# BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL Western Gulf Savannah



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# Confirmed Minutes Burke Shire Council Ordinary General Meeting Thursday 16th May 2013 9.00 am Council Chamber

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## 01. Opening of Meeting

The Chair declared the Meeting open at 9.04 am.

#### 02. Record of Attendance

Cr Ernie Camp, Mayor - Chair

Cr Paul Poole, Deputy Mayor

Cr Zachary Duff Cr Tracy Forshaw

John Page; Chief Executive Officer

Philip Keirle; Deputy CEO Neil Klemola; Works Manager

Brett Harris; Workshop Fleet Manager

Jenny Williams; A/Executive Officer (Minutes)

#### Leave Cr Tonya Murray

## 03. Prayer

Cr Camp led Council in Prayer.

## 04. Consideration of applications for leave of absence

That Cr Murray advised Council she might require a leave of absence for the June 2013 meeting.

# 05. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

#### 05.01 General Meeting Thursday 18 April 2013

That the Minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on Thursday 18 April 2013 as presented be confirmed by Council.

Moved: Cr Forshaw Seconded: Cr Camp

Carried 130516.01 4/0 FILE: BCS/G/CM/Minutes

## 06. Condolences

Council noted the passing of Ben Ennis and Richard Brookdale, and expressed their condolences to their Families.

#### Attendance

Brett Harris and Neil Klemola left the meeting at 9.42 am.

#### Attendance

Debbie Harris entered the meeting at 10.09 am.

# 15. Deputations and presentation scheduled for meeting

#### 15.01 Burketown Tourist Information Centre

Debbie Harris spoke with Council on options for the running of the Burketown Tourist Information Centre.

#### Attendance

Debbie Harris left the meeting at 10.30 am.

## 07. Deputy CEO Reports

# 07.01 Deputy CEO Reports

That Council notes the contents of these reports and relevant attachments:-

07.01.01 Works and Services Report

07.02.01 Workshop and Fleet Report

07.03.01 Executive Officer Report

07.04.01 Chief Financial Officer Report

07.05.01 Deputy CEO Reports

Moved: Cr Duff Seconded: Cr Forshaw

Carried 130516.02 4/0 FILE NO: BCS/G/CM/R/DCEO

Content - Refer to Agenda Documents

#### Attendance

Cr Forshaw left the meeting from 10.40 am to 10.42 am.

## 08. Chief Executive Officer Reports

#### 13.01 Digital TV Transmission Burke Shire Rural Properties

That Council makes a one off payment of \$400.00 for each rural property in the Burke Shire area as a rebate for Digital TV transmission.

Moved: Cr Duff Seconded: Cr Poole

Carried 130516.03 4/0 FILE NO: BCS/T/TTF/DU

# Adjournment

Meeting adjourned from 11.00am from 5.28pm to attend lunch and discussions with Armour Energy

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#### 08.01.01 Chief Executive Officer Monthly Update Report

That Council notes the content of the Chief Executive Officer May Monthly Report.

Moved: Cr Duff Seconded: Cr Forshaw

Carried 130516.04 4/0 FILE NO: BCS/G/CM/R/CEO

Content - Refer to Agenda Document

#### Declaration: Conflict of Interest

Cr Forshaw recognised that her membership of ALGWA gives the appearance of a perceived conflict of interest, but has considered her position and is firmly of the opinion that she can take a decision on the matter before this meeting in the public interest.

#### 08.01.02 Australian Local Government Women's Association Qld Branch Annual Conference

That Council authorise the attendance of Councillor Tonya Murray and Executive Officer Ms Jenny Williams at the 2013 Annual Conference to be held at Airlie Beach and hosted by Whitsunday Regional Council and meet all reasonable expenses in accordance with Council's Policy.

Moved: Cr Duff Seconded: Cr Poole

Carried 130516.05 4/0 FILE NO: BCS/C/TB/ALGWA

Content – To seek Council's direction on attendance at the ALGWA Qld Branch Conference at Airlie Beach from Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

## 08.01.03 Burke Shire Public Interest Disclosure Policy

That Council adopts the Public Interest Disclosure Policy as submitted.

Moved: Cr Camp Seconded: Cr Forshaw

Carried 130516.06 4/0 FILE NO: BCS/PAP/P/AAA

Content – To present to Council for consideration a Public Interest Disclosure Policy and adoption if Council is agreeable.

#### 08.01.04 Queensland Planning Reform - State Planning Policy

That the Council note the contents of the report and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make a submission to the State government in relation to the proposed State Planning Policy before 12 June 2013, outlining issues raised in this report.

Moved: Cr Poole Seconded: Cr Forshaw

Carried 130516.07 4/0 FILE NO: BCS/GR/SL/LGD

Content – To present to Council a report on the Queensland Planning Reform – State Planning Policy and seek Council's direction in relation to the submission to the State Government in relation to the proposed State Planning Policy outlining issues raised in this report.

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#### 08.01.05 Street Numbering Gregory Township

That Council adopts the street numbering for Gregory as per the submitted plan.

Moved: Cr Duff Seconded: Cr Camp

Carried 130516.08 4/0 FILE NO: BCS/R/GS/SN

Content – To present to Council for consideration a street numbering proposal for the township of Gregory Downs.

## 09. Late Item Reports

#### 09.01 North West Queensland Strategic Development Study

That Council contributes an amount of \$10,000 towards the North West Queensland Strategic Development Study.

Moved: Cr Poole Seconded: Cr Forshaw

Carried 130516.09 4/0 FILE NO: BCS/ED/Plan

Content – To present to Council a request for a financial contribution of \$10,000 towards the North West Queensland Strategic Development Study'.

#### 09.02 Shire Roads - Private Access

Council will only maintain property access roads from the Council controlled road to property boundary as detailed below:-

<u>Bowthorn Road</u> – GPS co-ordinates at boundary X229314.032069461; Y 7996702.53546587 – distance 52.3km;

Mellish Park Road – GPS co-ordinates at boundary X 309063.805920412; Y791478.5502455 – distance 5kms;

<u>Morella Road</u> – GPS co-ordinates at boundary X351973.645913229; Y7903362.99445958 – distance 25kms;

Punjuab Road - GPS X31893.09182933; Y 7991148.9358838 - distance 2.5kms.

Moved: Cr Camp Seconded: Cr Forshaw

Carried 130516.10 4/0 FILE NO: BCS/R/AR

Content – To present to Council the requested further information relating to private access roads within the Shire and seek direction as to where Council is prepared to maintain to as well as determining the standard of road to be provided.

## 10. Consideration of Notice(s) of Motion and Petitions

10.01 Notices of Motion

10.02 Petitions

That Council notes that no Notices(s) of Motion and Petitions were received.

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## 14. Closed session reports

That Council move into closed session to discuss confidential items as stated in the *Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010* in Chapter 5 Administration, Part 2 Local government meetings and committees, under *Sections 72 (1) (d, and h)*.

Council moved into closed session at 5.44 pm.

Moved: Cr Poole Seconded: Cr Camp

Carried 130516.11 4/0

#### Move into Open Session

That the meeting resume in open session to consider recommendations arising out of the closed session.

Council resumed open session at 6.23 pm.

Moved: Cr Forshaw Seconded: Cr Duff

Carried 130516.12 4/0

### 14.01 Bidunggu Aboriginal Land Trust - Water Services

That Council writes off an amount of \$25,102.20 on assessment 230/15000 in accordance with section 117 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Moved: Cr Poole Seconded: Cr Duff

Carried 130516.13 4/0 FILE NO: PF/000230-15000-000

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## 11. Mayoral Minute and Report

That the report provided by Councillor Camp be noted by Council.

Moved: Cr Poole Seconded: Cr Duff

Carried 130516.14 4/0

- Arts Qld Performance Little Birung great evening's entertainment, Megan has a beautiful voice and all enjoyed her story. What a wonderful way to record your family history.
- Rural Fire Meeting (on council meeting day)
- Gregory Downs Race Meeting presented trophy on behalf of BSC a great day, numbers were up on last year, beautifully dressed patrons, raised funds for Cystic Fibrosis- thanks to Race club members and volunteers for a great day's entertainment
- QRA Meeting Don Cousins, Ian Dodds
- DNRM Russell Jack, CEO to discuss issues regarding Gregory River camping and ways forward
- Teleconference Councillors, CEO
- NDRRA Training Elliot Dunn
- ANZAC Day another excellent turnout for both Dawn and 11 am service, fantastic to see the school
  marching and actively involved in the programme, thanks to all Volunteers and Staff who worked
  together to make the day the success it was
- GSD Regional Plan for joint MITEZ/GSD region

## 12. Councillor Reports

That the verbal reports provided by Councillors Duff, Forshaw and Poole be noted by Council.

Moved: Cr Duff Seconded: Cr Camp

Carried 130516.15 4/0

#### Cr Poole

- thanked the Mayor for a great job he has been doing during their first year as elected members
- attended Anzac Day
- Council budget meeting
- Rural Fire Meeting

#### Cr Duff

- attended Anzac Day
- Council budget meeting
- Rural Fire Meeting

#### Cr Forshaw

#### 26/4 - Anzac Day

- Dawn Service at Gregory Downs Station (Planet Downs). It was a lovely very early morning service with about 30 people participating
- 11am Service in Burketown. It was great to see the school children marching proudly.

#### 29/4 - DNRM

- Meeting with Russell Jack from Dept. of Natural Resources & Mines with regards to controlling the camping in the Gregory River with some of the following suggestions:
  - o Signage "Abuse It. You will Loose It",
  - o Move rubbish bins out of the river and have a centralised dumping area;
  - More clearer signage with regards to the Dump Ezy;
  - Restriction barriers to allow 4WD and smaller only access to river (can be moved for water trucks etc. as required). Council can control the access to the river, but not the actual river bed itself.
  - Low Impact Camping Area to be managed e.g. allow 2 nights free camping pay from then on – or move into caravan park. Must have good walking access to river.
  - Do some articles/FYI in Caravan and Camping magazines about the low impact camping area, dump ezy, rubbish points etc.
  - Question to follow-up If DNRM control the river bed who is supposed to control the weeds?

#### 1/5/13 - Gregory Landcare Meeting

- \$20,000 grant from Southern Gulf Catchments for weed control. This is part of the money donated by MMG Century Mine to Southern Gulf for environmental controls.
- Grant Application for \$50,000 for weed control will know later if successful.
- Gregory Landcare would like to join forces with Burke Shire Council in tackling weeds around Gregory

#### 2/5/13 – Council Teleconference

With CEO John Page and Crs Camp & Poole with regards to insurance claims and roadworks.

# 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May – Gregory Horse Races and Canoe Races

- Very well attended at the Gregory Horse races. 127 canoe paddlers, but spectators were down for the actual races.
- The new TV system was very much appreciated partly funded by Burke Shire Council.
- Major Police present which wasn't needed.
- No RFDS evacuations.

#### 15/5/13 - Budget Meeting

With Councillors and Council Staff

# 13. New business of an urgent nature admitted by Council

## 13.01 Council Meeting June 2013

That Council alter the date of its June meeting to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

Moved: Cr Forshaw Seconded: Cr Poole

Carried 130516.16 4/0 FILE NO: BCS/G/CM/N

## 16. Closure of Meeting

The Chair declared the Meeting closed at  $6.46\ pm.$ 

I hereby certify that these pages numbered 1 to 9 – constitute the Confirmed Meeting minutes of the Council Meeting of Burke Shire Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

Mayor Cr Ernie Camp .....

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