

Goondiwindi Regional Council
Ordinary Meeting

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting held at the Goondiwindi Regional Council Customer Service Office
82 Marshall Street
Goondiwindi Queensland 4390

Wednesday, 21 April 2010

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Present: Mayor Cr GS (Graeme) Scheu
Cr WP (Rick) Kearney
Cr RJ (Rob) Reardon
Cr PJ (Phil) Percival
Cr DG (David) McMahon
Cr PM (Mac) Kneipp

Attendance: Mr Peter Stewart (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Carl Manton (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Mohammed Saleem (Director Building & Environmental Health)
Mr Dave Burges (Director of Engineering & Planning)
Mr Jason Quinnell (Director of Finance & Corporate)

Mr Trevor Seth (Manager Water & Sewerage)
Mrs Ronnie McMahon (Manager Planning Services)
Mr Bradley Pyle (Finance Manager)
Mr John Woods (Community Services Manager)
Mr David Hayward (Community Services Officer)
Mrs Teresa Pfingst (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies Cr RJ (Rick) McDougall

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor, Cr GS Scheu, declared the meeting open at 9:55am.

2. APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION OM-0072

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon

That an apology be received from Cr RJ McDougall and he be granted leave of absence from the meeting.

Carried.

3. CONGRATULATIONS

3.1. Talwood Race Club

The Mayor congratulated the Talwood Race Club on successfully hosting the Talwood Races on 10 April 2010.

3.2. Goondiwindi Picnic Race Committee

The Mayor congratulated the Goondiwindi Picnic Race Committee on successfully hosting the Goondiwindi Picnic Races on 17 April 2010.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLUTION OM-0073

Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Wednesday, 17 March 2010, be confirmed.

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1. Carpark Lease, 45 Bowen Street, Goondiwindi

The Mayor provided an update to Council regarding the Carpark Lease situated at 45 Bowen Street, Goondiwindi, tabled at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 24 February 2010 (resolution number OM-0022). It was noted that negotiations are continuing with respect to the terms of the lease.

5.2. Sale of Land, 47 High Street Texas

The Mayor provided an update to Council regarding the Sale of Surplus Land situated at 47 High Street Texas, tabled at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 17 March 2010 (resolution number OM-0053). It was noted that the offer to purchase the land has been withdrawn and the land remains listed with Ron Morris Real Estate Agency Texas, for sale to the general public.

6. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

7. REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Council's Director of Building and Environmental Health, Mr Mohammed Saleem, presented the following reports to Council.

7.1. BEH 007/10 – Environmental Health Activities

This report provides a summary of the Environmental Health Activities for the month of March 2010.

RESOLUTION OM-0074

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr PM Kneipp

That the Environmental Health Officer's Report, number BES007-10, for the month of March 2010, be received and noted.

Carried.

7.2. BEH-008/10 – Materials Recovery Facility & Waste Transfer Station

This report seeks Council's consideration and approval to establish a "Materials Recovery Facility" (MRF) and Waste Transfer Station at the Goondiwindi Waste Facility.

RESOLUTION OM-0075

Moved: Cr PM Kneipp

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon

That Council confirms approval to proceed with the design and construction of the proposed Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and Waste Transfer Station at the Goondiwindi Waste Facility.

Carried.

7.3. General Business – Department of Building and Environmental Health

Nil.

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8. REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE

Council's Finance Manager, Mr Bradley Pyle presented the following reports to Council.

8.1. FC-009/10 – Finance Report, PE 31 March 2010

RESOLUTION OM-0076

Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That the Finance Report, number CS-009/10, for the period ending 31 March 2010 be received.

Carried.

RESOLUTION OM-0077

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon

Seconded: Cr DG McMahon

That Council adopts the following amendments to its 2009-2010 Operational Budget.

BUDGET AMENDMENT V3 FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2010							
Description	Income 2009/10	Expense 2009/10 including depreciation	Net Income	Capital Expenditure	Add back Depreciation	Reserve Transfers	Net Position
General Rates and Charges	10,097,571	1,422,580	8,674,991	-	-	-	8,674,991
Grants and Subsidies	10,418,776	-	10,418,776	-	-	-	10,369,776
Interest & other Income	594,238	40,500	553,738	-	-	-	599,369
Corporate Governance function	-	1,305,813	(1,305,813)	-	-	-	(1,291,209)
Directorate Building and Environmental Services	1,180,841	1,588,482	(407,641)	(243,000)	11,067	-	(468,212)
Directorate Technical Services	17,823,557	26,828,689	(9,005,132)	(9,366,821)	7,223,858	-	(13,288,877)
Directorate Planning, Community Services and Economic Development	643,504	3,751,512	(3,108,008)	(3,370,226)	928,558	-	(5,486,109)
Directorate Corporate Services	3,663,050	7,765,575	(4,102,525)	(33,350)	412,697	-	(3,706,677)
Totals	44,421,537	42,703,151	1,718,387	(13,013,397)	8,576,181	-	(2,718,829)

Carried.

8.2. FC-010/10 – Borrowings Approval 2009/10

The following report regarding the draw down of funds available under the 2009/10 Borrowings Application, as approved by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP) on 03 March 2010, is provided for Council's information and consideration.

RESOLUTION OM-0078

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon

Seconded: Cr DG McMahon

That Council approves the draw down of the \$1,600,000 before 30 June 2010, vide Attachment 1 and the change of purpose, as discussed.

Carried.

Council's Director of Finance & Corporate, Mr Jason Quinnell, presented the following reports to Council.

8.3. FC-011/10 – Correspondence, March / April 2010

The following correspondence has been received for Council's information.

RESOLUTION OM-0079

Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon

That Council does not offer any objection to the proposed purchase of part of Lot 17 on SP229053, (being approximately 10 acres to the east of Reserve 3) Main Street Bungunya.

Carried.

8.4. General Business – Department of Finance & Corporate

Nil.

9. REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PLANNING

Council's Manager of Planning Services, Mrs Ronnie McMahon, presented the following reports to Council.

PLANNING – RECONFIGURE A LOT (ROL)

9.1. EP-025/10 – Request for Extension to Concurrency Period

A letter has been received from Rodney Gibson and Tony Bell requesting an extension of time for an approval dated 15 June 2006 for the subdivision of land on Racecourse Road, Goondiwindi, described as Lot 1 SP200618.

RESOLUTION OM-0080

Moved: Cr Percival

Seconded: Cr Kearney

That Council resolves to grant an extension to the currency period of the Reconfiguration of Lot 1 SP200618 approval, for a further two (2) years until 15 June 2012.

Carried.

PLANNING – OTHER

9.2. EP-033/10 – Amendment to the *Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009*

The *Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009* (the Regulation) took effect on 18 December 2009 to accompany the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA).

Schedule 4 of the Regulation provides for "Development that cannot be declared to be development of a particular type" which is intended to streamline the development approval process for some types of low-risk development, particularly Class 1 and Class 10 buildings when complying with the criteria set out in the Regulation, including duplex (a Class 1 (a)(ii) building comprising not more than 2 attached dwellings).

Schedule 4 effectively makes the development exempt and therefore not possible for Councils to require an application for a Material Change of Use to be assessed against its Planning Scheme.

After Councils expressed concerns about the new measures, it was decided by the Government to amend the Regulation (effective 26 March 2010) to allow Councils to decide, by resolution, if the wish to apply the provisions of the Regulation and exempt duplex as assessable development.

Noted.

For Information Only.

9.3. General Business – Planning

Nil

ENGINEERING – WATER & SEWERAGE

Council's Director of Engineering and Planning, Mr Dave Burges and Water & Sewerage Manager, Mr Trevor Seth, presented the following reports to Council.

9.4. EP-026/10 – Inglewood Farms Pty Ltd Water Agreement

At its meeting of 20 January 2010, Council resolved to approve the connection of the supply of treated water to Inglewood Farms Pty Ltd for property described as Lot 1 on SP159975, subject to conditions. A draft water agreement was forwarded to Inglewood Farms Pty Ltd (RM Williams) for consideration.

On the 31 March 2010, an email was forwarded to Council, stating that Inglewood Farms wished to decline Council's offer for the supply water.

RESOLUTION OM-0081

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded Cr PM Kneipp

That Council investigates the sale or transfer of the surplus water allocation.

Carried.

9.5. EP-027/10 – Goondiwindi Regional Council Drought Management Plan

Due to the dam levels supplying water to Councils various townships, it has been brought to Councils attention that there is a need to better address the issue of Drought Management, with particular reference to water restrictions.

For the interim, this report is to provide a detailed information report for the criteria and drought management plans of SunWater for the control of the Coolmunda Dam System.

Noted.

Report Deferred to next Council Meeting – 26 May 2010

9.6. EP-028/10 – Request to Extend the Water Supply to Subdivision – Lot 223 CP856515

A letter has been received from Kim & Helen Frankel requesting that Council contribute to the cost of extending the existing water main infrastructure from Andersen Lane to the proposed subdivision on Lot 223 CP856515.

RESOLUTION OM-0082

Moved: Cr DG McMahon

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That Council approves the sharing of costs on a 50 / 50 basis with the applicant for the supply and installation of 150mm diameter water main to the Cunningham Highway; that the approval applies for a period of 2 years with a maximum budget allocation of \$25,000 for Council's contribution; and that the approval is granted subject to Council carrying out the necessary construction works.

Carried.

Cr PM Kneipp recorded a vote against.

9.7. EP-029/10 – Supply & Installation of Switchboard for the Goondiwindi Sewerage Pump Station No.2

At its meeting of 9 September 2009, Council resolved to proceed with the augmentation of Sewerage Pump Station No.2. This project will be undertaken as a staged project, with the first stage commencing in 2009/10 and completed in 2010/11 following the relevant budget allocation.

Due to the specialist nature of this project, Council has selected the specialist sub-contractor, Common Logic Pty Ltd to supply options and tender prices to achieve the design requirements.

RESOLUTION OM-0083

Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon

That Council accepts the conforming tender from Common Logic Pty Ltd for the manufacture, delivery, installation & testing of switchboard for the total purchase price of \$100,417.39 excluding GST.

Carried.

9.8. EP-030/10 – Manufacture, Delivery, Testing & Commissioning of Electrically Driven Booster Pumping Equipment

Council is undertaking the replacement of the high level water tower at Talwood, with a booster pump pressurised system.

A Request for Tender (RFT) was forwarded to interested parties, advertised in the Goondiwindi Argus, Macintyre Gazette and Council's website, inviting submissions for the manufacture, delivery, testing and commissioning of electrically driven booster pumping equipment.

RESOLUTION OM-0084

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That Council accepts the confirming tender from ITT Water & Wastewater Australia Ltd for the manufacture, delivery, testing and commissioning of electrically driven booster pumping equipment for the amount of \$40,575.00 excluding GST.

Carried.

ENGINEERING – ASSETS

9.9. EP-031/10 – Contract for the Supply & Cart of 7,000 tonnes of Type 2.1 Road Base to Oaky Creek Bridge (Late Report)

A Request for Tender (RFT) was forwarded to interested parties, advertised in the Goondiwindi Argus, MacIntyre Gazette and Council's website, inviting submissions for the contract for the supply and cart of 7,000 tonnes of type 2.1 road base to Oaky Creek Bridge (Inglewood Texas Road).

RESOLUTION OM-0085

Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon

That Council accepts the conforming tender from Inglewood Quarries for the supply and cart and/or supply only of 7,000 tonnes of type 2.1 road base to Oaky Creek Bridge on the Inglewood Texas Road at the tendered unit rates.

Carried.

ENGINEERING – OTHER

9.10. EP-032/10 – Directional Signage (Tourist, Service & Community Facilities) Draft Policy

Council does not yet have a position or policy in relation to the assessment of applications for the installation of directional signage. Council needs to adopt a policy in relation to this issue to provide guidance to staff and to ensure consistency throughout the Regional area. A draft policy has been formulated for Council's consideration.

RESOLUTION OM-0086

Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr PM Kneipp

That Council reviews and adopts the Goondiwindi Regional Council Directional Signage (Tourist, Services & Community Facilities) Policy.

Carried.

9.11. General Business – Engineering

9.11.1. Reduction in Speed Limit – Andersen Road to West Street Area

Council discussed writing to the Department of Transport and Main Roads to request its consideration of a reduction in the speed limit for all state controlled urban roads within the Goondiwindi Town area from 60km to 50km.

RESOLUTION OM-0087

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon

That Council writes to the Department of Transport and Main Roads to request its consideration of a reduction in the speed limit for all state controlled urban roads within the Goondiwindi Town area from 60km to 50km.

Carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:40pm.

Meeting Resumption: The meeting resumed at 1:15pm.

10. DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Council's Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Carl Manton, Economic Development Officer, Mr David Hayward and Community Services Manager, Mr John Woods, presented the following reports to Council.

10.1. DCE- 015/10 – Tidy Towns Competition

The Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Award call for nominations is scheduled in the first quarter each year. This report is provided for Councils information and decision regarding the 2010 awards.

RESOLUTION OM-0088

Moved: Cr PM Kneipp

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon

That Council does not participate in the Tidy Towns competition in 2010 and nominates Goondiwindi and Texas in 2011 competition following completion of current beautification projects.

Carried.

10.2. DCE-016/10 – Anglican Op Shop

The Anglican Op Shop Committee has approached Council seeking temporary use of the old Goondiwindi Fire Station. Council's acquisition of the Fire Station is expected to be finalised within 30 days following due diligence checks.

RESOLUTION OM-0089

Moved: Cr DG McMahon

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That Council replies to the Anglican Op Shop Committee requesting a meeting to discuss the proposal for temporary tenancy of the old Goondiwindi Fire Station in more detail and that the Chief Executive Office be delegated to negotiate on Council's behalf.

Carried.

10.3. DCE-018/10 – Rebel FM Radio Request for Reconsideration

A letter has been received from Aaron Jowitt of Rebel FM Radio requesting Council reconsider its decision of 17 March to not financially support the FM radio service in Inglewood and Texas.

RESOLUTION OM-0090

Moved: Cr DG McMahon

Seconded: Cr PM Kneipp

That Council requests a meeting with Rebel Media representatives to further discuss FM Radio services in Inglewood, Texas and Yelarbon with a view to making a final determination at a future Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Carried.

Material Personal Interest

In accordance with Section 244 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Councillor RJ Reardon declared a material personal interest in the item to be tabled for discussion in Report DCE-017/10, based on the grounds that Mr Reardon had previously expressed an interest in acquiring a hangar at the Goondiwindi Aerodrome.

Attendance: Cr Reardon declared an interest in Report DCE-017/10 and left the meeting at 1:50pm.

10.4. DCE-017/10 – Goondiwindi Aerodrome Aircraft Hangars

Following consultation with various stakeholders, strategies to progress the development of hangars at the Goondiwindi Aerodrome can be considered for implementation. This report is provided for Council's consideration.

RESOLUTION OM-0091

Moved: Cr DG McMahon

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That Council lodges a development application for a Material Change of Use at the Goondiwindi Aerodrome at the Goondiwindi Aerodrome for proposed construction of hangars and proceeds with draft lease documentation.

Carried.

Attendance: Cr Reardon returned to the meeting at 2:10pm.

10.5. General Business – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

- 10.5.1. An update was provided on the funding applications lodged by community organisations under the Sport & Recreation Program.
- 10.5.2. An update was provided on the funding application lodged by the Goondiwindi Regional Council under the Federal Government's Regional Local Community Infrastructure Program, for the Goondiwindi Civic Theatre.
- 10.5.3. An update was provided on the Coolmunda Master Plan.
- 10.5.4. An update was provided on the Social and Economic Impact Study conducted by the University of New England.

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Peter Stewart presented the following reports to Council.

11.1. EX-009/10 – Operational Plan Quarterly Review

In accordance with Section 512 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (The Act)* the Chief Executive Officer must present a written report on the assessment of its progress towards implementing its corporate and operational plans.

Attendance: Cr McMahon left the meeting at 2:15pm

RESOLUTION OM-0092

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr PM Kneipp

That in accordance with section 512 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council receives the quarterly Operation Plan Assessment Report.

Carried.

11.2. EX-010/10 – Downs and Surat Basin Alliance of Councils

At a meeting held on Monday 29 March 2010, the Downs and Surat Basin Alliance of Councils (DaSBAC) was formed. Membership consists of Goondiwindi, Toowoomba, Maranoa, Southern Downs and Western Downs Regional Councils.

Attendance: Cr McMahon returned to the meeting at 2:28pm

RESOLUTION OM-0093

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That Goondiwindi Regional Council endorses and supports the formation of the Downs and Surat Basin Alliance of Council and the associated Alliance Agreement.

Carried.

11.3. General Business – Chief Executive Officer

Nil.

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12. REPORTS – COUNCILLORS

Nil.

13. RECEPTION OF NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING

Nil.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

15. CONFIRMATION OF DATES AND TIMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the next two (2) Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on the following dates:-

- a) **Wednesday 26 May 2010** commencing at 9.30am at the Goondiwindi Customer Service Centre Boardroom, 82 Marshall Street Goondiwindi; and
- b) **Wednesday 23 June 2010** commencing at 9:30am at the Goondiwindi Customer Service Centre Boardroom, 82 Marshall Street Goondiwindi.

It was also noted that the Special Budget Meeting of Council will be held on the following date:-

- a) **Monday, 28 June 2010** commencing at 9:00am at the Goondiwindi Customer Service Centre Boardroom, 82 Marshall Street Goondiwindi.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2:45pm.

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____