



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017
COMMENCING AT 8.37 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors; Cr AL Martin, Cr PJ Heumiller, Cr GW Jarvis, Cr LP Russell, Cr BP Johnstone, Cr PJ Pullos, Cr BD Holdcroft via video link from the Blackall Council Chambers.

OFFICERS:

Mr Chris Blanch, Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

CONDOLENCES:

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cr Russell declared that he had a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 30/10A/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.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 20 September 2017 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 01/10A/17

Carried

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:

Communication towers
Blackall Horse Sports Event
Funeral for Winton Mayor
Rugby League Training and Carnival
Tambo Pool
Barcoo Way
CWA Meeting – Zone meeting celebrating 95 years
Heritage Group meeting

Anzac Day
Tambo Day Care
B150 Celebrations
Bird Watching
Blackall Hospital
Airport

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services entered the meeting at 9.01am.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Financial Statements for the Month of September 2017

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

“That Council receive the September 2017 Finance Report.”

Minute No. 02/10A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services left the meeting at 9.49am.

Housing and Administration Report

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

“That the Housing and Administration report be received.”

Minute No. 03/10A/17

Carried

Council Facilities Bookings Report

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

“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”

Minute No. 04/10A/17

Carried

Arts and Cultural Report September 2017

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

“That the Arts and Cultural Report be received.”

Minute No. 05/10A/17

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9.57am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

RESUMPTION:

At 10.27am the meeting was resumed.

Community Development September 2017 Report

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

“That the Community Development report be received.”

Minute No. 06/10A/17

Carried

Tambo Multipurpose Centre – September 2017 Report

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

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

Minute No. 07/10A/17

Carried

60s and Better September 2017 Report

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

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

Minute No. 08/10A/17

Carried

Tambo Child Care Report

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

“That the Tambo Child Care report be received.”

Minute No. 09/10A/17

Carried

Shockwave Report September 2017

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

“That the Shockwave report September 2017 be received.”

Minute No. 10/10A/17

Carried

Tambo Library and Tourist Report

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

“That the Tambo Library and Visitor Information report be received.”

Minute No. 11/10A/17

Carried

Blackall Library Report

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

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

Minute No. 12/10A/17

Carried

Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft Seconded: Cr LP Russell

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

Minute No. 13/10A/17

Carried

Ranger Coordinator’s Report – September 2017

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

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

Minute No. 14/10A/17

Carried

Blackall Aerodrome Report

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

“That the Blackall Aerodrome report be received.”

Minute No. 15/10A/17

Carried

Work Health and Safety Report

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

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

Minute No. 16/10A/17

Carried

Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report 2017/18

MOTION: Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Blackall Saleyards Report be received.”

Minute No. 17/10A/17

Carried

Environmental Health Officers Report September 2017

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

“That the Environment Health Officers Report be received.”

Minute No. 18/10A/17

Carried

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

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

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

Minute No. 19/10A/17

Carried

2017/18 Reseals – Supply and Delivery of Precoated Cover Aggregate

Tender documents for the “Supply and Delivery of Precoated Cover Aggregate” were emailed to five tenderers. At the close of tenders two submissions were received.

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

“That Council award Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd all 3 packages.”

Minute No. 20/10A/17

Carried

2017/18 Reseals – Supply, Cart and Spray Bituminous Products

Quotation for the “Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bituminous Products” were emailed to twenty-one tenderers. At the close of tenders five submissions were received.

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

“That Council award Road Surfaces Group Pty Ltd the tender.”

Minute No. 21/10A/17

Carried

Blackall Horse Sports Event

The Blackall Horse Sports Club are holding an event at the campdraft arena on September 29th, 30th and October 1st and have asked for help to prepare the ground for the event.

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

“That the Chief Executive Officers action in providing plant and personnel to prepare the campdraft grounds for the horse sport event in Blackall be endorsed.”

Minute No. 22/10A/17

Carried

Tambo Cricket Club

The Tambo Cricket Club have advised of their future dates for the 2017/18 season and have requested that bus hire fees for the matches be waived.

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

“That bus hire fees be waived provided the bus is returned clean and refuelled.”

Minute No. 23/10A/17

Carried

Review of Policy – Drug and Alcohol

Council’s Drug and Alcohol Policy is overdue for review and is a requirement under the WHS audit.

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

“That the Drug and Alcohol Policy as presented be adopted and reviewed prior to September 2020.”

Minute No. 24/10A/17

Carried

Operational Plan – Review 30 September 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That Council resolves to adopt the review of the annual operational plan at 30 September 2017.”

Minute No. 25/10A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

At 10.50am the Director of Works and Services entered the meeting.

Asset Management Plans - Funding

The Local Government Regulation 2012 section 167 requires all local government to prepare and adopt a long term asset management plan for a minimum of ten years.

The asset management plans prepared under the previous administration have found to be inadequate and consequently a new approach has been developed in part to satisfy the requirements of the Queensland Audit Office.

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

“That Council resolves to allocate the sum of \$22,520.00 in the 2018/2019 budget for the development of asset management plans.”

Minute No. 26/10A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

At 11.01am the Director of Works and Services left the meeting.

Multi-Agency Meeting – Waiver of Fees

The Community Development Officer is arranging a multi-agency meeting and has asked that the hire fees for the Cultural Centre be waived.

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

“That Council resolves to waive the fees for the hire of the Cultural Centre on Tuesday 10 October for the Multi-Agency meeting.

Minute No. 27/10A/17

Carried

Blackall Saleyards Land – Conversion from Lease to Freehold

Council applied to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines to convert the Blackall Saleyards land from lease to freehold. Council received an offer from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines to effect this conversion this offer has been accepted.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council resolves to endorse the actions of the Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services in accepting the offer for the conversion of the Blackall Saleyards land from leasehold to freehold at a cost of \$158,274.10.”

Minute No. 28/10A/17

Carried

Adam Wren – Offer to Purchase Blocks 6 and 7 on the Tambo Industrial Estate

Council has received an offer from Adam Wren to purchase 2 blocks at the Tambo Industrial Estate for a proposed business venture.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council obtains an independent valuation on the blocks and investigates whether they have been put up for sale previously.”

Minute No. 29/10A/17

Carried

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Blackall Heartland Festival

The Blackall Heartland Festival have written to Council encompassing all requests to Council for the festival being held 20-22 October 2017.

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

“Council provide the requested assistance where possible for the 2017 Blackall Heartland Festival.”

Minute No. 30/10A/17

Carried

Retiring of Policy – Regulated Waste Disposal (Medical/Clinical Waste) – Administration 1

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is currently licenced with the Environmental Protection Agency to accept limited clinical/medical waste; the following cannot be accepted at the Council waste disposal site for special burial – sharps, body parts and tissue, cytotoxic waste, infectious material.

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

“That Council retire the Regulated Waste Disposal (Medical/Clinical Waste) Policy – Administration 1 as Council has ceased to provide these services which are now provided by an independent contractor independent of Council.”

Minute No. 31/10A/17

Carried

Retiring of Policy – Training and Development Policy – Strategic 7

The Council is committed to the professional development of all staff. The training and education of staff is viewed as a high priority by the Council.

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

“That Council retire the Training and Development Policy Strategic 7; as the policy and references are antiquated and do not accurately reflect the operations of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

Further, the Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority for either the approval or disapproval of training and development requests and the budget associated with same.”

Minute No. 32/10A/17

Carried

Retiring of Policy – Website Management Policy – Administration 7

The purpose of this policy was to manage the integrity of the information published on Council’s websites.

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

“That Council retire the Website Management Policy – Administration 7; as the legislative requirements associated with the integrity of information published on the website are clearly defined in the Local Government Act 2009, Local Government Regulation 2012, and the Information Privacy Act 2009.”

Minute No. 33/10A/17

Carried

Commercial in Confidence

Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 gives Council the power to close the meeting to consider issues that need to be kept confidential.

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council close the meeting and move into committee to discuss a commercial issue.”

Minute No. 34/10A/17

Carried

MOVE INTO COMMITTEE:

At 11.11am the meeting moved into committee to discuss issues of commercial nature.

At 11.34am the meeting moved out of committee and the general meeting was resumed.

Tambo Sawmill – Commercial in Confidence

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

- “1. That Council move out of committee and the meeting resume.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to investigate this matter further.”**

Minute No. 35/10A/17

Carried

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr Andrew Martin declared the Meeting closed at 11.40am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

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

Signed:.....Mayor