

Goondiwindi Regional Council

Technical Services, Planning, Building & Environmental Health
Standing Committee Meeting

CONFIRMED MINUTES

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Present	Mayor GS (Graeme) Scheu Cr WP (Rick) Kearney Cr RJ (Rick) McDougall – Late Attendance Cr DG (David) McMahon Cr PJ (Phil) Percival Cr RJ (Rob) Reardon Mr Carl Manton (Acting Chief Executive Officer) Mr Dave Burges (Director Technical Services) Mr Mohammed Saleem (Director Building & Environmental Health Services) Mr Peter McCashney (Manager Environmental Health Services) Mr Geoff Briesse (Manager Roads & Drainage) Rod Slack-Smith (Manager Assets, Planning & Strategy) Mrs Ronnie McMahon (Manager Planning Services) Mrs Nina Burges (Minutes Secretary)
Apologies	Cr SA Lee

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor, Cr GS Scheu, declared the meeting open at 9.00am in the absence of Cr RJ McDougall.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Mr Don Cranney and Mr Mark Cranney, Christian Outreach Centre, said an opening prayer for Council.

3. APOLOGIES

Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr DG McMahon;

That an apology be received from Cr SA Lee and that she be granted leave of absence from the meeting.

Carried.

4. CONDOLENCES/CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor noted congratulations to the State Emergency Service, Country Energy, Council staff and others involved in the storm clean-up operations and thanked them for their assistance.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr PJ Percival;

That the minutes of the Technical Services, Planning, Building & Environmental Health Standing Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17 December 2008 be confirmed.

Carried.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

7. REPORTS – TECHNICAL SERVICES

7.1. TS98 – Issues Status Report

An Issues Status Report for Technical Services was tabled for Council's information.

Noted.

7.2. TS99 – Water & Sewerage Status Report

A Water and Sewerage Status Report was tabled for Council's information.

Noted.

Attendance

Mr Rod Slack-Smith left the meeting at 9.15am.

7.3. TS100 – Works Program Status Report

A Works Program Status Report was tabled for Council's information.

Noted.

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Attendance

Cr RJ McDougall attended the meeting at 9.16am.

7.4. TS113 – Six Monthly Works Update

A detailed Six Monthly Works Update Report was tabled for Council's information.

Noted.

7.5. TS112 – Warden Street Traffic Calming

By letter of 24 November 2008, Mr Michael Bland of Warden Street is conveying concerns that motorists in Warden Street are not adhering to the 50km/hr speed limit. He is concerned it is only a matter of time before there is an accident with one of these speeding vehicles, or worse, an accident involving one of the children in the street.

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon

Seconded: Cr RJ McDougall;

That Council shall not install traffic calming devices in Warden Street at this time and that Council write to the local Police informing them of the problem and request that additional and on-going enforcement action be taken .

Carried.

Attendance

Mr Geoff Brieese left the meeting at 10.10am.

7.6. TS101 – Traffic Counter Status Report

A Traffic Counter Status Report was tabled for Council's information.

Noted.

7.7. TS102 – Auslink Interest Expenditure

Council received \$1,240,500 under the Australian Government Auslink Strategic Regional Program for 2 projects not under Council's jurisdiction. One project, namely Glenlyon Dam Road Upgrade (\$365,500 subsidy) is in the former Stanthorpe Shire and the other, namely Talwood Boonanga Road Bridge Replacement (\$875,000 subsidy) is a Department of Main Roads project. The funds were deposited in the former Waggamba Shire Council's bank account around 30 June 2007.

It is a requirement of the funding approval and yearly audited acquittal that Council demonstrates that any interest earned is spent on road construction or maintenance activities in the following year.

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr DG McMahon;

That Council nominates an amount equal to the interest earned on the Glenlyon Dam Road Upgrade Project and the Talwood Boonanga Road Bridge Replacement Project under the Auslink Strategic Regional Program, being \$86,975.00 to the Callandoon Road upgrade project and identify these funds as having contributed to the 2008/09 budget allocation.

Carried.

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7.8. TS103 – Disposal of Surplus Soil Testing Equipment

The Inglewood Works Depot is currently in possession of a quantity of soil testing apparatus that is no longer utilised.

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon;

That Council resolves that there is only one purchaser reasonably available for the purchase of surplus specialist soil testing equipment and that Council accept the offer from Inglewood Quarries for the amount of \$5,500 plus GST.

Carried.

7.9. TS104 – Hell of the West Triathlon

By letter dated 10 December 2008, the Goondiwindi Triathlon Club is seeking Council approval to temporarily close part of Brennans Road on 1 February 2009 for the annual running of the Hell of the West Triathlon.

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon;

That Council ratifies the action of the Director of Technical Services in approving the temporary closure of Brennans Road on 1 February 2009 for the running of the Hell of the West Triathlon.

Carried.

7.10. TS105 – Inglewood Main Street Truck Parking

By letter received 12 September 2008, Terry Rutledge and Donna Lowe have brought to Council's attention their concerns about heavy vehicle parking in Albert Street, Inglewood.

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ McDougall;

That Council refers this matter to the local police in Inglewood requesting they monitor the situation and that additional traffic control signage in relation to heavy vehicle parking be installed.

Carried.

7.11. TS106 – Texas Golf Club – Supply of Untreated Water

By letter dated 24 November 2008, the Texas Golf Club is seeking Council approval to supply them with untreated water for irrigation purposes.

Moved: Cr RJ McDougall

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon;

That Council representatives meet with members of the Texas Golf Club and other potential stakeholders to further investigate the proposal.

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Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney;

That Council removes existing water restrictions in the township of Texas, effective immediately.

Carried.

7.12. TS107 – Texas State School Pedestrian Crossing Request

By letter dated 16 November 2008, the Texas State School P&C is requesting Council to install a pedestrian crossing at the main entrance to the school.

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr DJ McMahon;

That Council takes no further action at this stage, until such time as a further approach is received from the Texas State School P&C as to a recommended course of action; and

That Council makes available resources from the Department of Technical Services, to attend any scheduled meetings of the Texas School P&C to discuss appropriate alternatives.

Carried.

7.13. TS108 – Yelarbon Town Maintenance

By letter dated 11 December 2008, Mrs Margaret Bremner is requesting a full time employee be based in Yelarbon to undertake routine town maintenance tasks. A further letter dated 5 January addressed to Cr McDougall made further comment on the amount of work to be done and the work of the volunteers.

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon

Seconded: Cr DG McMahon;

That Council advises Mrs Bremner that additional maintenance in Yelarbon will be considered as part of Councils operations however a full time employee and all necessary support and equipment is not a viable option.

Carried.

7.14. TS109 – Tender 08/29 – Supply & Delivery of One (1) 24,000 kg GVM Tipping Truck & 12,000 Litre Water Tank

A Request for Tender (RFT) was forwarded to interested parties inviting tenders for the supply and delivery of one (1) 24,000 kg GVM Tipping Truck & 12,000 Litre Water Tank. Tenders closed at 12:00 Noon, Monday 8 December 2008.

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon

Seconded: Cr DG McMahon;

That Council accepts the lowest conforming tender from Black Truck Sales for the purchase only of (1) FVY 1400 Long Tipping Truck with Water Tank for a total changeover price of \$149,400.00 exclusive of GST.

Carried.

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7.15. TS110 – Tender 08/30 – Supply & Delivery of One (1) 24,000 kg GVM Tipping Truck

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Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr DG McMahon;

That Council accepts the lowest conforming tender from Black Truck Sales for the purchase only of (1) Isuzu FVY 1400 Long Tipping Truck for a total changeover price of \$117,250.00 exclusive of GST.

Carried.

7.16. TS111 – Purchasing of Street and Road Name Signage Policy

Goondiwindi Regional Council does not yet have a position or policy in relation to the specifications of road name signage. Council needs to adopt a policy in relation to this issue to provide guidance to staff for the purchase of new signage and to ensure consistency throughout the Regional area. A draft policy has been formulated for consideration.

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr DG McMahon;

That Council adopts the draft "Purchasing of Street & Road Name Signs Policy" with amendments as attached.

Carried.

7.17. TS114 – Apsey Block Maintenance Work – Albert Street Inglewood

The Inglewood Chamber of Commerce & Progress Association Inc wrote to Council with a list of projects that should be considered to improve the Inglewood township area. This information has been forwarded to Council's consultant co-ordinating the community consultation program.

In addition to this list, the condition of the Apsey block owned by Council in Albert Street Inglewood was considered but not referred to in this letter. An approach was made by George Smith to assist in the basic development of the vacant area.

Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon;

That Council writes to the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce & Progress Association Inc congratulating them on the development of the Association, and expressing Councils interest in assisting with maintaining the Apsey Block subject to an agreement on any Council liability; and

That Council ratifies the actions of staff in issuing a works order to the value of \$10 for the ongoing maintenance of the Apsey Block.

Carried.

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7.18. General Business

7.18.1. Department of Main Roads Maintenance Contract

Concerns have been raised in relation to the ever increasing volumes of traffic along local highways. It is proposed that Council seeks a deputation with the Minister responsible for Main Roads to discuss the current funding levels for maintenance activities.

7.18.2. Storm Clean-Up

Cr Percival echoed the Mayor's earlier comments in relation to the appreciation of staff that assisted with the storm cleanup operations.

8. REPORTS – BUILDING & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

8.1. BES50 – Issues Status Report

An Issues Status Report for Building & Environmental Health Services was tabled for Council's information.

Noted.

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon;

That the Director Building Services and the Acting Chief Executive Officer take appropriate action to require the owner of Lot 1 on SP196489, situated at 8-12 Old Cunningham Highway to clean up the property.

Carried.

8.2. BES51 – Building Activities

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr DG McMahon;

That Council hereby ratifies the actions taken by the Building Surveyor in approving the following building application:-

Application No.	Applicant	Address	Type/Construction
G 81/08	J & C Billsborough	5 Wilga Place, Goondiwindi	Gazebo
G 113/08	Julieann Sykes	28 Jabiru Drive, Goondiwindi	Dwelling
G115/08	Mark Stahult	29 Michaels Drive, Goondiwindi	Carport
G116/08	Hector Squire	34 McLean Street, Goondiwindi	Shed
G117/08	Elaine Carpenter	10 Bishop Street, Goondiwindi	Shed
G118/08	Gavin Haggarty	10 Coolabah Court, Goondiwindi	Patio/Roof
G 121/08	C & A Edmonds	28 Corcoran Drive, Goondiwindi	Pool
G 123/08	Craig & Di Naismith	16 Baker Street, Goondiwindi	Pool
I 33/08	R & F Verdon	27178 Cunningham Highway, Inglewood	Pool
I 34/08	JG Ramsey	5 Severn Street, Texas	Carport
I 35/08	R Conn	28 High Street, Texas	Carport
I 38/08	Q Build	Texas State School	Shade Structure

That report number BES-51 be received and all actions taken be noted.

Carried.

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8.3. BES52 – Environmental Health Activities

The Mayor invited Mr Hutchinson to speak in relation to the issues associated with camping at Texas.

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ McDougall;

That signage be erected at appropriate locations at the Apex Park, Texas, in relation to prohibited camping and that overnight “Camping Only” signs be erected at relevant areas in Texas.

Carried.

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney;

That the Environmental Health Officer’s report number BES52 be received.

Carried.

8.4. BES53 – Regional Garbage Bin Replacement Policy

At present there is an “ad-hoc” arrangement throughout the region for the replacement of lost or stolen 240 Litre bins, and this report is presented to Council, along with details of policies from adjacent Regional Councils to enable Council to formulate a uniform policy across the region for replacement of 240 Litre bins.

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ McDougall;

That as an interim measure pending the results of the proposed review of Waste Collection and Disposal throughout the region, Council adopt the following Policy:-

- ***That any lost or stolen bin/s be replaced by Council, at the property owner’s expense and charged at the cost of replacement of such bin/s; and***
- ***That the repair of bins be at Council’s expense unless through investigation by Council it is determined the damage caused to such bin/s was not by normal wear and tear caused by negligence, in which case the cost of repair be at the owner’s expense.***

Carried.

8.5. BES54 – Review of Waste Management Services

Council needs to consider the future options, strategies and directions for waste management services within the Goondiwindi Region. In particular, Council is requested to consider options, aspects and scoping to be included in the terms of reference for the waste management feasibility study.

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Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr DG McMahon;

- *That the Director Building and Environmental Health Services coordinate a Councillor workshop to be held for the purpose of preparing a final list of the scoping and terms of reference for the "feasibility study"; and*
- *That Council subsequently calls for expressions of interest from consultants to undertake a strategic review of waste collection and disposal arrangements to service the waste management needs of Goondiwindi Region.*

Carried.

8.6. General Business

8.6.1. Goondiwindi Waste Facility

The Director Building & Environmental Health Services advised Council that a new contractor is managing the Goondiwindi Dump.

Attendance

Mr Mohammed Saleem and Mr Peter McCashney left the meeting at 12.00pm.

9. REPORTS – DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

9.1. DCE142 – Reconfiguring A Lot – Lachlan Wilson – 32 Lot Subdivision And Creating A New Road And Material Change Of Use – "Residential Activities"

The application seeks a Development Permit for a Reconfiguration of a Lot (32 lot subdivision and creation of a new road) and Material Change of Use – "Residential Activities", in the Commercial zone of the former Goondiwindi Town Council Planning Scheme (Johnston Road, Goondiwindi).

Moved: Cr RJ McDougall

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon;

That this matter be deferred for consideration to the February Standing Committee of Council following further clarification of the recommendation with the consultant Town Planner.

Carried.

9.2. DCE143 – Reconfiguration of A Lot – Realignment of Boundary

The application seeks a Development Permit for a Reconfiguration of a Lot (Realignment of Boundary) in the Low Density Residential zone of the Waggamba Shire Council Planning Scheme (Brennans Road, Goondiwindi).

Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon;

That the application be refused in accordance with the recommendations contained within report DCE143.

Carried.

9.3. VERBAL REPORT – Work in Progress

Council's Manager Planning Services provided a verbal report on the current status of litigation matters.

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9.4. DCE144 – Swimming Pools Status Reports

A status report on activities at the town pools was tabled for Council's information.

Noted.

9.5. DCE145 – Town Planning Activities

A Town Planning Activities Report was tabled for Council's information.

Noted.

9.6. DCE146 – Issues Status Report

An Issues Status Report for Planning & Community Services was tabled for Council's information.

Noted.

Attendance

Mrs Ronnie McMahon left the meeting at 12.43pm.

9.7. DCE147 – Texas Swimming Pool

A Status Report for the Texas Swimming Pool was tabled for Council's information.

Noted.

10. ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING

Nil

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12. CONFIRMATION OF DATES AND TIMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

That the next Technical Services, Planning, Building & Environmental Health Standing Committee Meeting be held at the Goondiwindi Corporate Office, 82 Marshall Street Goondiwindi, on Monday 9 February 2009 at 9.00am.

Noted.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, Cr GS Scheu thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 12.55pm.

Confirmed:.....

Date:.....

Mayor