



Goondiwindi Regional Council
Ordinary Meeting

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting held at the Goondiwindi Regional Council Chambers
4 McLean Street, Goondiwindi

Wednesday, 28 April 2021

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OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM declared the meeting open at 9.07am.

1. ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

Mayor: Hon. Cr LJ (Lawrence) Springborg AM

Councillors: Cr WP (Rick) Kearney
Cr RJ (Rob) Mackenzie
Cr PG (Phil) O'Shea
Cr SK (Susie) Kelly
Cr JN (Jason) Watts
Cr LG (Lachlan) Brennan

Council Officers: Chief Executive Officer, Mr Carl Manton
Legal Officer/Minutes Secretary, Mrs Krista Roberts
Director Engineering Services, Mr Dion Jones
Director Community and Corporate Services, Mr Jason Quinnell

2. OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Kay Hart from the Anglican Church, Goondiwindi, delivered the Opening Prayer.

3. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

4. APOLOGIES

Nil.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cr LG Brennan informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Report CCS022/21 Goondiwindi Botanic Gardens Inc – Development of MOU and CCS024/21 – Grant Application – Lanescape Inc. Mural Rendering.

6. CONGRATULATIONS & CONDOLENCES**6.1. Congratulations****6.2. Condolences**

The Mayor expressed condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Royal Family on the passing of Prince Phillip and acknowledged Prince Phillip's service and contribution to the Commonwealth.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**7.1. Ordinary Meeting of Council – 24 March 2021**

The unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 24 March 2021, were tabled for Council's confirmation and endorsement.

RESOLUTION OM-072/21

Moved: Cr LG Brennan

Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 24 March 2021, be confirmed and adopted.

Carried.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

9. REPORTS – EXECUTIVE OFFICE**9.1. EX-017/21 – Options for dwelling located in carpark – Lot 22 SP217304.**

This Report is to provide Council with information regarding three options for the future use of the dwelling currently located on Lot 22 on SP217304, which is the carpark recently purchased from the former Goondiwindi Cooperative Society Ltd.

RESOLUTION OM-07321

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr JN Watts

That Council resolves to:

- *engage a suitably qualified independent entity to professionally clean the property;*
- *proceed to dispose of the property by auction in accordance with s227 of the Local Government Regulation 2012; and*
- *delegate the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to set the reserve sale price for the auction and to finalise the sale.*

Carried.

9.2 EX-018/21 – Naming of Francis Street Park.

Council received correspondence from the Goondiwindi RSL Sub-Branch requesting the name of Francis Street Park be 'The Korean, Vietnam Veteran and Other Services Memorial Park.' As a result, Council issued a media release advising of the request and appealing to residents with local history knowledge to get in touch with Council in respect to any information about the original naming of Francis St Park in Goondiwindi. The closing date for submissions was 31 March 2021.

RESOLUTION OM-074/21

Moved: Cr LG Brennan

Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie

Council resolves to forward comments received to the Goondiwindi RSL Sub-Branch to allow further consideration to the request of renaming Francis Street Park, Goondiwindi.

Carried.

9.3 EX-019/21 – Local Laws

Council is requested to continue with the Local Law making process after consulting with the public about various proposed amendments to local laws.

RESOLUTION OM-075/21

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea

That Council resolves as follows:

A public interest test report about each of Operation of Camping Grounds (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2020 and Operation of Caravan Parks (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2020 having been presented to a meeting of Council, Council resolves to implement each recommendation of the public interest test report.

Carried.

RESOLUTION OM-076/21*Moved: Cr SK Kelly**Seconded: Cr LG Brennan**That Council resolves as follows:*

A public interest test report about Community and Environmental Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2021 having been presented to a meeting of Council, Council resolves to implement each recommendation of the public interest test report.

Carried.

RESOLUTION OM-077/21*Moved: Cr LG Brennan**Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea**That Council resolves to:-*

- (a) proceed with the making of, and make, Operation of Camping Grounds (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2020 as advertised, but amended by the omission of each reference to "2020" and the insertion instead of a reference to "2021"; and*
- (b) proceed with the making of, and make, Operation of Caravan Parks (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2020 as advertised, but amended by the omission of each reference to "2020" and the insertion instead of a reference to "2021"; and*
- (c) proceed with the making of, and make, Community and Environmental Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2021 as advertised; and*
- (d) proceed with the making of, and make, Parking (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2020 as advertised, but amended by the omission of each reference to "2020" and the insertion instead of a reference to "2021"; and*
- (e) pursuant to section 32 of the Local Government Act 2009, adopt a consolidated version, in the form attached to Report EX019/21 to Council, of each of the following:-*
 - (i) Subordinate Local Law No. 1.6 (Operation of Camping Grounds) 2011; and*
 - (ii) Subordinate Local Law No. 1.8 (Operation of Caravan Parks) 2011; and*
 - (iii) Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2011; and*
 - (iv) Subordinate Local Law No. 5 (Parking) 2011.*

Carried.

9.4 EX-078/21 – Regional Water Alliance

Council has attended a number of meetings instigated by Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) to establish a Southern Qld Inland and NSW Border Regional Water Alliance Ltd (SQINB). Toowoomba, Southern Downs, Western Downs, Goondiwindi, Lockyer Valley and Tenterfield Councils have agreed to work together on this project.

RESOLUTION OM-078/21*Moved: Cr WP Kearney**Seconded: Cr JN Watts*

That Council resolves to authorise the Mayor to be a director of the proposed company limited by guarantee, Southern Qld Inland & NSW Border Regional Water Alliance Limited.

Carried.

9.5 EX-021/21 – LGAQ Bush Council’s Convention

The Bush Councils Convention will be held in Barcaldine, 3-5 August 2021, providing Councils west of the Great Dividing Range the opportunity to share and discuss current challenges and issues affecting communities.

RESOLUTION OM-079/21

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie

That Council resolves to endorse Councillors to attend the Bush Councils Convention in Barcaldine.

Carried.

9.6 EX-022/21 – Nuisance to Private Property – 2 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi

Council has received a number of service requests from the owner of 2 Marshall Street, which relate to trees adjacent to the property. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to trim the trees causing the nuisance (directly or indirectly) to the property.

RESOLUTION OM-080/21

Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie

Seconded:

That Council resolves to remove the trees causing a nuisance to property located 2 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi.

Lapsed.

RESOLUTION OM-081/21

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr PG O’Shea

That Council resolves to trim the trees causing a nuisance to property located 2 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi.

Carried.

9.7 EX-023/21 – Mental Health & Wellbeing One-off Grant Funding Allocation Amendment

The Department of Health has offered funding for initiatives relating to localised mental health responses to eligible regional councils. Goondiwindi Regional Council has been approved \$75,000 and decision on allocation of this funding was decided at the Ordinary Meeting held on the 24 March 2021. A revision of the approved allocation indicates that an amendment is necessary.

RESOLUTION OM-082/21

Moved: Cr JN Watts

Seconded: Cr LG Brennan

That Council resolves to endorse the below revised proposed allocation of the \$75,000 Mental Health and Wellbeing one-off grant funding package as follows:

Brief Description of Event/activity including name of organisation managing delivery of the event/activity	Allocated Amount
<i>Yelarbon Community Event (Yelarbon Consultative Committee)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Billa Billa Tennis Day (Billa Billa Sport and Recreation Club)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Tarawera Tennis Day (Tarawera Tennis Club Event)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Goondiwindi Show (Goondiwindi P&A Society)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Yagaburne Community Event (Yagaburne Cricket Club)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Lundavra Golf Day (Lundavra Sports Club)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Weengallon Junior Campdraft and Rodeo (Weengallon Show Association)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>This Is Our Conversation (Tie Up the Black Dog)</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>
<i>Texas and District Drought Support (TADDS) Weekly Drop In Sessions</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>
<i>Rural Minds Event – Inglewood</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Talwood Mens Day Out</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>
<i>Care Goondiwindi</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>
<i>Macintyre Ag Alliance</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Kindon Community Event (Kindon P&C)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Daymar Community Event (Thallon Daymar QCWA)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Inglewood Show (Inglewood Show Society)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Texas Show (Texas Show Society)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Kioma Community Event (Kioma P&C)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Cement Mills Community Event (Cement Mills Hall Committee)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Bungunya Community Event (Bungunya P&C)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Toobeah Community Event (Toobeah Rodeo Association)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
Total budget	\$75,000

Carried.

9.8 EX-024/21 – Policy Update

A review of a number of Council's Policies has been undertaken. The revised policies are tabled for endorsement.

RESOLUTION OM-083/21

Moved: Cr SK Kelly

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

*That Council resolves to adopt the following policies which have been reviewed and amended:
GRC 0007 Media Communication Policy; and
GRC 0088 Competitive Neutrality Complaints Policy.*

Carried.

9.9 EX-025/21 – Texas Community Bus Inc.

Council has received a request from Texas Community Bus Inc. to erect a shed on Council land for the purpose of storing the Texas Community Bus.

RESOLUTION OM-084/21

Moved: Cr JN Watts

Seconded: Cr SK Kelly

That Council resolves to allow the construction of a shed, subject to all necessary approvals, to house the Texas Community Bus at Council's Depot at 11 Flemming Street, Texas (Lot 233 on CVE392) and that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated to negotiate appropriate conditions with Texas Community Bus Inc.

Carried.

9.10 General Business – Executive Office

Nil.

10. REPORTS – COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES**10.1 CCS-021/21 – Finance Report Period Ending 31 March 2021**

Finance Report CCS-021/21 for period ending 31 March 2021 was tabled for Council's endorsement.

RESOLUTION OM-085/21

Moved: Cr JN Watts

Seconded: Cr LG Brennan

That Council resolves to receive Finance Report CCS-021/21 for the period ending 31 March 2021 and accepts the budget amendments contained therein.

Carried.

Declaration of Interests:

Cr LG Brennan informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Report CCS-022/21 – Goondiwindi Botanic Gardens Inc – Development of MOU on the grounds that he is on the Executive of the Goondiwindi Botanic Gardens Inc. As a result of his declarable conflict of interest, Cr LG Brennan decided to leave the meeting room while the matter was considered and voted on.

Attendance: Cr LG Brennan voluntarily left the meeting at 9.58am.

10.2 CCS-022/21 – Goondiwindi Botanic Gardens Inc – Development of MOU

At its Workshop in January 2021 Council considered a report in relation to the development of an MOU with the Goondiwindi Botanic Gardens Inc. (BG) in relation to their occupation of the Botanic Gardens of Western Woodlands. A revised Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) based on the decisions at the Workshop was prepared and sent to the BG, and the group has subsequently asked Council to consider making a number of changes.

RESOLUTION OM-086/21

Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie

Seconded: Cr JN Watts

That Council resolves to enter into a MOU with the Botanic Gardens Committee Inc. as tabled in Report CCS-022/21.

Carried.

Notation: All Councillors voted in favour of the motion.

Attendance: Cr LG Brennan returned to the meeting at 10.00am.

10.3 CCS-023/21 – Gilbert Recreation Association – Master Plan Version 9

By correspondence dated 6 April, the Gilbert Recreation Association Inc. submitted a revised Master Development Plan for the Redmond Park Complex, which includes Gilbert Oval and the Barry McGregor Oval.

RESOLUTION OM-087/21

Moved: Cr LG Brennan

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That Council resolves to endorse the Gilbert Recreation Association Masterplan Version 9.

Carried.

Declaration of Interests:

Cr LG Brennan informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Report CCS-024/21 – Grant Application – Lanescape Inc. Mural Rendering on the basis that he is a committee member of Lanescape. As a result of his declarable conflict of interest, Cr LG Brennan decided to leave the meeting room while the matter was considered and voted on.

Attendance: Cr LG Brennan voluntarily left the meeting at 10.02am.

10.4 CCS-024/21 – Grant Application – Lanescape Inc. Mural Rendering

Lanescape Inc has submitted a Grant Application seeking financial support towards partial rendering of the Council toilet block at the Goondiwindi Boat Ramp, in preparation for a mural.

RESOLUTION OM-088/21

Moved: Cr SK Kelly

Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea

That Council resolves to approve \$5,800 (incl. GST) to Lanescape Inc. for rendering of the boat ramp toilet block.

Carried.

Notation: All Councillors voted in favour of the motion.

Attendance: Cr LG Brennan returned to the meeting at 10.03am.

10.5 CCS-025/21 – Goondiwindi Motorcycle Club – Track Upgrades

The Goondiwindi Motorcycle Club Inc has submitted a Grant Application seeking financial support for track upgrades.

RESOLUTION OM-089/21

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie

That Council resolves to approve \$715.00 (incl. GST) to the Goondiwindi Motorcycle Club Inc for track upgrades.

Carried.

10.6 CCS-026/21 – Donation Application – Texas Show Society – Blaze Aid

Texas Show Society have submitted a Grant Donation seeking in-kind support towards the site preparations for the Blaze Aid camp at the show grounds.

RESOLUTION OM-090/21

Moved: Cr LG Brennan

Seconded: Cr SK Kelly

That Council resolves to approve up to \$500 in-kind to the Texas Show Society to prepare for the Blaze Aid camp.

Carried.

10.7 CCS-027/21 – Goondiwindi Polo Club - Landscaping

The Goondiwindi Polo Club has submitted a Grant Application seeking financial support towards landscaping of the Old Bar area at the Polo grounds.

RESOLUTION OM-091/21

Moved: Cr JN Watts

Seconded: Cr LG Brennan

That Council resolves to approve \$1,500 (excl. GST) to Goondiwindi Polo Club Inc. for landscaping.

Carried.

10.8 CCS-028/21 – Grant Application – Texas Men’s Shed – Air Conditioner

Texas Men’s Shed has submitted a Grant Application seeking financial support towards the replacement of an air-conditioner.

RESOLUTION OM-092/21

Moved: Cr SK Kelly

Seconded: Cr PG O’Shea

That Council resolves to approve \$1,049 (incl. GST) to Texas Men’s Shed to purchase a replacement air-conditioner. Council requests that the Group is reminded that this is a community facility and where practical other groups should be able to access.

Carried.

10.9 CCS-029/21 – Sale of Land in Silverspur

Council has been approached by an adjoining owner to sell a parcel of land that is owned in Silverspur to provide the purchaser with sufficient room to build a dwelling house.

RESOLUTION OM-093/21

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie

That Council resolves to accept the offer of \$7,000 from the adjoining owner for the purchase of Lot 105 on Crown Plan S5181 on the condition that Lot 105 be amalgamated with their existing land Lot 104.

Carried.

10.10 General Business – Corporate & Community Services

Nil.

11. REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

11.1 ES-12/21 – Water Usage Annual Report and Water Restriction Level Review

This report is to advise of Council's actual water usage to date, projected usage for the remainder of the year and identify the balance of transferrable water within Council's allocations. Council is required to decide between temporarily transferring or retaining the remainder of allocations early each calendar year. In addition, this report will allow Council to review water restriction levels throughout the Council area, in accordance with its Drought Management Plan.

RESOLUTION OM-094/21

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr SK Kelly

That Council resolves to sell by temporary transfer any transferable water from Council's allocations in this financial year.

Carried.

RESOLUTION OM-095/21

Moved: Cr LG Brennan

Seconded: Cr SK Kelly

That Council resolves that water restrictions be lifted for Goondiwindi, Texas and Yelarbon, effective immediately based upon Council's Drought Management Plan.

Carried.

11.2 ES-013/21 – Texas Community Garden BBQ

Council has received a request to consider the installation of a gifted barbeque at the Texas Community Garden in Flemming Street Texas. This report is to allow Council to consider this request.

RESOLUTION OM-096/21

Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie

Seconded: Cr LG Brennan

That Council resolves to approve in principle the installation of an electric barbeque in Texas, at no cost to Council, with the Director and relevant Portfolio Holder to have further discussion with Texas Lions Club regarding the best strategic location for the barbeque within Texas.

Carried.

11.3 ES-014/21 – Inland Rail B2G Draft EIS submission

The draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Border to Gowrie section of the Inland Rail project is currently on public exhibition. Submissions to QLD's Project Evaluation and Facilitation, Office of the Coordinator-General (Coordinator – General) close Tuesday 4 May 2021. Council had previously delegated authority to finalise and lodge a submission, however now the closing date for submissions has been extended and this report is seeking Council's formal endorsement of the submission in regards to the draft EIS.

RESOLUTION OM-097/21*Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie**Seconded: Cr LG Brennan*

That Council resolves to endorse the response to the draft EIS Submission to Coordinator - General, Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) for the Border to Gowrie section of the Inland Rail Project.

Carried

11.4 ES-015/21 – CORS Base Stations

Council has received a request to consider the installation of Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) at its Yelarbon Water Treatment Plant and Inglewood Water Reservoir. This report is to allow Council to consider this request.

RESOLUTION OM-098/21*Moved: Cr WP Kearney**Seconded: Cr LG Brennan*

That Council resolve to allow the installation of Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) units on Council property at Lot 2 RP 883347 (Yelarbon Water Treatment Plant) and Lot 126 SP102387 (Inglewood Water Reservoir) and that the Mayor and CEO be delegated authority to negotiate terms and conditions and enter into formal agreements in relation to their installation.

Carried.

12. General Business – Department of Engineering Services

Nil.

13. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil.

14. RECEPTION OF NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING

Nil.

15. ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING

Nil.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

17. CONFIRMATION OF DATES AND TIMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the following meeting will be held:-

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of Council, Wednesday, 26 May 2021, commencing at 9.00am at the Council Chambers, 4 McLean Street, Goondiwindi 4390.

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 10.30am.

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____

**Hon Cr LJ Springborg AM
MAYOR**