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Confirmed Minutes
GENERAL MEETING
21 June 2017



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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2017
COMMENCING AT 8.36AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

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

DEPUTATIONS:

Mrs Sharon MacDonnell – Tambo Pony Club

CONDOLENCES:

Scott Thompson
Ruth Crooke
John Eagan
Edward Peacock
Karen Frost

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

Cr Pullos declared that she had a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 22/06A/17, (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to her being a member of the Campdraft and Polocrosse Committees. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest of the whole Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

The Chief Executive Officer declared an interest in this matter, minute number 25/06A/17, (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being the CEO under review and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

Cr Holdcroft declared that he had a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 32/06A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) as he regularly attends meetings of the Heartland Festival Committee. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest of the whole Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

Cr Russell's declared that he had a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 32/06A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act*

2009) as his wife is a member of the committee. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest of the whole Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

Cr Holdcroft declared a perceived conflict in this matter, minute number 39/06A/17, (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to being part of the Queensland Blue Light Association – Blackall Branch. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest of the whole Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft**

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 May 2017 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 01/06A/17

Carried

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:

- Blackall 150 Celebrations
- Combine the garden shows
- Heartland meeting
- Blue Light ATM
- Community Consultation meeting
- TTBA meeting
- Sand green Championships
- Business breakfast in Tambo
- Polocrosse
- Barcoo Way Concept
- ICE community education
- Attended Tambo Races
- WQLGA conference
- Caravan & Motorhome Club – Tourism
- Campdraft committee and Rodeo committee in Blackall
- Meeting with QRL officer – hosting 14 to 18 years in Blackall
- Blackall Rugby League meeting regarding the gym
- Colour run for Blackall Hospital
- Grandstand ABC – support by sponsors for breast and prostate cancer
- Certification of saleyards for organic
- Sawmill lease signed
- Hospital for Blackall has been approved
- Blacks Palace

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Finance, Corporate and Community Services entered the meeting at 9.11am.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Financial Statements for the Month of May 2017

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

“That Council receive the May 2017 Finance Report.”

Minute No. 02/06A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Finance, Corporate and Community Services left the meeting at 9.21am.

Housing and Administration Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Housing and Administration report be received.”

Minute No. 03/06A/17

Carried

Council Facilities Bookings Report

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

“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”

Minute No. 04/06A/17

Carried

Arts and Cultural Report May 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Arts and Cultural Report be received.”

Minute No. 05/06A/17

Carried

Community Development Report

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

“That the Community Development report be received.”

Minute No. 06/06A/17

Carried

Tambo Multipurpose Centre – May 2017 Report

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

“That the Tambo Multipurpose Centre May 2017 report be received.”

Minute No. 07/06A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Holdcroft left the meeting at 9.25am.

60s and Better Report

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

“That the 60s and Better report be received.”

Minute No. 08/06A/17

Carried

Tambo Child Care Report

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

“That the Tambo Child Care report be received.”

Minute No. 09/06A/17

Carried

Shockwave Report May 2017

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

“That the Shockwave May 2017 report be received.”

Minute No. 10/06A/17

Carried

Blackall Library Report

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

“That the Blackall Library report for May 2017 be received.”

Minute No. 11/06A/17

Carried

Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park report be received.”

Minute No. 12/06A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Holdcroft returned to the meeting at 9.28am.

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 9.33am and returned at 9.35am.

Ranger Coordinator’s Report

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

“That the Ranger Coordinator’s report be received.”

Minute No. 13/06A/17

Carried

Blackall Aerodrome Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the Blackall Aerodrome report be received.”

Minute No. 14/06A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Russell left the meeting at 9.38am and returned at 9.39am.

Cr Johnstone left the meeting at 9.41am.

Work Health and Safety Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Work Health and Safety Report be received.”

Minute No. 15/06A/17

Carried

Corporate Services Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis Seconded: Cr AL Martin

“That the Corporate Services report be received.”

Minute No. 16/06A/17

Carried

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. 17/06A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting at 9.45am.

The Director of Works and Services entered the meeting at 9.46am.

Blackall Taxi

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That \$55,000.00 be allocated in the 2017/18 budget to replace the Blackall taxi.”

Minute No. 18/06A/17

Carried

The Director of Works and Services Report for May 2017 was presented

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Director of Works and Services Report be received.”

Minute No. 19/06A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Pullos left the meeting at 10.02am and returned at 10.04am.

Sharon MacDonnell entered the meeting at 10.04am and left at 10.14am.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10.14am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

RESUMPTION:

At 10.38am the meeting was resumed.

ATTENDANCE:

At 10.40am the Environmental Health Officer entered the meeting.

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 10.53am and returned at 10.57am.

Environmental Health Officers Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Environment Health Officers Report be received.”

Minute No. 20/06A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

At 11.06am the Environmental Health officer left the meeting.

Riverlife Ministries – Holiday Program

The Riverlife Ministries are organising a holiday program for primary aged children from Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th June 2017 at the Blackall Memorial Hall and are asking if Council will assist the project.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That Council agree to waive hire fees for the Blackall Memorial Hall for the Riverlife Ministries school holiday program.”

Minute No. 21/06A/17

Carried

“That Council agree in principle to the request provided that a legal agreement can be put in place clarifying ownership of infrastructure and responsibility for displays.”

Minute No. 24/06A/17

Carried

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chief Executive Officer declared an interest in this matter, minute number 25/16A/17, (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to being the CEO under review and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 11.34am.

Annual Chief Executive Officers Review

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That all Councillors will be on the review committee and the review will be held after the next Council meeting on 19th July 2017.”

Minute No. 25/06A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Pullos and Cr Holdcroft left the meeting at 11.38am and returned at 11.40am.

The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting at 11.40am.

Tambo Outback Rodeo

The annual Tambo Rodeo will be held this year on 26th August 2017 and they have written asking Council for sponsorship towards the event.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council provide \$1000.00 sponsorship for the 2017 Tambo Outback Rodeo to be used as the committee seems fit.”

Minute No. 26/06A/17

Carried

Blackall Sandgreen Golf Championships

Further assistance has been requested by the Blackall Golf Club for their Sandgreen Championships.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft**

“That the Chief Executive Officer’s actions in providing the Council coldroom, mobile BBQ and generator to the Blackall Golf Club for the 2017 Queensland Sandgreen Championships be endorsed.”

Minute No. 27/06A/17

Carried

Blackall State School – Bus Hire Junior Secondary Camp

The Blackall State School have hired both Council buses for their annual junior secondary school camps in June.

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

“That the Chief Executive Officers actions in waiving the hire fees for the Council buses for the Blackall State School annual junior secondary school camps be endorsed.”

Minute No. 28/06A/17

Carried

Proposal for Flight Services to Rockhampton

Representatives from Rockhampton Regional Council met with Mayors/CEO’s from Winton, Longreach, Barcaldine, Blackall-Tambo and Central Highlands Councils seeking support to develop a business case for a new flight service through western Queensland to Rockhampton.

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

“That Council support the proposal for a regular air service for Central Western Queensland to Rockhampton and that information requested be provided.”

Minute No. 29/06A/17

Carried

REV Youthgroup Kids Camp

The REV Youthgroup are taking kids to a camp in Gatton and have requested that Council consider waiving normal hire fees for the Council bus.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

“That Council agree to waive bus hire fees for the REV Youthgroup to transport kids to the youth camp in Gatton.”

Minute No. 30/06A/17

Carried

Blackall Heartland Festival

The Heartland Committee have written to Council asking that hire fees for the Council bus be waived for the 2017 festival.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft**

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council agree to waive bus hire fees for the Blackall Heartland Festival held 20th – 22nd October 2017.”

Minute No. 31/06A/17

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

Cr Holdcroft declared that he had a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 32/06A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) as he regularly attends meetings of the Heartland Festival Committee. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest of the whole Council’s area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

Cr Russell’s declared that he had a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 32/06A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) as his wife is a member of the committee. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest of the whole Council’s area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

Blackall Heartland Festival - Marquee

The Heartland Festival would like to purchase a marquee that can be made available for all committees and groups for events. They are prepared to administer the hiring of the marquee and are asking for assistance from Council for the purchase of the item.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council allocate \$10,000.00 to purchase a marquee and it is to be available for the community to use for a fee of \$250.00 per day and a \$500.00 bond.”

Minute No. 32/06A/17

Carried

BTRC Christmas Card Design

Council has exhausted its Christmas card stocks. Rather than choosing a commercial design, three schools were asked to assist by having children create designs based on the theme of 'Christmas on the Barcoo'.

“For Councils perusal.”

Retiring of Policy – Employee Council Housing Policy

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council retire the Employee Council Housing Policy; Administration 37; as the Chief Executive Officer has the delegated authority to negotiate employee employment terms and conditions.”

Minute No. 33/06A/17

Carried

Retiring of Policy – Meeting Policy

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council retire the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Meeting Policy – Statutory 3; as the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012 clearly define the protocols and processes for the orderly and proper conduct of the local government meetings.”

Minute No. 34/06A/17

Carried

Retiring of Policy – Microsoft Surface Tablet Policy (Councillors) Policy 2016

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

“That Council retire the Microsoft Surface Tablet Policy (Councillors) Administration 31; as the Local Government Act 2009, the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Code of Conduct for Councillors Procedure – Statutory 4 defines standards of ethical behaviour for Councillors.”

Minute No. 35/06A/17

Carried

60s & Better Committee – Taxi

The 60s & Better Committee have written to Council asking that if the current taxi bus is replaced in 2017/18 that it be kept for their members to use.

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

“That Council consider the issue when discussing the 2017/18 draft budget.”

Minute No. 36/06A/17

Carried

Assisting with Fencing Costs – Council Reserves

Council has been approached by a landholder and organisation who wish to fence land adjoining government reserves.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council make an allocation in the 2017/18 budget to make it possible to contribute up to \$5000.00 towards materials or plant for landholders and organisations wanting to fence council reserves; and that erection and clearing permits be the responsibility of the landholder or organisation and that funds be allocated on a first come basis each year until the allocation is exhausted.”

Minute No. 37/06A/17

Carried

Blackall Town Common Water Supply

Council is spending up to \$300.00 per month to maintain 5km of main water line that runs through Blackall Town Common. The cost to replace the infrastructure is estimated at \$24,000.00.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the project be listed for consideration in the 2017/18 draft budget.”

Minute No. 38/06A/17

Carried

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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Sponsorship Funding, Grant Funding and In-Kind Support

Applications for sponsorship funding, grant funding and in-kind support have been received.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GW Jarvis**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council consider each of the applications in the 2017/2018 draft budget.”

Minute No. 39/06A/17

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

At 12.24pm the meeting was adjourned for luncheon.

RESUMPTION:

At 1.04pm the meeting was resumed.

ATTENDANCE:

At 1.05pm the Director of Finance, Corporate and Community Services entered the meeting.

Draft Budget 2017-2018

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council move into Committee to discuss the 2017-2018 Blackall-Tambo Regional Council draft budget.”

Minute No. 40/06A/17

Carried

MOVE INTO COMMITTEE:

At 1.05pm the meeting moved into Committee to discuss items for the 2017-2018 draft budget review.

MOVED OUT OF COMMITTEE:

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

Minute No. 41/06A/17

Carried

At 3.11pm the meeting moved out of Committee and the general meeting was resumed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 3.11pm the meeting was adjourned for a break.

RESUMPTION:

At 3.25pm the meeting was resumed.

Draft Budget

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the draft budget be received.”

Minute No. 42/06A/17 CEO to action **Carried**

Revenue Policy

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

“That the revenue policy as presented be adopted.”

Minute No. 43/06A/17 CEO to action **Carried**

Revenue Statement

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

“That the revenue statement as presented be adopted.”

Minute No. 44/06A/17 CEO to action **Carried**

Debt Policy

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the debt policy as presented be adopted.”

Minute No. 45/06A/17 CEO to action **Carried**

Operational Plan 2017/2018

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the operational plan 2017/2018 as presented be adopted.”

Minute No. 46/06A/17 CEO to action **Carried**

Fees and Charges

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

“That the fees and charges as presented be adopted.”

Minute No. 47/06A/17 CEO to action **Carried**

10 Year Financial Forecast

MOTION: Moved: Cr BP Johnstone Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the 10 year financial forecast as presented be adopted.”

Minute No. 48/06A/17 CEO to action **Carried**

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr AL Martin declared the Meeting closed at 3.28pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2017.

Signed:.....Mayor