



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2017
COMMENCING AT 8.45AM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Cr AL Martin, Councillors; Cr PJ Heumiller, Cr GW Jarvis, Cr BP Johnstone, Cr PJ Pullos, Cr LP Russell, Cr BD Holdcroft via teleconference.

OFFICERS:

Mr Chris Blanch, Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Minute Taker.

DEPUTATIONS:

Mr David Hobbs – Valuer General

CONDOLENCES:

Mavis Dickfos
Jean Mavis Hillier

The Council observed a minute's silence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

Cr Jarvis declared to have a real interest in this matter 23/02A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to the president of the Tambo Golf Club Inc and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

Cr Johnstone declared to have a real interest in this matter 30/02A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being the owner of the business being discussed and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 January 2017 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No.01/02A/17

Carried

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:

Australia Day at Blackall
Meet n Greet
Tourism project
Public debate on general items.
Garden at pool
Council's response to storm damage
Australia Day at Tambo
Gallery Opening
Blackall Saleyards first sale of the year
Flying foxes and gardens in Tambo
Sports club in Tambo
Primary Health Centre – award
Golf Club
Events for continuation of Australia Day celebrations
Stock Route meeting
Blackall gym
Delegations on internet
Visit to Canberra in March for Mayor Andrew Martin
Matilda Highway
OQTA

BUSINESS ARISING:

Both townships of Blackall and Tambo are included in the speed sign relocation.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

ATTENDANCE:

At 8.45am Mr David Hobbs entered the meeting.

MOVE INTO COMMITTEE:

MOTION: Moved Cr BP Johnstone

Seconded Cr LP Russell

At 8.46am the meeting moved into committee to receive a report from David Hobbs from the Valuer Generals office.

ATTENDANCE:

At 9.18am Mr David Hobbs left the meeting.

MOVED OUT COMMITTEE:

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

At 9.19am the meeting moved out of committee and the general meeting was resumed.

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services entered the meeting at 9.34am.

Financial Statements for the Month of January 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council receive the January 2017 Finance Report.”

Minute No.02/02A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services left the meeting at 9.55am.

Corporate Services Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the Manager of Corporate Services report be received.”

Minute No.03/02A/17

Carried

Council Facilities Bookings Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”

Minute No.04/02A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Johnstone left the meeting at 10.01am.

Housing and Administration Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the Housing and Administration report be received.”

Minute No.05/02A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting at 10.03am.

Arts and Cultural Report January 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the Arts and Cultural Report be received.”

Minute No.06/02A/17

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10.10am for morning tea.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting was resumed at 10.42am.

Community Development Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Community Development report be received.”

Minute No.07/02A/17

Carried

Tambo Multipurpose Centre Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr BP Johnstone Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Tambo Multipurpose Centre report be received.”

Minute No.08/02A/17

Carried

Environmental Health Officer Report January 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Environmental Health Report January 2017 be received.”

Minute No.18/02A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Works and Services, Environmental Health Officer and associate left the meeting at 11.45am.

Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report 2016/17

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Blackall Saleyards Report be received.”

Minute No.19/02A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 11.52am and returned at 11.54am.

Industrial Blocks Blackall

An offer for \$50,000.00 has been made to purchase ten blocks.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council decline the offer as being too low.”

Minute No.20/02A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Johnstone left the meeting at 11.57am and returned at 11.58am.

Drought Funding 2017

Council is due to receive \$82,500 in 2017 through RAPAD for Drought Relief in Blackall Tambo Region.

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council adopts:

- 1. That the current composition of the Committee be retained and Father Bill Senn be invited to join the committee and is responsible for allocating the funds within the region consistent with the guidelines from RAPAD.**
- 2. That the Secretary of the Committee provides signed copies of all minutes to the Chief Executive Officer which will empower the Finance Manager to disperse the funds in a manner that complies with audit requirements.”**

Minute No.21/02A/17

Carried

Tambo Stock Show

The Tambo Stock Show Committee are seeking Council’s support with a range of items, venues and services.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council provide assistance where possible and normal hire fees be waived.”

Minute No.22/02A/17

Carried

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cr Jarvis declared to have a real interest in this matter 23/02A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to the president of the Tambo Golf Club Inc and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Jarvis left the meeting at 12.05am.

Tambo Golf Club Inc

Tambo Golf Club are hosting their annual championships on 14 May 2017 and are seeking sponsorship for \$1500.00 for the event.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council agree to provide \$1500.00 sponsorship towards the event.”

Minute No.23/02A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Jarvis entered the meeting at 12.06pm.

Carbon Farming

Select Carbon has written to Council offering to brief Council on opportunities available under the carbon farming scheme.

Noted

Upgrade to Blackall Showgrounds Rodeo Arena

Barcoo River Association succeeded in obtaining a grant of \$69,474.00 to upgrade the old rodeo arena but due to lack of funds held by the Association the department intended to withdraw the grant and cancel the project.

The Chief Executive Officer agreed to make a financial commitment of \$5,000.00 on behalf of Council so that the project could proceed.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Chief Executive Officers actions in agreeing to contribute \$5,000.00 towards the upgrade of the rodeo arena at the Blackall Showgrounds be endorsed.”

Minute No.24/02A/17

Carried

Retiring of Policy – Corporate Standard Use and Control of Firearms Policy – Administration 5

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council retire the Corporate Standard Use and Control of Firearms Policy, Administration Number 5, as The Weapons Act 1990 and the Weapons Regulation 2016 (republished in November 2016), Workplace Health & Safety Regulation 2011 and Queensland Explosive Act 1999 are all relevant Acts that define the conditions of the possession and use of weapons.”

Minute No.25/02A/17

Carried

MOVE INTO COMMITTEE:

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jarvis

Seconded: Cr Heumiller

At 12.11pm the meeting moved into committee to discuss Blackall Airport Operations.

Review of Blackall Airport Operations

For Council information.

MOVE OUT OF COMMITTEE:

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

At 12.30pm the meeting moved out of committee and the general meeting was resumed at 12.30pm.

Retiring of Policy – Request for Action for a Dog Attack on a Person or Animal Procedure – Administration 28

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That Council retire the Request for Action for a Dog Attack on a Person or Animal Procedure, Administration Number 28, as the Animal Management (Cat and Dogs) Act 2008 and the Local Government Act 2009 clearly outlines the responsibilities of officers investigating allocations of dog attacks on other animals or any persons.

Minute No.26/02A/17

Carried

Retiring of Policy – Administration 4 – Stock Route Agistment Policy

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council retire the Stock Route Agistment Policy, Administration Number 4 as the Stock Route Management Act 2002 previously the Land Protection (Pest & Stock Route Management) Act 2002 clearly defines the process and provisions required in the issuing of permits for agistment of stock.”

Minute No.27/02A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr AL Martin returned to the meeting at 12.52pm.

Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting at 12.52pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12.53pm for lunch.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting was resumed at 1.36pm.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr AL Martin declared the Meeting closed at 1.36pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 March 2017.

Signed:.....Mayor