Cr J Mann* That the Chief Executive Officer's General Information Report be received and accepted. *Seconded Cr J Sale* **CARRIED 6-0**

Item 17: **Date of Next Meeting**

Ordinary Meeting 20 June 2019.

Closure: The meeting closed at 5.42pm.

Signed
Cr G Baskett
Mayor

