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Confirmed Minutes
Burke Shire Council Ordinary General Meeting
Thursday 15th August 2013
9.00am Council Chamber

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01. Opening of Meeting

The Chair declared the Meeting open at 9.00am.

02. Record of Attendance

Cr Ernie Camp, Mayor - Chair
Cr Tracy Forshaw
Cr Tonya Murray

John Page; Chief Executive Officer
Philip Keirle; Deputy CEO
Jenny Williams; Executive Officer (Minutes)

Neil Klemola; Works Manager (as indicated)
Brett Harris; Workshop Fleet Manager (as indicated)

03. Prayer

Cr Camp led Council in Prayer.

04. Consideration of applications for leave of absence

That Council notes that consideration of an application for leave of absence was received for Cr Zach Duff.

Moved: Cr Forshaw
Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 01.130815 3/0

Cr Poole is currently away attending meetings for Council in Townsville.

05. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

05.01 General Meeting Wednesday 18th July 2013

That the Minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 18th July 2013 as presented be confirmed by Council.

Moved: Cr Murray
Seconded: Cr Camp

Carried 02.130815 3/0

FILE: BCS/G/CM/Minutes

06. Condolences

No condolences were noted for the meeting.

Attendance

Neil Klemola and Brett Harris entered the meeting at 9.19am.

Attendance – Deputations and presentation scheduled for meeting

Sharyn from Bynoe Community Advancement Co-operative Society Ltd entered the meeting at 10.05am.

15. Deputations and presentation scheduled for meeting

15.01 Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) Program

From 1 July 2013, this new program integrates employment and community-development services in 60 remote regions, for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The four main programs that have delivered employment, participation and community-development services in remote Australia have transitioned into the new integrated service — Job Services Australia, Disability Employment Services, Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) and the Indigenous Employment Program.

Under the RJCP, there is a single provider in each region. The provider will work with individuals, communities and local employers to help more people into jobs and build stronger communities. The program is for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous job seekers in remote Australia. As around 85 per cent of job seekers and communities in these areas are Indigenous people, the RJCP is an important part of the Government's agenda for Closing the Gap.

The new program is managed jointly by FaHCSIA and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Attendance

Sharyn from Bynoe Community Advancement Co-operative Society Ltd left the meeting at 10.28am. Neil Klemola and Brett Harris left the meeting at 10.42am.

Adjournment

That Council adjourned the meeting from 10.42am to 10.59am for a morning break.

Adjournment

That Council adjourned the meeting from 12.14pm to 2.52pm for lunch.

07. Deputy CEO Reports

07.01.01 Deputy CEO Update Report

That Council notes the contents of the Deputy CEO report incorporating the Works and Services Report, Workshop and Fleet Report and the Executive Officer Report.

Moved: Cr Murray
Seconded: Cr Forshaw

Carried 03.130815 3/0

FILE NO: BCS/G/CM/R/DCEO

09. Late Item Reports

09.03 Motion to LGAQ Conference - Calotropes

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc make representations to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to have Calotropes (*Calotropis procera*) declared as a weed of national significance.

Moved: Cr Camp
Seconded: Cr Forshaw

Carried 04.130815 3/0

FILE NO:BCS/GR/LRL/LGAQ

Content - The growth of Calotropes has had a devastating effect on grazing and non grazing rural properties and Council believes that it should be declared a pest under the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management Act 2002)

Calotropes invades roadsides, watercourses, overgrazed land and previously cultivated areas. Reduces grazing potential, water access and hinders mustering. Very toxic to humans and may be toxic to cattle.

08. Chief Executive Officer Reports

08.01.01 Chief Executive Officer Monthly Update Report

That Council notes the contents of the CEO August Update Report.

Moved: Cr Forshaw
Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 05.130815 3/0

FILE NO: BCS/G/CM/R/CEO

08.01.02 LGAQ Annual Conference 2013

That Council appoint Cr Camp and Cr Poole as Delegates with Cr Forshaw and the Chief Executive Officer as Observers to the 117th Annual Conference of Local Government Association of Queensland Inc to be held from Monday 21st October to Thursday 24th October, 2013 and meet all reasonable expenses in accordance with Council's Policy.

Moved: Cr Murray
Seconded: Cr Camp

Carried 06.130815 3/0

FILE NO: BCS/G/Councillors/UM

Content – To advise Council that the 117th Annual Conference is to be held from Monday 21st October to Thursday, 24th October 2013 at the Cairns Convention Centre and seeking Council's direction as to the appointment of Delegates and Observers for the Conference.

08.01.03 Request for Annual Valuation

That Council advises the Valuer General that in its opinion a valuation should be undertaken to be effective from 30 June, 2014.

Moved: Cr Forshaw
Seconded: Cr Camp

Carried 07.130815 3/0

FILE NO: BCS/CP/V/2013

Content – To present to Council for consideration a request from the Valuer General seeking Council's opinion on whether there should be a valuation of all properties within Burke Shire undertaken to be effective from 30th June, 2014.

08.01.04 Amendment of the Planning Scheme to incorporate a Priority Infrastructure Plan

That Council adopt the proposed Planning Scheme and proceed to undertake the final statutory notification processes to finalize the Planning Scheme amendment process, in accordance with the requirements of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.

Moved: Cr Forshaw
Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 08.130815 3/0

FILE NO: BCS/DBC/P/PIP

Content – To present to Council a report from Ms Liz Taylor, Consultant Planner seeking Council to adopt the proposed Planning Scheme and proceed to undertake the final statutory notification processes to finalise the Planning Scheme amendment process, in accordance with the requirements of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.

08.01.05 Contribution Partnership Gregory Downs Landcare Group

That Council form a partnership with the Gregory Landcare Group and allocate an amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid to the Gregory Landcare Group to assist in the control of weeds of National Significance within the Gregory Downs Town Common.

Moved: Cr Camp
Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 09.130815 3/0

FILE NO: BCS/ED/A/GRLG

Content – To present to Council for endorsement the action taken in agreeing to form a partnership with Gregory Landcare Group. Cr Forshaw is currently a member of the Gregory Downs Landcare Group.

08.01.06 Burke Shire Local Disaster Management Plan 2013

That Council adopts the Burke Shire Local Disaster Management Plan 2013

Moved: Cr Camp
Seconded: Cr Forshaw

Carried 10.130815 3/0

FILE NO: BCS/EmerM/LDMG/Plan

Content – To present to Council for adoption the Burke Shire Local Disaster Management Plan revised to meet current legislative requirements.

Burke Shire receives a GOLD STAR for their resupply procedures - EMQ utilizes the procedure for resupply developed by Burke Shire Council in all local disaster management plans.

09. Late Item Reports

09.01 Control of Feral Cats – Policy and Procedure

That Council:

- a) endorse the action of the Mayor in approving the implementation of a Feral Cat Bounty Scheme;
- b) Adopt the Policy and Procedures as submitted;
- c) Approve the allocation of an amount of \$10,000 in the 2013/2014 budget for the payment of bounties; and

Review the implementation of the scheme at the November Meeting of Council.

Moved: Cr Forshaw

Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 11.130815 3/0

FILE NO: BCS/PAP/P

Content – To seek Council's endorsement of the Mayor's action in implementing a scheme for the control of feral cats and to adopt a Policy and Procedure dealing with the implementation of the scheme.

09.02 Water Rates and Charges 2013/14

That Council set a water charge of \$47.27 per unit per annum shall apply. Units shall apply as per the table below:

| General Categories | No of Units | Charge |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Vacant | 20 | \$945.40 |
| Occupied | 20 | \$945.40 |
| Residential | 20 | \$945.40 |
| Commercial | 20 | \$945.40 |
| Community | 20 | \$945.40 |
| Ovals and Parks | 100 | \$4,727.00 |
| Commercial Accommodation | 200 | \$9,454.00 |
| Hotel with Accommodation | 200 | \$9,454.00 |

| Special Categories - Burketown | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Hospital | 250 | \$11,817.50 |
| School | 250 | \$11,817.50 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | \$945.40 |
| Special Categories – Gregory | | |
| School | 40 | \$1,890.80 |
| Special Categories – Rural | | |

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| Rural property connected to town water supply - untreated | 100 | \$4,727.00 |
| Stock Trough – treated or untreated | 50 | \$2,363.50 |
| Turkey Nest Dam – treated or untreated | 100 | \$4,727.00 |

That a community water awareness program be developed to educate the community on Burke Shire future water management initiatives in regards to annual water allocations and rating policy commencing 1 July 2014.

Moved: Cr Forshaw
Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 11.130815 3/0

FILE NO:BCS/FM/R/2013

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.

11. Mayoral Minute and Report

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

Moved: Cr Murray
Seconded: Cr Forshaw

Carried 12.130815 3/0

Content

- Meeting with Armour Energy – general discussions
- Meeting with Paul Hobbs and Phil Strum (EQ Infrastructure Division) – re Gregory School and vacant EQ House in Burketown
- Attended NW Qld Strategy Planning Meeting (Mt Isa Mineral Province Mark 2) with Will Attwood and Barry Riddiford (as GSD reps)– Julia Creek – to shortlist candidates for undertaking Study
- Whilst at Julia Creek – also conducted a review of GSD constitution with appointed subcommittee members – to be presented at next GSD board meeting
- Meeting with Will Attwood GSD Deputy Chair and Rob MacAlister @ Georgetown – re contract renewal for CEO
- JCC Meeting
- Staff BBQ at VMR – very relaxed and passed on thanks for job well done from Doomadgee SC.

Discussions:

- Robbie Katter – re cat bounty and Gregory School

Interviews:

- Cat Bounty
- Gregory School

GSD:

- Annie Cork (Small Business Advisory Service) out in the region using GSD vehicle joint purchase by Burke, Etheridge and Carpentaria Shires – car looked great and generated conversation and queries from public. Service was also much appreciated by clients.

12. Councillor Reports

That the verbal reports provided by Councillors Forshaw and Murray be noted by Council.

Moved: Cr Camp
Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 13.130815 3/0

Content

Cr Forshaw

18/7/13 Burke Shire Council Meeting in Burketown

18/7/13 RDA – community consultation in Burketown re - what are the community's development/needs/wants for the region

1/8/13 QCWA Meeting at Gregory – horse sports have been moved to middle weekend of September holiday due to other commitments.

1/8/13 Teleconference with other councillors, architect, CEO & Deputy CEO with regards to new Council Hall/Chambers/Hub.

2/8/13 Burke Shire Council Staff Lunch at VMR in Burketown

7/8/13 Meeting with Cr Camp, CEO and Qld Government Infrastructure Phil Strong and Paul Hobbs with regards to the Gregory School building, house, playground and sheds. Burketown Principal and Katrina also attended with regards to Burketown school housing.

14/8/13 Teleconference with other councillor and Main Roads/RoadTek – re update on the Wills Developmental Road – (Gregory to Burketown Road)

Cr Murray

- Attended the ALGWA Conference
- Meetings held to discuss Variety Bash
- Rodeo Committee AGM
- Staff BBQ

13. New business of an urgent nature admitted by Council

No new business was received.

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) (h)*.

Council moved into closed session at 5.16pm.

Moved: Cr Camp
Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 14.130815 3/0

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 5.36pm.

Moved: Cr Camp
Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 15.130815 3/0

14.01 Closed Session - Tenders – Supply of Two (2) Houses

That Council accept the tender of Glendale Homes in the sum of \$534,896.00 incl gst for the supply of two (2) prefabricated houses to Burketown.

Moved: Cr Camp
Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 16.130815 3/0

FILE NO: BCS/TAQ/2013/13-09

Content – To present to Council for consideration tenders received for the supply of two (2) houses to Burketown

16. Closure of Meeting

The Chair declared the Meeting closed at 5.39pm.

I hereby certify that these pages numbered 1 to 10 - constitute the
Confirmed Ordinary Meeting minutes of the Council Meeting of Burke Shire
Council held on Thursday 15th August 2013.

Mayor Cr Ernie Camp